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Highlights

- Four rumors were investigated. One is isolated at Bole Chefa ETU and three of them found not fulfilled the suspected case definition.
- The alert case isolated yesterday tested negative
- 199 calls received and of these 61 of were COVID-19 related calls.
- 134 passengers arrived from COVID affected countries screened
- 7,550 surgical face masks distributed for the airport staffs

COVID-19 Globally Situation:

- Globally: 50,580 laboratory-confirmed (1527 new) cases
- China: 50,054 laboratory-confirmed (1506 new) and 1524 deaths (121 new)
- Outside of China: 526 laboratory-confirmed (21 new) cases and two death
- 25 countries reported other than China

For detail information visit:

- COVID-19 WHO Situation Report – 26: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200215-sitrep-26-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=a4cc6787_2
- WHO's COVID-19 situation monitoring dashboard: <http://who.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/c88e37cfc43b4ed3baf977d77e4a0667>

WHO Risk Assessment

China

Very High

Regional

High

Global

High

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

- 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.

EPRP Refinement and resource mobilization

- PPE & other pharmaceuticals distribution plan to RHB prepared
- EPSA sent a letter to all regional hub to facilitate distribution
- EPRP refining and cost estimation considering different scenarios continued

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Epi and Laboratory Surveillance

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

- As of 16 February 2020, a total of 56 rumors have been investigated and 17 alert cases have been identified and tested negative. Whereas the rest 39 rumors didn't fulfill the suspected case definition (for detail look at the below Dashboard)
- On 16 February 2020, four rumors were received and investigated. One is an alert case isolated at the Bole Chefa ETU site. The rest three didn't fulfill the suspect case definition. They are advised and assured to stay under follow-up.

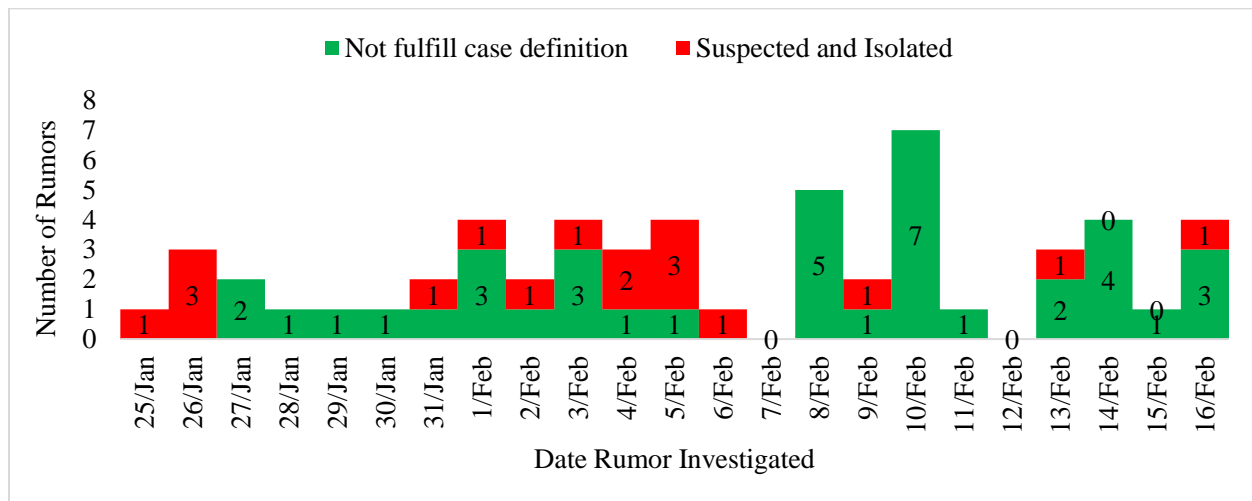
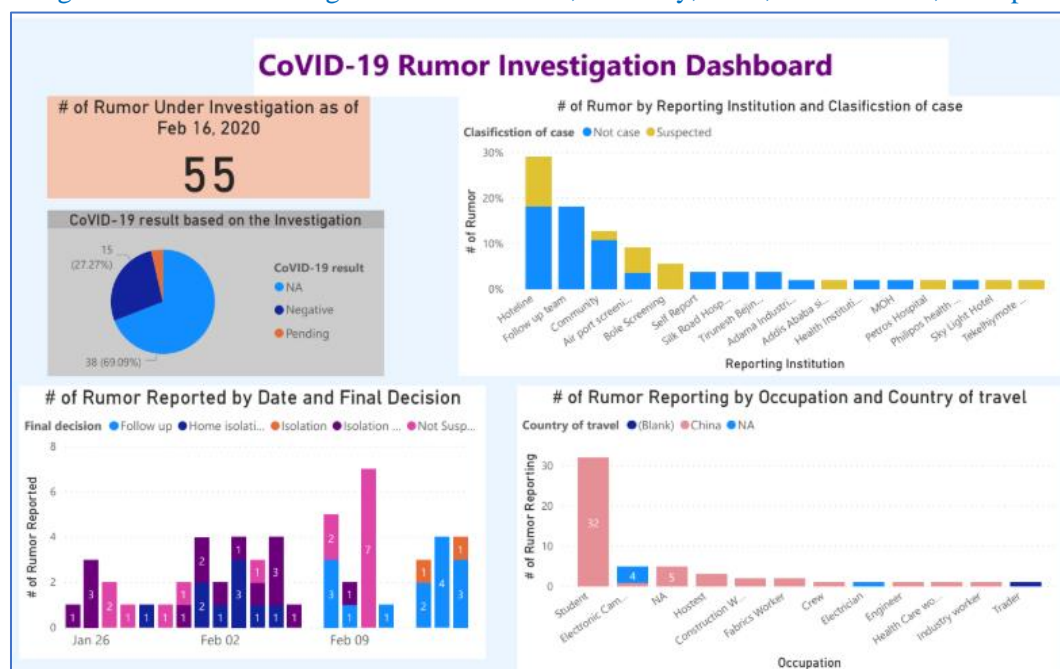


