

COVID-19 Preparedness Situation Report - 26



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## **Highlights**

- Press conference conducted at presence of 11 media
- 122 passengers who have arrived from COVID-19 affected countries and 38 passengers from EVD affected country were screened.
- 692 (84%) travelers are under follow-up.
- On today 13 passengers were newly enrolled.
- On today, four rumors were received.
- The calibration of Infrared completed today

#### **COVID-19 Globally Situation:**

- Globally: 71, 429 laboratory-confirmed (2062 new) cases reported
- China reported 70,635 laboratory-confirmed (2051 new) cases and 1772 deaths (106 new)
- Outside of China: 794 laboratory-confirmed (111 new) cases and 3 deaths reported from 25 countries.

#### For detail information visit:

- COVID-19 WHO Situation Report 28: <a href="https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200217-sitrep-28-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=a19cf2ad\_2">https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200217-sitrep-28-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=a19cf2ad\_2</a>
- WHO's COVID-19 situation monitoring dashboard: <a href="http://who.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.ht">http://who.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.ht</a> ml#/c88e37cfc43b4ed3baf977d77e4a0667

China Regional Global WHO Risk Assessment Very High High High

Ethiopia has six flight destinations (Cargo and Passenger) in China (Beijing, Chengdu, Chongging, 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**

- The IM Participated and provided briefing on the WHO emergency health cluster
- House of Peoples' Representatives Social Affairs standing committee visited EPHI's Emergency Operation Center and briefed on the Centers activities to prevent the COVID-19 on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- EPHI's PHEOC were activated on Monday 27 January 2020 to optimize the preparedness effort 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.

## **Epi and Laboratory Surveillance**

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

- As of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a total of 62 rumors have been investigated and 17 of them fulfilled suspect case definition tested negative (for detail look at the below Dashboard)
- On today, four rumors were received. Two of them did not fulfill the suspect case definition after investigation and the other two are under investigation.
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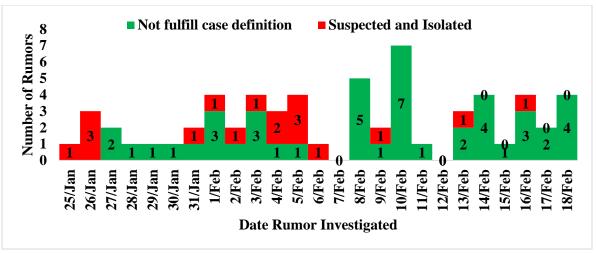
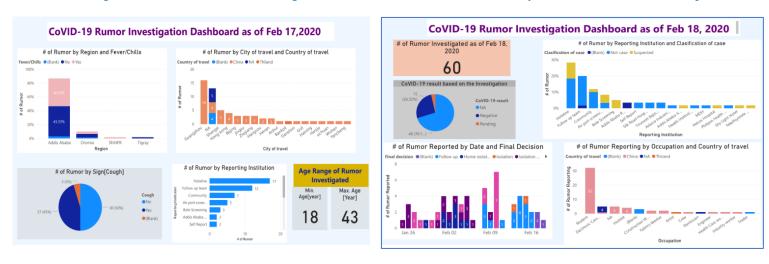


Figure 1: Trend of Rumors investigated for COVID-19, as of 18 th February, 2020, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



#### a) 8335 toll-free line responding

• Today, a total of 146 calls received and 33 (23%) of them were COVID-19 related calls.

## b) Phone Follow-up of travelers from China

- To date (07-18 February 2020), a total of 829 travelers were enrolled for the follow-up. Of these, 13 are new passengers enrolled on today.
- As of today, 692 (84%) travelers are under follow-up, while the remaining 44(32%) travelers were went back and 93(68%) travelers with wrong number
- Out of 697 travelers under follow-up, the follow-up team able to communicate 507 (73%) on today, whereas the remaining 185 (27%) couldn't be reached as a result of the phone is not functional [82 (46%)], registered with wrong phone number [4 (2%)], not responding [92 (50%)] and went back [4(2%)].

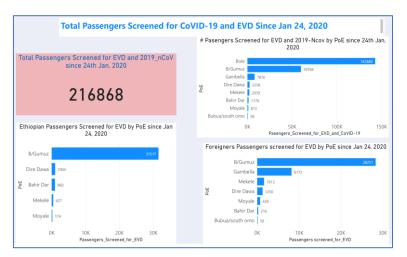
## c) Passengers screening at PoEs for COVID-19 and EVD:

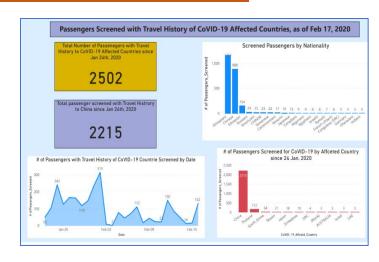
• On the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, 122 passengers who have arrived from COVID-19 affected countries and 38 passengers from EVD affected country were screened.

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## Other PoEs related activities

- Supervision was done at BIA to strengthen and monitoring the screening activities,
- The calibration of Infrared completed today
- Supplies and equipment used for screening activities including infrared thermometer, surgical face mask, eye google, examination gloves, heavy duty gloves, N-95 mask, hand sanitizer, rubber boots, and cover all was received from store by the deployed team to establish new screening site at Galafi land-crossing, Afar region.

## **Isolation and case management:**

- Follow up on Eka kotebe Isolation center sustained
- Readiness assessment checklist both for IPC and Case management team completed

#### **Logistics related activities:**

- 2,778 bottles (100ml each) of hand rub collected from St. Peter Specialized hospital
- Eka Kotebe catering service started today from EPHI café
- Request presented to EPSA for surgical face mask (1m), N-95 (100000), Mechanical ventilator (24), and Examination glove (500 boxes of 50 pcs each)
- Eka Kotebe Isolation Site requested EPSA for medical supplies needs

## **Risk communication:**

- Social media message for rumors on screening process finalized.
- Business card updated and sent for printing.
- Press conference conducted at the presence of 11 medias



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