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COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- COVID-19 outbreak labelled as pandemic by World Health Organization
- Orientation and discussion forum held with ministries, Sectors and agencies Public Relations personnel and artists
- A total of 924 travelers are under follow-up. 36 newly enrolled on today
- A total of 1,134 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated. 124 newly graduated on today
- 398 COVID-19 related calls were received through the toll-free line

532,234

PASSENGERS SCREENED
ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

7,204

PASSENGERS SCREENED
FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

924

TRAVELERS
UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

136

RUMORS/alerts
RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

55

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

52

SUSPECTED CASES
TESTED -ve

0

TOTAL CASES
CONFIRMED

SUSPECTED CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

TOTAL CASES 118,381	TOTAL DEATH 4,292
80,955 CONFIRMED CASES (IN CHINA)	3,162 DEATHS (IN CHINA)
113 AFFECTED COUNTRIES (OUTSIDE CHINA)	37,426 CASES and 1130 DEATHS (OUTSIDE CHINA)

Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

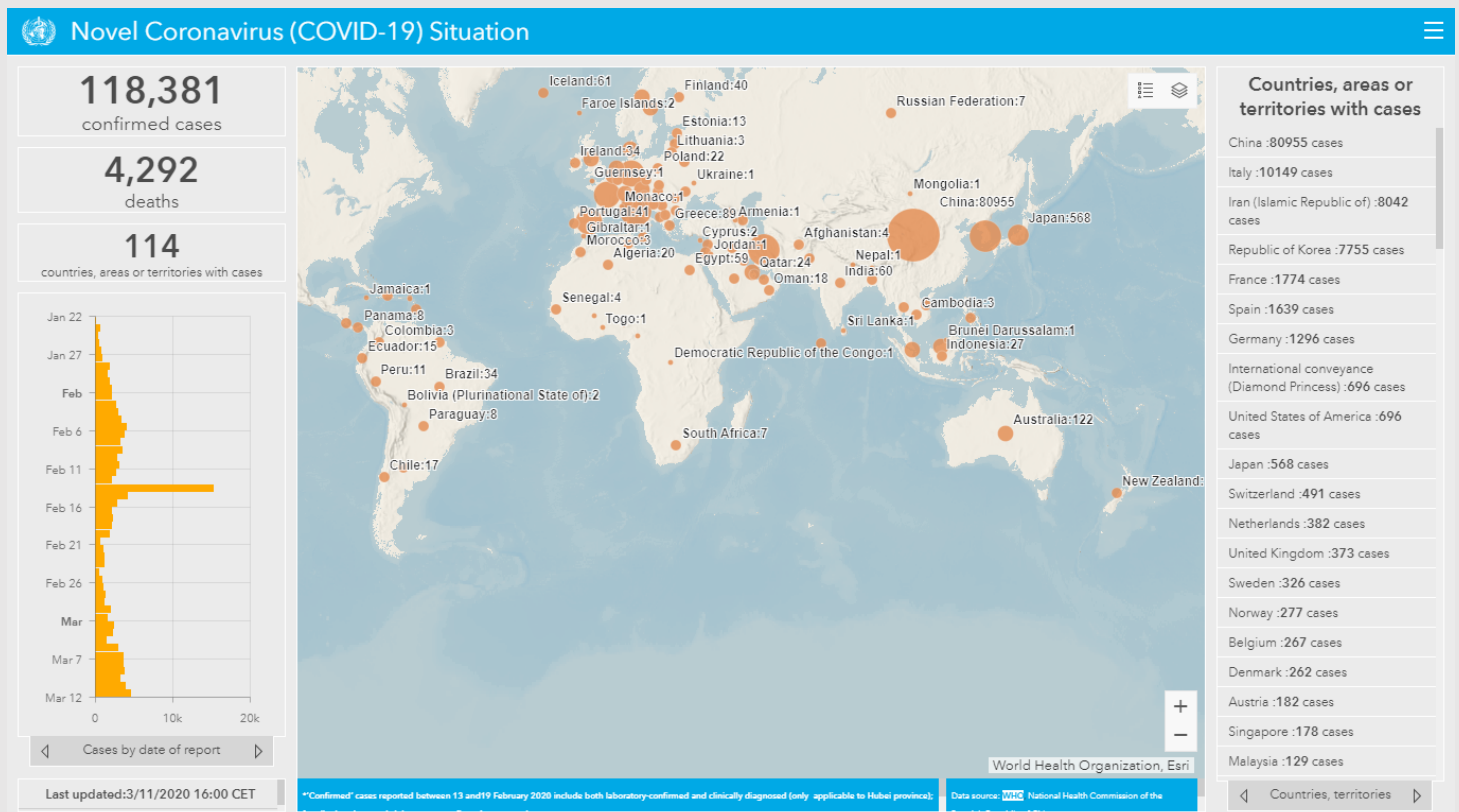
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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

