



PRESS RELEASE

The Minister of Territorial Administration is pleased to inform the national and international community that within the framework of reinforcing measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19 among the population in Cameroon, the President of the Republic, H.E. Paul BIYA, has decided to offer a Special Gift to the 360 Subdivisions of the country. This Special Gift should not be mistaken for actions of the Special Solidarity Fund created by the Head of State on the side-lines of this pandemic.

The Special Gift of the Head of State comprises hygienic products and medical kits evaluated to the tune of FCFA 02 (Two) billion. They are as follows:

- **50,000** (fifty thousand) cartons of laundry soap, that is 4,000,000 (four million) pieces of soap;
- **1,500,000** (one million five hundred thousand) face masks for the population;
- **50,000** (fifty thousand) surgical masks for health personnel;
- **75,000** (seventy-five thousand) buckets for household use;
- **40,000** (forty thousand) 30-litre hand-washing cans;
- Rapid screening test kits;
- Respiratory devices for hospitals.

This Special Gift is testimony of the legendary generosity of the Head of State, H.E. Paul BIYA who, unlike the "politics of spectacle" known of certain misguided politicians in quest of cheap popularity, has always been with his compatriots in difficult situations, like natural disasters and crises that affect the populations of some of our Regions.

These include, his support for the victims of the Lake Nyos disaster, the Nsam fire disaster in Yaounde, the repeated floods in the Far North and North Regions; support for victims of the war against the terrorist group Boko Haram, internally displaced persons from the North West and South West Regions and more recently to the victims of the Ngouaché landslide disaster in the West Region.

In about ten (10) days, the hygienic products and medical kits, Special Gifts from the Head of State to the Cameroonian people, will be transported from the of Yaounde City Council by a hundred heavy-duty trucks to the ten Regions. They will be received in the regional headquarters by the Governors.

Each Regional Governor will be charged with the responsibility of channelling the Special Gifts of the Head of State to the Divisions and Subdivisions of his region of command. The distribution will be overseen at the level of the Region by the Governor, at the Division by the Senior Divisional Officer and at the level of the Subdivision by the Subdivisional Officer. The Head of State, H.E. Paul BIYA, insists on local distribution so that the assistance reaches the main beneficiaries, especially the vulnerable population wherever they are found within the national territory.

Similarly, the Minister of Territorial Administration underlines that the Head of State has prescribed the intensification of sensitisation campaign against the COVID-19 pandemic in all ten regions of the country. As such, Administrative Authorities at all levels absolutely need to fully get involved in this campaign and in so doing, insist on government's combat measures as communicated by the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

Administrative Authorities have to focus on barrier measures like the regular washing of hands with soap and running water, compulsory wearing of face masks in all public spaces and social distancing in markets, churches, mosques, schools etc.

The teams of the Department of Civil Protection of the Ministry of Territorial Administration will be dispatched to the 10 Regions to assist the administrative authorities in this awareness campaign and the distribution of the Special Gift from the Head of State.



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