

**April 28, 2020: President Museveni COVID 19 Messaging:  
Highlights**

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- Gives brief background from previous addresses
  - That's the imported cases get into contacts with different people here who become secondary (community contacts)
  - Reminds citizens about the bush technical of silence that is paying off that has helped in the identification of the problem-some truck drivers
  - Highlights that there are no new cases citing three possibilities
- ✓ No new cases in the country except for the truck drivers
- ✓ The people are being infected but are not getting sick that means increased immunity
- ✓ That there are people possibly dying but people are not aware

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- That in the remaining days, of the lockdown experts will study more of the above scenarios
  - That the world is trying to develop an anti-body test
  - Says medical teams are already doing verbal autopsy for further tests of the contacts of the dead (message needs development and amplifying)
  - Need to remember the fact that the disease is very infectious but very easy to prevent. Says continuous awareness is/was key
  - Reminisces the Ebola break-out where people in some Countries were people were not keen. Calls for awareness drive of behavioural change. Cautions public not to drop the drive and efforts to stop Corona fight.
  - Reminds audience on coughing, sneezing in public and isolation and sanitize, washing handing, not touching self
  - When lockdown was extended, it was supposed to end on 5<sup>th</sup> May, and will give new guidelines before 5<sup>th</sup> May. That a study is being carried out to guide the opening.

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- Says the remaining challenge is lorry drivers between Uganda and the region in East Africa

- Says some Ugandans are being hostile to the drivers, appeals for calm

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- Reminds the audience of the planned and informed decisions and calculated measures-like refusal to shake the archbishops hands, taking back children from school, requesting muslims not to the mosques: cultural, religious, behavioural change

- Talked about the “Survive and be save” that had three pillars.

- ✓ Farming and Agriculture to continue because farmers are not concentrated
- ✓ Factories to continue provided workers were camped on site
- ✓ Essential services were also allowed to continue
- ✓ Food markets to continue
- ✓ Cargo to continue working as survival for the system (specifies Plane, train, cargo ships)

- Says the revival of Uganda Railways is on and that cargo transport will only be transported through trains only

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- Appeals again, to Ugandans to stop any hostilities towards drivers
- One policy driver
- Must not stop at any place, except at designated places
- Re-emphasizes ‘tokwata ku driver’: (awareness needed)
- There are parts of Africa where there is no railway, cites relationship between DRC and Congo where we export commodities
- Cites phone conversations with the Presidents and Kagame and Kenyatta agreed on a common plan that the Ministers of Health will follow; probably 2 times a month

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- Is aware about the business losses that was “survivable not suicidal”
- Doesn’t agree with the economic pessimists that there will be doom, even though he agrees that some sectors like tourism, retail will be affected.

- Notes that manufacturing sector is going high, cites coffee consumption has gone high
- Notes the challenges of poultry farmers, says Uganda has been importing egg yolk- egg yolk can be used to make mayonnaise, says the demand of milk is also high in some parts of the world
- Going to make PPEs and vaccines
- Says economic grew highest in 1994 at 11%
- Gives reference to a paper shared in Cabinet on Real Economy Vs Vulnerable Economy
- Real economy is for production-food, infrastructure etc and does not easily change because these things are always in demand

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**20m money to MPs and ‘illegal food distribution**

- Says that 20m to MPs was “bad planning”
- Was morally incomprehensible and unacceptable for MPs to give themselves money
- Cites the other politicians who were “donating” and should have been arrested too.
- Advised that MPs be incorporated in the district COVID forces and that the money be given to the task forces
- That some MPs say they have bought some equipment but the President says it is not right: That these must be condemned. AG will be brought in to audit MPs who say they bought equipment.
- Appeals to the public not to ‘get angry’ with MPs
- Speaks about food distribution by the non-authorized people. Asks about the guidelines under which they were distributing. Says Politicians should lead by example. “mixing the population” to be warned
- “How do you arrest Zaake for distributing food and leave the NRM people including the Ministers”?

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- Thanks the Medical workers. “Very Capable people, very skilled people, I am very proud of them”
  - Thanks the press and media for their contribution

- Thanks the LC structure “the power of the people”
- “We have defeated three big crisis problems: corona, water rise and locusts. Defeating all this has shown that Uganda has built capacity. Says these issues are East African, though countries are dealing with them individually.

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- Says he was tasked by the EAC to sensitize EAs on the need for federation. If we had collaborated, we would be where India is today. If the federation had formed them, Idi Amin would not have come to power, massacres of Burundi would not have happened, the problems of Congo would not have happened, the issue of S.Sudan would have taken shorter time to solve, genocide in Rwanda would not have happened, and managing this crisis would have been much easier in a consolidated way.
  - Uses this opportunity to teach the bazukulu on need for federation.
  - Mwalimu’s dream of an EA dream was downplayed.

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- On domestic violence: we can not have a country without families. Families are the building block of strong countries. Will speak about the issue of ‘family’ sometime. Appeals for protection of the children.
  - Promises a comprehensive plan before 5<sup>th</sup> May.

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