CHINA
VERY HIGH

REGIONAL LEVEL
VERY HIGH

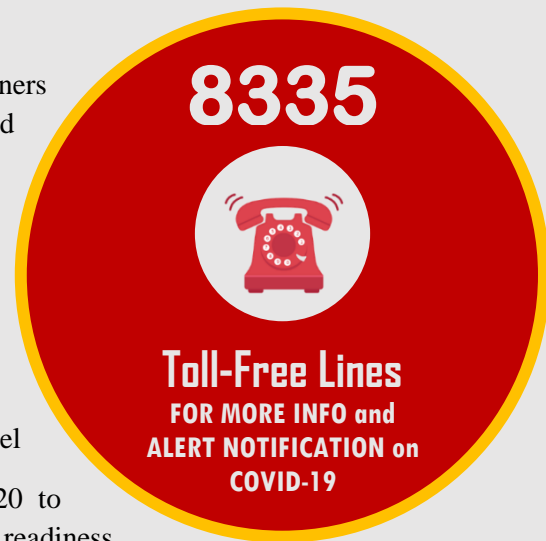
GLOBAL LEVEL
VERY HIGH



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).
 - Minister 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 and China Embassy 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
- 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, and HOPE Project Coordinator on how to support COVID-19 preparedness efforts
- H. E. Deputy Prime Minister, State Minister of Ministry Peace 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 on 7th March 2020

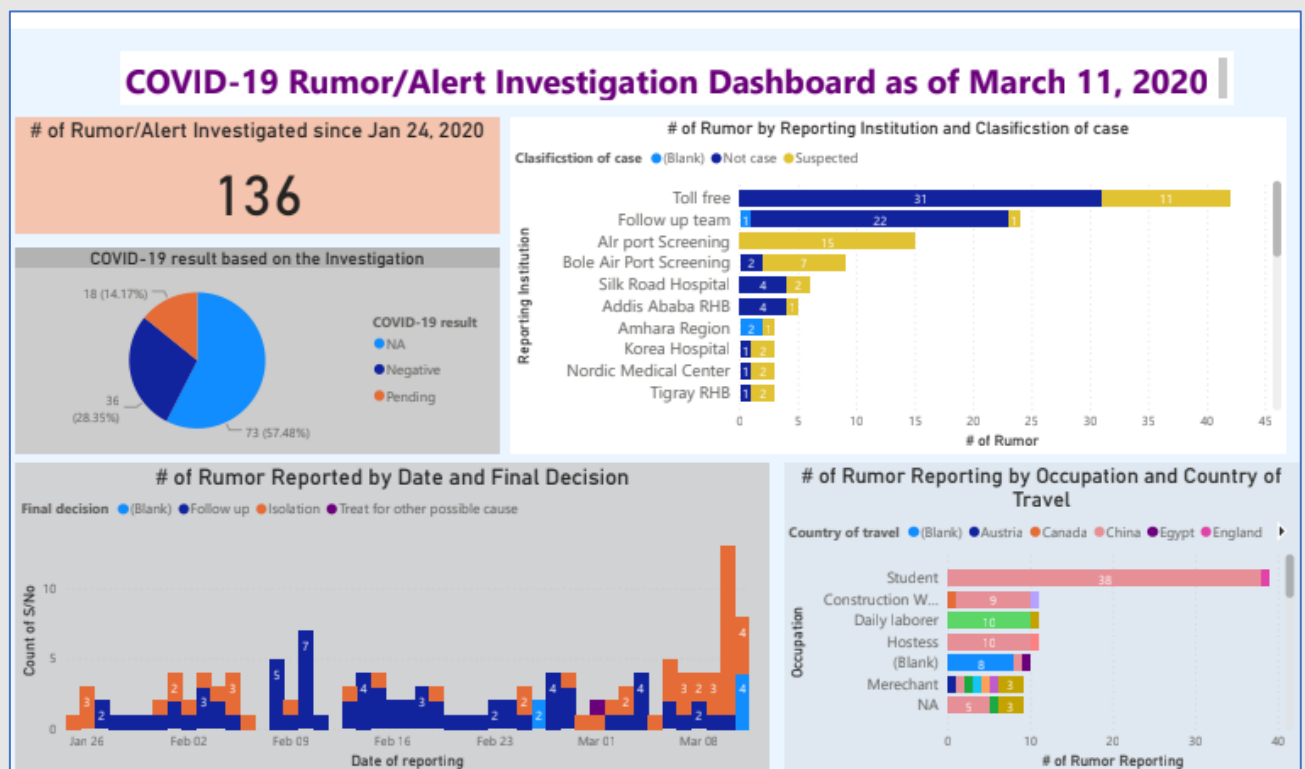
COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

