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COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- H.E. Deputy Prime Minister and MOH State Minister visited the PHEOC, Isolation Center and Bole International Airport Screening Site activities
- Togo, Peru and Slovakia reported their first COVID-19 cases
- Three suspected cases admitted and specimen collected and test result is pending
- 130 travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened
- A total of 1,021 travelers are under follow-up; 42 of these travelers are newly enrolled
- A total of 1,093 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up. Of these, 93 graduated today
- 183 (49 %) COVID-19 related calls received
- Full-packages of COVID-19 training for participants from the Defense Force and Federal Police health department completed

467,329

PASSENGERS SCREENED

ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

6,863

PASSENGERS SCREENED

FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

1021

TRAVELERS

UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

107

RUMORS

RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

34

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

31

SUSPECTED CASES
TESTED

0

TOTAL CASES
CONFIRMED

03

SUSPECTED CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT Pending Lab Result

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

TOTAL CASES
101,923

TOTAL DEATH
3,486

80,813 CONFIRMED CASES
(IN CHINA)

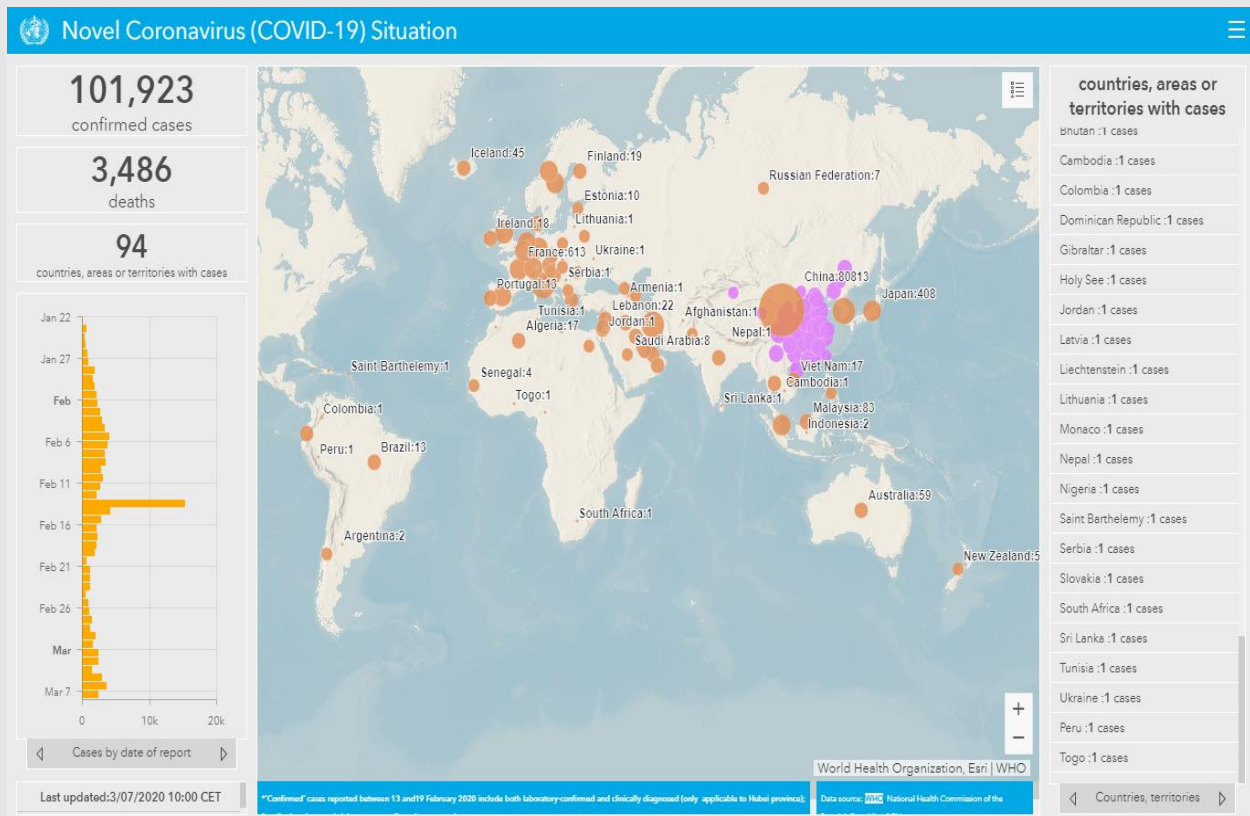
3,073 DEATHS
(IN CHINA)

