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### Highlights

- Full packages of COVID-19 training for the participants from the federal hospital, Industry Parks and Benishangul Gumuz started
- Virtual meeting conducted with the regional PHEM to discuss and strengthen the regional COVID-19 preparedness
- 116 passengers who have arrived from COVID-19 affected countries and 50 passengers from EVD affected country were screened
- One suspected case from Ethiopian airline crew member isolated today.
- 129 calls received and 46 (36%) of them were COVID-19 related calls.
- As of today, 692 (%) travelers are under follow-up.

### COVID-19 Globally Situation:

- Globally: 73,332 confirmed (1901 new) cases reported
- China reported 72,528 confirmed (1891 new) 1870 deaths (98 new) †
- Outside of China 804 confirmed (10 new) cases and 3 deaths reported in 25 countries

#### For detail information visit:

- COVID-19 WHO Situation Report – 28: [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200218-sitrep-29-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=6262de9e\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200218-sitrep-29-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=6262de9e_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**

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

- Virtual meeting with regional PHEM has conducted to discuss and strengthen regional COVID preparedness
- In person discussion conducted with the Addis Ababa team to strengthen engagement
- 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):

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- As of 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a total of 63 rumors have been investigated. Of which, 18 of them fulfilled suspect case definition and 17 of them tested negative. A laboratory result collected from a suspected case isolated at Bole chefa isolation center is pending (for detail rumors related issue look at the below Dashboard)
- On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020, one rumor received through the toll-free line. The rumor was an Ethiopian airlines crew member arrived on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020 from Guangzhou Province, China. The suspect has fever, runny nose, head ach and sore throat, which is compatible with the suspected case definition. The suspect admitted at Bole Chefa Ebola Treatment Center and sample has collected.

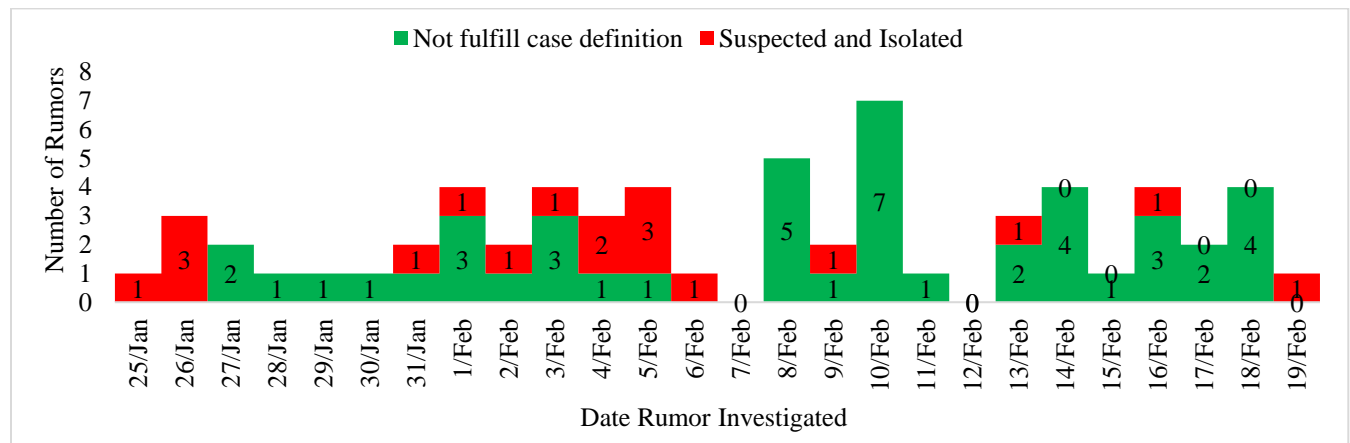
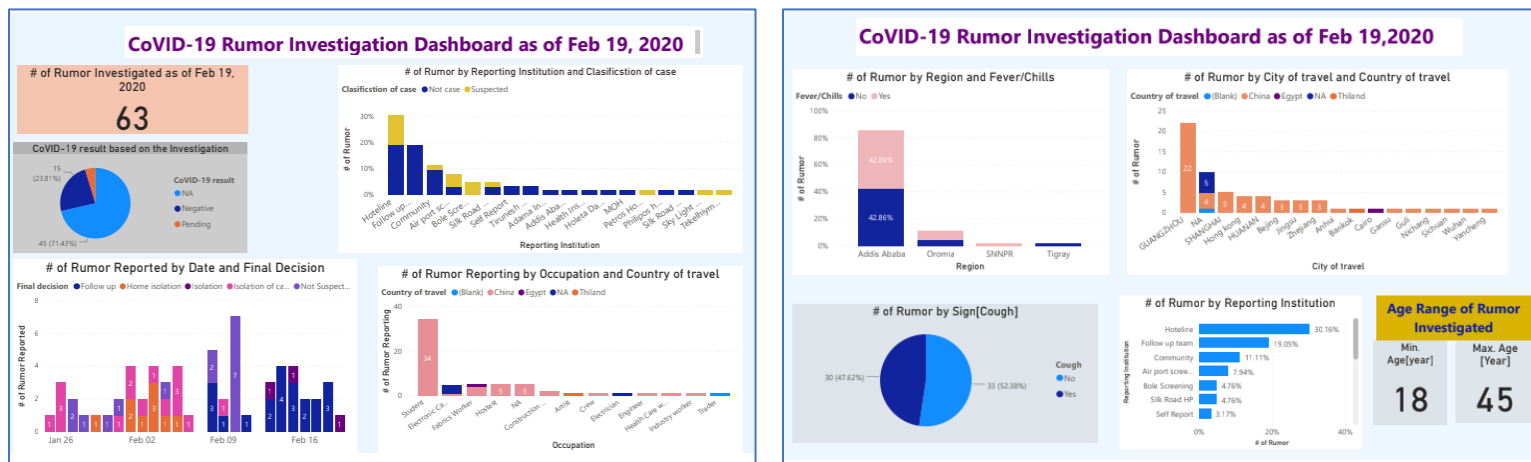


