



News Release

Government Partners with Counties to Fight Covid-19 with Free Hand Sanitizers to the Public

NAIROBI, Wednesday, 1st April 2020... National government has partnered with counties in distributing free hand sanitizers to the public in a new move to counter the spread of the deadly coronavirus.

KPC, which is spearheading the national government's efforts to take the war against coronavirus to the grassroots, has in conjunction with several public and private sector players, released about 150,000 litres of free hand sanitizers to various counties across the country.

Speaking to journalists after delivering over 1,400 litres of hand sanitizers to the Chair of Council of Governors Wycliffe Oparanya in the council offices in Nairobi Tuesday afternoon, PS Petroleum Andrew Kamau said that national and county governments should collaborate for the country to fight coronavirus effectively.

"It is our responsibility to slow down the Covid-19 rate of infection. In this regard, KPC will be donating 20,000 litres of GoK hand sanitizers to the council of governors every week to be distributed free of charge to our people down at the grassroots level across 47 counties,' PS Kamau announced.

"As a government, we are certain that the free hand sanitizers from government will be a big boost to the country's strategy against Covid-19. But we cannot succeed without county governments because they are critical governance units to help us in this noble agenda," Kamau told reporters

On his part, Chairman CoG Governor Wycliffe Oparanya hailed KPC for bringing industry players together to produce free hand sanitizers on behalf of the people of Kenya.

"For an agency that does not belong to the health sector such as KPC to step forward and help counties fight Covid-19 is highly commendable. We appeal to other corporates and institutions to come forward and support county governments so that our people in the rural areas can feel the presence of government," Oparanya told reporters.

"We will put an accountable mechanism in place to ensure that this kind donation of GoK hand sanitizers reaches all our rural communities free of charge through county grassroot networks," he assured journalists adding that this intervention is very critical especially in the rural areas where most Kenyans reside.

The free hand sanitizers initiative is part of the government's effort to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the country which has seen the number of people in Kenya who have tested positive rise to 50 by Monday 30th March 2020 according to the Ministry of Health.

Governor Oparanya thanked Vivo Energy Kenya, Total Kenya, Ola Energy, Kenol Kobil, Pwani Oil and Sepyanna Oil East Africa who have provided their blending plants at no cost to package and bottle the hand sanitizers for the public.

“I also thank East African Breweries, Bollore Logistics, and Maersk Kenya for providing their vehicles and warehouses for free to store and transport these sanitizers to all the 47 counties in Kenya. This is a very kind gesture for the people of Kenya and we do not take it for granted,” the Kakamega county chief concluded.

For any enquiries to KPC about the GoK hand sanitizers, members of the public can call our **toll free number 0800720198**.

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