

COVID-19 National Steering Committee (NSC) Meeting

Date: 28 May 2020

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Venue: PHEOC & online dial

Proposed Agenda

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Previous Meeting Action Points- 21 May 2020

#	Action Points	Responsible	Status
1.	Advocacy with HLTF for the adoption of Q14 as an alternative to testing prior to travel within South Sudan (in today's Agenda)	MoH with WHO IM & OCHA Secretariat	Done
2.	To continue roll out of centralized request and allocation system for PPE & finalize SOP	WFP/WHO/Secretariat	Ongoing
3.	To expedite review and approval of SoPs from TWGs/Pillars (Completed all except IPC & Lab SOPS as of 23 May) .	MoH with WHO IM & OCHA Secretariat	Ongoing
4.	Follow up with MOH IM on the urgent need to put in place a clear procedure for testing- to develop flowchart on procedure.	WHO IM /MOH IM	Pending
5.	Continued messaging to cease cattle raiding and intercommunal violence, to ensure meaningful implementation of health measures (COVID-19).	NSC/NTF (HLTF)	Ongoing
6.	To liaise with Ministry of Gender to co-chair the Protection Reference Group- (Meeting held today, 28 May-1000hrs, Chaired by Ministry of Gender (madam Regina)	MoH	Done
7.	Maintain as Agenda for next NSC meeting on 28 May: Brief on the change from HLTF to NTF	(MOH Dr. Richard Lako)	Pending
8.	Follow-up with WFP to clarify procedure to isolate drivers for cross border movement- following Renk assessment.	POE TWG/IOM	Done

AP8: Follow-up with WFP to clarify procedure to isolate drivers for cross border movement- following Renk assessment.

POE TWG/IOM feedback following discussion with WFP:

- “The drivers are screened upon arrival and isolated from the public in Renk in the WFP transshipment yard, the trucks are offloaded and then the drivers who have stayed in the yard with WFP supplying food and water are then escorted back to the border. There is an isolation section in the yard. Social distancing and hygiene stations are available.”

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Global & Regional Disease Burden

Region	Cases	Deaths	Case fatality rate
Globally	5,784,603	356,937	6.2
Africa	122,564	3,639	3
South Sudan	994	10	1
Kenya	1,471	55	3.7
Uganda	253	0	0
DRC	2,546	68	2.7
Sudan	4,146	184	4.4
Uganda	264	0	0
CAR	671	1	0.2



