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COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

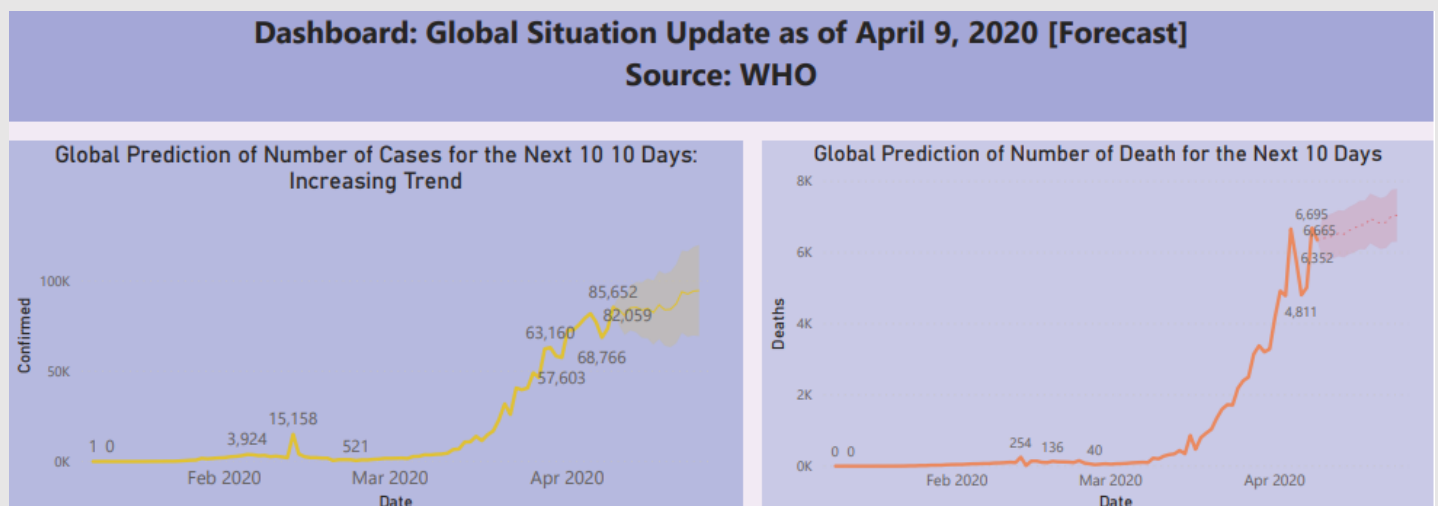
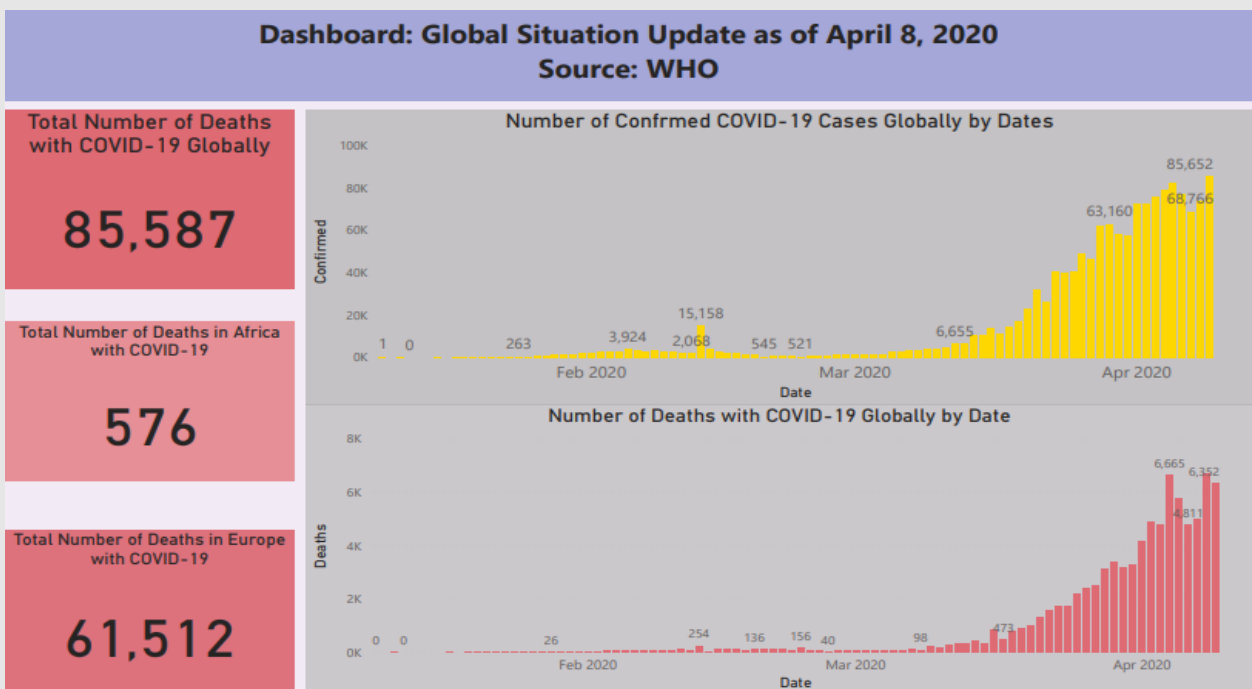
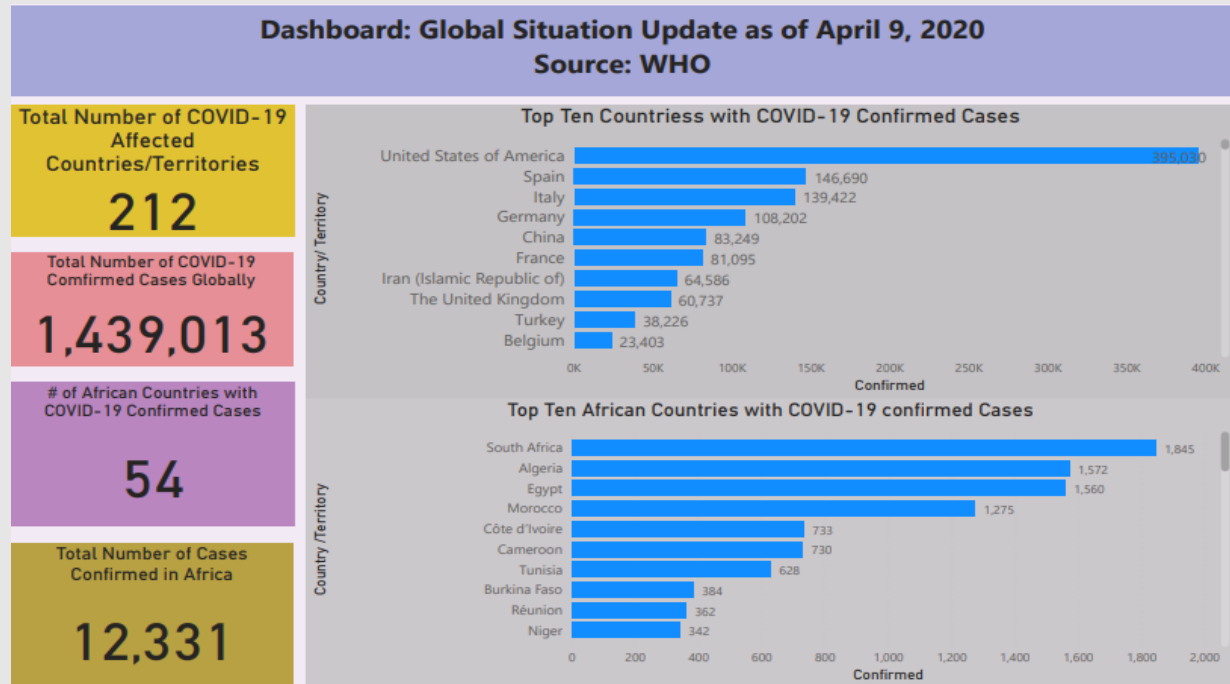
- One new COVID-19 case detected bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 56 in the country.
- Four of the COVID-19 confirmed cases recovered.
- Of 26 new rumors /alerts were received today, 20 of them fulfill the suspected case definition.
- 5 close contacts of confirmed cases developed COVID-19 suggestive symptoms
- 14 new contacts of confirmed cases have been identified today bringing the number of contacts identified so far to about 1152.
- 294 COVID-19 laboratory specimens were tested within the last 24 hours (of which 1 is positive).