Figure 1: Rumors investigated for COVID-19, February, 2020, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



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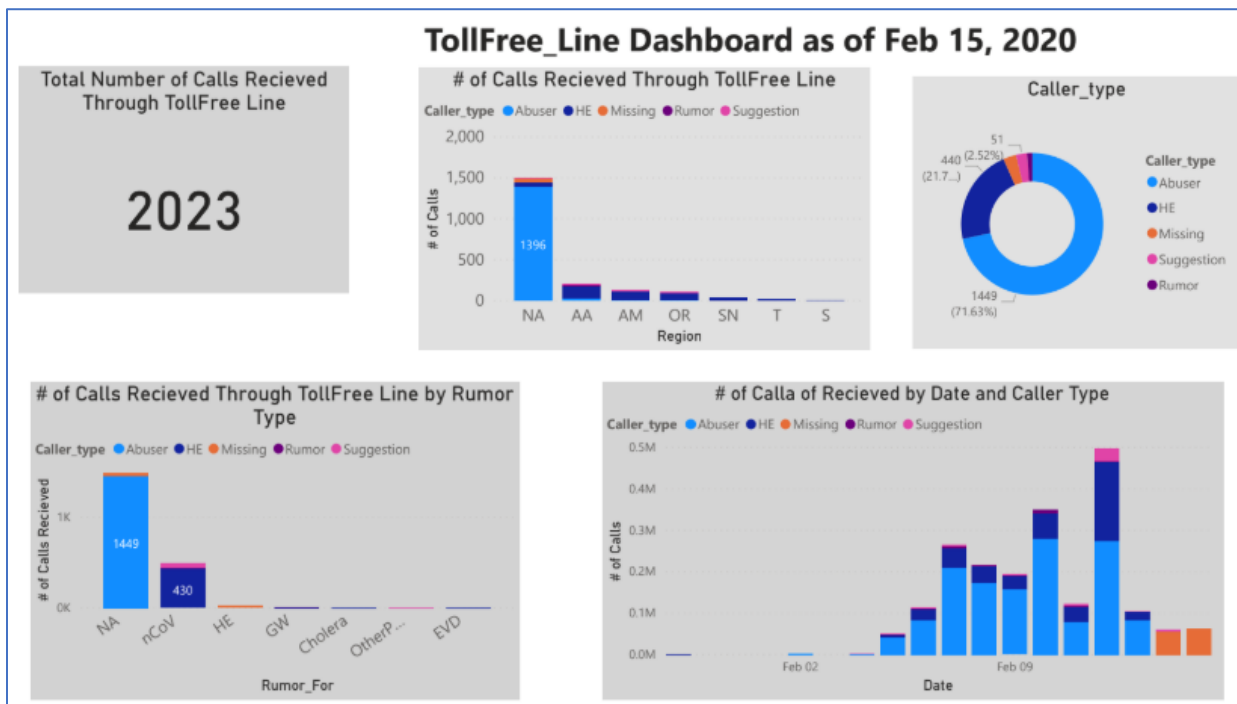
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b) 8335 toll-free line responding

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- One rumor received and linked to the investigation team.