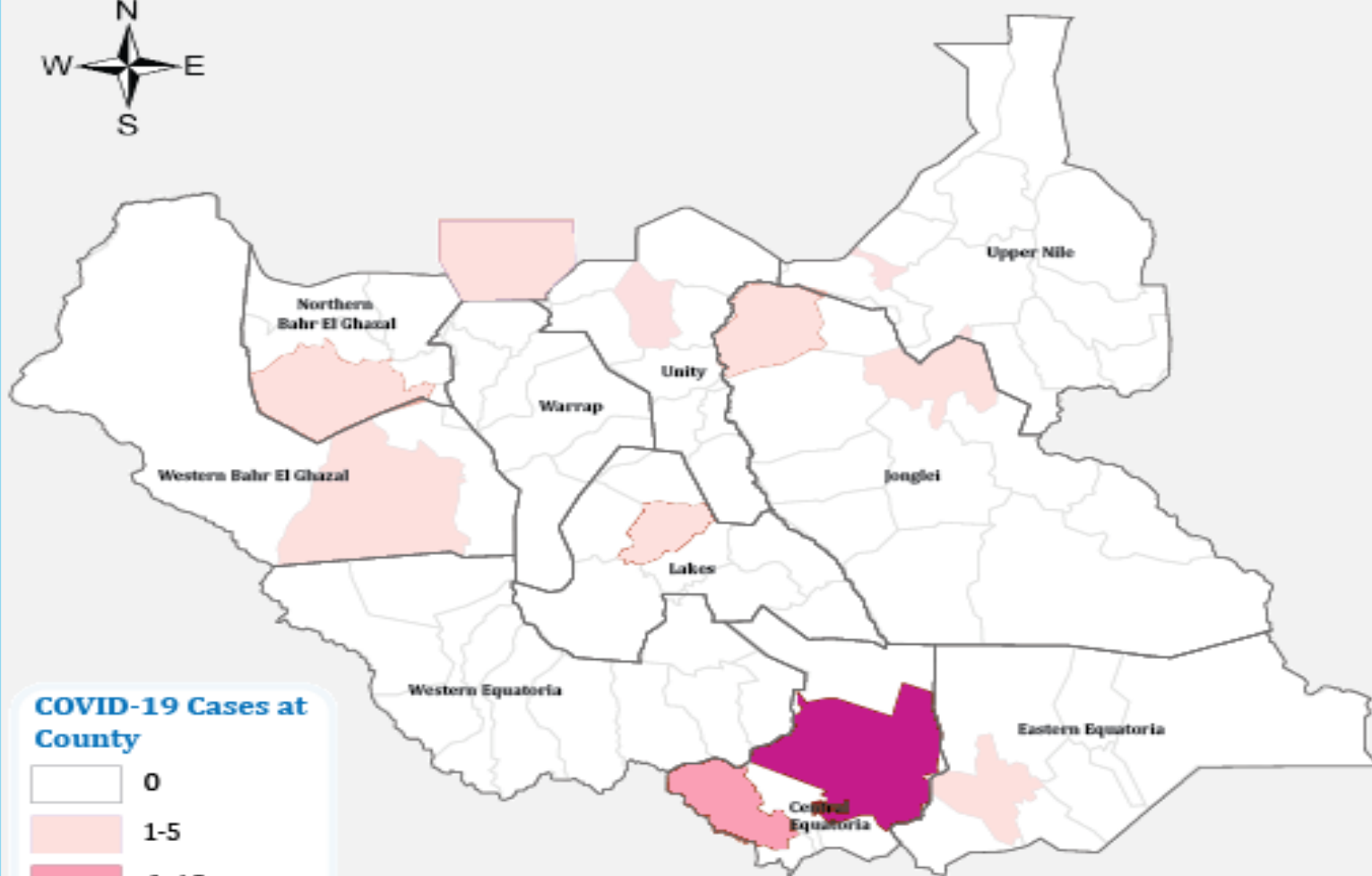
SSD COVID-19 Summary Statistics

- 994 cases as of yesterday
 - 10 deaths
 - 6 recoveries
 - 5365 tests (yield: 18.5%)
- Mean age – 36.7 (3 months – 85 years)
- 21% (209) are women
- 95% SSD
- 13.3% (132) report symptoms (mild-moderate-severe)

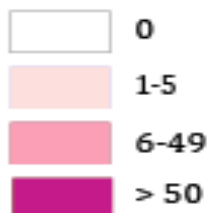
Covid-19 Case Distribution in South Sudan.

Data as recieved by WHO From MOH by 6:00 PM (EST) May 27, 2020

Map Created By: Health Information Management Unit, WHO, South Sudan



COVID-19 Cases at County



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Distribution of Imported COVID-19 Cases.



Note: There is one Imported case pending Classification.

SSD COVID-19: Contact Tracing

- Cumulative contacts – 2053
- Current contacts – 1166
 - 764 (66%) reached yesterday
 - Challenge: incomplete data/no phone #s listed
- 233 (11%) of contacts converted to cases
- Challenges: stigma, limited reach of key messages

SSD COVID-19: Sentinel Surveillance

- 45 HFs in Juba County
 - Including 2 POCs
 - ILI, SARI, pneumonia cases
 - Structured on IDSR ILI sentinel system
- 1608 specimens collected
 - From 5 zones of Juba County
- 43 positives to date
 - Indicative of community transmission within Juba County
- 1220 swabs pending

SSD COVID-19: RRTs

- 349 alerts raised across the country since February
- 320 (92%) of those alerts met case definition
- 83% generated out of CES – Juba, Yei
- Profile of alerts similar to case profile in terms of gender and age break down
 - 16.6% women
 - Mean age is 33
 - 2% raised at POE/border sites

