

To date, Mozambique has diagnosed 10 people who tested positive for Covid-19, one person recovered and fortunately, no death reported yet. The country has ascended to level three of alertness to the pandemic. The spread speed is being considered low. The President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi has declared Mozambique to be in “State of Emergency” from April 1 to 30, 2020. As such, significant measures are in place to curb the spreading of this public health enemy. These include closure of both public and private schools at all level, closure of churches, mosques and temples; tightening of security measures in public and private transport system plus other measures. Lockdown has not been declared yet.

Public institutions continue operational but with less civil servants. Majority of people, especially in suburban and rural areas resist to observe the measures put in place regarding the transportation, keeping the recommended social distance (1.5 m) between people. Resistance is also shown by those who resort to informal business as a means of their livelihood. The government is trying to enforce the observance of the measures against the Pandemic.

Locally (Mozambique), despite having schools temporarily inoperational, where possible, teachers are in touch with their students through social media. Lessons are taught through these means. Apart from this, those who cannot afford using social media, they can collect from the school hard copies of their lessons.

Regarding plans to alleviate the consequences of this pandemic, as a Country, we are yet to design a plan.

Fortunately, to date, no layperson or a Brother is infected.

This moment teaches us the following:

- To cooperate with God’s grace by observing strictly the protective measures laid down by our government.
- To rely constantly on Divine intervention for the end of this pandemic.
- To be hopeful that this pandemic will one day end just as others came and went.
- To encourage and assist in every possible way and give hope to families which have been affected by Covid-19 and lost their loved ones.