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### Highlights

- House of Peoples' Representatives Social Affairs standing committee visited EPHI PHEOC
- Orientation given for 14 public relation personnel from different sectors
- Necessary supplies provided to Dire Dawa Airport, BIA and Eka Kotobe Isolation Center
- Two rumors were received
- 109 passengers arrived from COVID-19 affected countries screened
- 484 travelers were communicated
- 165 calls received (from 8335 hotline) today
- 72 COVID-19 related calls received through 8335-toll freeline

### COVID-19 Globally Situation:

- Globally: 51, 857 laboratory-confirmed (1278 new) cases reported
- China reported 51,174 laboratory-confirmed (1121 new) cases and 1666 deaths (142 new)
- Outside of China: 683 laboratory-confirmed (157 new) cases and 3 deaths (1 new) deaths reported from 25 countries.

### For detail information visit:

- COVID-19 WHO Situation Report – 27: [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200216-sitrep-27-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=78c0eb78\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200216-sitrep-27-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=78c0eb78_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
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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

- 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
- 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a total of 58 rumors have been investigated and 17 alert cases have been identified and tested negative. Whereas the rest rumors didn't fulfill the suspected case definition (for detail look at the below Dashboard)

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- On today, two rumors were received. The first rumor who was received through the 8335-toll freeline was an Ethiopian who has arrived on 27 January 2020 from Bangkok, Thailand. The rumor was investigated and didn't fulfill the suspect case definition.
- The second rumor was reported by Addis Ababa RHB, from Silk road hospital. The case is under investigation by the EPHI and Addis Ababa RHB teams.

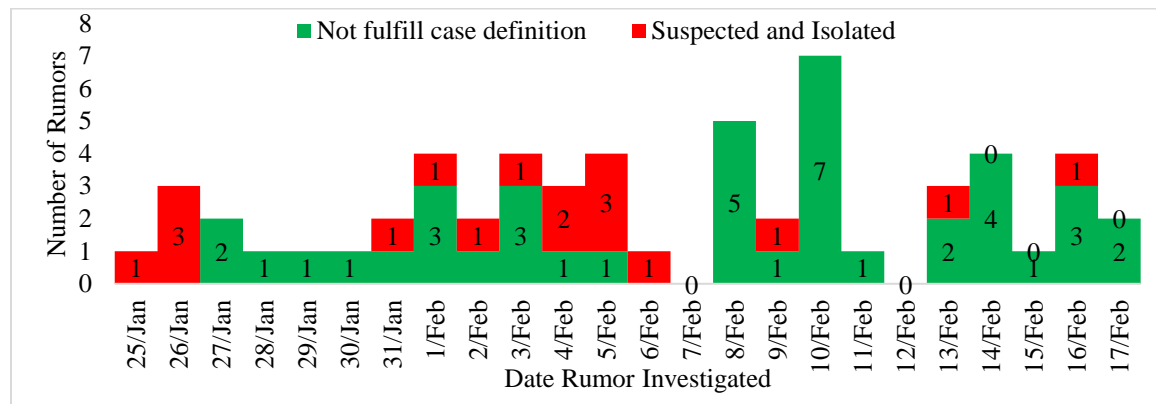
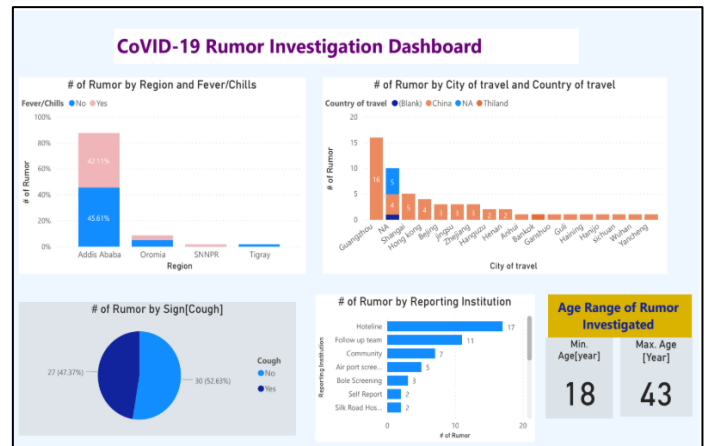
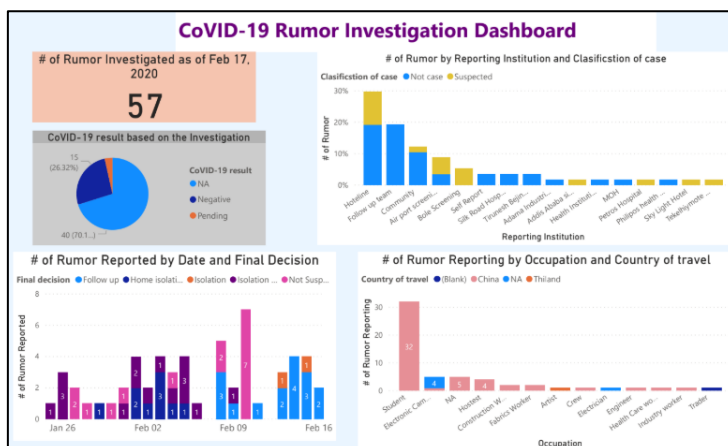


Figure 1: Trend of Rumors investigated for COVID-19, as of 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



### a) 8335 toll-free line responding

- Today, a total of 165 calls received. Of them, 72 (44%) were COVID-19 related calls and One rumour was received and linked to investigation team.