COVID-19 NATIONAL UPDATE

1,936 PASSENGERS UNDER MANDATORY QUARANTINE	20 TRAVELERS UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP	868 RUMORS/ALERTS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED	1152 TOTAL CONTACTS OF THE CONFIRMED CASES
489 SUSPECTED CASES DETECTED	56 TOTAL CONFIRMED CASE	4 TOTAL RECOVERED	2 TOTAL DEATHS

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard: <https://who.sprinklr.com/>



MAJOR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE EFFORTS IN ETHIOPIA

BACKGROUND

Ethiopia activated its IMS under the national PHEOC since January 27 2020. WHO and its partners are currently supporting in scaling up preparedness efforts and implementation of related recommendations suggested by the IHR Emergency Committee. Different layers of coordination platforms revitalized and the PHEOC is working collaboratively with various agency representative, Partners, Embassies, hospitality sectors, 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.

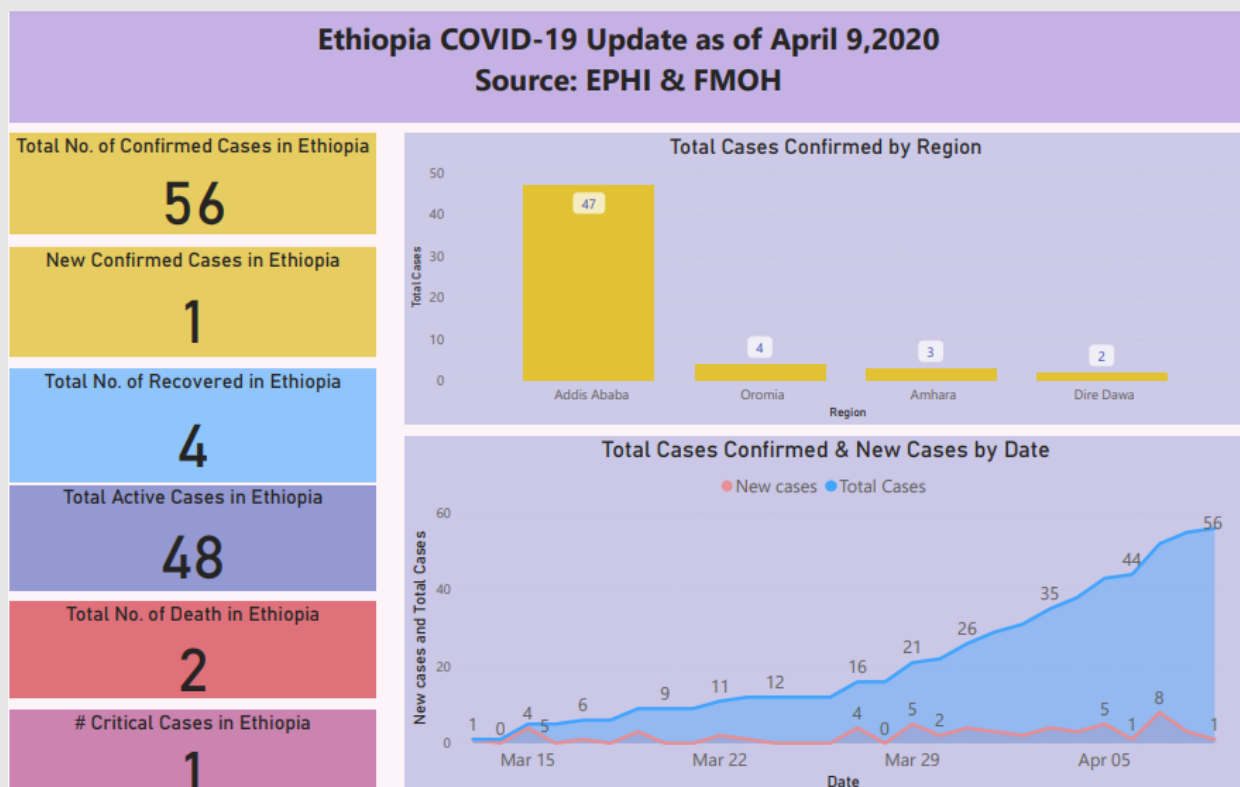
COORDINATION and COLLABORATION:

