

# Update 7: South Sudan - Rise in Measles Cases Further Adds to Ongoing Challenges of COVID-19 Pandemic

- On November 07, 2020, Médecins Sans Frontiers (MSF) health facility in Pibor administrative Area, South Sudan reported that two children have died of measles and 30 others are in critical condition
- MSF reported that the contagious life-threatening disease is causing a severe crisis
- The charity urged health organizations to urgently launch a vaccination campaign to curb the outbreak
- The charity also reported that infection rate of measles in Pibor today to be alarmingly higher than these estimates
- Two months into a measles outbreak in Pibor town in the Greater Pibor administrative Area, cases have been continuously increasing at an alarming rate
- The severity of the outbreak is being magnified by other illnesses like severe malaria, pneumonia and severe malnutrition
- As of now, the country reported 2,943 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 59 deaths (2% of total reported cases), and 1,290 recoveries (44% of the total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<https://moh.gov.ss/>) for latest information on COVID-19 in South Sudan

## Source(s)

<https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/tea/news/east-africa/measles-outbreak-south-sudan-2733380>

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/nov/06/un-urges-resumption-of-mass-measles-and-polio-vaccinations-covid>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/south-sudan/>

## Targets Affected:

South Sudan

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- Determine if all management teams in impacted areas are current on all government-designated guidelines and restrictions and are aware of possible misdiagnosis due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and measles outbreak concurrently
- SW Subscribers should determine if third parties or captive units have in-house health professionals to detect sickness and quarantine suspected disease carriers spotted within the business premises, if any
- It is advisable that third parties or captive units educate employees and conduct workshops to help increase awareness about the diseases and its preventive measures
- SW Subscribers are advised to be aware of the compounding health risks and consequent impact on businesses due to increasing cases of COVID-19 and measles
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

**Related Alerts**

**Nov. 4, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 6: South Sudan - Measles & Polio Outbreak Add to Ongoing Challenges of COVID-19

**Aug. 15, 2020**

**High**

Update 5: South Sudan - Declares State of Emergency in Flood-Hit Areas Adding to Ongoing Challenges of COVID-19

**July 23, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 4: South Sudan - Malaria Threat Continues Amid COVID-19 Crisis

**May 13, 2020**

**High**

Update 3: South Sudan - Reopens Airports Despite Rise in COVID-19 Cases

**May 9, 2020**

**High**

Update 2: South Sudan - Lifts Several COVID-19 Restrictions Despite Rise in Cases

**April 23, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 1: South Sudan - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown Indefinitely

**April 9, 2020**

**High**

South Sudan - Confirms Second COVID-19 Case

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.