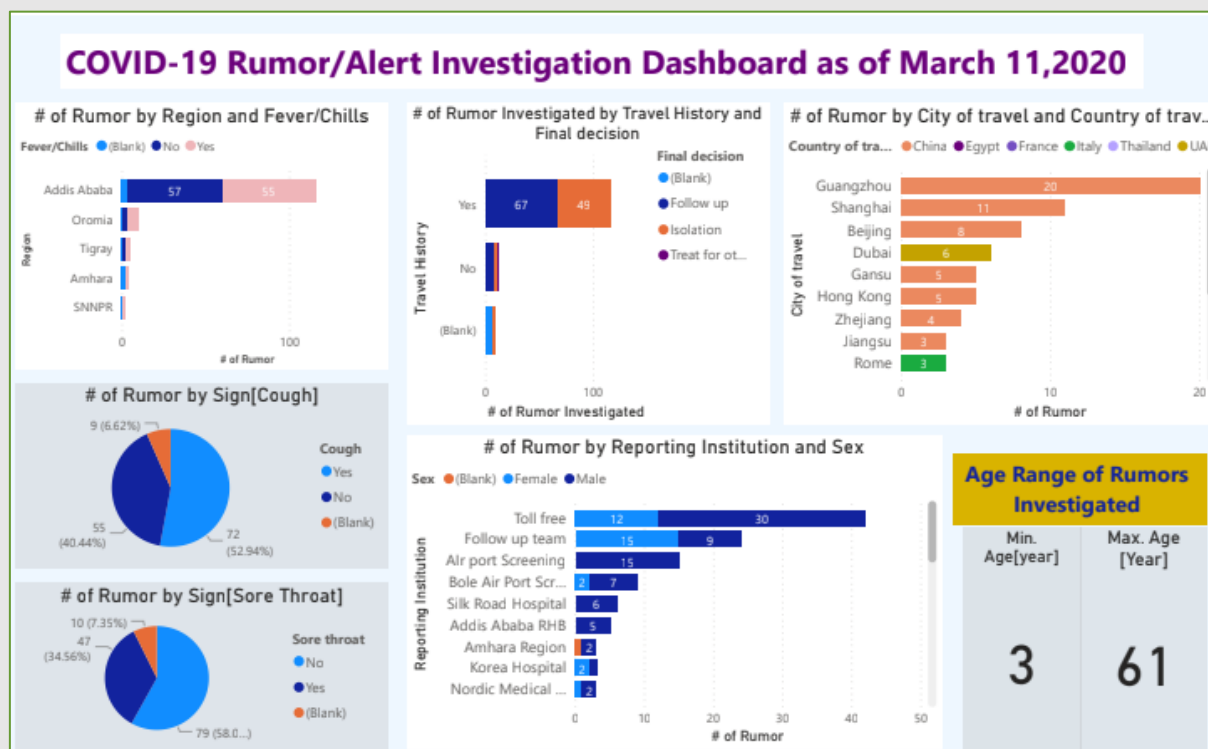
- Daily follow-up meeting led jointly by the MOH state minister and EPHI DG being conducted on daily basis
- IMS core staffs daily briefing ongoing regularly in the morning and afternoon
- Discussion held with the Department for Immigration & Nationality Affairs on how to manage the refugees coming from high-risk countries to Ethiopia.
- Discussion forum held with ministries, Sectors and agencies Public Relations personnel and artists and celebrity individuals to engage them in the preparedness and response efforts

