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Highlights

- On 14 February 2020, the first case of the COVID-19 in Egypt
- About 1,716 confirmed cases of COVID-19 including six deaths were accounted for health workers in China.
- On 14th Feb 2020, a total of 120 passengers from COVID-19 affected country screened
- A total of 463 travelers are under follow-up. Of them 354 (76%) were contacted
- On 15 February 2020, one rumor received and investigated, but the rumor did not fulfil the suspected

COVID-19 Globally Situation:

- Globally 49,053 laboratory-confirmed (2056 new) cases
- China 48, 548 laboratory-confirmed (1998 new) cases and 1381 deaths (121 new)
- Outside of China 505 laboratory-confirmed (58 new) cases and 2 deaths (1 new)
- 24 countries

For detail information visit:

- COVID-19 WHO Situation Report – 25: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200214-sitrep-25-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=61dda7d_2
- WHO's COVID-19 situation monitoring dashboard: <http://who.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/c88e37cfc43b4ed3baf977d77e4a0667>

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

Epi and Laboratory Surveillance

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

- As of 15 February 2020, a total of 52 rumors have been investigated and 16 alert cases have been identified. All have tested negative for the COVID-19 and discharged.

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- On 15 February 2020, a rumor about a traveler arrived from Henan, China on the 5th of February 2020 reported through 8335 toll-free line and investigated. It has a history of fever and headache. But the rumor did not fulfil the suspected case definition and advised to be on follow up till the end of incubation period.

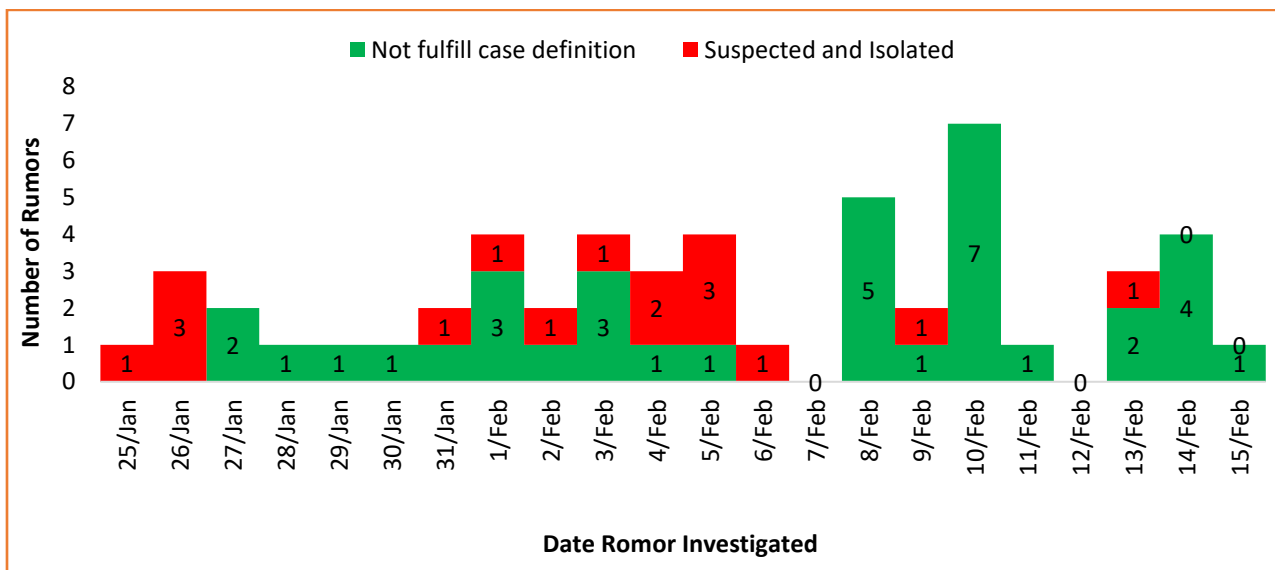


Figure 1: Number of rumors investigated by date, as of 15th February 2020

b) 8335 toll-free line responding

- On 15th February 2020, a total of 60 calls were received from 8335 toll-free line and 54 of them were COVID-19 related calls.