Figure 1: Trend of Rumors investigated for COVID-19, as of 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



a) 8335 toll-free line responding

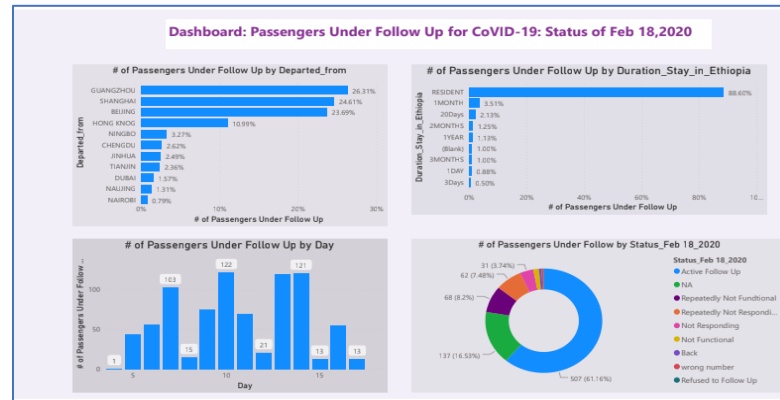
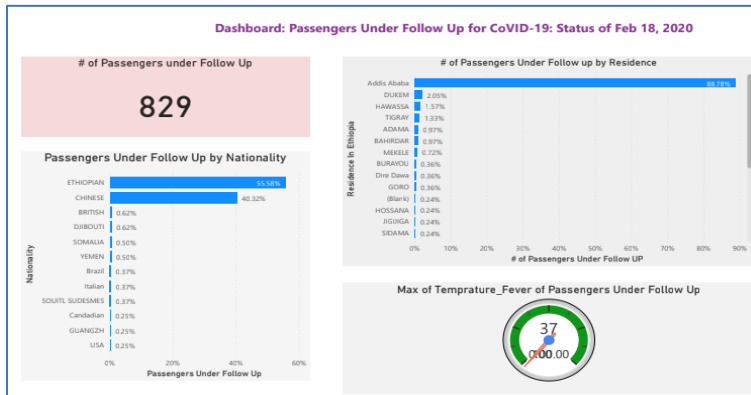
- On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a total of 129 calls received and 46 (36%) of them were COVID-19 related calls.
- One rumour received and linked to investigation team.

b) Phone Follow-up of travelers from China

- During 07-19 February 2020), a total of 834 travelers were enrolled for the follow-up. Of these, five are new passengers enrolled on February 19, 2020.

