Topic: The Corona Virus Pandemic

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South Africa is the southernmost country in Africa. Among the 11 languages spoken, the most common are English and Afrikaans. Population is over 57 million. Cyril Ramaphosa the president of the country for 2 years. Currency of the country is “South African Rand”. 1 US Dollar equals 16,40 South African Rand.

The first Covid-19 case in South Africa showed up on 5th of March about 20 days after the first case in Africa which is on 14th of February. The first known patient is a male citizen who tested positive upon his return from Italy. President announced emergency travel restrictions on March 15 and school closures from March 18. And on March 23 Ramaphosa announced the quarantine from March 26 to April 16 to combat the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus in South Africa. The first two death was on 27th of March.

South Africa is the 12th country with the highest number of cases in the world, with more than 720 thousand cases. Lockdown was applied while there were 1000 registered cases and 2 deaths in the country. The lockdown follows government regulations that limited public gatherings, travel from high-risk countries and the sale of alcohol. The lockdown resulted in an economic slowdown. On first of April, Minister of Health Dr Zweli Mkhize, launched 60 new mobile laboratories to boost the country’s capacity to test for Covid-19. It was calculated that the median age of fatality was 64.

This virus has affected all countries negative. It is sufficient or not, all countries have taken precautions, but the public should be informed about Covid-19 and the implementation of these precautions. More international aid should be given to feeble regions like Africa.