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COVID-19 Pandemic Management

Public Health Emergency Operations Center

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- **Media professionals;**
- **Ladies and gentlemen;**

Welcome at the conference room of the Public Health Emergency Operation Center for our daily press briefing.

On behalf of the Minister of Public Health, Dr. MANAOUDA Malachie, I would like to present the situation of COVID-19 pandemic in our country on 02 April 2020.

The number of COVID-19 confirmed cases as well as the number of deaths is drastically increasing throughout the world.

As regards the situation in our country, the result to date indicates **sixty (60)** new cases bringing up the total number to **three hundred and six (306)** COVID-19 confirmed cases. It should be noted that the detection of these cases is increasing due to the reliability of our tracing system and the active search for cases within our communities.

We are pleased to note that about a dozen cases have been recovered. Unfortunately, **eight (08) deaths** have been recorded. Based on the prevailing situation of the disease, we call on the population to remain vigilant and act responsively while observing the measures enacted by the Government, among which:

- **Washing hands with clean running water and soap or use an alcohol-based solution;**
- **Covering your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue when coughing, sneezing or using a bent elbow;**
- **Avoiding close contact with anyone with flu symptoms;**

- **Maintain social distancing of at least one point five (1.5) meters;**
- **Above all, stay at home as much as you can.**

The population is becoming more committed and aware of the disease, as we have received **two thousands five hundred and eighty-seven (2587)** calls today.

With regard to patient management and case follow-up, the resettlement of COVID-19 cases at the Olembe site is effective.

Concerning the awareness and testing campaign announced during our previous press briefings, it will be carried out in the next few days in the Littoral region, in collaboration with all stakeholders.

This is the opportunity to clarify the role of the governors, who are responsible for the response in the regions with the support of the local authorities, especially in community participation.

I would like to reassure populations that we will work hard to stop COVID-19 disease.

We call on the population not to stigmatize the victims and all those involved in the fight against COVID-19 disease. This stigmatization affects their health and well-being.

We remain open to any request or suggestion.

For information on COVID-19, we invite the population to call the toll-free number **1510 or one (01)** of the following numbers:

- **677 89 93 69**
- **677 89 43 64**
- **677 89 76 44**

- 677 90 01 57

Media professionals;

Ladies and gentlemen;

On behalf of the Minister of Public Health, I appreciate your significant contributions, including sharing reliable information about COVID-19 disease to our populations which is focused towards the elimination of the disease in our country.

Thank you for your kind attention.