



NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON CORONAVIRUS

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UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY AS AT 4TH JULY, 2020

The Government continues to express to the people of Kenya its unwavering commitment to protecting lives and saving livelihoods during this period of the pandemic. It is regrettable that, some of our people have been laid off, family support systems disrupted due to the effect of the pandemic, and even lives lost to the virus. This is a situation that we are seriously concerned about as Government, and we will continue to work very closely with all stakeholders, such as clinicians, researchers and other experts, including development partners, and the rest of the society to achieve the whole-of-society approach to combating this pandemic.

Incorporating each and every individual in this campaign is critical, particularly now that our disease burden is in thousands, and death in hundreds. The **7,577** people infected so far, and **159** deaths, are not just numbers. These are our brothers and sisters, uncles and aunties mothers, friends and other relatives. Modelling experts predict that, the number of infections is likely to go up, and correspondingly, the number of deaths, unless all of us step up the fight against the virus. It is a fight that must be fought vigorously at the individual level, but also collectively.

The techniques needed to win this war, and which are known to all of us include; maintaining physical distance, hand washing, sanitizing, wearing masks at all times, avoiding crowds by staying at staying home, and visiting a hospital when one feels unwell. The simplicity of these containment measures makes them very easy to ignore, and some of our people have literally abandoned them. However, if we must stop the spread of this virus, then we have no choice, but to obey them.

Today, 3rd July, 2020, the country registered the highest number of positive cases, with **389** people testing positive from **4,829** samples tested in the last 24 hours. The total number of positive cases in the country is now **7,577** from cumulative tests of **185,035** samples. All, except 3 of the positive cases, are Kenyans.

According to disaggregation by gender, **266** are males and **123** are females, while by age; the youngest is **one (1)** year old, and the oldest **93** years.

All positive cases are distributed in the following Counties; Nairobi, (**248**), Kajiado, (**36**), Kiambu, (**27**), Mombasa, (**23**), Busia, (**17**), Machakos, (**10**), Migori, (**9**), Kitui, (**6**), Makueni, (**3**), Uasin Gishu, (**3**), Nakuru, (**2**), Kilifi, (**2**), Garissa, (**1**), Muranga, (**1**) and Narok, (**1**) case.

In sub-counties, the cases are distributed as follows; in Nairobi; Dagoretti North, (**55**), Kibra, (**40**), Langata, (**33**), Ruaraka, (**17**), Westlands, (**14**), Embakasi East, (**13**), Makadara, (**13**), Roysambu, (**11**), Embakasi South, and Kasarani (**8**) cases each, Mathare, Starehe, Embakasi Central, and Embakasi West, (**7**), cases each, Embakasi North (**5**), and Kamukunji (**3**).

In Kajiado, the **36** cases are from; Kajiado Central, (**32**), Kajiado East and Kajiado North, (**2**) cases each, while in Kiambu, the **27** cases are in; Kiambaa, Kikuyu and Ruiru (**6**) cases each, Kabete and Kiambu town, (**4**) cases each and Thika Town, one (**1**) case.

In Mombasa, the cases are from; Mvita, (**9**), Nyali (**6**), Jomvu, (**3**), Likoni, (**2**), Kisauni, (**2**), and Changamwe, one (**1**) case. In Busia, the cases are from; Teso North, (**12**) and Matayos, (**5**), while in Machakos, the **10** cases are in; Athi River, (**8**), and Matangulu (**2**).

In Migori, all the (**9**) cases are in Kuria West, while in Kitui, all the (**6**) cases are from Kitui West. Makueni, has (**3**) cases in Makueni (**2**), and one (**1**) case in Kibwezi East, while all the (**3**) cases in Uasin Gishu are from Ainabkoi.

In Nakuru, the (**2**) cases are from; Nakuru East one (**1**), and Nakuru West, one (**1**). In Kilifi, the (**2**) cases are in; Kaloleni (**1**) and Kilifi North (**1**). Garissa

has (1) case in Daadab, Muranga (1) case in Kihara and finally, Narok (1) case in Narok North.

We are delighted that a significantly high number of patients, at **88**, have been discharged from various hospitals, bringing to **2,236** the total number of recoveries. This success is owed to the diligent work and dedication by our healthcare workers. We thank them for this achievement and we want to encourage them to continue offering such selfless service to our people.

As we celebrate the recoveries, it is saddening to note that, we have also lost another (5) more patients to the disease. This brings to **159** the total number of fatalities. Our sincere condolences and prayers go to the families and friends that have lost their loved ones.

From the statistics, it is indicative that we have lost too many lives already. We cannot afford to lose any more. We, must therefore, as a nation, renew our commitment to observing the containment measures, without which, this disease could very easily overrun our healthcare facilities.


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