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## Highlights

- A drill exercises conducted by Eka Koteba General hospital and St. Paul Hospital Millennium Medical College
- Quick reader (QR) code was generated for easy access of information for foreigners
- A total of 465 travelers under phone follow-up
- A total of 51 rumors investigated. 16 of them fulfill the suspect case definition and tested negative

## Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 globally

As of WHO situation report-24 (Data as reported by 13 February 2020), a total of 46 997 confirmed (1826 new) cases reported globally. Of which, 46 550 confirmed (1820 new) and 1368 deaths (254 new) were reported from China, while 447 confirmed (6 new) cases were reported from other 24 countries. So far only one death was reported outside of China, i.e. from Philippines (for detail information please visit: [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200213-sitrep-24-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=9a7406a4\\_4](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200213-sitrep-24-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=9a7406a4_4))

As of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 10:00 (CET), WHO's Novel corona virus (COVID-19) situation monitoring dashboard indicated, a total of 49,053 confirmed cases and 1,383 deaths with 2.8 % mortality rate were reported. Globally, 25 countries reported confirmed case including China. No new country reported today.

WHO Risk Assessment	China	Regional	Global
	<b>Very High</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>High</b>

Ethiopia has six flight destinations (Cargo and Passenger) in China (Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing, Guangzhou, Nanjing, and Shanghai) and has 35 flights per a week. It is not unexpected that Ethiopia may face the imported cases due to high air traffic.

## Major preparedness efforts in Ethiopia

### Coordination and collaboration

- Regional PHEM staff list and contacts updated
- National Taskforce subcommittee from various sectors met on 13 February 2020 to discuss progress and challenges and put solutions
- PHEOC IMS is on activation and operating to optimize the coordination at national level.
- Working collaboratively with the partners, agency representative, Embassies, hotels and Industrial Parks.
- Strong communication and updating from other countries through IHR-NFPs.
- Technical Working Group (TWG) activities, in which WHO, EPHI, MOH, EPSA, CDC, USAID, IOM, UNICEF and Africa CDC expertise participated, continued to refine the EPRP and proceed with additional scenarios

## Epi and Laboratory Surveillance

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### Rumors collection and verification (8335 toll free and other sources):

- Rumor collection and health education through 8335 toll-free line and media scanning continued
- On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a total of 244 calls were received and 154 of them were COVID-19 related calls.
- Since 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to date, a total of 51 rumors investigated. Of these, 16 of them fulfill the case definition, isolated and tested negative and discharged.
- On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a total of four rumors received and investigated

**Table 1: Number of rumors reported and investigated from different sources**

S. N	Source of rumor	Citizenship	Date of arrival	Place of travel	Symptoms	Fulfill suspect case definition	Action taken
1	Toll-free line	Ethiopian	2/4/2020	Zhejiang, China	history of fever	No	Linked to follow-up
2	Toll-free line	Ethiopian	2/9/2020	Zhejiang, China	only sneezing	No	Linked to follow-up
3	Follow-up team	France	3 weeks ago	Indian	fever and cough	No	Linked to follow-up
4	Follow-up team	Ethiopian	2/11/2020	Zhejiang, China	cough	No	Linked to follow-up