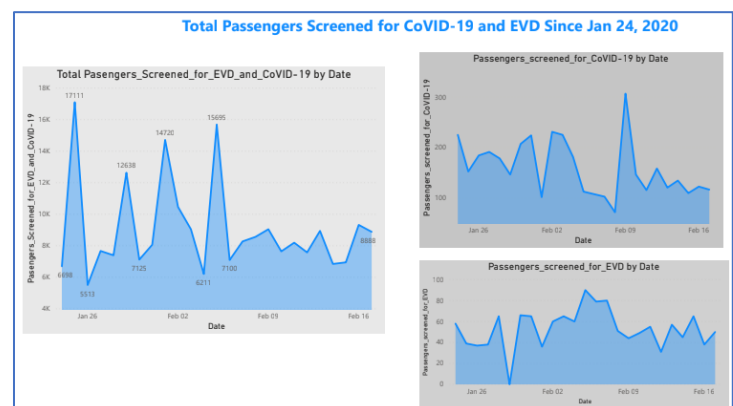
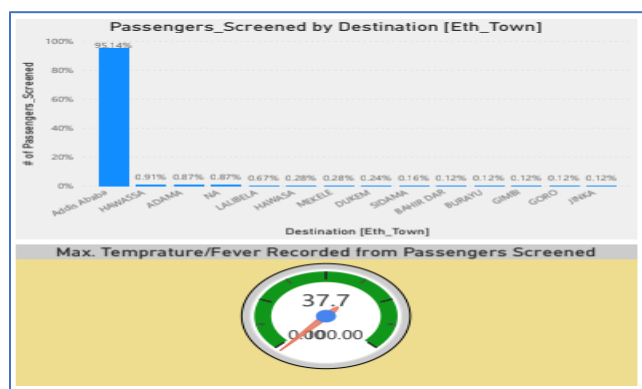
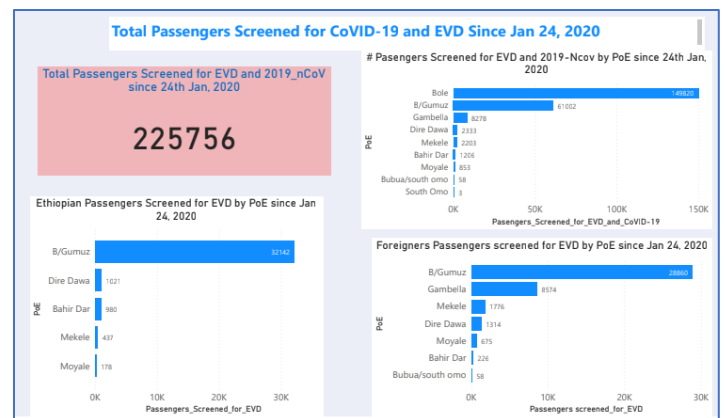
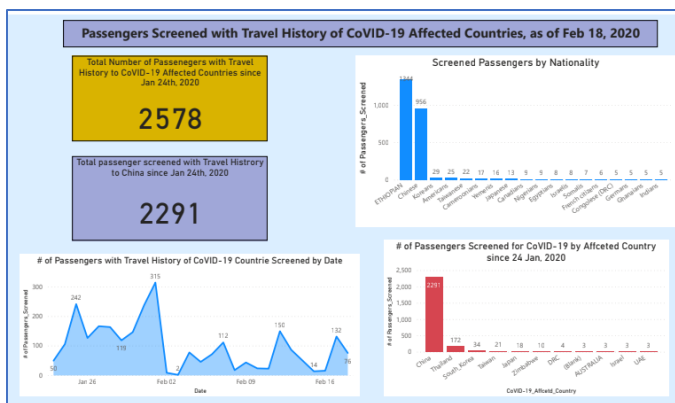
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- As of today, 692 (83%) of the travelers are under follow-up, while the remaining 142 (17%) travelers are not on follow-up as a result of 48(34%) exit back and 94(66%) were registered with a wrong phone number.
- On February 19, 2020, the follow-up team able to communicate 521 (75%) travelers, however the remaining 171 (25%) couldn't be reached as a because of 79 (46%) phone is not functional, 3 (2%) registered with wrong phone number, 83 (49%) not responding, 5(3%) exit back and one traveler refused.



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

- On February 18, 2020, a total of 6,940 passengers screened. Of these, 116 were arrived from COVID-19 affected countries and 50 passengers were arrived EVD affected country.



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### Other PoEs related activities:

- All roll banner placement at Bole International Airport was checked for placement at the right place
- Supervision was made at all screening sites of Bole International Airport for monitoring and evaluation of the screening
- Travelers health declaration form was finalized and ready for print
- Quarantine manual preparation was finalized

### Isolation and case management:

- Follow-up on Eka Kotebe Isolation center continued
- PPE doffing and donning protocol posted at staff waiting room, doffing and donning room, and triage area
- Cabin crew orientation and risk communication material prepared

### Logistics related activities:

- Procurement of date stamp for Bole International Airport has been made
- Eka Kotobe requested commodities list revised and prepared to be submitted to EPSA

### Risk communication:

- Exclusive interview with Awash FM radio PHEOC and risk communication conducted.
- Message related to rumours shared on social media
- Risk communication team is working to use UNICEF owned media monitoring software by feeding key terms

### Training:

- Full packages of COVID-19 training started for the participants from Benishangul Gumuz, Federal Hospitals, Korea Hospital and health workers from Industry Parks
- COVID-19 training cascading started by the Oromia region for the participants from Zonal/Town Health Office and Hospitals

### Challenges and Gaps:

- Travelers' phone is not responding or not functional on repeated trial



*Virtual Meeting with the regional PHEM*



*COVID-19 Training for the participants from Hospitals, BG and IPDC*