93
AFFECTED COUNTRIES
(OUTSIDE CHINA)

21,110 CASES and 413 DEATHS
(OUTSIDE CHINA)

Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeee1b9125cd>



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

CHINA
VERY HIGH

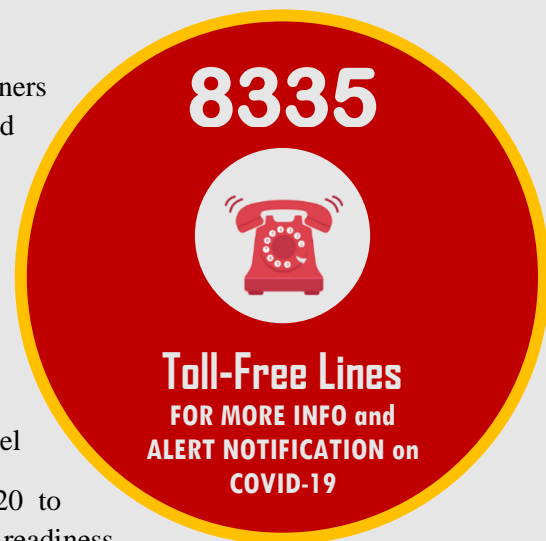
REGIONAL LEVEL
VERY HIGH

GLOBAL LEVEL
VERY HIGH

MAJOR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS IN ETHIOPIA

BACKGROUND

- Ethiopia activated its IMS under the national PHEOC. WHO and its partners are currently supporting in scaling up preparedness efforts and implementation of related recommendations suggested by the IHR Emergency Committee. The following is a summary of the major public health actions conducted in ETHIOPIA up until now, as part of the COVID-19 preparedness and readiness efforts.
 - Alerting stakeholders and regular and national and global situation updating
 - Revitalizing coordination platform at national and subnational level
 - The National PHEOC IMS was activated on 27 January 2020 to optimize the national level coordination of the preparedness and readiness efforts,
 - Since its activation, the national PHEOC is collaboratively working with stakeholders: government agencies, partner organizations, UN agencies, embassies, hospitality sector, Industrial parks and others.
 - Regular media briefing sessions are being conducted, twice a week, by the Director General of EPHI and as needed by State Minister of MoH and jointly.
 - 24/7 Toll-free lines (8335) was established to provide information to and receive alert from; the public
 - Country preparedness assessment was conducted and emergency preparedness and response plan were developed
 - Designated isolation and quarantine centers are identified and equipping is ongoing
 - Protocols/guidelines are customized and developed
 - 24/7 rapid response team established
 - Trainings and orientations are ongoing
 - Strict PoE screening and vigilant follow-up procedures being implemented on incoming travelers at International Airports, Ethio-Djibouti Railway and land-crossing entries.
 - Key partners and stakeholders are identified and engaged in the preparedness efforts
 - Joint visit of Prime Minister Office, Africa CDC, WHO Country Office, Addis Ababa City Administration Health Bureau, Ministry of Health and EPHI was conducted to strengthen PoE preparedness and isolation and case management
 - MoH officials led by the State Minister, Dr Lia Tadesse, visited the operations of the national PHEOC and provided guidance on 04 February 2020.
 - With support from WHO; Ethiopia now has a capacity of processing confirmatory testing for COVID-19 at its strengthened National Influenza Laboratory based in EPHI (starting from 08 February 2020).
 - Social Affairs standing committee of the House of Peoples' Representatives (HoPR) visited the National PHEOC on 17 FEB 2020; and received briefing on center's activities achieved and being conducted to prevent COVID-19 delivered by EPHI's Director General, Dr. Ebba Abate.
 - Health partners and donors' groups visited the Public Health Emergency Operation Center and briefed on the activities to prevent the COVID-19



