

# THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **NATIONAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 IN THE TOURISM OPERATIONS**

Tourism is one of the key economic sectors in Tanzania. Over the past few years, the sector's impressive growth has enhanced macro-economic diversification from the traditional reliance on agriculture. Tanzania is endowed with a variety of tourist attractions categorized into nature and non-nature based. The existence of these attractions appeals to significant number of tourists both from within and outside Tanzania, thereby supporting the economy.

In December 2019 the world experienced an unexpected invasion of infectious disease caused by SARS-COV-2 virus (Corona Virus Disease-2019 or COVID-19), the disease was declared by WHO as a pandemic on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), through a joint statement issued on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 asked countries in the world that, their response to the outbreak of COVID-19 be measured consistently and proportionately to the threat posed for public health (put people first).

In recognition of the importance of health, safety and security of tourists and the general public, Tanzania's tourism industry is presenting detailed protocols regarding control measures and procedures towards preventing the spread of COVID-19. The protocols referred to as Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have to be adopted and customized by all tourism entities (companies, authorities and other related service providers dealing with tourists) to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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