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**Minister Hosein instructs Municipal Corporations to utilize unspent balances in fight against COVID-19**

March 26<sup>th</sup> 2020, Kent House, Maraval – The Minister of Rural Development and Local Government, Senator Kazim Hosein, has instructed the Mayors and Chairmen of the fourteen (14) Municipal Corporations to utilize unspent balances to bolster efforts against the spread of COVID-19.

As the Corporations continue to execute measures aimed at stemming the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, Minister Hosein stressed that these funds can be used to intensify key public health measures such as:

- An increase in water-trucking services;
- More frequent sanitation of public spaces, particularly markets;
- Provision of personal hygiene products (e.g. hand soaps and sanitisers) for Corporation staff and members of the public visiting offices to conduct business;
- Provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) to staff who continue to perform duties in public spaces, especially sanitation workers.

Senator Hosein emphasised, “Our nation is facing an unprecedented threat to public health. We must all work together to ensure victory in the fight against COVID-19. I urge the Corporations, both the political arms as well as the administrative arms, to address this matter with solidarity. Our burgesses are depending on us to do all that we can as we face this pandemic together.”

Minister Hosein reiterated that members of Local Government stand resolute in their commitment to ensuring public health and safety and called on all citizens to adhere to public health recommendations of the Ministry of Health relating to personal hygiene, social distancing, sanitization of frequently used surfaces, quarantine measures and other advisories.

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