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The Minister of Public Health and the Minister of Decentralization and Local Development, inform the general public that they held a meeting on Monday 20 April 2020 at the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre in Yaounde. The meeting aimed at further involving councils and urban councils in the framework of decentralization of prevention and response to the global pandemic of the novel coronavirus.

At the end of this meeting which was attended by the Director General of the Special Fund for Equipment and Intercommunal Intervention (FEICOM) and the Mayor of Yaounde City, a certain number of measures were enacted that councils and city councils must implement with regard to the authority given to them by the State concerning public health and social matters, with a view to prevention and an effective response against the pandemic to the novel coronavirus. These include:

- the social and health management for COVID-19 positive cases and those hospitalized (food, laundry, etc.);
- the identification of potential quarantine sites and their evaluation (these sites must have all possible facilities);
- the identification of sites in cemeteries for the burial of deceased people from COVID-19 (case of mass deaths);
- the disinfection of cities on a large-scale;
- the mobilization of community health workers to raise awareness among the populations.

Furthermore, a study is under way with a view to making financial resources available to those councils with less financial resources for the efficient and effective implementation of these measures.

The Minister of Public Health and the Minister of Decentralization and Local Development take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Mayors of councils and urban as part of the prevention and response to the novel coronavirus. They urge them to make more efforts to combat this pandemic /-

Done in Yaounde **20 AVR 2020**

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