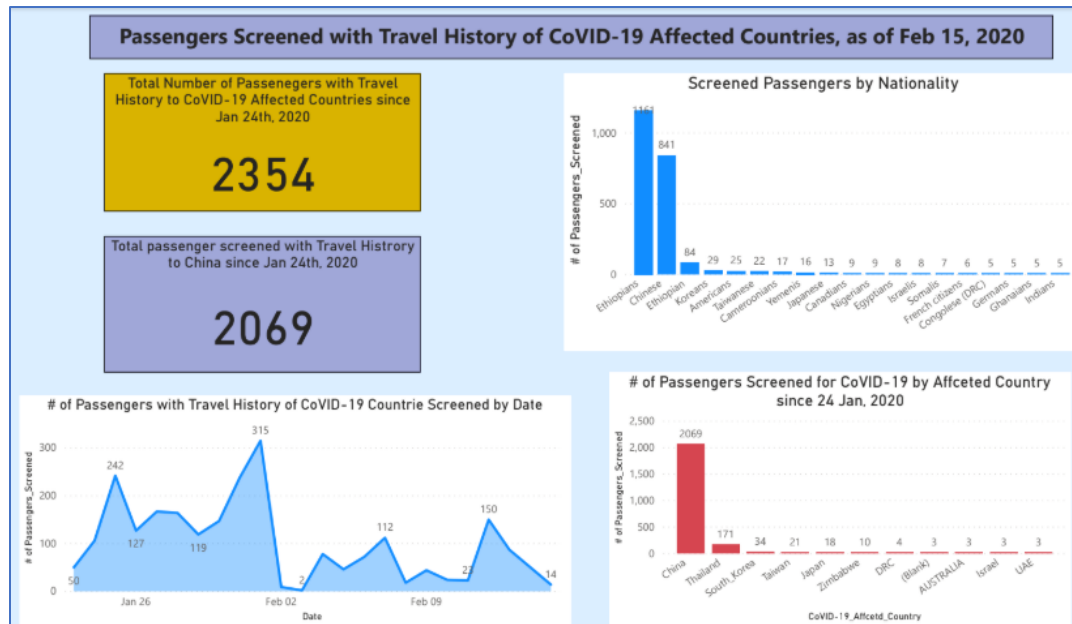
c) Phone Follow-up of travelers from China

- Since 8th February 2020 up to date, a total of 769 traveler's enrolled for the phone follow-up
- As of 15 February 2020, a total of 694 (90%) travelers are under follow-up, 19 were transited back and remaining travelers have not been under follow-up due to not responding and their phone is not reachable on repeated trial.
- One rumor received and linked with the investigation team
- On today there was one traveler having language barrier

Passengers screening at PoEs for COVID-19:

- Today, 134 passengers who arrived from COVID affected countries and 45 passengers who arrived from EVD affected country screened.

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Other POEs related activities:

- Supervision conducted at Bole International Airport during the day shift to strengthen and monitoring the screening activities
- Orientation was given to 60 Bole International Airport staffs during the midnight shift.
- A total of 7,550 surgical face masks that can be used for 10 days distributed for the airport staffs (immigration, NISS, Custom, Ethiopian Airlines, Bank workers, Duty free workers, and hotel workers).

Isolation and case management:

- Checklist to be used to assess health facilities and isolation centers IPC readiness developed.
- Follow-up on the Eka Kotebe General Hospital isolation center has been done
- Eka Kotebe General Hospital rooms layout designed and furniture and equipment arrangement

Logistics related activities:

- PPE and other commodities available stock assessment and need quantification at Bole International Airport and Eka Kotebe General Hospital conducted

Risk communication:

- Health facility key messages are developed and shared for designing.
- Press release was done
- Key messages to airport employees and passenger's refined and shared to be linked with the QR code.

Challenges and gaps:

- Lost to follow up due to non-functional call and unable to respond