- Discussion and briefing provided by the EPHI DG to the Medical Corps Representatives
- China Embassy Staffs visited the PHEOC and briefed on the preparedness activities
- Strong communication network established and receiving updates from other countries through National IHR-FPs.
- Discussion was held with Resolve to Save Lives team led by the Vice President of the project on how to support COVID-19 preparedness efforts
- Discussion was held with HOPE Project Coordinator on how to support COVID-19 preparedness efforts

COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

- H. E. Deputy Prime Minister and MOH State Minister visited the Public Health Emergency Operation Center at EPHI, Eka Kotobe Isolation Center and Bole International Airport screening activities and briefed on the COVID-19 preparedness activities
- Daily follow-up meeting led jointly by the MOH state minister and EPHI DG being conducted on daily basis.
- IMS core staffs the daily morning and afternoon briefings conducted
- FETP residents mobilized to support COVID-19 preparedness efforts
- Health desk rearranged at Bole International Airport with engagement of EPHI DG, COVID-19 IM and the Ethiopian Airline Officials
- Detail information requested through MoFA, Embassy, WHO and IHR-NFP concerning the two Ethiopian citizens infected in UAE being reported by different medias



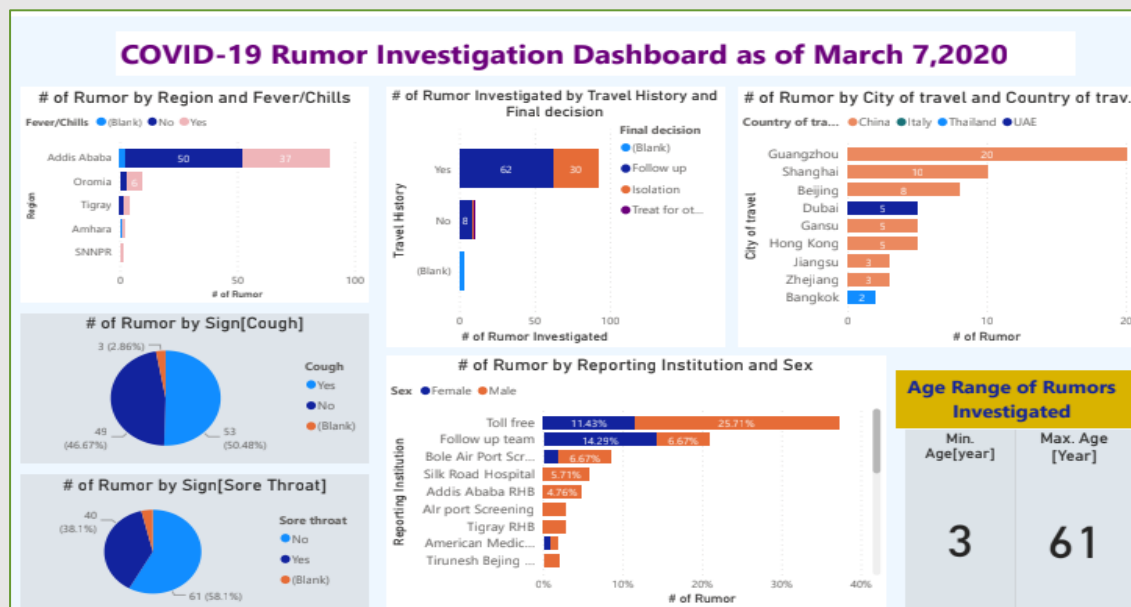
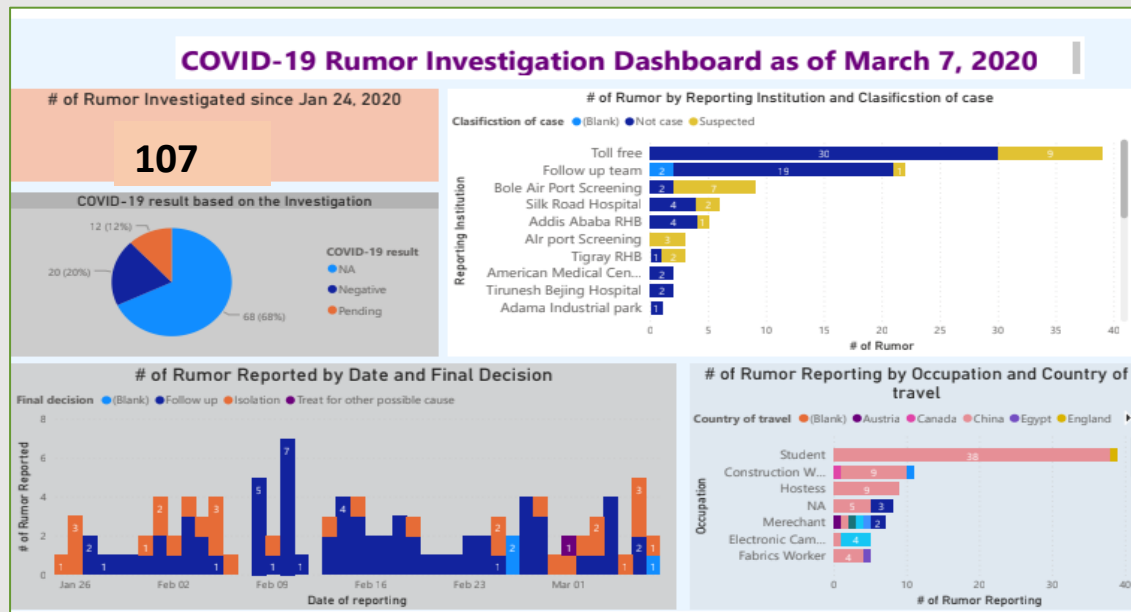
Picture taken during H.E. Deputy Prime Minister and MOH State Minister visit to the PHEOC

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

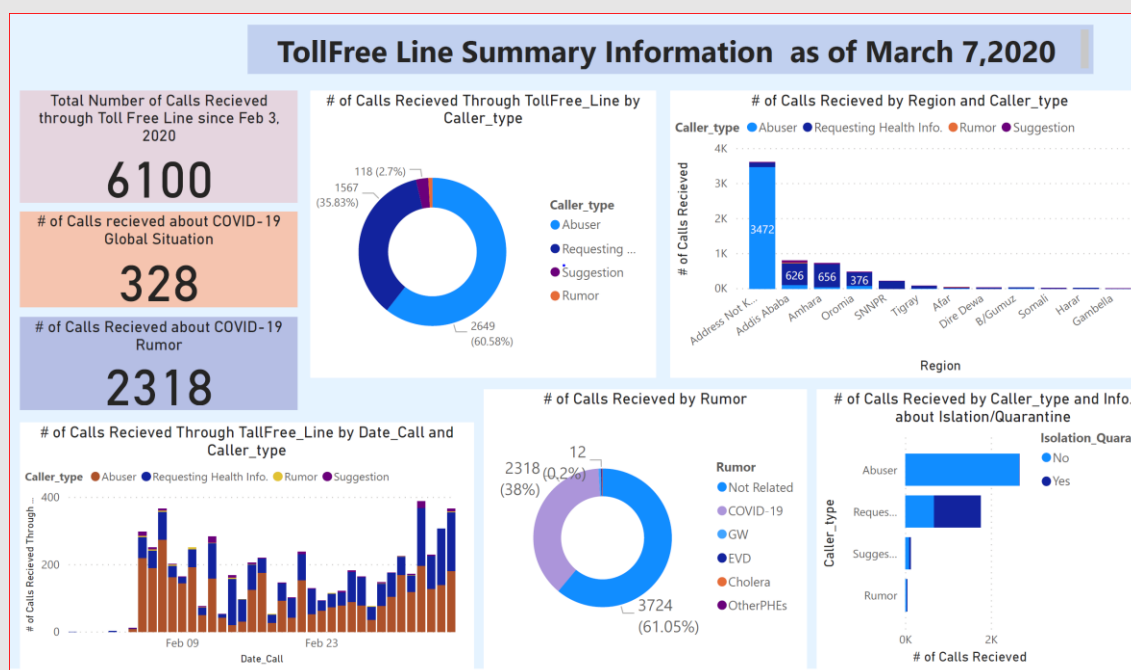
Rumors collection and verification (through 8335 toll-free number and other sources)