SSD COVID-19: Case Management

- 584 cases listed
 - 395 on home isolation
 - 160 cases not cooperative/unreachable
 - No phone/bad number listed/hostile/don't believe results
- 18 cases are in IDU
 - 3 suspect cases there awaiting results
- Challenges
 - Resources
 - Expectations of cases re: care, treatment, social provisions

SSD COVID-19: Trends

- 3.2% 7-day moving average
 - Had to expand from 3-day moving average
 - Episodic reporting of cases
- SSD lags in recovery rates, testing compared to neighbors
 - Lab capacity landscape changing; possible decentralization
- Sudan remains importation threat
 - Limited health screenings and no testing

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Proposal for verifiable Q14

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Background

In the COVID-19 environment it is essential to enable movement of humanitarian personnel to sustain humanitarian response:

- Emergency health response, particularly in view of wet season disease burden
- Response to food/Nutrition insecurity: wet season requires increased team deployments by air, and food deliveries by road must be expedited before many roads become impassable.
- Enable COVID-19 response at national scale
- Requirement as initially stated by the defunct HLTF for COVID free certificate prior to travel resulted in almost complete halt to travel due to testing limitations.
- Requirement subsequently revised by HLTF (Decree #44) to include option of verifiable Q14 as an alternative to testing – however the procedures for verifiable Q14 have not been established.

Proposal – Mechanism for verifiable Q14

- Each respective humanitarian organisation shall document and implement an internal procedure and control mechanism for Q14 for its staff.
 - Example, WFP SOP for pre-travel Q14, daily monitoring form
- For a humanitarian worker wishing to travel, satisfactory completion of Q14 shall be verified by the respective Country Director / Head of Agency.
 - Example, WFP travel authorisation form
- MoH may undertake ‘spot checks’ to monitor the Q14 procedures being implemented by any given organization.
- Verification of Q14 by the respective Country Director / Head of Agency will be accepted by the relevant authorities to allow travel if conditions have been met.

Proposal: Returning to South Sudan by air internationally

- **Current requirement:** Proof of Q14 or proof of COVID negative test prior to arrival and Q14 on arrival.
- **Proposed requirement:** Mandatory Q14 upon arrival only, at own expense, at the organisation's dedicated accommodation with monitoring as per HLTF Decree #44. The organisation is responsible for adherence to the procedures laid out in the supporting SOP.
- **Considerations:** While some Countries offer ad hoc testing services, most countries worldwide do not, so obtaining a COVID test prior to travel is not practical. Likewise, Q14 is self-managed in most Countries, so obtaining official documentation is not practical.

Proposal– Internal air travel from Juba to all locations outside of CES

- **Current requirement:** Proof of Q14 or proof of COVID negative test prior to departure
- **Proposed requirement:** Q14 prior to departure, at own expense, at the organisation's allocated accommodation with monitoring as per HLTF Decree #44. The organisation is responsible for adherence to the procedures laid out in the supporting SOP.
- **Considerations:** At check in traveller will present travel authorisation letter on organisation letterhead, duly signed and stamped by the Country Director / Head of Agency as proof of Q14. Temperature chart can be attached.

Travel requirements – status quo

1. Exiting SSUD internationally:

- **Current requirement:** No requirement for test or Q14 (subject to any requirements imposed by country of destination)
- **Proposed requirement:** No change

2. Internal air travel from Juba within CES, or internal travel by air within any other state:

- **Current requirement:** No requirement for test or Q14
- **Proposed requirement:** No change

Travel requirements – status quo

3. Internal air travel to Juba from all locations in SS

- ***Current requirement:*** No requirement for test or Q14
- ***Proposed requirement:*** No change

4. Internal air travel across state borders but not departing from Juba (e.g. Bor-Wau)

- ***Current requirement:*** No requirement for test or Q14
- ***Proposed requirement:*** No change

Other considerations

- Arrangements to be reviewed periodically in line with the evolving context.
- Following review and endorsement by NSC, proposal to be taken to NTF as soon as possible for consideration.
- NTF to ensure any agreed arrangements are effectively communicated with respective authorities, including MoH, CAA, NSS

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