

# COVID-19 Preparedness: Mobility Update Week 2 (30 March – 5 April 2020)

## Background and Methodology

DTM relies on its network of key informants and on secondary sources to provide a weekly assessment of mobility and COVID-19 preparedness at priority locations in South Sudan. The updates are released in the beginning of each week based on information collected Monday–Sunday of the previous week.

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## Key insights on countries bordering South Sudan

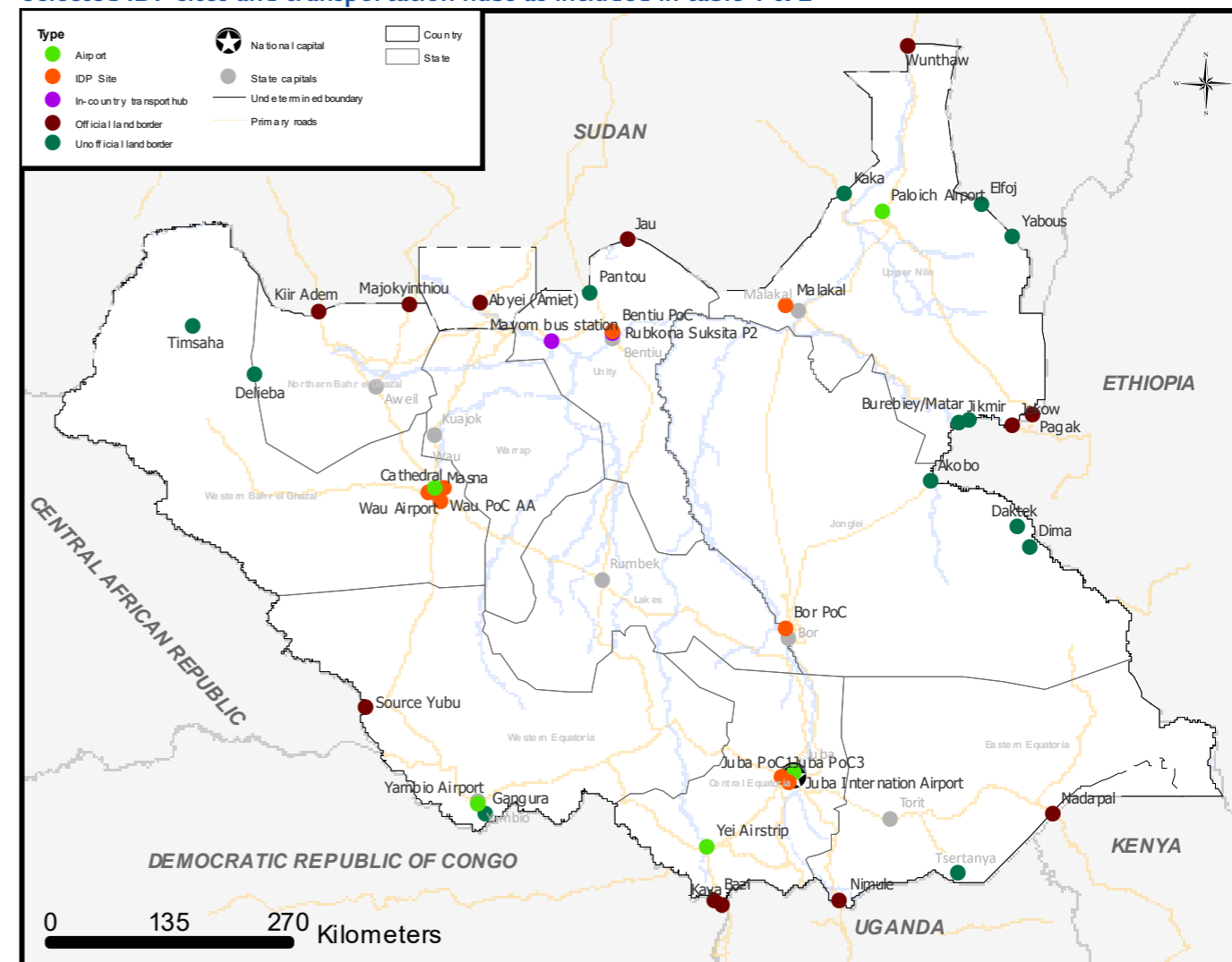
- SUDAN:** Travel through the two major points in Abyei and Renk came to a standstill by end of the reporting period, including smaller alternative roads that were in use around Abyei Amiet until last week. Smaller routes have continued to see movement. SSD nationals are said to be stranded in El Fula (SDN), north of Abyei. Movements through Jau continue uninterrupted.
- ETHIOPIA:** Movement restrictions put in place during the previous reporting period have caused most cross-border movement to and from Ethiopia to halt at known entry points including unofficial crossing points gazetted by Ethiopian forces. Only small scale incoming flows are observed in Akobo, Dima and Daktek.
- UGANDA:** A [focus on Nimule](#) has led to a total stop of travel through this otherwise busy border point bar incoming cargo trucks. As of 30 March 2020, SSD refugees were [still arriving](#) at Ugandan camps despite a [suspension](#) of the country's open door policy. These population movements that are often circular and difficult to stop

