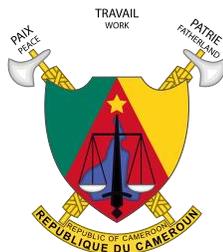


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**Daily Press Briefing by the Minister of Public Health on the  
Management of COVID-19 Pandemic**

Public Health Emergency Operations Centre

Yaounde, 17 April 2020

**- Media professionals;**

**- Ladies and gentlemen;**

On behalf of the Minister of Public Health, Dr. MANAOUDA Malachie, I would like to welcome you at the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre for our daily press briefing.

The evolution of COVID-19 pandemic in our country continues to be of concern as we see its progression. However, we are working hard to stop the spread of this disease as much as possible, particularly in communities. Rural areas are our focus. Furthermore, we reassure the populations that community actions take place without major difficulties because the sensitized populations are receptive to the Government measures. This proves that we will win the fight against Coronavirus faster.

We will continue to encourage and congratulate all those who are working tirelessly day and night to save lives and improve the pandemic management system. We also welcome the results of the decentralization process that is taking off.

To date, the epidemiological situation reports ... recoveries and ... deaths. We would like to remind the populations that COVID-19 patients are managed free of charge regardless their social status.

We call on the populations, especially those who are still sceptical that Coronavirus disease exists and that it makes no distinction when it must rage. It is therefore a good idea for everyone to be responsible, knowing that even the slightest negligence may be an appropriate occasion of the spread of this disease.

To this end, we must ensure strict compliance with the measures enacted by the Government by ensuring that those we are answerable do the same. The fight against COVID-19 is game in which everyone has a role to play.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We should know that each person is an important actor in the elimination of this virus in our country. Let us provide accurate information in order to kill rumours and misinformation. We must constantly raise

awareness around us and we should never forget that to change people's behaviour, we must start by changing ours.

Above all, we must always remember to comply with the measures that will help us keep away from COVID-19, namely:

- 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;
- maintaining social distancing of at least 1.5 metres.

**Thank you for your kind attention.**