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COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The recently established ministerial committee to oversee the COVID-19 preparedness has met with the PM and provided progress update
- Virtual meeting with regional PHEOCs was conducted
- 19 rumors/alerts were received. Of these, 18 fulfill the suspected case definition and 13 test negatives and the remaining are under investigation
- A total of 958 travelers are under follow-up. 19 newly enrolled on today
- A total of 1,224 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated. 25 newly graduated on today
- 357 (92.2 %) COVID-19 related calls were received through the toll-free line

521,795

PASSENGERS SCREENED
ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

7,113

PASSENGERS SCREENED
FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

958

TRAVELERS
UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

131

RUMORS/alerts
RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

53

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

49

SUSPECTED CASES
TESTED NEGATIVE

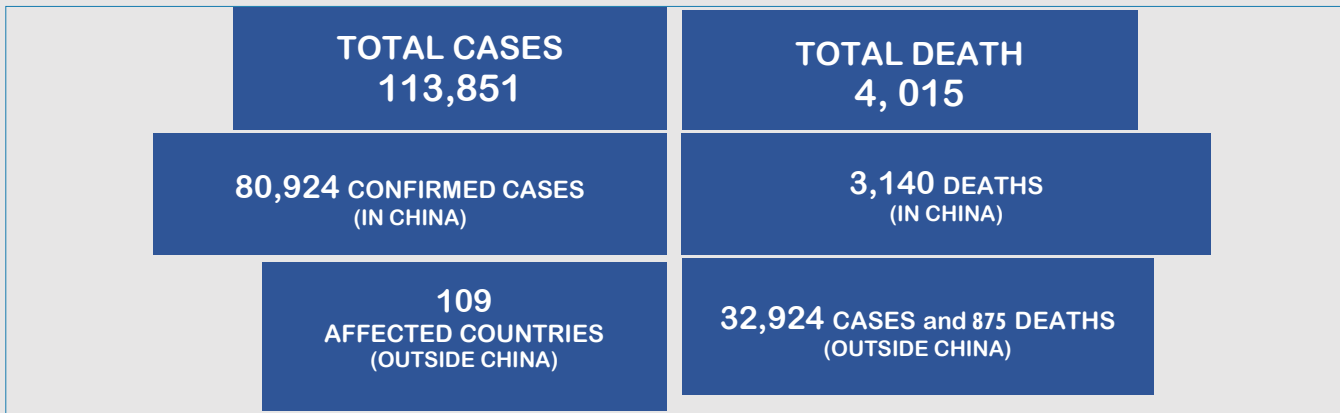
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TOTAL CASES
CONFIRMED

14

SUSPECTED CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT

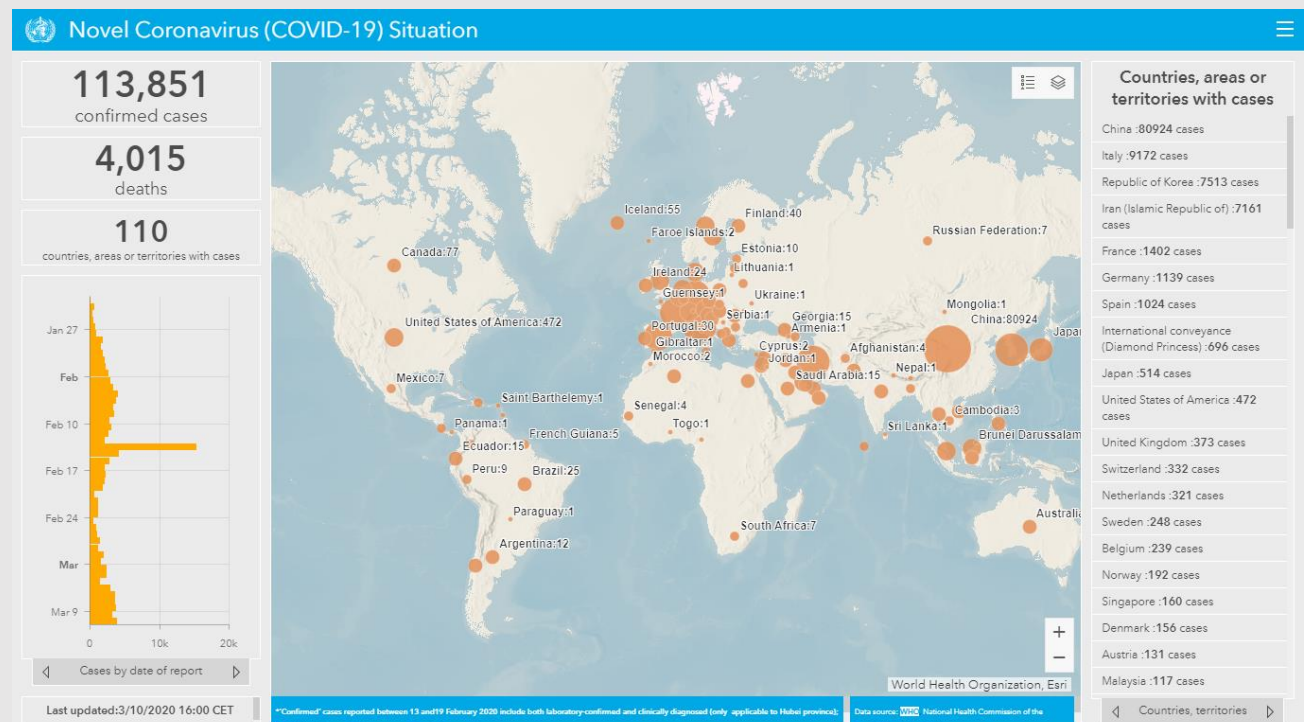
COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE



Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

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

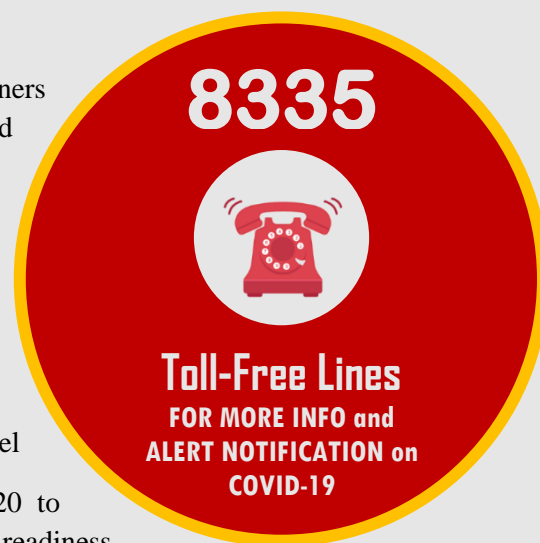
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION's RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE



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

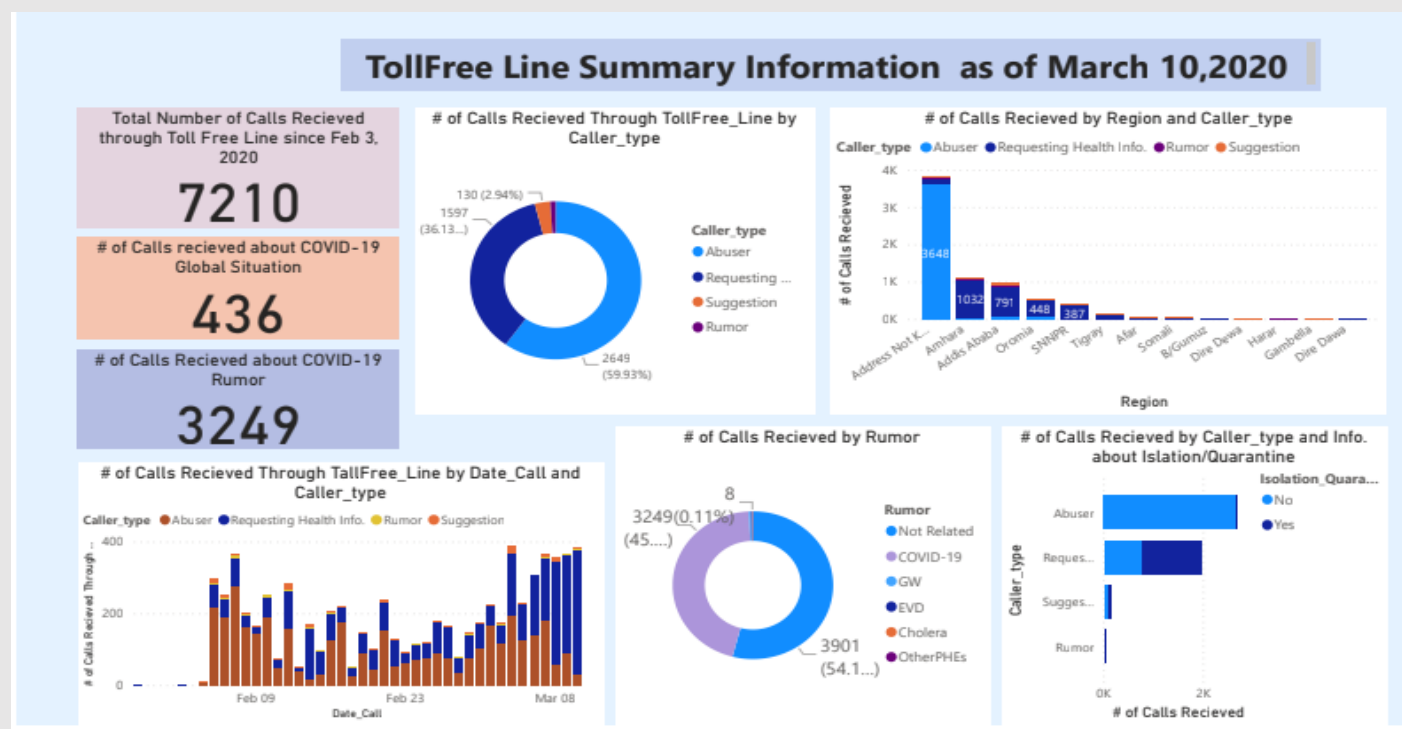
COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

- The ministerial committee established by the Prime Minister to oversee the COVID-19 preparedness has met with the PM and provided progress update.
- Virtual meeting with regional PHEOCs was conducted and Addis Ababa City Administration, Amhara and Tigray regional states participated.
- 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

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

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

- As of 10 March 2020, a total of 131 rumor/alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 53 have fulfilled the suspected case definition. Of these, 49 suspected tested negative.
- On 10th of March 2020, 19 rumors/alerts were received (2 via toll-free lines, 2 from AA PHEM, 10 Saudi Arabia returnee, 2 from Amhara regional states PHEM, one from Oromia regional state PHEM & two from follow-up). Of these, 18 fulfill the suspected case definition, and 13 test negatives. The remaining five are under investigation.
- On 10th of March 2020, a total of 387 calls received through toll-free line. Of these, 357 (92.2 %) were COVID-19 related calls.