- On 7th March 2020, three alert cases reported (one from toll-free line, one from follow-up and the other one from other source). They all fulfilled the suspected case definition and admitted at Bole Chefe Isolation Center. Specimen collected from all the suspects and test result is pending.
- All three of the suspect cases from yesterday tested negative for COVID-19
- As of 07 March 2020, a total of 107 alerts cases have been received and investigated. Of these, 34 have fulfilled the suspect case definition. of these, 31 tested negative and test result pending for the newly admitted three suspects on today.

- As of 07 March 2020; 40 (38%) COVID-19 related rumors received from toll-free (8335), while 22 (21%) rumors reported by the follow-up teams.

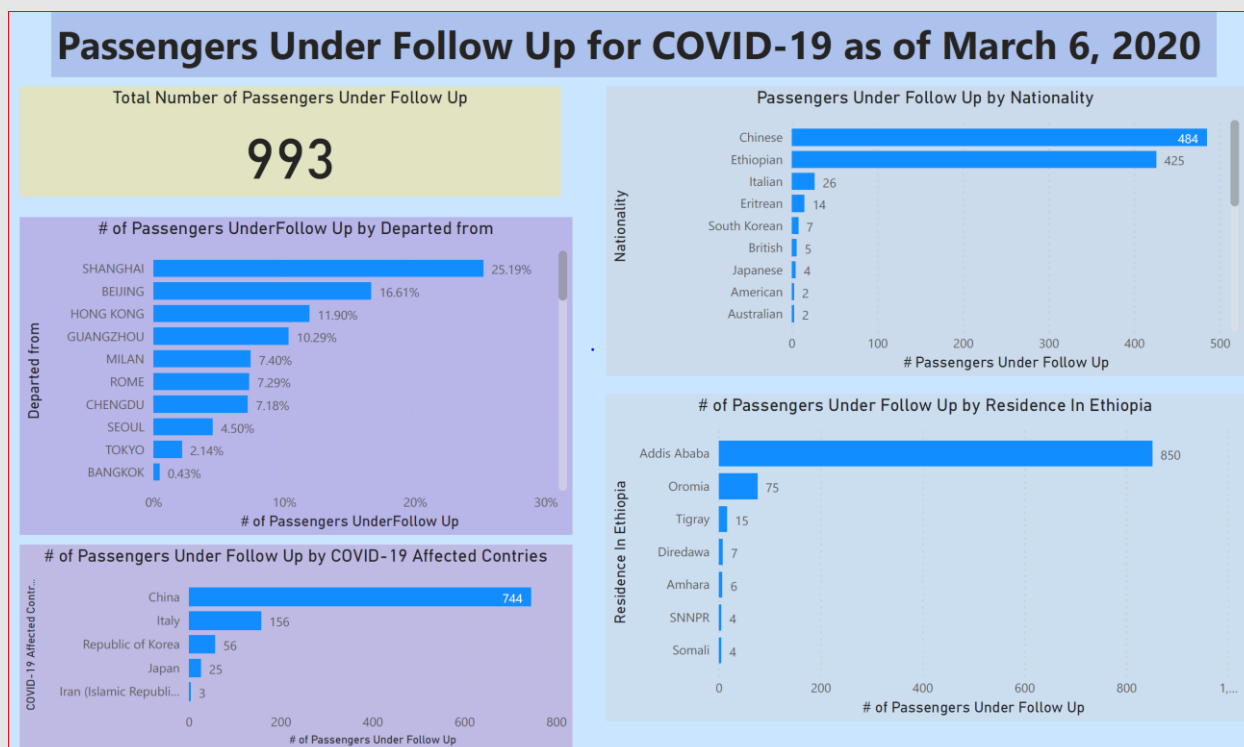


- On 7th March 2020, a total of 367 calls received via toll-free line. Of these, 183 (49 %) were COVID-19 related calls.



Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of the 7th of March 2020:
 - 1021 travelers are under follow-up; 42 travelers are newly enrolled
 - 529 travelers that were under follow-up departed back. Of these, 21 are newly enrolled on today
 - 1,093 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated. Of these, 93 were graduated on today.



PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- On 6th March 2020; 130 travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.

¹ The date is lagging one day back as most of the international flights are at night and the reports are compiled and count on the following date.

- As of 06 March 2020; a total 6,733 passengers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened at Bole International Airport, while there have been no passengers who have travel history to COVID-affected countries identified at the regional POEs screening sites.
- 13-infrared thermometer, travelers health declaration form, and stationary materials provided for the Bole International Airport screening site.
- Health desk (passport checking, form filling and screening place) relocated within the Bole International Airport, which will help to resolve issues of crowd during the peak time and intensify the screening activities.

