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COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Three new COVID-19 cases identified and the total number of confirmed cases raised to nine. All of them are on medical care and those who have been in contact with the case are identified.
- The national COVID-19 task force members have convened and discuss with the FRDRE Prime Minister
- Ethiopian Airlines has suspended flight to around 30 countries; all travelers entering into Ethiopia from any country are obliged to be quarantined for a period of 14 days at the hotel with their own expense.
- 18 new rumors /alerts were received. Of these, nine of them fulfill the suspected case definition
- About 254 contacts of the confirmed cases have been identified

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

645,017

PASSENGERS SCREENED
ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

11,096

PASSENGERS SCREENED
FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

1735

TRAVELERS
UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

260

RUMORS/Alerts
RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

128

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

9

TOTAL CASE
CONFIRMED

254

Contacts of the confirmed cases

17

SUSPECTED CAUSES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL CASES 209,839 | TOTAL DEATH 8,778 |
| 647 CONFIRMED CASES (IN AFRICA) | 16 DEATHS (IN AFRICA) |
| 168 TOTAL AFFECTED COUNTRIES | 36 AFFECTED COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES IN AFRICA |

Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

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

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. Different layer so coordination platform revitalized and the PHEOC is working collaboratively with various agency representative, Partners, Embassies, hospitality sector, Industrial parks and others. There is strong communication and updating from other countries through IHR-NFPs. The sub-national level is well engaged in the preparedness and response efforts. Joint regular media briefing sessions are being conducted.

COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

- PHEOC operationalization and coordination optimized by the staffs surged from various government sectors/agencies and partners to enhance COVID-19 preparedness and response activities
- Daily briefing of the IMS core staffs and agency representative being conducted on daily basis
- The national COVID-19 Task Force members convened and discussed with the FDRE PM and passed the following discussions:
 - All international travelers should be under mandatory for 14 days with designated hotels with their own expenses
 - Flight from and to more than 30 countries should be suspended
- The Ethiopian Red Cross Society allocated 20 million ETB to support COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES

- As of March 20, 2020, three additional confirmed cases reported. The total number of confirmed cases increased to nine. They are currently on medical care at the pre-designated isolation facility.

Contact tracing and follow-up:

- So far, a total of 254 contacts are identified and are being under follow-up.
- A total of six individual among the close contacts of the confirmed case became symptomatic. Of these four tested positives which are among the currently existing confirmed positive cases.
- About 200 samples collected from the contacts of the confirmed cases tested negative for COVID-19.

Rumors collection and verification from all sources

- Today, 18 new rumors/alerts received from all sources. Of these, 9 alerts fulfilled the suspected cases. So far, 260 rumors/alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 128 rumors/alerts have fulfilled the suspected cases.