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

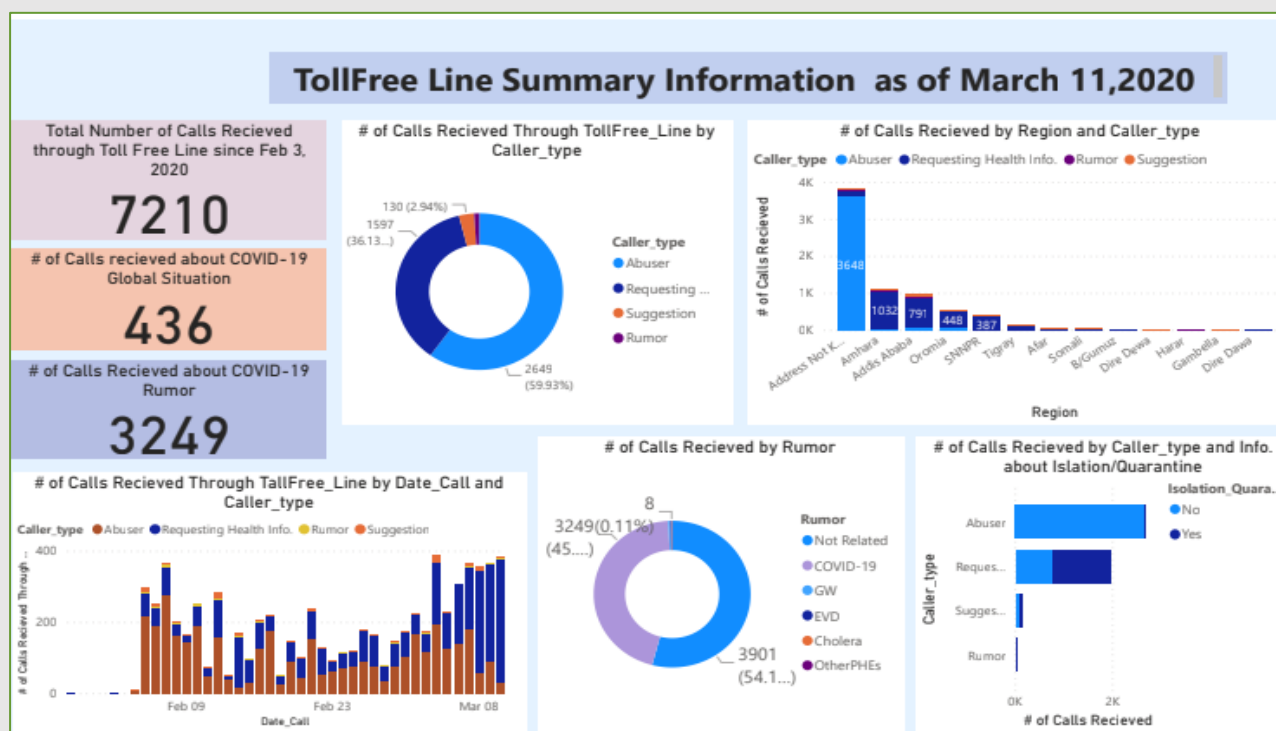
Rumors collection and verification (through 8335 toll-free number and other sources)

