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HIGHLIGHTS

- As part of laboratory Quality Assurance System, validation of 45% of the tested samples at EPHI laboratory was also examined at NICD, South Africa lab and the agreement found to be 100%
- 500 reaction reagents for COVID-19 test received from CDC
- The samples collected from two suspects turned out negative for COVID-19
- A total of 974 travelers are under follow-up. 24 newly enrolled on today
- A total of 1,156 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated. 25 newly graduated on today
- 335 (78.6 %) COVID-19 related calls were received through the toll-free line

503,450

PASSENGERS SCREENED
ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

6,943

PASSENGERS SCREENED
FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

974

TRAVELERS
UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

112

RUMORS
RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

36

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

36

SUSPECTED CASES
TESTED

0

TOTAL CASES
CONFIRMED

0

SUSPECTED CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

TOTAL CASES 109,577	TOTAL DEATH 3,809
80,904 CONFIRMED CASES (IN CHINA)	3,123 DEATHS (IN CHINA)
103 AFFECTED COUNTRIES (OUTSIDE CHINA)	28,673 CASES and 686 DEATHS (OUTSIDE CHINA)

Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

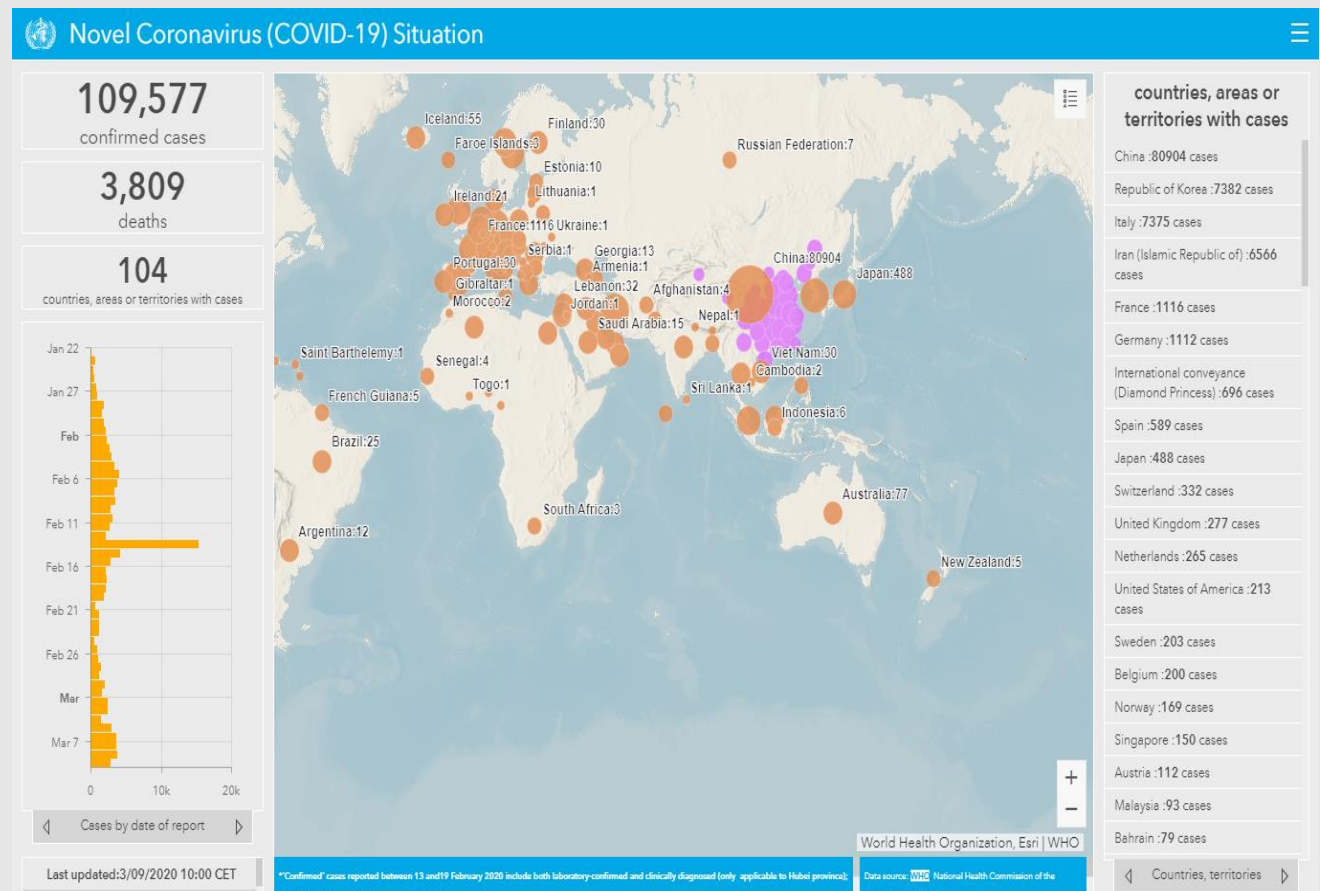
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeeee1b9125cd>