- Daily morning and evening briefing of the IMS core staffs and agency representatives is being conducted on daily basis.

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

Confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths:

- There is 1 newly detected COVID-19 case bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 56 in the country.
- Four of the COVID-19 confirmed cases have recovered.
- One of the patients is getting care in Intensive Care Unit.



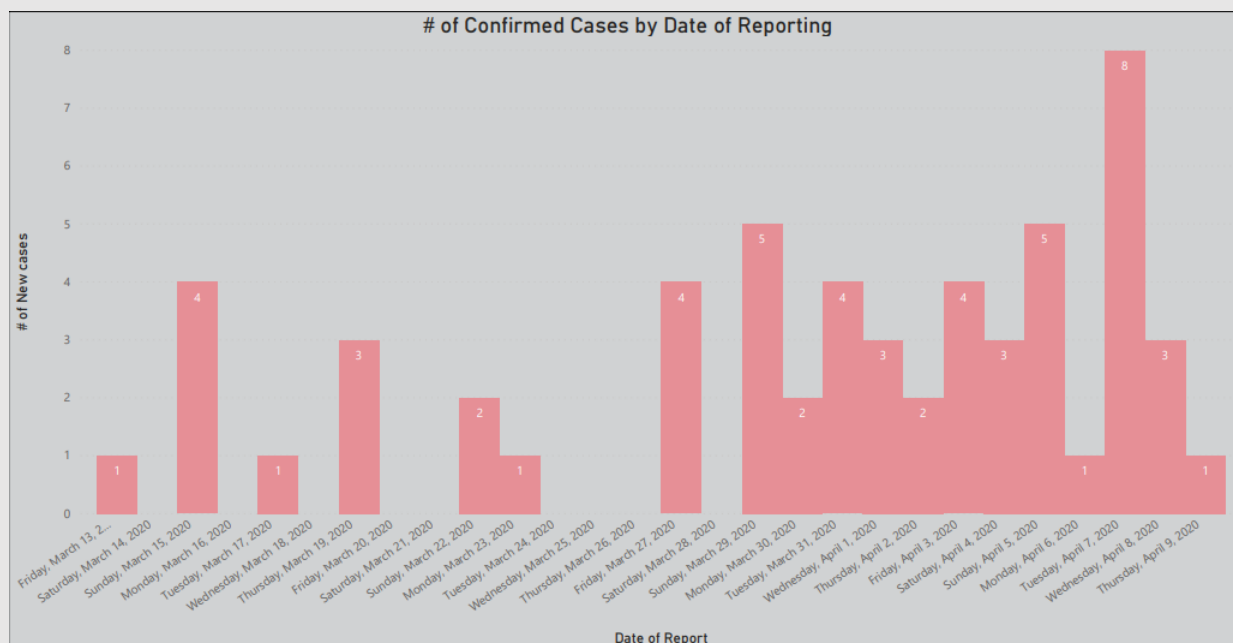
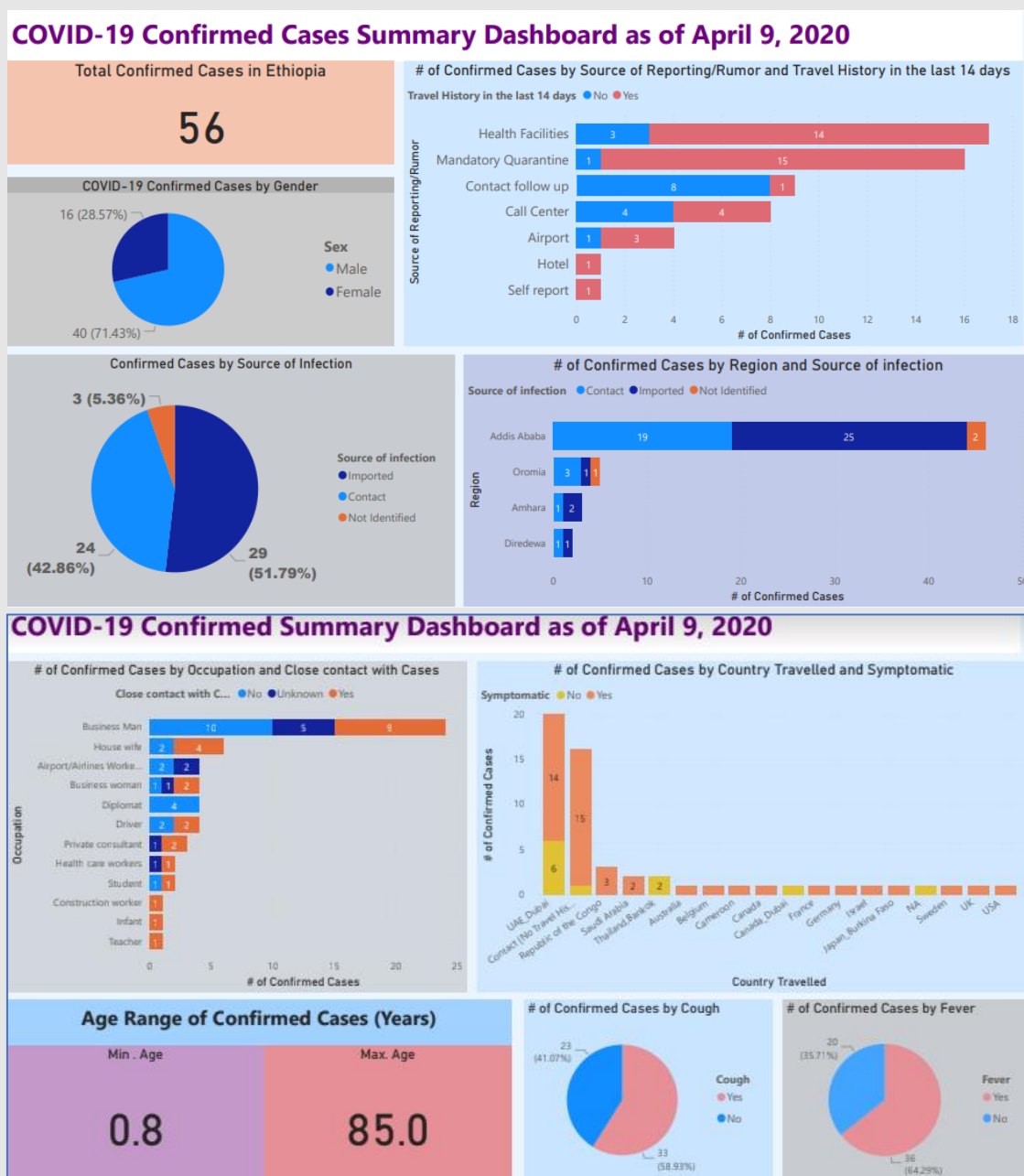


Fig: Epi-Curve of the confirmed case by the date of confirmation



Laboratory test:

- 294 laboratory specimens were analyzed for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours. Of these, one was found positive
- So far, a total of 2790 specimens were tested and 56 confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- Testing of the passenger who have completed 14 days of mandatory quarantine is ongoing

Contact tracing and follow-up:

- As of April 9, 2020:
 - A total of 1152 (14 new) contacts of confirmed cases have been identified.
 - 446 (10 new) have completed the 14 days follow-up, while 693 contacts are still on follow-up.
 - 54 (5 new) contacts developed COVID-19 suggestive symptoms.
 - 16 of the symptomatic and 4 asymptomatic contacts were tested positive, which are among the currently existing confirmed positive cases.