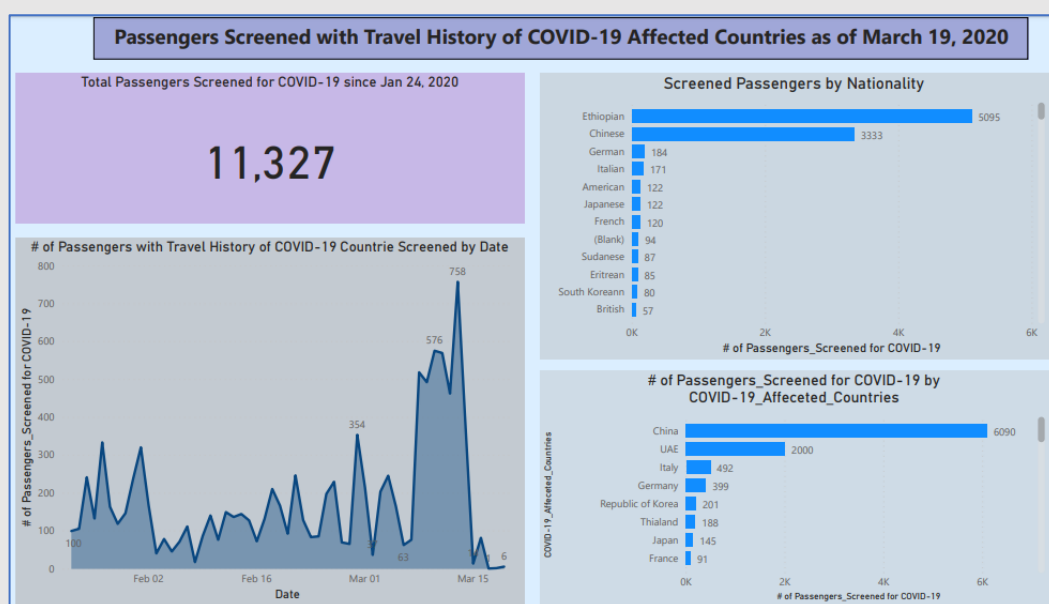
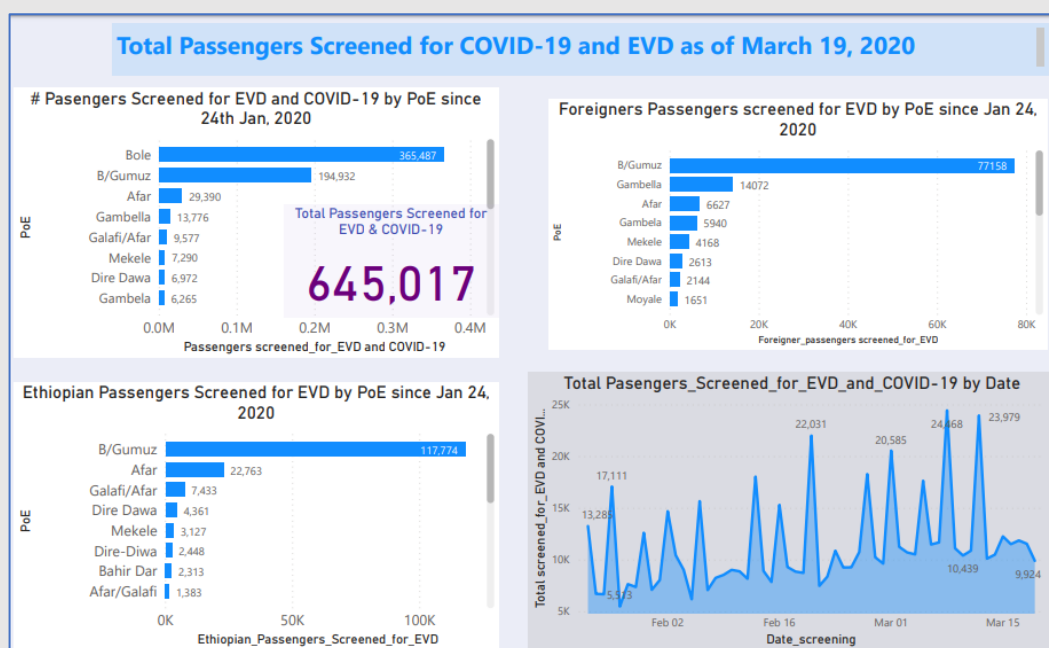
- On 20th March 2020, a total of 4,507 COVID-19 related calls are received through toll-free line. Of these calls, six were rumors received via call center.

Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of the 20th of March 2020:
 - 1735 travelers are under follow-up.
 - 662 travelers that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 1,697 travelers (43 new) have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up.

PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- On the 19th of March 2020; **619** travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries have been screened.



OTHER POEs RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Design for screening post and Temporary Isolation Unit to be constructed at POEs is finalized
- Screening protocol for train station and immigration offices is finalized.

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.

- Screening scheme at Bole International Airport is re-arranged.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC):

- Dead body management guide preparation development initiated.
- IPC supplies are identified and distributed to Basha Wolde Isolation Center
- A total of 17 suspected cases and 9 COVID-19 confirmed cases are in the isolation center.
- Today, 9 confirmed negative cases are discharged and are linked to follow-up team.

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- 200,000 Liters of hand rub alcohol is collected.
- PPE materials refilled for Eka Kotebe isolation center.

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Information pack for health extension workers is developed
- Guide for prisons, elder vocational home developed

MEDIA / WEB SCANNING:

- Italy surpassed China for the most number of deaths related to COVID-19. The number of deaths in Italy has reached 3,405 and the current number of deaths in China stands at 3,248 according to the WHO: https://edition.cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-outbreak-03-19-20-intl-hnk/h_338a9e3e86c965845d14e33d17c45d68
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Call-Centers
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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