## Overview

On 5 April 2020 the Government of South Sudan officially declared the [first positive COVID-19 case](#). Even in the days preceding this news, flows through an increasing number of official and unofficial border crossing points have come to a halt as the South Sudanese and neighbouring Governments increase local oversight and the number of movement restricting policies. Risk communication has been conveyed through radio and other media [throughout the country](#) but is not yet practiced at all key transport hubs. Limited resources have hindered planned increases in border surveillance and quarantine. Community leaders at Bor PoC site restricted visits and limited new arrivals to the site due to fears over COVID-19.

- through the long and porous southern border. While cross-border communities still travel through smaller routes, these movements are often short-term and localized. Some 100 SSD nationals who crossed to Uganda were repatriated.
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO:** Movement through Gangura, a key route between DRC and Yambio in SSD, has stopped. Localized movement by cross-border communities continues along the border on small informal routes. Movement restrictions have affected local markets of which some have closed.
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** The main border points, both official (Source Yubu) and unofficial (Dingimo), have been closed by authorities, with only limited travel continuing along smaller informal routes.
- KENYA:** Whilst movement through Nadapal was still witnessed during the previous reporting period, migration has been halted as of 5 April 2020 except for incoming cargo.

Selected IDP sites and transportation hubs as included in table 1 & 2



Please note that coordinates are available upon request.

Table 1. Mobility and preparedness assessment at selected IDP sites within South Sudan

#	County	Location	Type	Population <sup>1</sup>	Movement Restrictions within and in/out of the site	Average daily flow	Approx. % overnight travel <sup>2</sup>	Approx. % of out of county travel <sup>2</sup>	Congregation restrictions	Compliance with restrictions	Fever Screening	Hand-washing stations	Risk communication	Comment
1	Rubkona	Bentiu PoC	PoC	118,385	None	Unkn.	45%	71%	Yes	Unkn.	No	Yes	Yes	The Community High Committee banned all congregations/prayers through an announcement on a local radio station and mega phones.
2	Malakal	Malakal PoC	PoC	27,924	None	2,250	30%	63%	Yes	Unkn.	Yes	Yes	Yes	46% leave on daily/ weekly basis ( <a href="#">May 2019</a> ). Community leaders suggested prohibiting entry of any Sudan arrivals on 30 March. Humanitarian representatives informed the community this was not possible.
3	Wau	Wau PoC AA	PoC AA	12,483	None	Unkn.	3%	6%	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	No	Yes	60% leave on daily / weekly basis ( <a href="#">Jan 2020</a> ). Hand-washing facilities present but residents report water isn't always available.
4	Wau	Cathedral	Collective centre	3,096	None	Unkn.	17%	59%	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	Yes	No	55% leave on daily / weekly basis ( <a href="#">intention survey Jan 2020</a> )
5	Wau	Masna	Collective centre	3,477	None	Unkn.	6%	32%	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	No	No	43% leave on daily / weekly basis ( <a href="#">intention survey Jan 2020</a> )
6	Bor South	Bor PoC	PoC	1,925	Yes	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	Yes	Yes	Community leaders at Bor PoC site have preventatively banned visits to the camp as of 2 April due to the coronavirus pandemic.
7	Central Equatoria	Juba PoC1	PoC	6,880	None	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	Yes	Yes	
8	Central Equatoria	Juba PoC3	PoC	22,779	None	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	Yes	Yes	

1. Latest population counts or biometric registration data when population counts aren't available.

2. Based on DTM Displacement Site Flow Monitoring [Nov-Dec 2019](#).

**Table 2. Mobility and preparedness assessment at selected urban transport hubs and points of entry in South Sudan (not exhaustive)**