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

CHINA
VERY HIGH

REGIONAL LEVEL
VERY HIGH

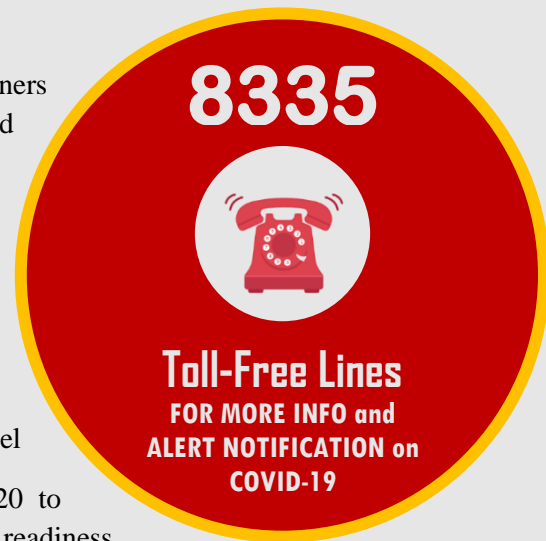
GLOBAL LEVEL
VERY HIGH



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

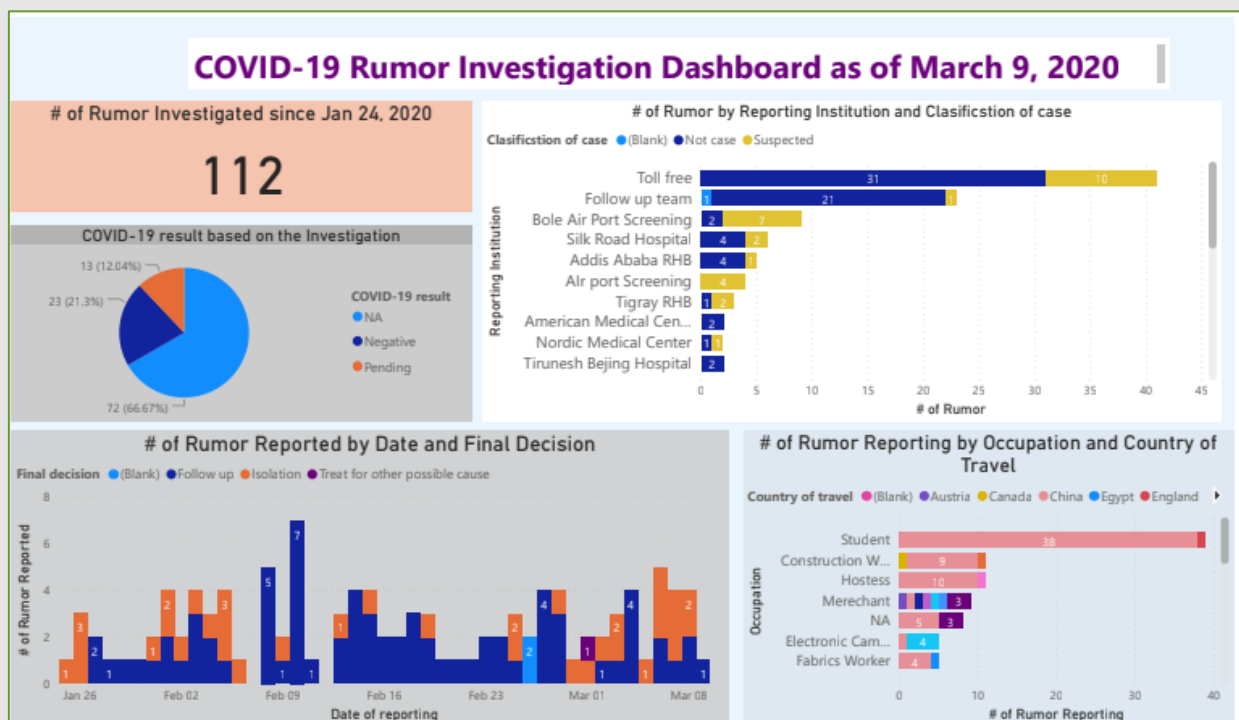
COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

