



## **ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 5th COVID-19 TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE NIGERIA GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15th APRIL 2020**

We, members of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), at our meeting held today deliberated on the COVID-19 pandemic in the country and resolved as follows:

1. The Forum received briefing from the National Coordinator of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19, Dr. Sani Aliyu and the Director General of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu, on activities of the PTF, including the current partnership with the Coalition against COVID-19 (CACOVID) to support States' response to the pandemic through the delivery of essential health equipment and the distribution of palliatives to vulnerable persons.
2. Members commended the Presidential Task Force and NCDC for ramping up the country's testing and contact tracing capacity during the 2-week period of lockdown in many parts of the country, and called for greater collaboration with States who are the primary stakeholders of the COVID-19 response.
3. Governors are working to improve their logistical and operational efficiency for sample collection and care. Most States have established COVID-19 hotlines and will ensure that emergency services are integrated into the operations of their Task Force on COVID-19.
4. Infection prevention and control committees will also be set up in States to support the role of health workers who are at the frontline of the pandemic.
5. Following a briefing from the CACOVID led by Messrs. Aliko Dangote and Herbert Nwigwe and the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Mr. Godwin Emefiele, on the delivery of healthcare equipment and distribution of palliatives to the most vulnerable persons across States, Governors commended the group for their commitment and collaboration on the COVID-19 response.



6. Finally, Governors recognized the importance of ensuring the continuous existence of businesses during the lockdown and will take necessary measures to support same.

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