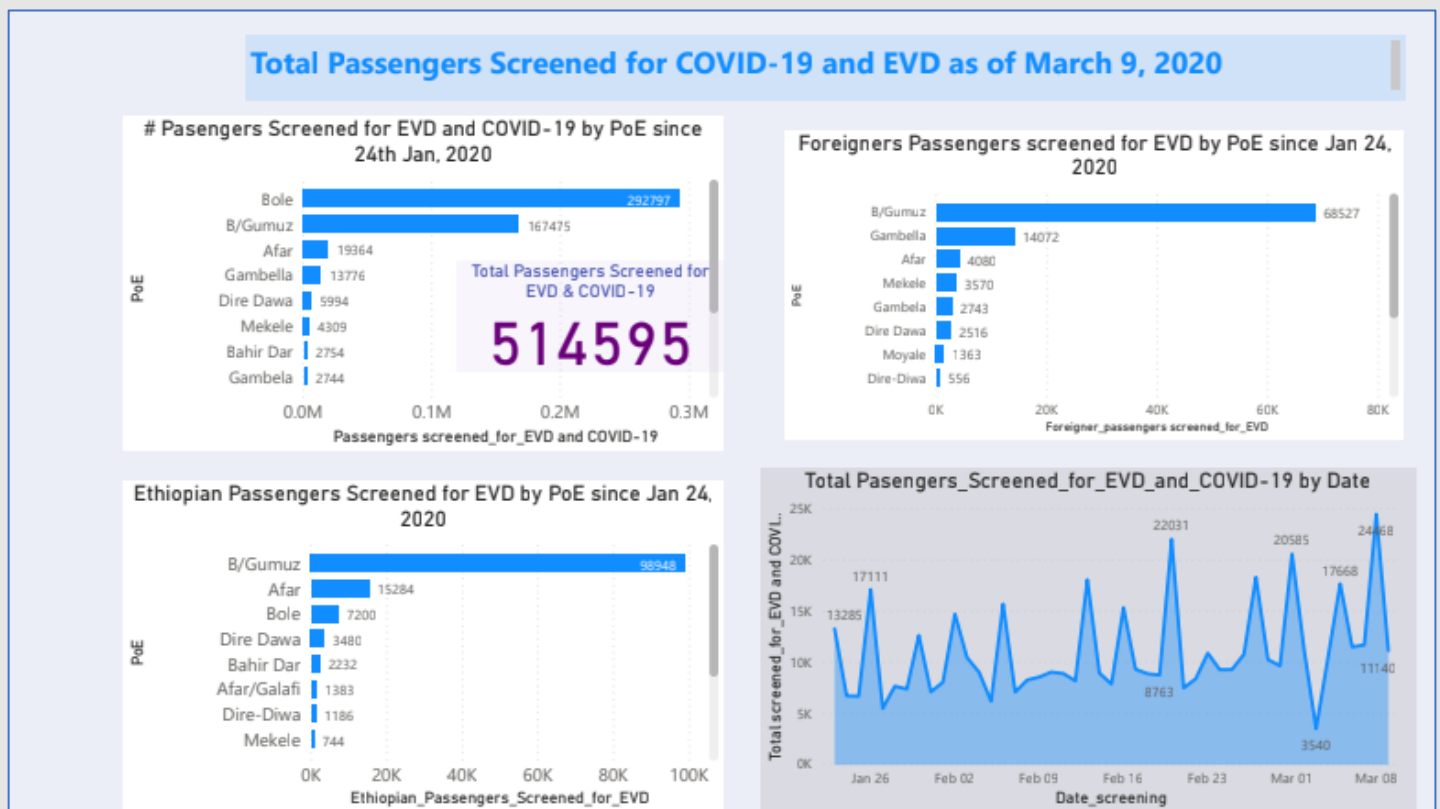


Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of the 10th of March 2020:
 - 958 travelers are under follow-up; 19 travelers are newly enrolled
 - 554 travelers (9 new) that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 1224 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up. 68 travelers graduated from their 14 days follow-up today.

PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- As of 09 March 2020, a total of 7,113, 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-affected countries identified at screening sites other than BIA.
- On 9th of March 2020; 175 travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.



OTHERS POE RELATED ACTIVITES

- Onsite orientation continued for newly enrolled staffs.
- PPE and alcohol hand rub supplied to the BIA screening teams.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC):

- Four suspected cases with negative test result re-evaluated and discharged and linked the with follow-up.
- Advising clinical team at the regional isolation sites
- Medical support being provided for the isolated suspected cases

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.

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Critical medical equipment and supplies identified and requested to EPSA
- Surge health workforce mobilization strategy developed to support COVID-19 preparedness and response
- Surgical mask provided to Addis Ababa city administration fire and rescue agency
- Transportation arranged for newly assigned surge staffs

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Media house orientation was conducted at Prime Minister Office.
- Social media message prepared in different languages

TRAINING AND ORIENTATION RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Orientation provide for various Professional associations
- Orientation undergoing for newly mobilized FETP residents.
- Three rounds of full package of COVID-19 training cascading completed and fourth round ongoing in Addis Ababa city administration. So far, a total of 366 staffs trained.

REGIONAL PREPARDNESS:

- Regional weekly virtual meeting was conducted (Addis Ababa city administration and Amhara and Tigray regional state PHEM focal).
- Two rumors each reported by Amhara regional state PHEM and Addis Ababa city administration and one by the Oromia regional state PHEM. Zero report received from all other regions and city administration.
- SITREP being prepared and shared by the Addis Ababa city administration and Harari and Amhara regional states.

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>)

DISCLAIMER

Figures presented in this situation report are pulled from official releases of the World Health Organization, other sources from the web, as well as report compiled by the National Incidence Response Team

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