

PUBLIC NOTICE TO KENYANS LIVING IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Following the extension of the Lockdown directive by an extra two weeks announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa on 9th April 2020, the Kenya High Commission would like to urge Kenyan's to continue heeding to the directives issued by the South African Government to avert further spread of the COVID-19 with a view to flattening the curve.

The lockdown is now likely expected to go beyond 30th April 2020, and as announced by Minister of Cooperative Governance Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma today 16th April 2020 at a press briefing, the lockdown will be lifted in stages and will be incremental". This means there will be no sudden return to normalcy when the lockdown ends on 30th April 2020 and that amendments would be made each week.

The Kenya High Commission recognizes with empathy the negative effects the lockdown has had on Kenyans living in the Republic of South Africa. As the lockdown continues for another two weeks members of the Kenyan diaspora that engage in small scale businesses ventures are especially suffering as a result of loss of income. Consequently, we are also aware that quite a number of Kenyans are facing hardships in keeping up with daily livelihood with scarcity of food.

In following in the Spirit hailed by His Excellency, President Uhuru Kenyatta of adopting a family in his address to the Nation of Kenya today 16th April 2020, the Kenya High Commission would like to call on the Spirit of Harambee and Ubuntu for the Kenyan communities living in the Republic of South Africa to reach out to one another and offer support.

We also appeal to organizations willing to support this initiative to liaise with the High Commission.

The High Commission continues to urge all Kenyans living in South Africa to stay at home, observe the laid out hygiene standards of handwashing, wearing of masks, avoiding handshakes and keeping of one meter distance in order to prevent further spread of the Corona virus.

The South Africa Government has emphasised that these measures are necessary and critical to curb the spread of the virus.

It is to this effect that the Kenya High Commission would like to urge all Kenyans living in South Africa to heed to the directives issued by the Government of the Republic of South Africa.

In the same spirit, the High Commission would like to call upon Kenyans who were caught up in the lockdown while on a short visit to the Republic of South Africa to reach out the High Commission through the numbers and email provided.

For all enquiries and support you may reach us on info@kenya.org.za tel **+27637123816** for **consular & immigration related** enquiries you may reach us via tel **+27663801530** and **consular@kenya.org.za**

The High Commission urges Kenyans to adjust accordingly to the guidelines issued by the South African Government.

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