c) Phone Follow-up of travelers from China

- Since 8th February 2020, total of 524 traveler's enrolled to the follow-up
- As of 15 February 2020, a total of 463(88%) travelers are under follow-up, 12(2%) were transited back and 61(22%) travelers not reachable due to their phone is not functional, registered with wrong number and refused to communicate.
- By today among the traveler under follow-up 354(76%) were contacted, whereas 109(24%) were not reached out due to traveler's contacts were not functional (56), travelers not repeatedly responding [49(45%)] and wrong phone number [6 (4%)]

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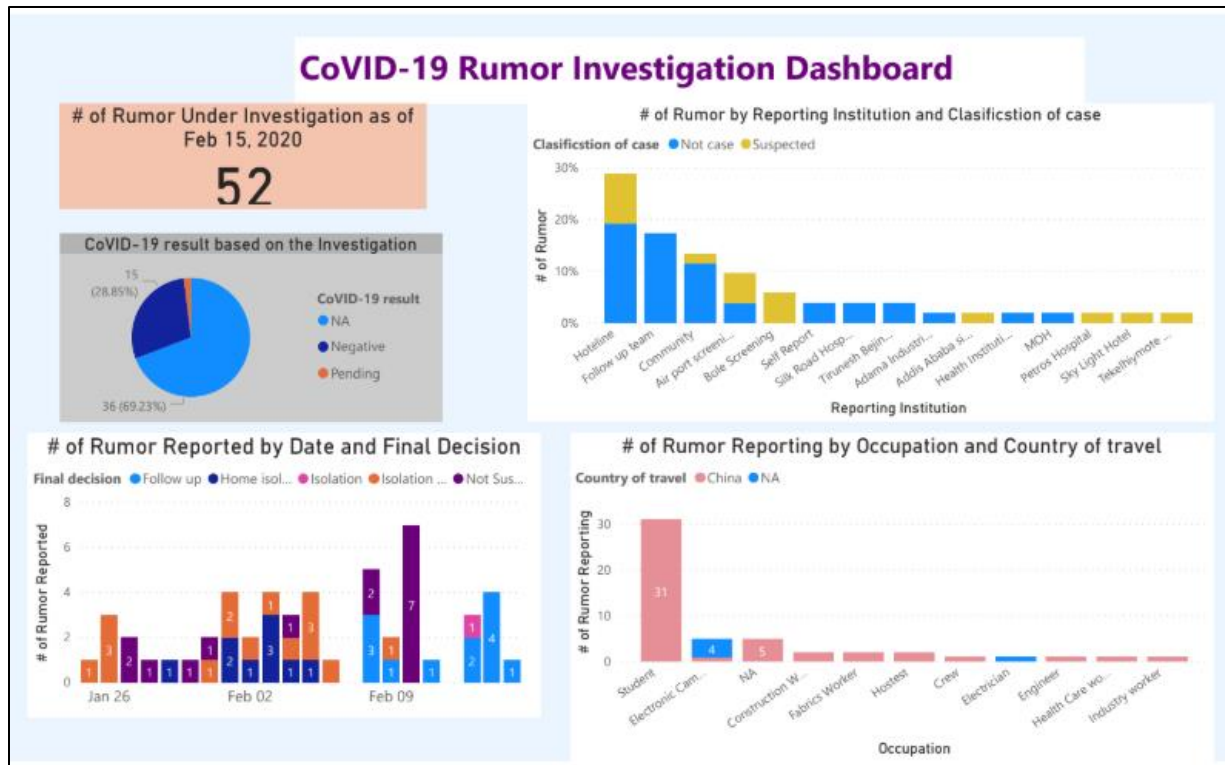
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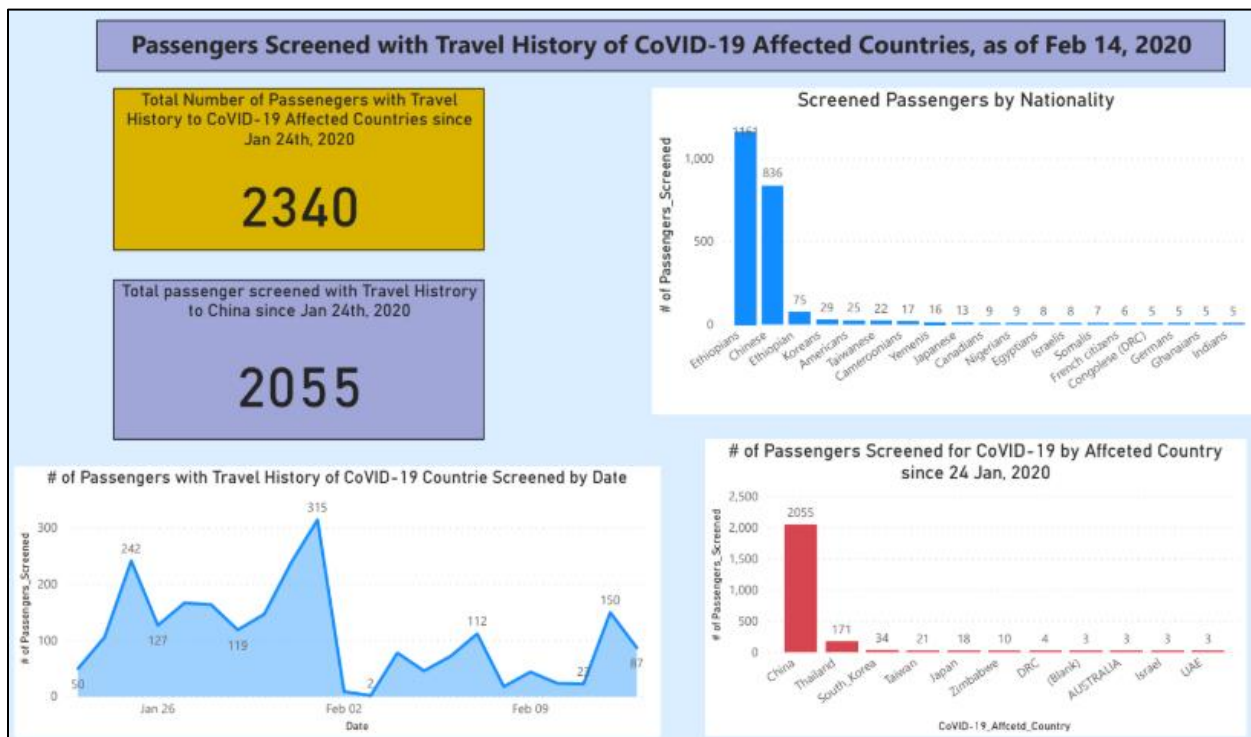
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Passengers screening at PoEs for COVID-19:



