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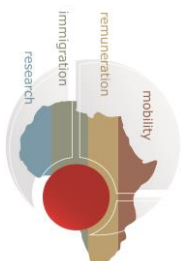
## Update on COVID-19 in Kenya

Following President Kenyatta's directives on Sunday 15 March 2020 on the coronavirus (COVID-19) interventions, a number of the Government offices and registries have scaled down their operations and in some cases completely shut down.

Please see a high level summary below, courtesy of DLA Piper Africa, IKM Advocates.

### Land Offices and Registries

Directive	<p>In accordance with the attached Public Notice from the Ministry of Lands &amp; Physical Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Land Registries and offices countrywide will be closed.</li> <li>Services at the Survey of Kenya Headquarters, Ruaraka are also suspended.</li> <li>Emergency services will be offered via customer care desks.</li> </ul>
Effective date	17 March 2020
Duration	30 days
Impact on business	<p>High</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All services offered at the land offices and registries including title searches, valuation for stamp duty, stamping, registration of documents and related matters will be at a standstill.</li> <li>Fate of documents assessed but not stamped and registered may result in penalties.</li> <li>Undertakings issued by advocates and/or financiers, which are time sensitive, will be impacted.</li> </ul> <p>Time sensitive contracts where obligations of parties are tied to performance of functions by the registries will similarly be impacted.</p>



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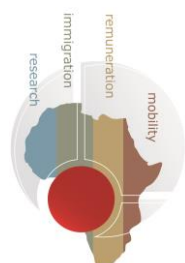
## Directorate of Immigration Services (DIS)

Directive	In accordance with the attached notices from the DIS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All national and foreign nationals management services have been suspended.</li> <li>Urgent services to be provided on appointment basis only.</li> </ul>
Effective date	16 March 2020
Duration	Indefinitely
Impact on business	High <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immigration status – It is expected that many foreign nationals will fall out of status during this period. We are engaging with the DIS and shall update you on the status regularization process.</li> <li>Increased lead time - Due to the suspension, we recommend that businesses increase the local onboarding lead time by 3-4 months.</li> </ul>

## Business Registration Service

Directive	In accordance with the attached notices from the BRS, all banking hall transactions have been suspended for a period of 14 days.
Effective date	16 March 2020
Duration	Indefinitely
Impact on business	Medium to High Significant transactions such dissolution of companies, registration of charges and debentures and physical file perusals can only be processed/completed once BRS resumes operations. The other services can be processed online on <a href="http://www.brs.ecitizen.go.ke">www.brs.ecitizen.go.ke</a>

To read the President's speech, [click here](#).



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## Government changes

Kenya's government has [announced restrictive measures](#) in an attempt to stop the spread of the virus, including school closures, bans on entry for non-Kenyans, and instructions for anyone who has travelled internationally in the previous 14 days to self-quarantine. County governments are setting up isolation units.

Please be aware that this information is current as at **20 March 2020**. As the virus, and public policy, is constantly evolving, the information is likely to change in future. We will endeavor to publish these changes whenever possible.

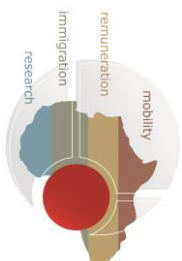
## At Relocation Africa

We are taking every effort to ensure the continued safety of our staff and our clients. We are monitoring the situation daily, and will react accordingly, following our contingency plans.

We have made numerous adjustments to the way we do business day-to-day, including implementing new policies around the way we receive parcels at our office, substituting meetings at the office for video calls, educating our team on how to stay safe in the workplace, purchasing disinfecting agents for our workspaces, and developing a self-isolation policy in case our staff contract COVID-19.

We are committed to following the guidelines as set out by the World Health Organization, as well as the South African Department of Health, and the broader government. We will update our clients and business partners if we make relevant changes to our operations, as necessary.

To keep up-to-date with advice on COVID-19 from the World Health Organization, [click here](#). Stay safe. We wish you well.



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