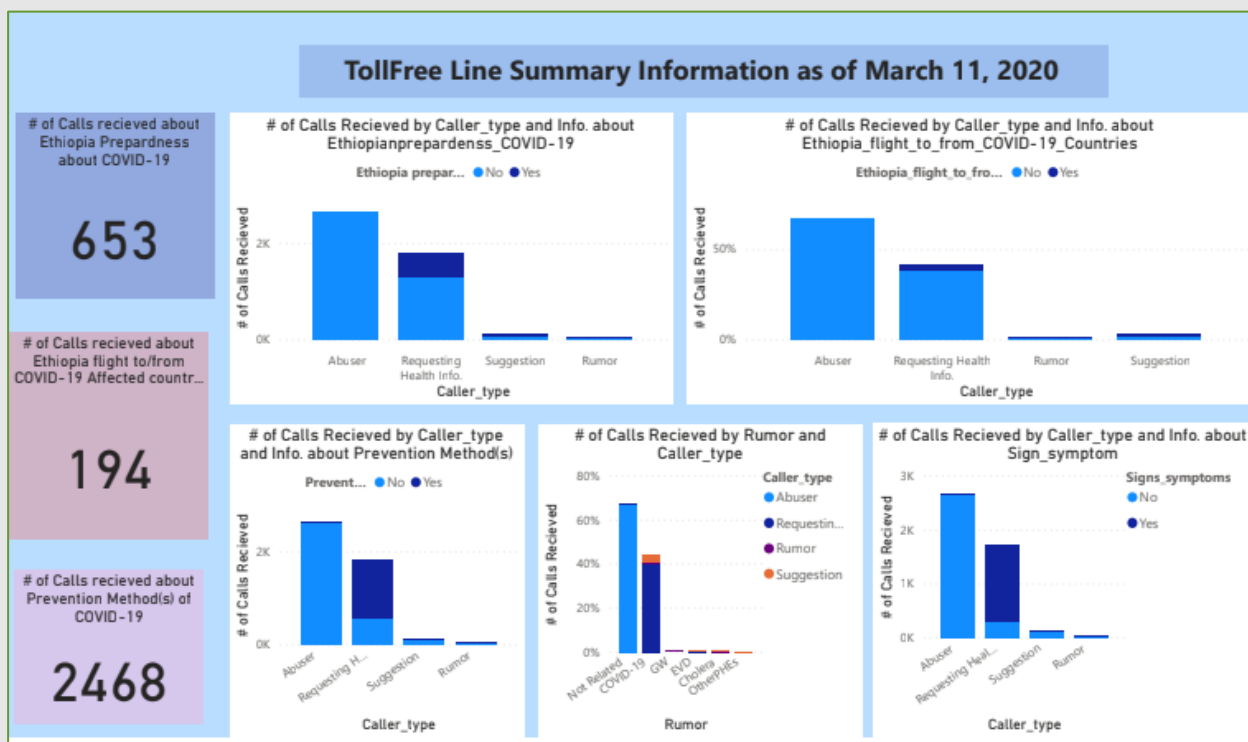
- As of 11 of March 2020, a total of 136 alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 55 have fulfilled the suspected case definition and 52 tested negative and the remaining are under investigation.
- On 11th of March 2020, five rumors/alerts were reported (one each from Tigray and SNNPR regional states, again one each from health facilities and the last one via toll-free line). Of these two fulfilled the suspected case definition, while the rest three are under investigation.





