

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet Communiqué

A Cabinet meeting was chaired by the Prime Minister at Urugwiro Village on Monday, January 4th 2021.

1. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meeting held on December 14th 2020.
2. **Given the recent rise in COVID – 19 cases, with half the total deaths occurring in December, Cabinet tightened existing health measures in order to contain spread of the virus. The public needs to significantly reduce social interactions and limit movements for essential services.**

In order to contain further spread of the virus, all citizens are reminded of the critical importance of complying with health measures including physical distancing, wearing face masks and hand hygiene. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.

The following measures will take effect starting Tuesday, January 5th 2021 and will be reviewed after 15 days upon a health assessment.

- a. **Movements are prohibited from 8 PM to 4 AM.**
- b. **All business establishments including restaurants, shops, markets and malls will close operations daily by 6 PM.**
- c. **Public and private transport is prohibited to and from city of Kigali as well as between different districts.** Travel will only be permitted for medical reasons and essential services. Additionally, **vehicles transporting goods will continue to function with no more than two people on board.**
- d. Domestic and international tourists may travel across districts but must possess negative COVID – 19 test results.
- e. Institutions (public and private) will operate at no more than 30% capacity of staff. Other employees shall continue working from home on a rotational basis.

- f. All social gatherings and events including religious weddings ceremonies, receptions, meetings and conferences are prohibited.
 - g. Public gyms and swimming pools shall be restricted from the public with the exception of tested guests staying at hotels.
 - h. Attendance at a wake/vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 15 people at any one time.
 - i. Funeral gatherings should not exceed 30 persons.
3. The Cabinet approved a host country agreement between the Government of Rwanda and FIFA Development Zurich AG.
 4. The Cabinet approved the following draft laws:
 - Draft law approving the ratification of a financing agreement between Government of Rwanda and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) signed in Kigali, Rwanda, and in Rome, Italy on December 10th 2020.
 - Draft law approving the ratification of a financing agreement between Government of Rwanda and the International Development Association (IDA), relating to the grant and credit for human capital signed in Kigali, Rwanda on December 17th 2020.
 - Draft law approving the ratification of the finance contract between the Government of Rwanda and the European Investment Bank (EIB) for energy development, signed in Kigali, Rwanda, and in Luxembourg on December 23rd 2020.
 5. The Cabinet appointed Ambassador Monique Mukaruliza as the strategic advisor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Kigali, January 4th 2021.

Dr. Edouard Ngirente
Prime Minister

