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The National Council for Democracy and Progress of Cameroon's Covid-19 Statement

Dear Members,

Dear Compatriots,

It is in a mellow mood that we write to you. A bad disease struck the world. The disease has been called Covid-19.

What is Covid 19?

The virus that causes Covid-19 is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or exhales. These droplets are too heavy to hang in the air, and quickly fall on floors or surfaces.

How can one get infected?

One can be infected by breathing in the virus if you are within proximity of someone who has Covid-19, or by touching a contaminated surface and then your eyes, nose, or mouth. Let's break down Covid-19.



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What You Need To Know

Dear Members,

Dear Compatriots,

Covid-19 is:

- highly contagious
- going to change our lifestyles forever
- going to kill some of us
- going to restore our trust in God
- going to make us better people

1-Covid-19 is highly contagious

For Cameroon and for most African countries, if spread, the disease can have a devastating effect (if a vaccine is not ready soon). Sanitation seems to be the required prescription for reducing the spread of Covid -19 as many governments and countries have undertaken intensive cleaning of surfaces and other necessary items and places. Sanitation in Cameroon is extremely tough to achieve. Cameroon is



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filled with mud houses, mud schools, mud roads. In addition, Cameroon markets received at least ten of thousands of people per day. Most homes in Cameroon (3 out of 10 houses) don't have running water to shower or to cook. How about sanitation in schools in Cameroon? In Cameroon seven (7) out of ten (10) schools and teachers still use blackboards and chalks. In Cameroon seven (7) out of ten (10) schools don't have running water to carry on the sanitation programs. In Cameroon seven (7) out of ten (10) schools are overcrowded. Also, Covid -19 requires that one keeps physical distancing (6 feet). Governments and big organizations in developed countries have distributed computers and laptops and tablets to students. Governments and big organizations in developed countries have opened free WIFI to localities so that teachers and students can meet and learn online. Schools in developed countries have shut down and turned their educational system into hybrid physical/technological system. Cameroon educational system can't afford these luxuries. What we are trying to say is that the rate of contagion of Covid-19 in Cameroon can potentially



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and exponentially increase fast as compared to some developed countries.

2- Covid-19 will change our lives forever

Covid-19 will help mankind settle its case with the external and internal forces of the Earth and Heaven. For Cameroon, it will give its inhabitants an opportunity to think of their government; to clean their homes and habits and lifestyles; to make big and positive changes; to adapt to the situation and to act accordingly. Covid-19 had imposed a “new normal “on mankind.

3- Covid-19 will kill some of us

Covid-19 has recessive symptoms, meaning one can be positive and don't show signs of infection, potentially spreading the virus unconsciously as one moves around. What does it mean in profound terms? It means we all must be tested. Also, the FEAR that has risen around the disease gives reason for all of us to be tested or to get the vaccine. Testing is doing nursing work and lab tests to a population,



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which must be a representative sample that reflect the characteristics of the population to be tested. As Cameroonians wait for developed countries to develop the remedy for Covid-19, available treatment for the disease seems to be ventilators and quarantine in specific areas.

Ventilators are very expensive; therefore, unaffordable to the ordinary civil servants in Cameroon.

4- Covid-19 will strengthen our trust and faith on God

Why God? Covid-19 had been dubbed the “invisible enemy”, which surely has a leader. We believe in God as our creator and the creator of the Earth and Heaven. We believe God is good to mankind as one gets up every day and appreciate each day and many more days ahead of us. To those who had died, we paid our dearest respect and love to them. We believe in loving oneself and one another. And we believe man is made of the image of God. “So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27. Our argument is that we believe God will not cause a disease that will destroy a photocopy of his beloved image. (Some people think that God sent this disease upon mankind, open to debate).



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One argument holds that Satan caused the disease upon mankind. (Open to debate too) Knowing that Satan had never won a battle against God, we stay in comfort and in persistence prayer on our position as we patiently wait for God to win and to cleanse the world of Covid-19.

5-Covid -19 will make us better people

Covid -19 doesn't discriminate. This disease can hit anyone whether you are rich, poor, sick, well, young, old, powerful, or not powerful. Covid-19 had made us to revise ourselves, our habits, our ways of treating the world. Covid-19 had increased our value and appreciation of seeing the next day here in this world, and Covid-19 had given us plenty of time to stay home and spend some quality time with our loved ones.

Our Recommendations

What we recommend to the population

The National Council for Democracy and Progress of Cameroon recommends that you clean your homes, that you follow the government guidelines; that you make less trips to hospitals than you need; that you



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check on your neighbors; that you stay six (6) feet apart from each other's; that you don't contribute to any fund-raising scheme; that you don't pay any necessity bill such as water, light, cable, mortgage, creditors, school fees, or loans. This is an important statement to the population. "This is the time for Cameroonians to check their government to see if your votes count, and to check that your taxes had been saved for you and put aside when you need it most, which is now, during this Covid 19 pandemic. You voted for years, you paid your taxes for years, then it's simply fair and right that every eligible citizen of Cameroon expect compensation or support from the government."

What we recommend the government to do

Covid-19 is an unpredicted crisis, really. An invisible enemy and killer that struck us. Enough of that! Governments do their best to help their citizens. This is the time when every citizen of any country wants to see the contributions or supports of their governments. This is the time when citizens want to see the effect of their taxes. This is the time when big and small businesses expect the government to come to their rescue. This is the time when small and big businesses want to see the



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contributions of their taxes to the economy. This is the time for the government to help.

We recommend that the government eliminate necessity bills such as water bill, light, cable, rent, debt collection, and phone bills for the duration of the pandemic. These services should be free of charge and interest free for the duration of the pandemic.

We recommend that the government provides masks and gowns and ventilators and facilities and medical staff to assist the patients.

We recommend that the government makes sure that test materials be available for whoever need the test.

We recommend that the government cuts check to all Cameroonians of filing status (Minimum 300.000 cfa/month) for the duration of the pandemic, which can be balanced by tax amendments and ratification of old treaties. This will give Cameroonians spending power as the country and its citizens transition from Covid-19 to the “new normal”. Remember, this disease will change our lifestyles forever.



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We recommend that the government starts a program to distribute food and needed medical supplies to confined people. This is when “we” all become part of the government, by volunteering and solidarizing with each other.

Dear Members,

Dear Compatriots,

Here we are, standing six (6) feet apart from each other’s in this “new normal” that this pandemic had imposed on us. The National Council for Democracy and Progress of Cameroon had to adapt to the “new normal.” Let's us all adapt to the “new normal”.

To all the doctors and nurses and nurse aids; to all the persons taking steps to reduce the spread of Covid-19, we give you a big shout out and we applaud your work and courage. You are the soldiers of the invisible enemy.

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The National Council for Democracy and Progress of Cameroon wishes you well. Keep in mind, we are in this together and together we will overcome Covid-19.

God Bless Cameroon!

Long Life Cameroon!

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