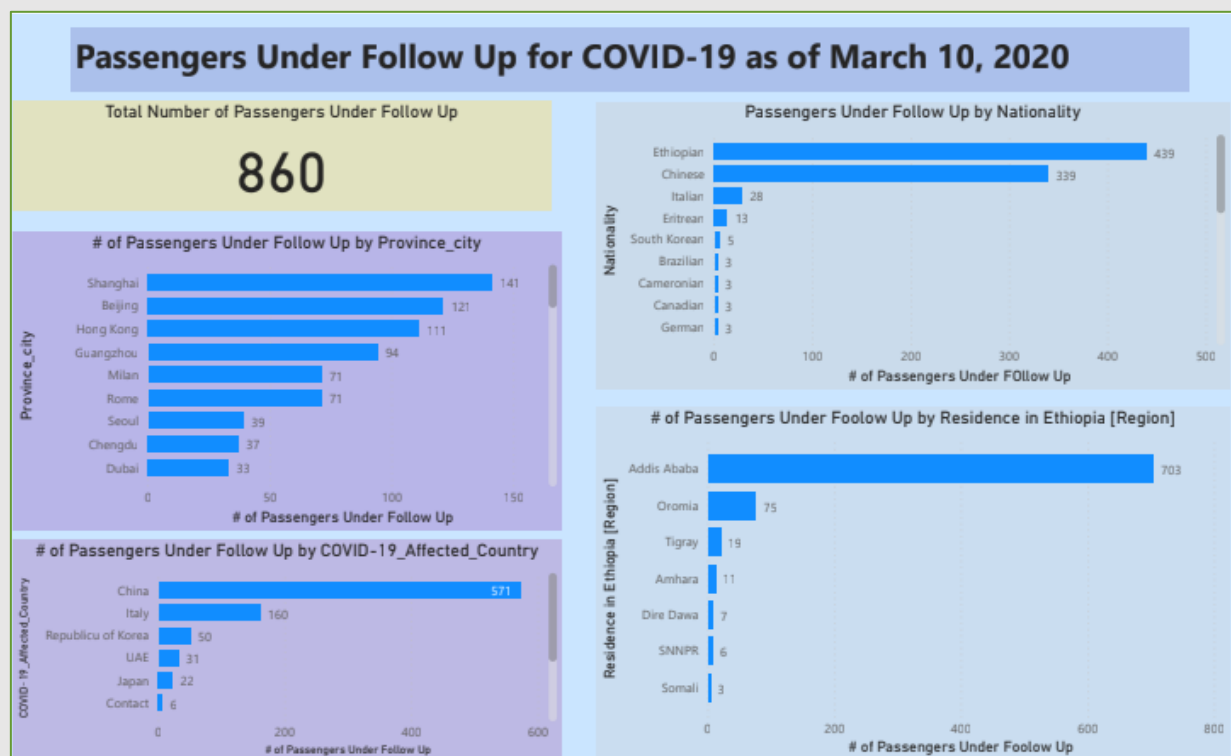
- On 11th March 2020, a total of 411 calls received through toll-free line. Of these, 398 (96.8 %) were COVID-19 related calls.
- A team from EPHI, MOH and Ethio telecom discussed and agreed on the expansion of toll-free 8335 line to be upgraded to call center.