#	County	Location	Type	Border to	Mvmnt of cargo as of 5 April	Mvmnt of persons as of 5 April	Into SSD / out of SSD 2019 daily average <sup>3</sup>	Into SSD / out of SSD reporting period daily average <sup>3</sup>	Fever screening	Hand-washing stations	Risk communication	Isolation / quarantine area	Increased security forces	Comment
1	Abyei	Abyei (Amiet)	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No movement	20/32	6/0	No	No	Unknown	No	Yes	Travel has come to a halt, including via nearby smaller routes. Reports of stranded SSD nationals in El Fula (SDN). Both the Eastern (El Fula - Lagawa - Nyama - Amiet) and Western route (El Fula - Muglad - Nyama - Amiet) are blocked by Sudanese authorities. Food prices increased considerably at the market.
2	Akobo	Akobo	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	Unknown	No	No	No	REACH conducts <a href="#">road monitoring in Akobo Town</a> . Persons and cargo are still crossing the border. Cargo is transported by river here, not trucks.
3	Aweil East	Majokyinhiou	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	6/24		No	No	No	No	No	
4	Aweil North	Kiir Adem	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	13/26	32/4	No	No	No	No	No	
5	Ikotos	Tsertanya	Unofficial land border	UGA	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	AKA Sertinya. Upon hearing reports of trucks crossing into SSD from UGA through Tsertanya, the MP of Ikotos urged the Government to also focus on smaller points of entry, and not only on Nimule (1 April 2020).
6	Juba	Juba Intl. Airport	Intl. Airport	Inland	Incoming only	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Suspected cases are transported with the RRT to the John Garang Isolation Unit.
7	Kapoeta East	Nadapal	NA	KEN	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	Yes	No	Unknown	REACH conducting <a href="#">road monitoring in Kapoeta Town</a> . Training for screening conducted but not started (and movement of persons has halted).
8	Luakpiniy / Nasir	Burebiey/Matar	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Yes	One of the main border crossing points used from Gambella. Movement stopped by Ethiopian forces.
9	Luakpiniy / Nasir (Ulang)	Jikmir	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	
10	Maban	Yabous	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small border crossing used as usual.
11	Maban	Elfoj	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small border crossing used as usual.
12	Magwi	Nimule	Official land border	UGA	Incoming only	No movement	124/156	96/67	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Following the recent reports of SSD nationals crossing into Uganda using porous border points, security forces deployed from Uganda side. <a href="#">Arrests</a> of 3 SSD nationals trying to reach SSD.
13	Maiwut	Pagak	Official land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	Unknown	No	No	No	
14	Maiwut	Jekow	Official land border	ETH	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	Unknown	No	No	Unknown	
15	Manyo	Kaka	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only (small scale)	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small border crossing used as usual.
16	Mayom	Mayom bus station	In-country transport hub	Inland	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	Arrivals from Sudan and internal movement
17	Melut	Paloich Airport	National airport	Inland	Incoming only	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	No	Unknown	
18	Morobo	Kaya	Official land border	UGA	Incoming only	No movement	249/198		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
19	Morobo	Bazi	Official land border	DRC	No disruption	No disruption	117/13	98/46	Yes	Yes	Unknown	No	Unknown	Localized circular movement continues.
20	Pariang	Pantou	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	Panakuac road through Karsana and Heglig (all names with frequently used alternative spellings).
21	Pariang	Jau	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
22	Pochalla	Dima	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small amounts of cargo incoming (small road).
23	Pochalla	Daktek	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	
24	Raja	Delieba	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption			Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Travellers from SDN are sent back if they are deemed sick by authorities in Delieba.
25	Raja	Timsah	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Also known as "Ere".
26	Renk	Wunthaw	Official land border	SDN	No movement	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Referred to as Joda in SDN. REACH monitors <a href="#">flows in Renk Town</a> . Bad conditions at a secondary school used as make-shift quarantine unit in Renk caused 500 arrivals from Sudan to leave before the 2-week period (27 March 2020).
27	Rubkona	Rubkona Suksita	In-country transport hub	Inland	Incoming only	No disruption	9/28	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Arrivals from Sudan and internal movement
28	Tambura	Source Yubu	Official land border	CAR	No movement	De facto via alternative routes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	No	Price increases at Tambura market.
29	Wau	Wau Airport	Intl. Airport	Inland	Unknown	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
30	Yambio	Gangura	Unofficial land border	DRC	Outgoing only	De facto via alternative routes	11/37	Unknown	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Border closed except for incoming cargo.
31	Yambio	Yambio Airport	Intl. Airport	Inland	No movement	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	
32	Yei	Yei Airstrip	Intl. Airport	Inland	No movement	Closed with exceptions	8/7	0/0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Unknown	International flights restricted but internal continue.

Prioritized by the Point of Entry (POE) Technical Working Group (TWG)

3. Averages for days with migration or when and where DTM flow monitoring data was collected.

### Preparedness & Response Plan

Ministry of Health releases COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan (April - September 2020).



### Ethiopia & Uganda close borders

Ethiopia and Uganda close border for passengers. Traffic of goods allowed from Uganda to South Sudan. Juba International Airport closed for 30 days for passengers. Up to 1,000 SSD nationals wishing to go home stranded at Elegu BCP.

