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# COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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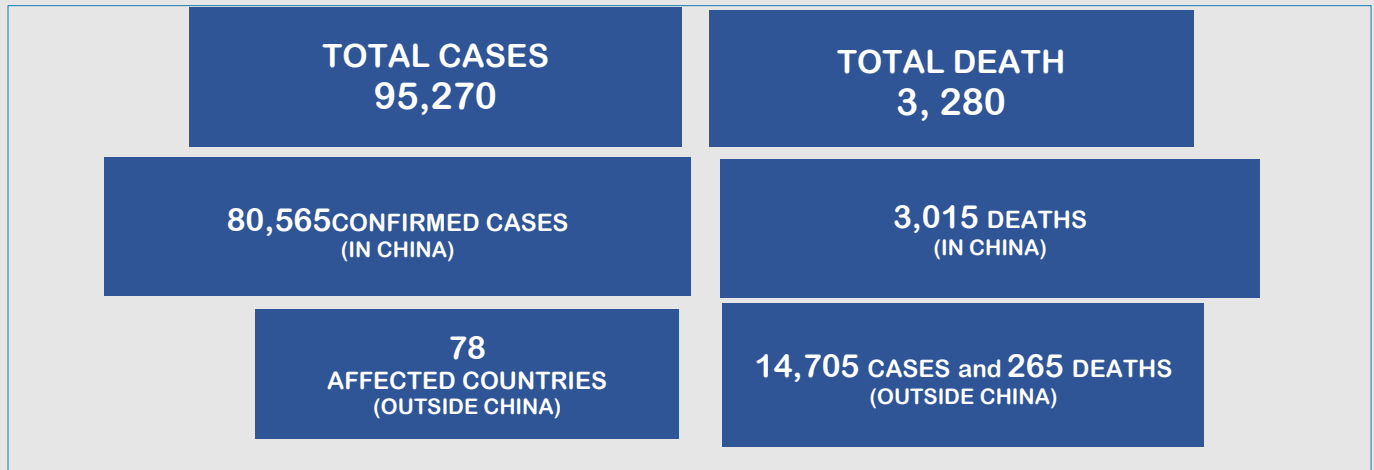
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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Table top simulation exercise on COVID-19 started.
- South African reported first confirmed case
- The number of cases in Algeria increased
- Orientation on COVID-19 for the airlines crew members at Bole International Airport ongoing
- One rumor received & is under investigation.
- 190 passengers who has travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened
- A total of 910 travelers are under follow-up
- A total of 910 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated
- 442 COVID-19 related calls were received through the toll-free line
- Discussion held with the 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

<b>442,467</b> <b>PASSENGERS SCREENED</b> <small>ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020</small>	<b>6,538</b> <b>PASSENGERS SCREENED</b> <small>FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES</small>	<b>910</b> <b>TRAVELERS</b> <small>UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP</small>	<b>98</b> <b>RUMORS</b> <small>RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED</small>
<b>28</b> <small>SUSPECTED CASES DETECTED</small>	<b>28</b> <small>SUSPECTED CASES TESTED</small>	<b>0</b> <small>TOTAL CASES CONFIRMED</small>	<b>0</b> <small>SUSPECTED CASES IN THE ISOLATION UNIT Pending Lab Result</small>

## COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE



Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

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

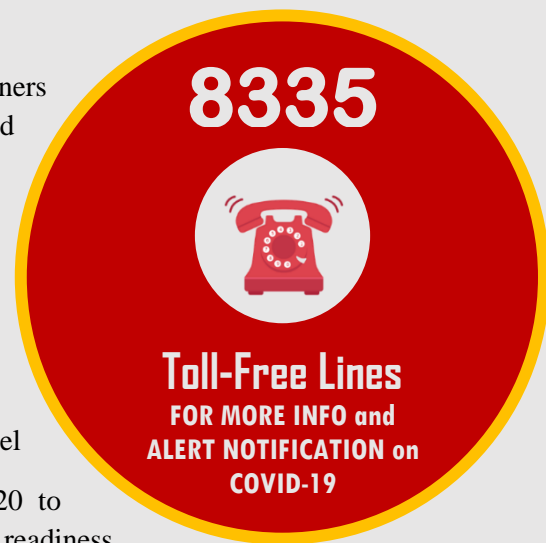
### WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION's RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