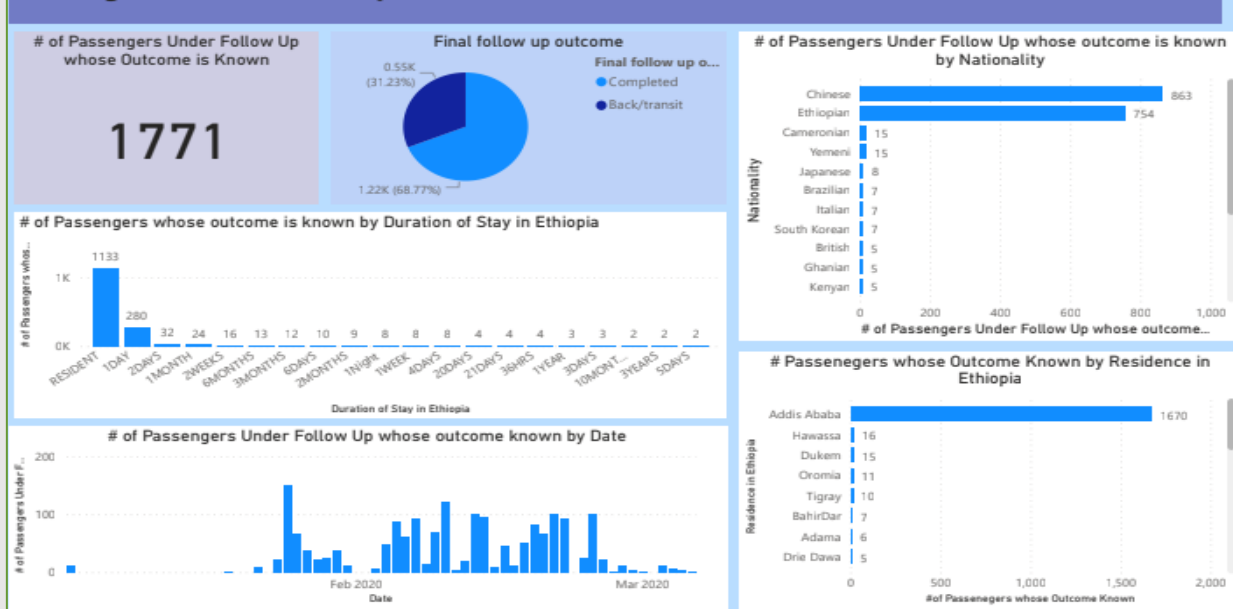


Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of the 11th of March 2020:
 - 924 travelers are under follow-up; 36 travelers are newly enrolled
 - 563 travelers (9 new) that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 1134 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up. 124 travelers graduated from their 14 days follow-up today.



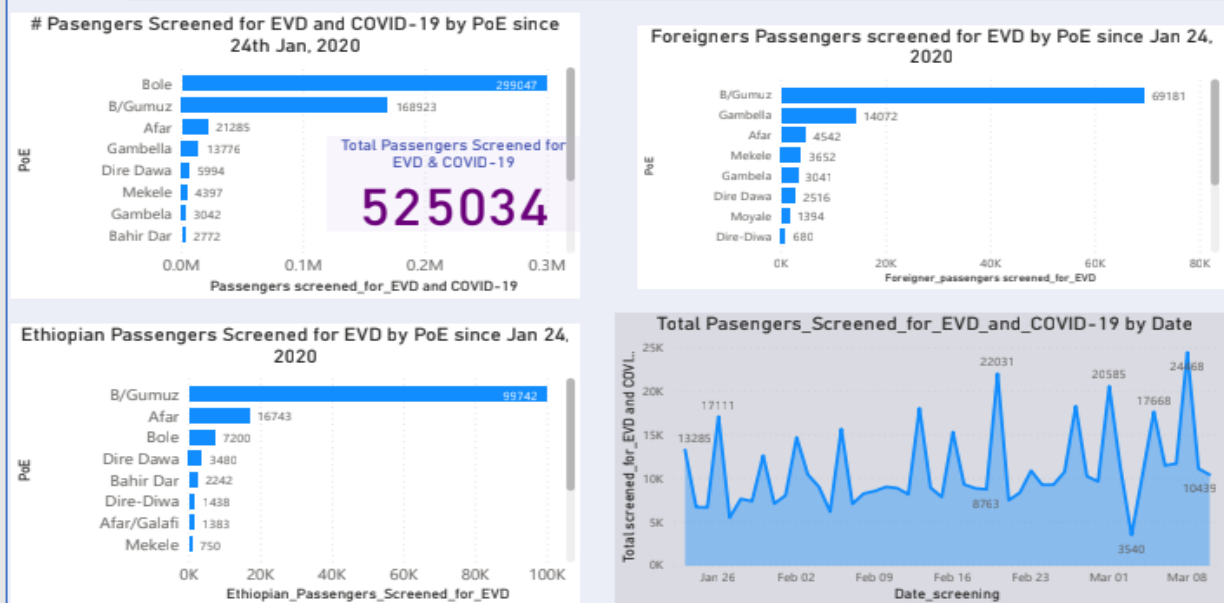
Passengers Under Follow Up for COVID-19 whose Outcome Known as of March 10, 2020