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

- To date (8-17 February 2020), a total of 818 travelers were enrolled for the follow-up. Of these, 55 are new passengers enrolled on today.
- As of today, 697 (85%) travelers are under follow-up, while the remaining 121(15%) were either lost to follow-up<sup>1</sup> or departed back.

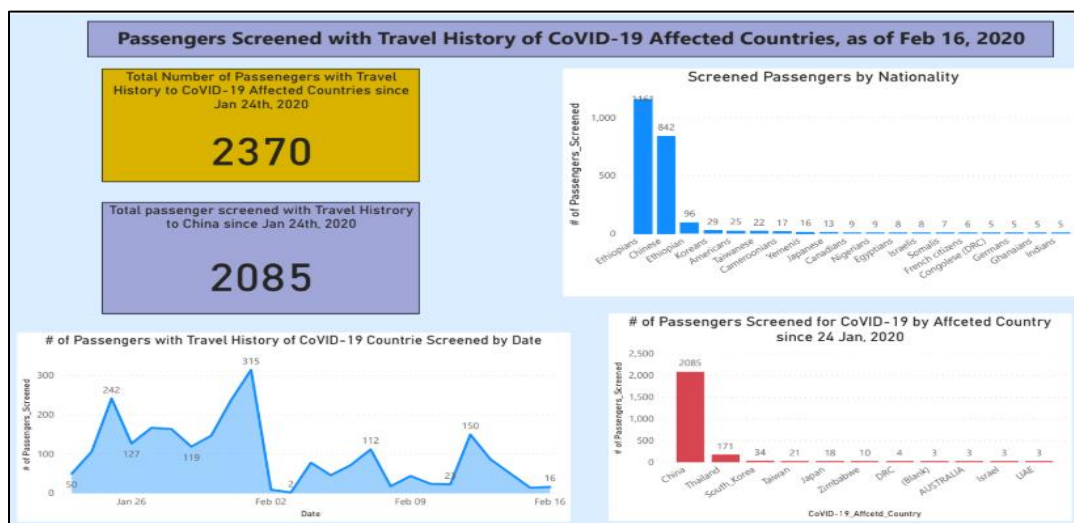
<sup>1</sup> The repeatedly unable to reach out or the phone is not working for two consecutive days

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- Out of 697 travelers under follow-up, the follow-up team able to communicate 484 (69%) on today, while the remaining 213(31%) were couldn't be reached as a result of the phone is not functional [94 (44%)], registered with wrong phone number [15 (7%)], not responding [99 (46%)] and went back [5(3%)].

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

- On the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, 109 passengers who have arrived from COVID-19 affected countries and 65 passengers who have arrived from EVD affected country were screened.



### Isolation and case management:

- Team continued follow-up on Eka Kotebe Isolation Center
- ICU is properly located at Eka Kotebe Isolation Center
- Cleaners are oriented,

### Logistics related activities:

- 2000 Surgical mask was sent for Dire Dawa International Airport screening activities.
- Five cartons (50 pcs each) of examination gloves, 50 bottles (130 ml each) of alcohol-based hand rub provided for Bole International Airport
- Emergency supplies (such as Adrenalin, Hydrocortison, Dopamine and Ceftriaxon) and PPEs availed to Eka Kotebe Isolation Center.
- 15 scrub suit, one box paracetamol, six pair heavy duty glove, 50 surgical mask, 20 N-95 is provided for Eka Kotebe Isolation Center
- Meeting halls booked for the Emergency Medical Association (EMA) annual conference participants training on the coming Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020
- Food supply agreement for Eka Kotebe acquired and service will be starting soon
- Staff management & Roster updating continue.

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### Risk communication:

- Orientation given on COVID-19 for 14 public relation personnel from MOA, HOF, MOASHE, MINI, OFAG, OMBUDSMAN, EFCCC, MOE, MOCT, MOTR, HOPR and MOA.
- Message advising the incoming passengers on self-isolation, self-protection and health seeking behavior drafted and sent for design at Ethiopian airlines.
- Message on the process of screening and quarantine was developed

### Challenges and gaps:

- Lost to follow up due to non-functional call and unable to respond
- Unable to receive the complete traveler's information on time



*Pic 1: House of Peoples' Representatives Social Affairs standing committee visit*



*Pic 2: Orientation provided for 14 public relation personnel from different government Sectors*