### Uganda suspends refugee policy

Uganda's open-door policy for refugees and asylum seekers is suspended for 30 days. Refugees who are already in the country will continue to receive support.



### Kenya Death

Kenya confirms the country's first death from COVID-19 as the Second East African country after Sudan.

### Quarantine Evasion

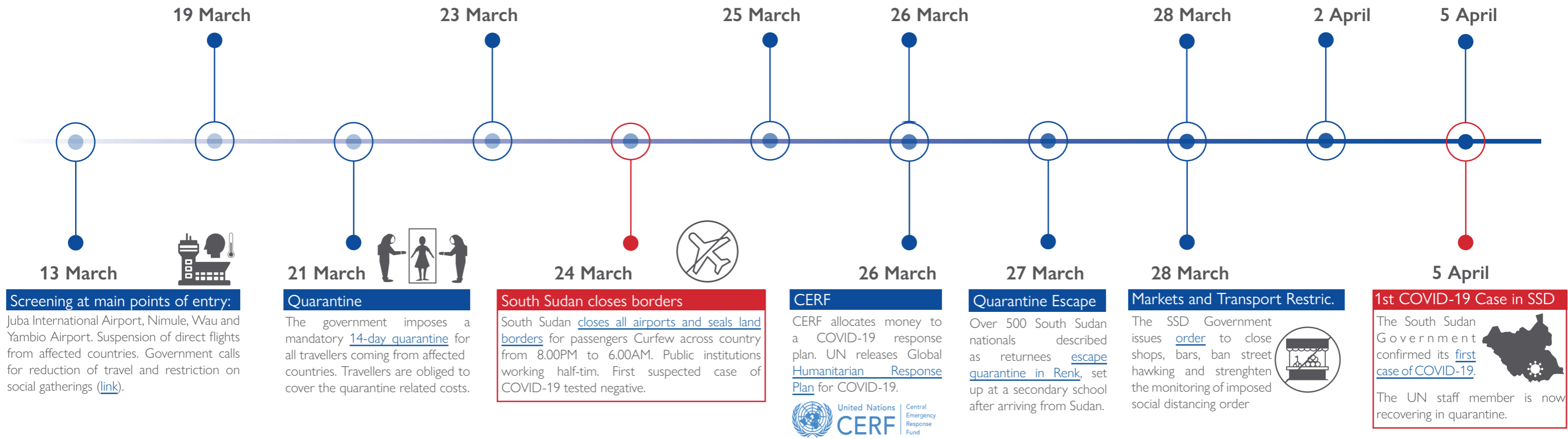
2 Ugandan traders and 1 South Sudan national are arrested and put in quarantine in Torit after trying to enter into the country from Uganda.

### Bor PoC restrictions

Community leaders restrict visits and limit new arrivals to Bor PoC over coronavirus.

### Ethiopia Death

Ethiopia confirms the country's first death from COVID-19.



### Screening at main points of entry:

Juba International Airport, Nimule, Wau and Yambio Airport. Suspension of direct flights from affected countries. Government calls for reduction of travel and restriction on social gatherings ([link](#)).

### Quarantine

The government imposes a mandatory 14-day quarantine for all travellers coming from affected countries. Travellers are obliged to cover the quarantine related costs.

### South Sudan closes borders

South Sudan closes all airports and seals land borders for passengers. Curfew across country from 8.00PM to 6.00AM. Public institutions working half-tim. First suspected case of COVID-19 tested negative.

### CERF

CERF allocates money to a COVID-19 response plan. UN releases Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19.



### Quarantine Escape

Over 500 South Sudan nationals described as returnees escape quarantine in Renk, set up at a secondary school after arriving from Sudan.

### Markets and Transport Restriction

The SSD Government issues order to close shops, bars, ban street hawking and strengthen the monitoring of imposed social distancing order.



### 1st COVID-19 Case in SSD

The South Sudan Government confirmed its first case of COVID-19.



The UN staff member is now recovering in quarantine.

## COVID-19 Cases and Deaths



### Worldwide:

- 1,133,758 confirmed cases
- 62,784 deaths



### Number of cases/deaths in neighboring countries:

- Sudan: 10/2
- Central African Republic: 9/0
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: 148/16
- Uganda: 48/0
- Ethiopia: 38/0 (confirmed death later in day)
- Kenya: 122/4



### South Sudan

- 1 confirmed case<sup>4</sup>
- 0 deaths
- 29 specimens collected / tested

Source: WHO, update as of 5 April 2020

4. Included in WHO's update as of 6 April 2020