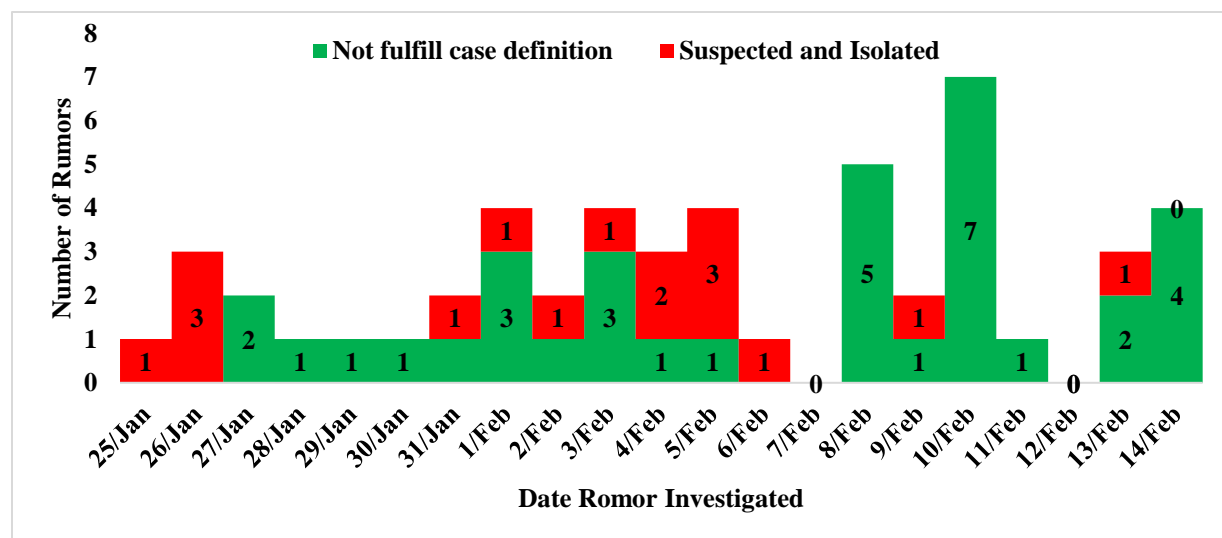


Figure 1: Number of rumors investigated by date, as of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

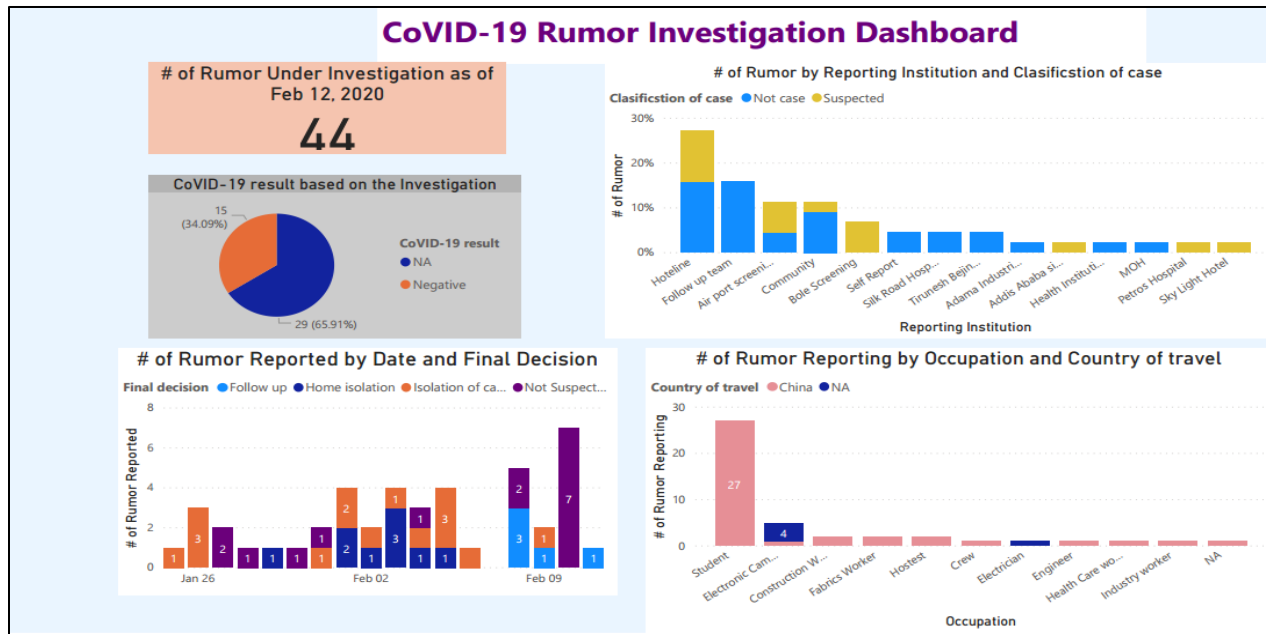
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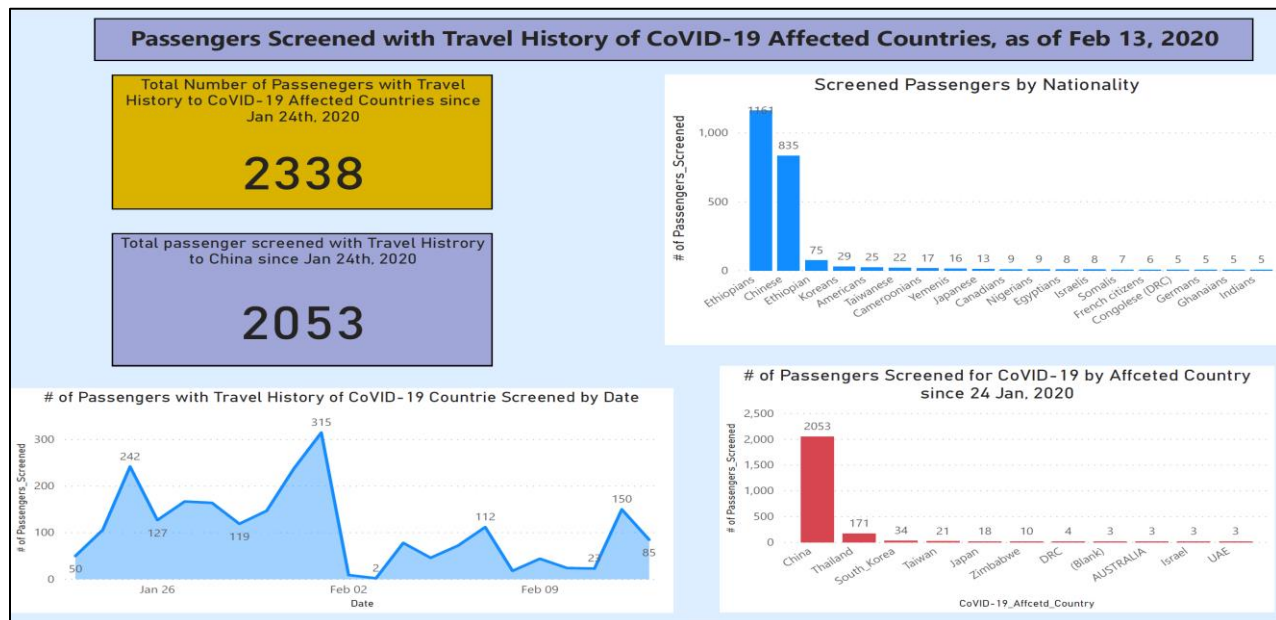
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### Passenger Follow-Up

