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## **Y'ello Hope Update on utilisation of MTN network contributions to support during COVID-19**

MTN Nigeria has today provided an update on the utilisation so far of its network initiatives to provide its customers and partners with connectivity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to MTN's direct contributions to support the fight against COVID-19, including support to CACOVID (N1 billion), Federal and State Governments (communications support) and the NCDC (Devices, airtime, SMS channel and data) MTN has provided our customers with a range of free services to help make communication easier.

As at May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 our network has provided:

- More than 2 Billion free SMS sent by over 40 million subscribers.
- About 3000 Terrabytes of free data utilised to access zero-rated health websites and access our Ayoba messaging app.
- Over 1.7 Million free money transfers by about 100,000 people using the MoMo Agent Network (offer ended May 1<sup>st</sup>).

Commenting on the update, MTN CEO Ferdi Moolman said: *"Since we began providing 300 free SMS's per month to our subscribers more than 2 billion SMS's have been sent by more than 44 million subscribers demonstrating the universal appeal and accessibility of SMS as a communications service. We are proud to have been able to reach so many people and are committed to continuing to provide this service. As we continue to navigate this pandemic, we are focusing our efforts on trying to ensure no one is left behind."*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ufo Ukpanah', is positioned above a grey rectangular background.

**Ufo Ukpanah**  
Company Secretary

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## About MTN Nigeria

MTN Nigeria is one of Africa's largest providers of communications services, connecting over 68 million people in communities across the country with each other and the world. Guided by a vision to lead the delivery of a bold new digital world, MTN Nigeria's leadership position in coverage, capacity and innovation has remained constant, since its launch in 2001. MTN Nigeria is part of the MTN Group – a leading emerging market operator, connecting more than 250 million subscribers in 21 countries in Africa and the Middle East. To learn more about MTN Nigeria and its various initiatives, visit [www.mtnonline.com](http://www.mtnonline.com)

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