- 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 Ohio State University staffs regarding non-pharmaceutical intervention for COVID-19 prevention

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

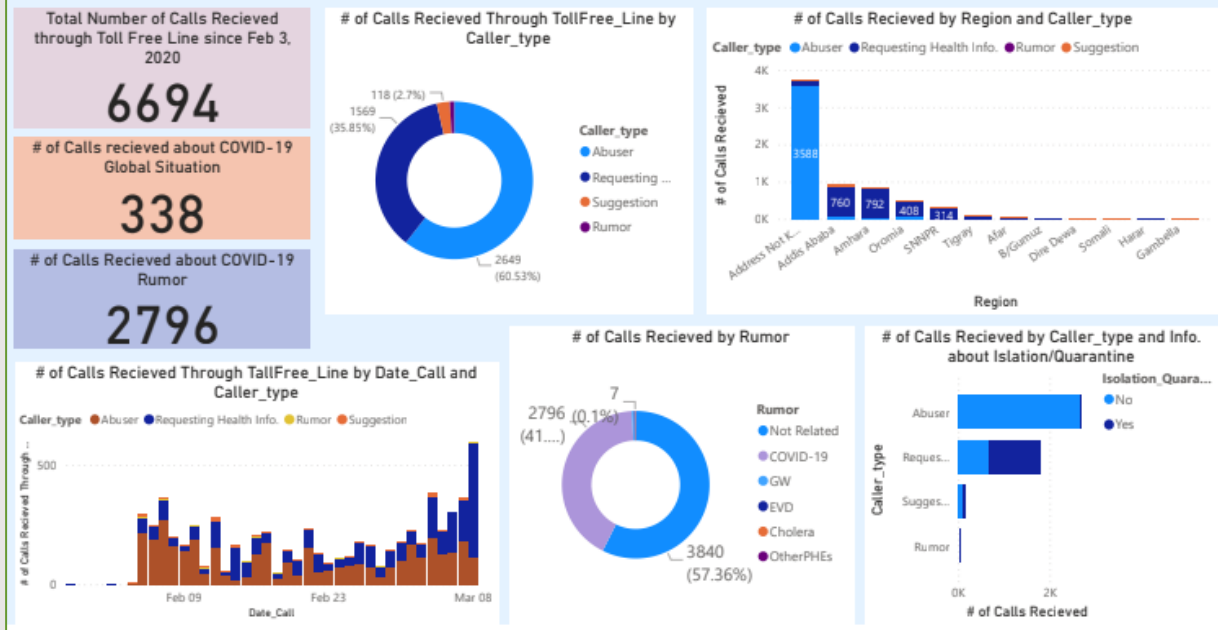
Rumors collection and verification (through 8335 toll-free number and other sources)

- As of 9th of March 2020, a total of 112 alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 36 have fulfilled the suspected case definition and all tested negative.
- On the 9th of March 2020, two alerts were received (one from private health facility and one from follow up). The alert from the follow-up team did not satisfy the case suspected definition, while the alert from private hospital satisfies the suspected case definition and isolated. The isolated suspect case tested negative for COVID-19.



- On 9th March 2020, a total of 426 calls received through toll-free line. Of these, 335 (78.6 %) were COVID-19 related calls.
- Request submitted to Ethio-Telecom to expand 8335 toll-freelines

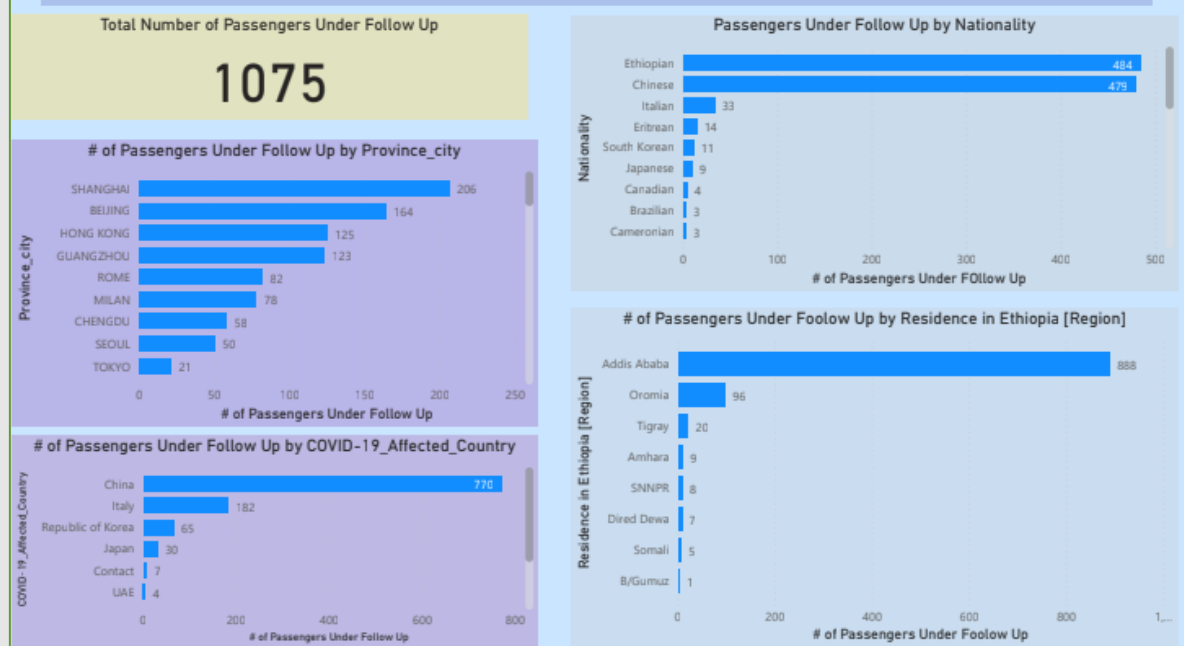
TollFree Line Summary Information as of March 9,2020



Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

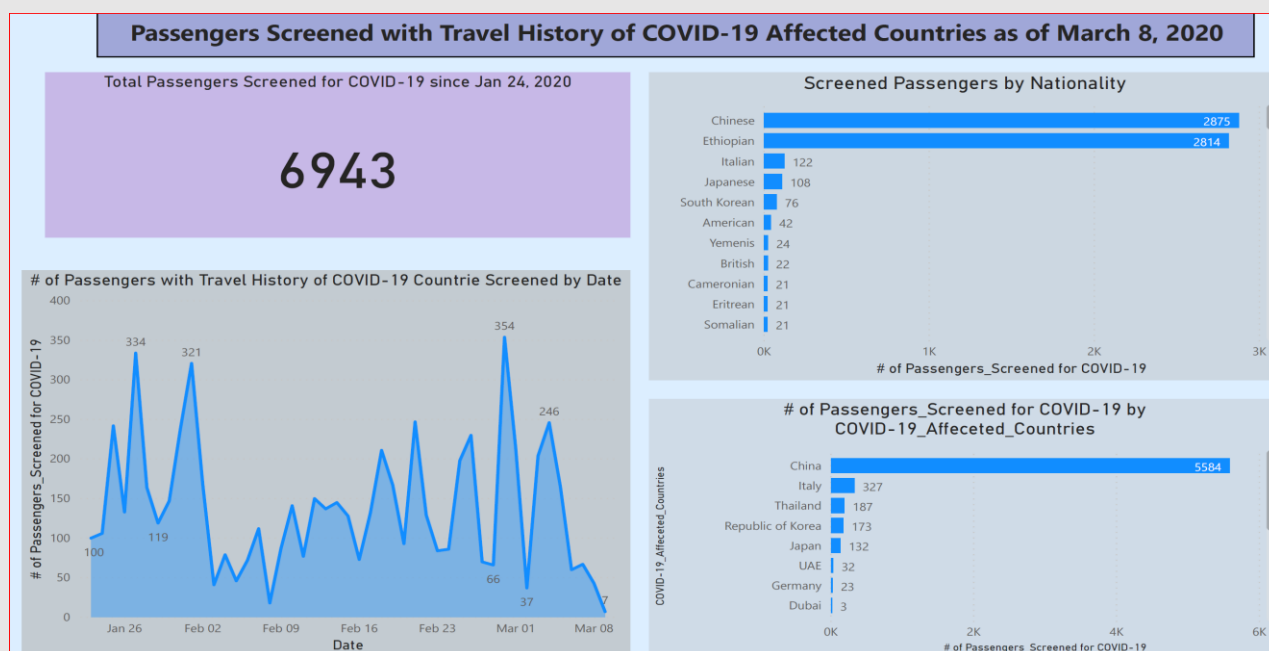
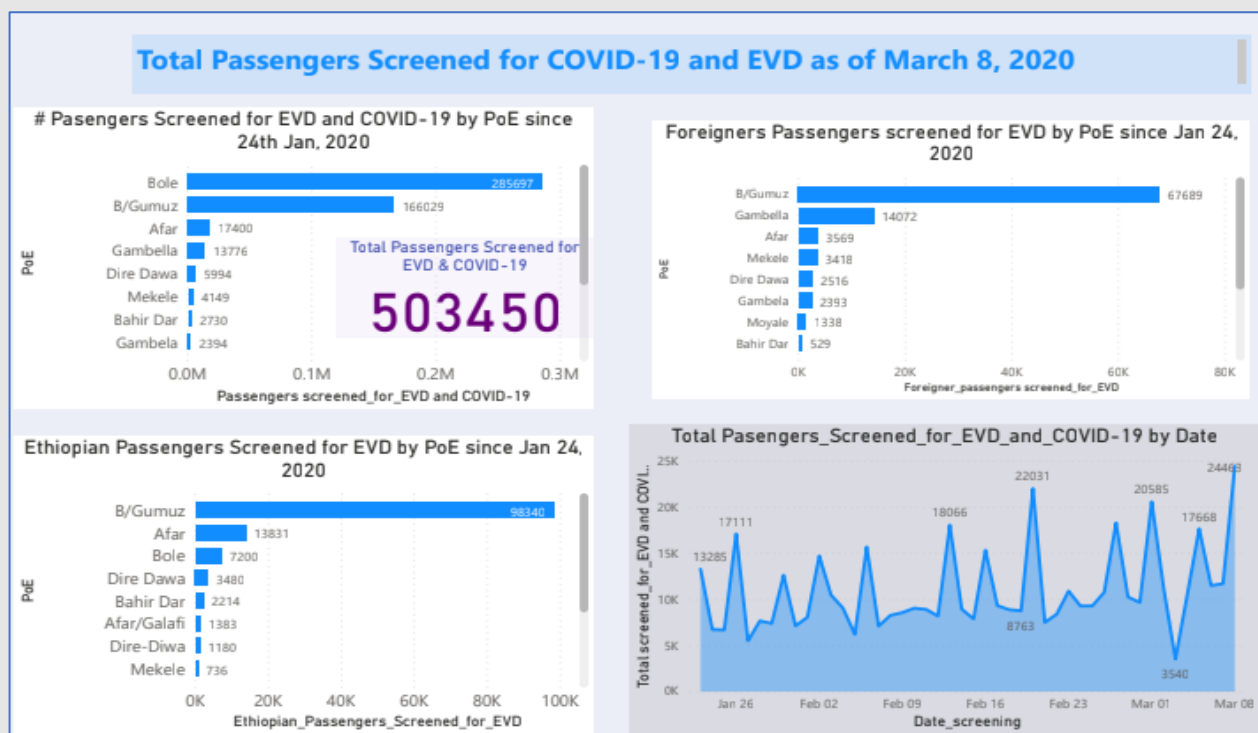
- As of the 9th of March 2020:
 - 974 travelers are under follow-up; 24 travelers are newly enrolled
 - 545 travelers (11 new) that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 1156 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up. 25 travelers graduated from their 14 days follow-up today.