- As of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a total of 465 travelers under phone follow-up. However, 125 passengers under phone follow-up is either not responding or their provided phone is not reachable

### Passengers screening at PoEs for COVID-19



### Other POEs related activities:

- Action plan for PoEs considering scenario 2 and 3 has developed

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### EPRP finalization related activities

- EPRP refining and costing exercises considering additional scenarios continued by partners and IMS staffs

### Logistics/Supplies related activities:

- PPE is distributed for Ghandi Hospital per the distribution plan
- Alcohol hand rub is provided for Eka Kotebe General Hospital
- Estimation for commodities required for COVID-19 completed

### Isolation and case management:

- A drill exercise conducted at Eka Kotebe General Hospital and St. Paul Hospital Millennium Medical College
- The IPC and Case Management Protocols for COVID-19 has reviewed and ready for printing

### Risk communication:

- Press statement sent for the medias
- Key messages for the day posted on the EPHI social media pages
- Key message & orientation material revision for the airline flight crew member continued
- Business card translated in chine and ready for use
- Materials for roll-up and posters designed and shared for comments



- Pic: Orientation provided for media personnel on risk communication at Adama, Ethiopia, 14th February 2020



- Quick reader (QR) code was generated for easy access of information for foreigners who doesn't have access to Ethio-Telecom network.

### Challenges and gaps:

- Language barrier both for local and foreign languages (French, Arabic).
- The passengers under phone follow-up are either not picking their phone or their provided phone number is not reachable

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## Media scanning:

1. China Says 1,700 Medical Workers Have Been Infected  
(<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/14/world/asia/china-coronavirus.html>)
2. China on Thursday removed the top political leadership in Hubei, the province at the centre of the escalating coronavirus outbreak, shortly after health officials there reported 242 people died from the virus on Wednesday - more than twice the number of the previous day and the highest daily toll since the outbreak began  
(<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/02/china-coronavirus-outbreak-latest-updates-200213001741778.html>)
3. North Korea official suspected of having coronavirus 'shot dead for trip to public baths'. A trade official has reportedly been killed by a firing squad after defying coronavirus quarantine orders in the authoritarian Asian country, while a National Security Agency official was sent to work on a farm for similar offences  
(<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/north-korea-official-suspected-having-21488373>)