Rumors collection and verification from all sources

- As of April 9, 2020:
 - 868 rumors/alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 26 rumors (14 via the call center) are reported today.
 - 489 rumors/alerts (20 new) have fulfilled the suspected case definition.
- On April 9, 2020, a total of 9,904 calls are received and responded via toll-free call centers.

Phone Follow-Up of Travelers

- As of April 9, 2020:
 - 20 travelers and discharged suspects are under follow-up.
 - 3,352 travelers (3 new) have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up.
 - There is no alert case detected during follow up as of today.

Quarantined passengers follow up

- As of April 9, 2020; a total of 1,936 travelers are under mandatory quarantine at designated Hotels.

PASSENGERS SCREENING

- A total of 3,003 passengers arrived into the country since March 23, 2020
- Follow up of the mandatory quarantine implementation for passengers coming from abroad via BIA is ongoing.
- Health screening for arriving international passengers is ongoing.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC):

- Dead body management protocol and mask utilization Standard Operating Procedure are translated into Amharic.
- WASH-IPC status assessment conducted at Aklilu Lemma Institute of Pathobiology and onsite orientation was given for environmental health professionals.
- There are 48 confirmed cases in the case treatment centers currently. Of these, three are under treatment in the designated treatment center in Bahir Dar, Amhara regional state and two are in Dire Dawa city administration

- One critical case is in the ICU and the remaining cases are on medical care in stable condition.
- 19 suspected cases are admitted today.
- 24 initially suspected cases are discharged after laboratory test became negative.
- There are 28 suspected cases in the isolation centers waiting for laboratory results.

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Oxygen cylinders installed for 11 ambulances.
- Second round donation (54 mechanical ventilator, 5400 protective clothing and 5000 nitrile examination gloves) are received from Alibaba foundation today.

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Messages targeted returnees in quarantine and isolation center developed based on findings of the RCCE assessment done in Addis Ababa Science and Technology University.
- Press release on newly confirmed COVID-19 cases shared for the public.

MEDIA / WEB SCANNING:

Steps Healthcare facilities can take to prepare for COVID-19

Be prepared

- Stay informed about local COVID-19 situation: know where reliable information can be obtained from
- Develop, or review the health facility's emergency plan
- The outbreak could lead to absenteeism. Thus, prepare alternative staffing plans to ensure as many of your facility's staff are available as possible.
- Create an emergency contact list and establish relationships with key healthcare and public health partners in the community. Learn about plans to manage patients, accept transfers, and share supplies

Communicate about COVID-19

- With your staff: The potential for surge and facility's preparedness plans
- With your patients: On changes of appointment policies and providing non-urgent patient care through telephone

Protect the workforce

- Screen patients and visitors for symptoms of acute respiratory illness before entering the health care facility
 - Ensure proper use of personal protection equipment (PPE)
 - Conduct inventory of available PPE
 - Encourage sick employees to stay home.

Protect your patients

- Stay up-to-date and separate patients with respiratory symptoms so they are not waiting among other patients seeking care.
- Consider the strategies to prevent patients who can be cared for at home from coming to your facility potentially exposing themselves to infections.
- Implementing telemedicine technologies and self-assessment tools.
- **Overall elements to be assessed for hospital preparedness of the management of COVID-19 patients (2)**
 - Establishment of a core team with key contact points.
 - Human, material and facility capacity.
 - Communication and data protection.
 - Hand hygiene, personal protective equipment (PPE), and waste management.
 - Triage, first contact and prioritization
 - Patient placement, moving of the patients in the facility, and visitor access.
 - Environmental cleaning.

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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.eph.gov.et/index.php/public-health-emergency/novel-corona-virus-update>)

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