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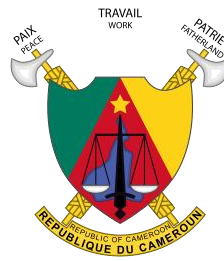
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Daily press briefing by the Minister of Public Health on the management of the COVID-19 pandemic

Yaounde – 27 March 2020, Public Health Emergency Operations Centre

- Media Professional,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Minister of Public health, Dr Manaouda Malachie, I wish to present this press briefing to update on the current situation COVID 19 in Cameroon.

There is no action above human will; where there is a will we can overcome obstacles and move mountains.

As for the health situation around the world, our common will to bar the way to COVID-19 will enable Cameroon to contain this pandemic as quickly as possible.

Through this call for all to respect the hygiene measures and precautions as well as social distancing, I would like to welcome you to this daily press briefing on the management of the pandemic in Cameroon.

At the end of this day, 27 March 2020, I would like to review the situation of Covid-19 in our country.

I wish to inform the Cameroonian people that 3 new cases were confirmed today in Yaounde, bringing to **91** the total number of cases. To date, we have recorded no new death among the 91 patients notified. The health personnel are doing their utmost best to prevent such outcome.

Regarding active case finding, I would like to use this opportunity to call on all travellers who arrived in Cameroon since 10 March on all flights, to urgently call the phone numbers below to be screened for COVID-19, namely :

- 1510
- 677 89 93 69
- 677 89 43 64
- 677 89 76 44
- 677 90 01 57

Permit me to add that this toll free line is expanding and currently receiving thousands of calls daily. This testifies to the interest of our fellow citizens have for the Covid-19 pandemic in Cameroon. I equally wish to reiterate that this line should not be saturated by calls on other matters than COVID-19.

Yesterday, I informed you about the decision to decentralize the management of the health crisis. In this line, a central level team led by the Secretary of States to the Ministry of Public Health, in charge of Epidemics control, is currently in Douala until next Monday with the aim to build the response capacity of the Incident Management System in the Littoral region.

Allow me also to laud the involvement and prompt reaction of religious leaders and associations for their commitment in the fight against Covid-19. Meanwhile, the entire Government under the leadership of its Head, the Prime Minister, firmly condemns false information and rumours which are continuously being spread on social media. Let us continue to trust the Government of the Republic, the World Health Organisation and all our partners who are resolved to eradicate this pandemic from our country.

This is also an opportunity to congratulate some of our national and international partners for their solidarity in assisting us in this fight. I wish to express my gratitude to UBA Banking Group which, through its Chief Executive Officer, Tony Elumelu, has just contributed to the COVID-19 response plan to the tune of Franc CFA one hundred and fifty (150) million.

Finally, let us not forget, to protect ourselves and protect others we must rigorously respect barrier measures decreed by the government and apply hygiene rules such as :

- **wash your hands with clean running water and soap or use an alcohol based solution;**
- **cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue when coughing, sneezing or using a flexed elbow;**
- **respect social distancing measures;**
- **As much as possible, stay at home.**

Thank you for your kind attention !

See you tomorrow.