INFECTION PREVENTION (IPC) AND CASE MANAGEMENT:

- Necessary medical support has provided for the cases admitted on yesterday and turned out negative for COVID-19
- Medical support is being provided for the suspect cases in the isolation centers

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- 28 wireless telephone provided for the follow-up teams
- 40 million ETB transferred to all regions to enhance COVID-19 preparedness
- Award provided for the tender winner hotel to provide catering services for the Eka Kotobe Isolation Center
- Alcohol hand-rub provided for all IMS staffs

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Audio visual spot messages distributed to train stations.
- Press statement prepared and posted on the EPHI social media pages
- Four different key messages developed and posted on the EPHI social media pages

TRAINING AND ORIENTATION RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Full-package of the COVID-19 training for Federal Police and Defense Force Health Department (a total of 70 participants) from different divisions completed.
- Orientation was given for 10 Field Epidemiologist Training Program Residents to be deployed at Bole International Airport screening sites
- Basic Orientation on COVID-19 provided for the EPHI supportive staffs
- Ethiopian Airlines Crew Members orientation continued. A total of 2,362 crews oriented as of today.

REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS:

- Zero report of COVID-19 related alerts received from all regions.

Media scanning:

- COVID-19: Pope Francis cancels public appearances to avoid crowds gathering:
<https://www.euronews.com/2020/03/05/two-more-people-die-from-covid-19-in-france-says-the-country-s-health-ministry>

- First coronavirus vaccine trial in the US is recruiting volunteers: <https://www.livescience.com/us-coronavirus-vaccine-trial-recruiting.html>

8335



Toll-Free Lines
FOR MORE INFO and
ALERT NOTIFICATION on
COVID-19



The above presented Quick Reader (QR) code takes you to a portal that you can access updates and all COVID-19 related information available
(<https://www.ephi.gov.et/index.php/public-health-emergency/novel-corona-virus-update>)

DISCLAIMER

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