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## MAJALIWA: 167 CORONA PATIENTS ARE RECOVERED

\* The number of infections has reached 480 with an increase of 196 patients

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said 167 patients have survived coronavirus (COVID-19) and has continued to urge Tanzanians to take adequate precautions and follow the advice of the Health Professionals and Governmental Guidelines.

However, the Prime Minister has said that from 23 to 28 April, 2020, the newly infected persons have been infected with Covid-19 (Mainland 174 and Zanzibar 22 declared by the SMZ Health Minister) and made the total 480 infections in the country.

The Prime Minister issued a statement of the COVID-19 epidemic in the country today (Wednesday, April 29, 2020) in the headlines of the Prime Minister's Office, in Dodoma while handing over ambulances to MPs. He also said apart from the vehicles being offered for improving maternal and child care it would be used to serve COVID-19 patients.

"On April 24 the Minister of Health, Social Development, Gender, Elderly and Children declared a total of 37 survivors, bringing the total number of survivors to 48. Today we are pleased to report that the number of survivors has increased from 48 to 167 (Zanzibar 36 announced) yesterday by the Minister of Health - SMZ and Mainland 83)."

"We regret to report that we have an increase in six deaths and this raises the number of deaths to 16. However, of the remaining 297 infections, 283 people are doing well and 14 people are under special care and we continue to isolate those close to patients, who are in quarantine after 14 days."

The Prime Minister added that as of April 28, 2020, 644 people were allowed, who are from Zanzibar, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Mwanza, Kagera, Dodoma, Kigoma and Songwe.

In another move, the Prime Minister has called on the public to beware of misleading information as it has now emerged with the tendency of people to give inaccurate data on COVID-19-related deaths that cause unnecessary turmoil in the community.

"... Not every death is coronavirus; we forget that other diseases are fatal and not everyone who is sick and dying has corona; we have malaria, BP, diabetes, AIDS which are deadly diseases. Stop the tendency to mislead the public. Let's let our experts do their work."

"For those who are not infected thy should continue their work, the farmer should go and work for food, where the workers are to work, the factory workers to work with each other and the industry as a marketplace to provide services so that the public can afford the services they need."

However, the Prime Minister has continued to urge Tanzanians to heed the Government's directives to protect themselves from COVID-19 including refraining from overcrowding. "If we pay attention to prohibitions and take precautions, we will win the fight against this disease."