



## CHILDREN COVID-19 TASKFORCE

### COVID-19: CHILDREN AS AMBASSADORS OF PREVENTION



#### BACKGROUND

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). It was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, the capital of China's Hubei province, and has since spread globally, resulting in an ongoing pandemic. As of 6 May 2020, more than 3.66 million cases have been reported across 187 countries and territories, resulting in more than 257,000 deaths. More than 1.19 million people have recovered.

Common symptoms include fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, and loss of smell and taste. While the majority of cases result in mild symptoms, some progress to viral pneumonia, multi-organ failure, or cytokine storm. The time from exposure to onset of symptoms is typically around five days but may range from two to fourteen days.

The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact often via small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing, and talking. The droplets usually fall to the ground or onto surfaces rather than remaining in the air over long distances. People may also become infected by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their face. On surfaces, the amount of virus declines over time until it is insufficient to remain infectious, but it may be detected for hours or days.



REUSABLE FACE MASKS

2200\$



HAND SANITIZERS

3000\$



MEALS AND REFRESHMENT

15000\$



COST OF VISIBILITY

10000\$



MEDIA COST

5000\$



LOGISTICS

7500\$

The standard method of diagnosis is by real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) from a nasopharyngeal swab.

Recommended measures to prevent infection include frequent hand washing, maintaining physical distance from others (especially from those with symptoms), and quarantine, covering coughs, and keeping unwashed hands away from the face. According to the World Health Organization, there are no available vaccines nor specific antiviral treatments for COVID-19

### **High Level Taskforce on Covid-19 (HLTF)**

On 24/03/2020, the government of South Sudan formed a high level taskforce on coronavirus. The taskforce was headed by the president and deputized by the first vice president to oversee the country's preparedness and response to COVID-19 Pandemic. After the COVID-19 being declared a pandemic, the HLTF announced; the closure of all entry ports to south Sudan, schools, public places, ban of social and religious gatherings, sporting activities and use of public transport in half capacity only.

### **National Committee on COVID-19**

National committee on COVID-19 was formed by the president of the republic of south Sudan after most of the members of the HLTF tested positive for the novel coronavirus disease including the first vice president of the republic. This committee replaced the HLTF and it is foreseeing south Sudan's response to the pandemic.

### **Citizens Taskforce on Covid-19**

Citizens Taskforce on Covid-19, a group comprising of citizens from every walk of life in South Sudan, to address misconceptions about the virus and complement efforts made by government authorities to tackle the pandemic. This body is led by civil society organizations.

South Sudan confirmed its first case of the novel coronavirus disease on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020. As of to date , South Sudan has recorded over a thousand positive cases of covid-19.

### **COVID 19 - Children Taskforce**

Humanity Aid Service (HAS) is a national non-profit developmental organization. The organization was founded as Youth Technology and Development Organization (YTDO) in 2012 and the name changes was effected in 2018 after a resolution passed by its general assembly.

Despite the partial lockdown, ban to social and religious gatherings, among other preventive guidelines to curb the spread of the pandemic, most communities in south Sudan seem reluctant to implement the guidelines put in place by the National Committee on Covid-19, Ministry of Health and World Health Organization

Children COVID-19 taskforce is a HAS initiative which aims to sensitize communities on COVID-19 and encourage communities to keep the preventive measures against the spread of the virus.

Children are very good and courageous in pointing out facts, thus giving them the mandate to carry out awareness campaign will yield the expected results.

## **RATIONALE**

South Sudan has started seeing drastic increase in new infections every day. The question on everyone's mind is: should it spread further and faster, how prepared are we?

One of the key messages being shared from every corner is good hygiene and sanitation as being key in helping prevention and stopping further spread of the Coronavirus.

South Sudanese children like their parents have limited access to advanced health care systems. Prevention of the deadly COVID-19 is paramount to keep the children and the communities they live in safe.

HAS is intervening through promotion of Hand washing and Personal hygiene practices plus wearing of a face mask as being emphasized through WHO and Ministry of health and HLTF on Covid-19 in IDP camps and Suburbs of Juba city.

Appropriate personal hygiene, clean water and sanitation are fundamental for a healthy life and in fighting against deadly illnesses including COVID-19, and this is the information we have been sharing with the children in the communities. The children we have trained and conducted outreach with as trainees are to become our ambassadors in reaching other children in the community neighborhoods just within their homestead proximity to share the same information with their families and community.

## OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To embrace children as ambassadors to avail awareness on COVID-19 to their homesteads and immediate neighborhoods.
- ◆ To sensitize their homesteads and immediate neighborhoods to practice safer life style to prevent the spread of the virus.
- ◆ To encourage their homesteads and immediate neighborhoods to keep and implement the guidelines put in place by the HLTF and national ministry of health in regard to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

## ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE CHILDREN COVID-19 TASKFORCE

- ◆ Radio talk shows by the children to sensitize the public about covid-19 and the preventive measures to avoid its spread
- ◆ Distribution of awareness campaign flyers and posters by the children to their homesteads and immediate neighborhoods
- ◆ Distribution of protective face masks and alcohol based hand sanitizers by the children to their homesteads and immediate neighborhoods

## EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- ◆ More children will imitate and spread news they got from their fellow children, thus message of awareness is being passed and circulated.
- ◆ Adults will change their perception of the virus after witnessing children raising awareness.
- ◆ More households will put the preventive measures to practice.

## PROPOSED PROJECT DURATION

The project is proposed to start in July through to March 2021 upon availability of funds to sustain it.

## OUR PREVIOUS AND CURRENT DONORS AND PARTNERS



Kingdom of the Netherlands



## PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

### **Thomas Muto Samuel**

Executive Director

Email: [muto@has-ss.org](mailto:muto@has-ss.org)/[thomasmutoyto@gmail.com](mailto:thomasmutoyto@gmail.com)

Tel: (+211) 0923516025/0916912003

### **Kei Julius Wani**

Administration and Finance Officer

Email: [kei@has-ss.org](mailto:kei@has-ss.org)

Tel: (+211) 0921681373

### **Stephen Kenyi Justin**

Communications Officer

Email: [steve@has-ss.org](mailto:steve@has-ss.org)

Tel: (+211) 0924516126

## BANKING DETAILS

Bank Name: **Co-operative Bank south Sudan**


Account Name: **Humanity Aid Service**


Account Number: **02123004961100**

Swift Code: **COBLSSJB**

## OFFICE CONTACT AND ADDRESS


 Nyakuron East Block 1 Plot No 71 Juba South Sudan


 +211922828206/+211922828207


 [info@has-ss.org](mailto:info@has-ss.org) / [partnership@has-ss.org](mailto:partnership@has-ss.org)


 [www.has-ss.org](http://www.has-ss.org)

## SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS LINKS

 [@HumanityAidService](https://www.facebook.com/HumanityAidService)

 [@has\\_southsudan](https://twitter.com/has_southsudan)

 [@hassouthsudan](https://www.instagram.com/hassouthsudan)

 <https://youtube.com/channel/UCq6RFMLPI4L9pHNTE4Px7qw?>