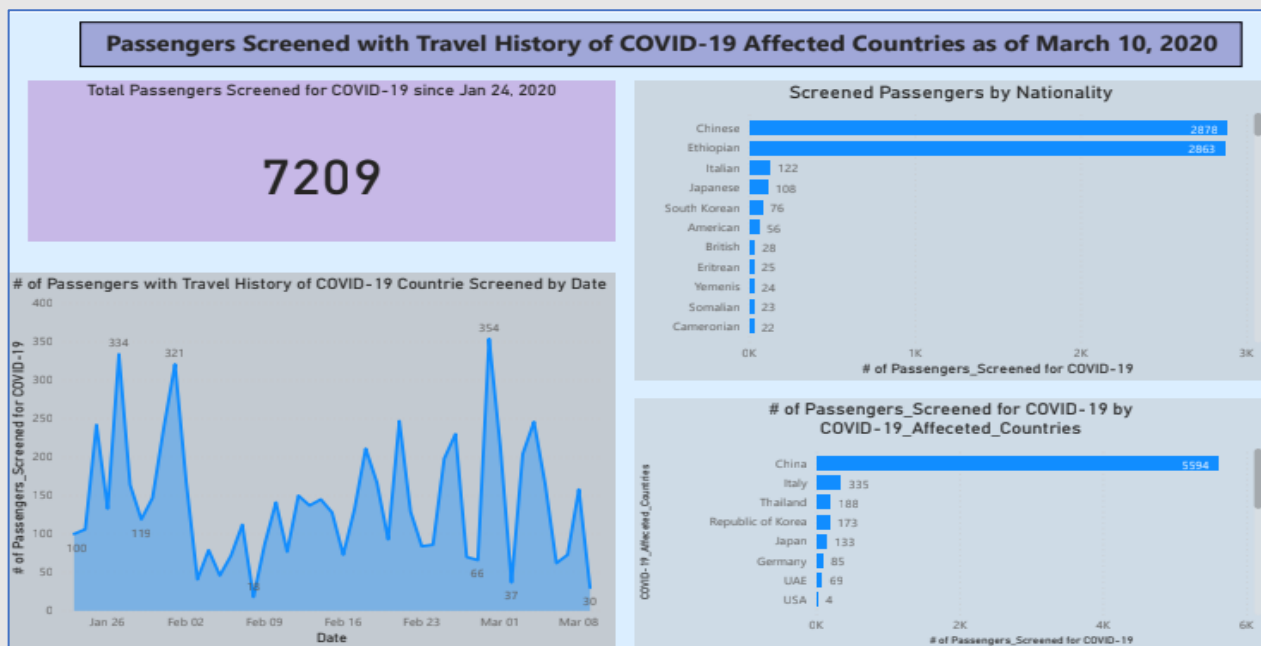
PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- As of 10th March 2020, a total of 7,204 passengers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened at Bole International Airport. There have been no passengers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries identified at screening sites other than BIA.
- On the 10th of March 2020; **91** travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.

Total Passengers Screened for COVID-19 and EVD as of March 10, 2020



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.



OTHER POEs RELATED ACTIVITIES

- The Amharic version of health declaration form developed
- Discussion held with the Department for Immigration & Nationality Affairs on how to manage the refugees coming from high-risk countries to Ethiopia.
- Health screeners and equipment such as infrared thermometer, face mask and eye goggle sent to Lebu Rail way Station to initiate screening activities

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Medical equipment and supplies requested from the donor countries
- An additional 13 FETP residents mobilized from Haromaya University were oriented deployed at BIA screening sites. Recently about 40 FETP residents mobilized and deployed at BIA screening sites to intensify the screening
- Additional ambulance and other vehicles requested from MOH, which helps to increase the number of RRT
- Sign-up of the surge health work force is ongoing
- Vacancy announcement posted by MOH to hire and surge health work force supporting the COVID-19 preparedness and response

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Orientation for artists and influential people provided
- Press conference conducted for various medias
- Orientation provided and discussion held with ministries, Sectors and agencies Public Relations personnel
- A team led by the MOH state minister discussed with artist groups and other celebrity individuals



Pic. Taken from orientation and discussion sessions with ministries, sectors and agencies PR and artists

TRAINING AND ORIENTATION RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Orientation being provided by the Oromia regional state health bureau for 87 journalists
- Full-packages of COVID-19 training cascading by different round continued. A total of 366 health workforce trained as of today.

REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS:

- Alert reported from Tigray and SNNP regional state health bureaus
- Situation report received from Harari region PHEOC

Media Scanning:

- World Health Organization (WHO): "In the days and weeks ahead, we expect to see the number of COVID-19 cases, the number of deaths, and the number of affected countries climb even higher. WHO has been assessing this outbreak around the clock and we are deeply concerned both by the alarming levels of spread and severity, and by the alarming levels of inaction. We have therefore made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic"
- Coronavirus confirmed as pandemic Coronavirus outbreak labelled as pandemic by World Health Organization

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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