Passengers Under Follow Up for COVID-19 as of March 8, 2020



PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- As of 08 March 2020, a total 6,943 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 8th of March 2020; 34 travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.



- Orientation provided for the newly assigned health screeners at BIA screening sites
- Heavy duty copier and additional desktop computers for ODK work, tables and chairs were provided for BIA

LABORATORY

- As part of laboratory Quality Assurance System, validation of 45% (i.e. number of samples tested both at EPHI and NICD/total samples tested at EPHI) of the tested samples at EPHI laboratory was also examined at NICD, South Africa lab and the agreement found to be 100%

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.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC):

- Eka Kotobe isolation centers readiness reassessed
- Stock status inventory conducted and supplies replenished to Eka Kotobe Isolation Center

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- 500 reaction reagents for COVID-19 test received from CDC
- Surge staffs (including FETP residents) mobilization strategy for COVID-19 response is ongoing.

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Risk communication and community engagement revision and alignment finalized

TRAINING AND ORIENTATION RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Onsite orientation conducted for Best western Plus Hotel staffs
- Orientation session for new staffs deployed in the PHEOC IMS structure ongoing
- Ethiopian Airlines Crew Members orientation completed
- Training cascading by the Addis Ababa City Administration ongoing

REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS:

- Rumor reporting (including zero rumor reporting) continued from all regions
- Situation report received from Addis Ababa City Administration, Harari region and Amhara regional state PHEOC
- Regional COVID-19 readiness level checklist completed and submitted by Tigray, Somali and Amhara regional states

Media / WEB scanning:

- How will country-based mitigation measures influence the course of the COVID-19 epidemic? – The Lancet. Individual response to COVID-19 ‘as important’ as government action – Imperial College London: <https://linksmedicus.com/news/novel-coronavirus-latest-articles-09-february-2020/>

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>)

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