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STATEMENT ON THE ROLE OF COUNTY ASSEMBLIES ON AWARENESS & PREVENTION IN THE WAKE OF THE CORONA VIRUS CRISIS MARCH 23, 2020

It has now been a week, since the Presidential decree made on Sunday, March 15, 2020 in a Press release following the confirmation of two more cases of infection by the Corona Virus in Kenya. It is clear that this menace continues to spread as declared on Sunday, March 22, 2020 and the number has now risen to 15.

The County Assemblies Forum wants to recognize and fully support the initiatives put in place by the Ministry of Health to ensure that Kenyans remain safe and secure during this time of crisis.

As representatives of the people at the grassroots, I would like to urge our members, to also take up the responsibility of educating & sensitizing our citizens and ensuring prevention from and safety of the communities we represent through various ways, including;

- Passing the information to the citizens through the respective Whatsapp platforms and other communication channels, without going to the ground, in order to avoid any kind of contact and ensuring social distancing.
- Ensuring that the citizens are educated on the health protocols developed by the Ministry of Health regarding prevention of the spread including washing of hands with soap and water, use of hand sanitizers, and social distancing.
- Guiding members of the community on reporting cases of irresponsible behavior with regards to those suspected cases that could have arrived from abroad recently and refused to self-quarantine using the numbers provided (988) and how to send such communication to the Ministry and other Government Agencies.

Since our County Assemblies across the country suspended their assembly sittings and operations from last week, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, they have an opportunity to show leadership through these acts which are not only very critical but also important. This is a contribution that the members can make towards ensuring that we deal with this pandemic together as one body with the National Government.

I urge all assemblies to, where necessary, in conjunction with their respective executives provide all the necessary materials that will enable prevention including Water and Soap, hand sanitizers and any other materials that supports prevention to ensure the safety of our people and curb the spread of the virus.

Once again, I would like to reassure the National Government, that as representatives of the People at the lowest levels of governance, we are keen on supporting the Government during this very serious crisis, which is unprecedented.

Thank you! God Bless Kenya!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ndegwa Wahome', written in a cursive style.

Hon. Ndegwa Wahome. MBS
Chairman, County Assemblies Forum.