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**Nairobi, 07 April 2020** – The Youth Congress is urging the government to put in place measures and mechanisms to facilitate coordinated, organized and impactful youth engagement in the fight against coronavirus

The Youth Congress has been working with youth in the 47 counties to fight the COVID-19 pandemic around the country, knowing that the spread of the virus is a threat to people, livelihoods and the country's development and stability.

We will continue working with the national and county governments and diverse partners to stop transmission of the virus and to keep everyone safe.

We encourage the youth to take measures that will bolster the fight against the pandemic. We further urge the government to include youth in the National Emergency Response Committee Against Coronavirus and other response initiatives at the national and county levels. Most important, we urge the government to put in place measures and mechanisms to facilitate coordinated, organized and impactful youth engagement in the fight against coronavirus.

Indeed, youth represent energy, creativity and innovation and should be beacons of hope that can support the community at all times especially in times of such crisis. It is encouraging to see young people across the country leading the way in the fight against Coronavirus, and stepping up to help their communities, they know the future depends on their actions. We celebrate the courageous and selfless young leaders who are stepping up and taking action.

Additionally, we urge leaders at the national and county levels to lead from the front. At this time of crisis, we need leaders who will ensure coherent and robust responses. No doubt, victory against the coronavirus is only possible through responsible, responsive and committed leadership.

We remain very concerned by the impacts of the outbreak and related control measures on youth livelihoods. And call on government and all partners to mitigate secondary impacts for youth.

Sincerely

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**RAPHAEL OBONYO**

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