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Other POEs related activities:

- Documents and formats used on PoEs screening and suspected case handling activities prepared and shared

Isolation and case management:

- Orientation On IPC provided for isolation Center cleaners and sprayers
- Leadership team supervision at Eka Kotobe continued
- Decided to exempt the Eka Kotobe General Hospital from routine services
- Eka Kotobe water supply fixed
- Eka Kotobe General Hospital room layout arrangement and painting of the wall continued
- Specification for automatic incinerator requested for Eka Kotobe General Hospital to upgrade the mechanical incinerator
- Supplies and finance requirement identified and process started to mobilize and fill the gap
- An IPC checklist for assessing the preparedness of COVID-19 response completed

Risk communication:

- Supportive supervision and feedback on rapport building and telephone communication provided for phone passenger follow-up team
- Press release drafted and shared to the team for enrichment

Challenges and gaps:

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

Media scanning report:

- Egypt confirms first coronavirus case, says affected person is a foreigner <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-health-egypt/egypt-confirms-first-coronavirus-case-says-affected-person-is-a-foreigner-idUSKBN20826K>
- Preparedness and vulnerability of African countries against introductions of 2019-nCoV https://www.epicx-lab.com/uploads/9/6/9/4/9694133/africa_capacity_ncov_risk.pdf
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