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● **"Treasury is exploring all funding avenues to fund all Covid-19 related programmes. The funding avenues will ... include exploring all global partners and international financial institutions. Funding agreements will be announced once concluded."**

— Finance Minister Tito Mboweni speaking at a teleconference briefing on the department of finance's response to the health crisis and its economic ramifications.

● **"In this game, knowledge is power. The more people have the knowledge of where we are at in combating the virus and what still needs to be done, the more powerful it's going to make the general response from society. We believe that government needs to be more transparent."**

— Democratic Alliance interim leader John Steenhuisen on the party's plan to combat Covid-19, while urging the government to share more detailed information on the outbreak.

● **"What we would hope for is that the number of new cases will steadily decline and ... disappear ... I'm sorry to tell you that's very unlikely. The more likely [scenario] is ... that we've managed to stem community transmission. For once we end the lockdown ... about 55-million people are vulnerable to this virus. As soon as the opportunity arises for this virus to spread, we are likely to see the exponential curve again."**

— Professor Salim Abdool Karim, who is heading the response to Covid-19 in South Africa, speaking on how the virus will peak in the country.

● **"Privacy, transparency, and consent are of utmost importance in this effort. We will openly publish information about our work for others to analyse."**

— Silicon Valley tech giants Google and Apple in a statement that they will keep people's privacy a priority as they work together to help governments track the coronavirus.