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**The President**

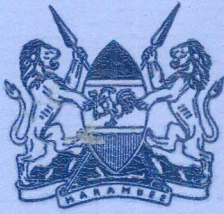
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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 OF 2020**

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON CORONAVIRUS**

**ISSUED AT STATE HOUSE, NAIROBI  
ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020**

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## THE PRESIDENT

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#### **NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON CORONAVIRUS**

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**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

**WHEREAS**, the Government has taken the necessary measures to fortify our response mechanisms to the Coronavirus Outbreak, guided by the World Health Organization advisories on the same;

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Outbreak has now manifested internationally across multiple continents, with escalating numbers of new cases reported in different isolated countries and through varied travel mediums;

**WHEREAS**, Kenya is a major international transport hub, with 70% of international passengers being on transit;

**WHEREAS**, there is a significant threat arising from the potential spread of the Coronavirus to Kenya from Countries that have new and ongoing outbreaks of the pneumonic disease;

**WHEREAS**, Kenya calls upon the global community to collectively join hands in managing the outbreak.



**WHEARAS**, there is a demonstrable and compelling public interest in further upscaling Kenya's level of preparedness and capacity to prevent, respond to and contain this emerging global threat: -

**NOW THEREFORE**, having been found both prudent and necessary to establish a framework to upscale and co-ordinate Kenya's preparedness and national response to the Coronavirus threat, **I, UHURU KENYATTA**, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Constitution and the Laws of the Republic of Kenya, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**: -

- I. THAT**, the national isolation and treatment facility at **Mbagathi Hospital** be completed and ready to receive patients **within seven days** from the date hereof.
- II. THAT**, the identification and preparation of isolation and treatment facilities in **LEVEL V AND REFERRAL HOSPITALS** across the country be concluded by the **15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**.
- III. THAT, THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON CORONAVIRUS** is hereby established.
- IV. THAT**, the Cabinet's Ad-Hoc Committee on Health and the Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee on Government Response to the Coronavirus Outbreak are hereby subsumed into the National Emergency Response Committee and **stand dissolved**.



**V. THAT, THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE,** shall be constituted as follows.

*Chairperson*

Cabinet Secretary for Health

*Members*

Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development & Public Work

Cabinet Secretary for Defence

Cabinet Secretary for ICT, Innovation & Youth Affairs

Chairperson Health Committee, Council of Governors

Principal Secretary, Interior & Citizen Services

Chief of Staff, Office of the President

Principal Administrative Secretary, Office of the President

Principal Secretary, Health

Principal Secretary, The National Treasury

Principal Secretary, Foreign Affairs

Principal Secretary, Transport

Principal Secretary, Telecommunications & Broadcasting

Director General, Medical Services

Director General, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority

Director General, Kenya Airports Authority

Director, Immigration

Director of Medical Services, Kenya Defence Forces



Government Spokesperson  
*Secretariat*  
Director of Public Health

The Terms of Reference of the **National Emergency Response Committee** shall be to:

1. Co-ordinate Kenya's preparedness, prevention and response to the threat of the Coronavirus Disease;
2. Co-ordinate capacity building of medical personnel and other professionals, so as to enable the Country respond quickly and effectively to any suspected cases or outbreak of the Disease anywhere within the Republic;
3. Enhance surveillance at all Ports/Points of Entry in Kenya;
4. Co-ordinate the preparation of national, County & Private isolation and treatment facilities;
5. Co-ordinate the supply of testing-kits, critical medical products/supplies, pharmaceuticals, masks and other protective gear within the Republic;
6. Conduct Economic Impact Assessments and develop Mitigation Strategies with regard to the Disease;



7. Co-ordination of both local and international technical, financial and human resource assistance efforts with development partners and key stakeholders;
8. Formulating, enforcing and reviewing of processes and requirements that regulate the entry into Kenya of any persons or class of persons known or suspected to have travelled from a Coronavirus affected area;
9. Conduct any other matter ancillary to or in furtherance of any of the foregoing Terms of Reference; and
10. The Committee may co-opt any other persons as may be required to assist it in the discharge of its functions.

**ISSUED** under **the HAND AND SEAL** of the President at State House, Nairobi, on this.....<sup>28<sup>th</sup></sup>..... day of <sup>Feb</sup>....., 2020.

**UHURU KENYATTA,**  
***President.***