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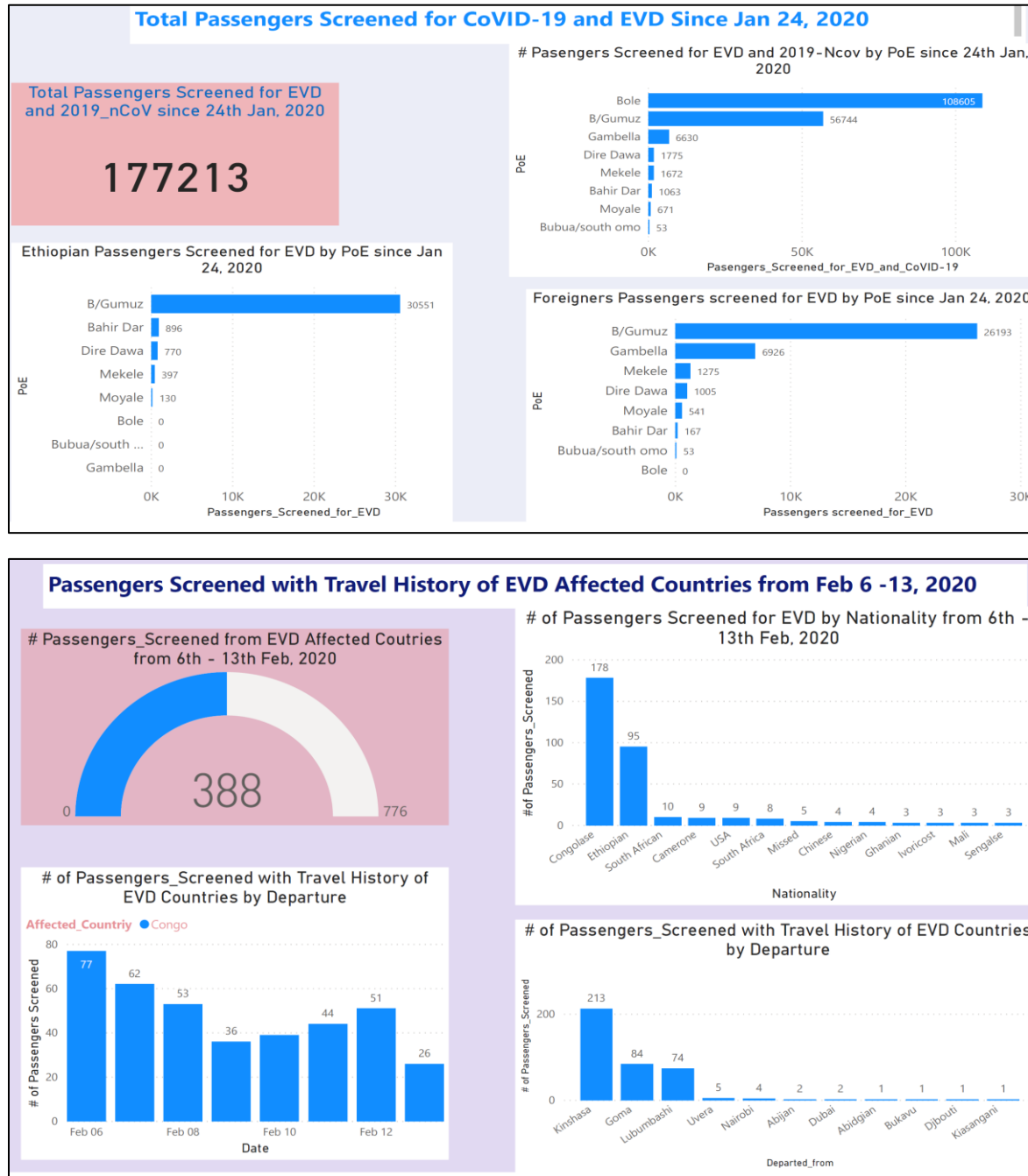
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## Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Preparedness Related Activities Continued



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