

SOUTH SUDAN DOCTORS' UNION

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SITUATIONAL UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL FRATERNITY

Following our condemnation and quest for justice for Late Dr Louis Edward and Ms. Amono Clara, we wish to update our members on our pursuit for justice:

- At the time of writing this update, no single arrest has been made in connection to the killing of Dr. Louis and Ms. Amono.
- There is no official communication to the public from CORDAID, IRC, National and States authorities on any action taken to address the current situation
- The SSDU leadership made engagements with relevant institutions but were unfruitful.

Since 48 hours have elapsed, and given the uncertainty in our quest for justice and lack of concern from authorities on protection of health professionals, we must get organize for the next step (industrial action) as communicated earlier.

The SSDU leadership is requesting all the Clinical Officers, Nurses and Midwifery Association, Medical Laboratory Professionals Union (SSMLPU) and members of the Doctors Union across the country to form Central and States Joint Committees to arrange and coordinate industrial action at the National and States Levels. All health professionals are strongly advised to register their names, employer, location, next of kin and contacts with their respective Committees.

The Joint Committees at the National and State levels should keep close contact with the Central Committee at Juba level for guidance and updates. The Joint Committees and the entire medical fraternity should remain vigilant and ensure the objective is not derailed.

The SSDU leadership remains seized of the matter and open for dialogue.

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The South Sudan Doctors Union (SSDU) is a professional body that brings together the Medical Doctors, Dentists & Pharmacists in South Sudan. We envision South Sudan where everyone has access to decent and quality health care. Our mission is to enhance national efforts and protect the rights of every doctor in order to have meaningful contribution towards effective health service delivery in South Sudan. You can always reach out to us through the contacts provided below.

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