<b>CHINA</b> <b>VERY HIGH</b>	<b>REGIONAL LEVEL</b> <b>VERY HIGH</b>	<b>GLOBAL LEVEL</b> <b>VERY HIGH</b>
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# 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).
  - 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 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
- China Embassy Staffs visited the PHEOC and briefed on the preparedness activities
- 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 on how to support COVID-19 preparedness efforts
- Discussion was held with HOPE Project Coordinator on how to support COVID-19 preparedness efforts

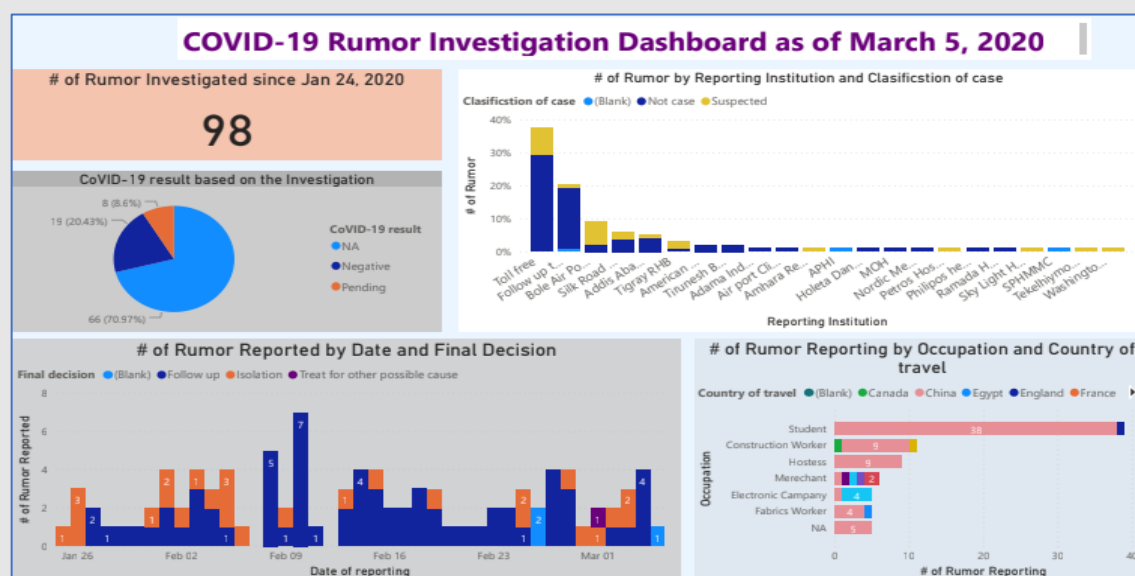
## COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

- Technical task force led by the EPHI DG held and participants from different sectors attended
- 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
- Establishment of regional support team is requested to all partners and stakeholders

## EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

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

- On 5th March 2020, two alerts received; one from St. Paul Hospital Millemuium Medical College Hospital and from follow-up. Both tested negative for COVID-19.
- So far, a total of 98 alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 28 have fulfilled the suspect case definition and all were tested negative for COVID-19.
- On 5th March 2020, a total of 442 calls received through toll-free line. Of these, 201 (45.5 %) were COVID-19 related calls.
- From a total of rumors received 37.7 % were via toll-free (8335).



### Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of the 5th March 2020:
  - 910 travelers are under follow-up; 215 travelers are newly enrolled
  - 496 travelers (13 new) that were under follow-up departed back.
  - 910 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up. Of these, 55 were graduated on today.

## PASSENGERS SCREENING<sup>1</sup>

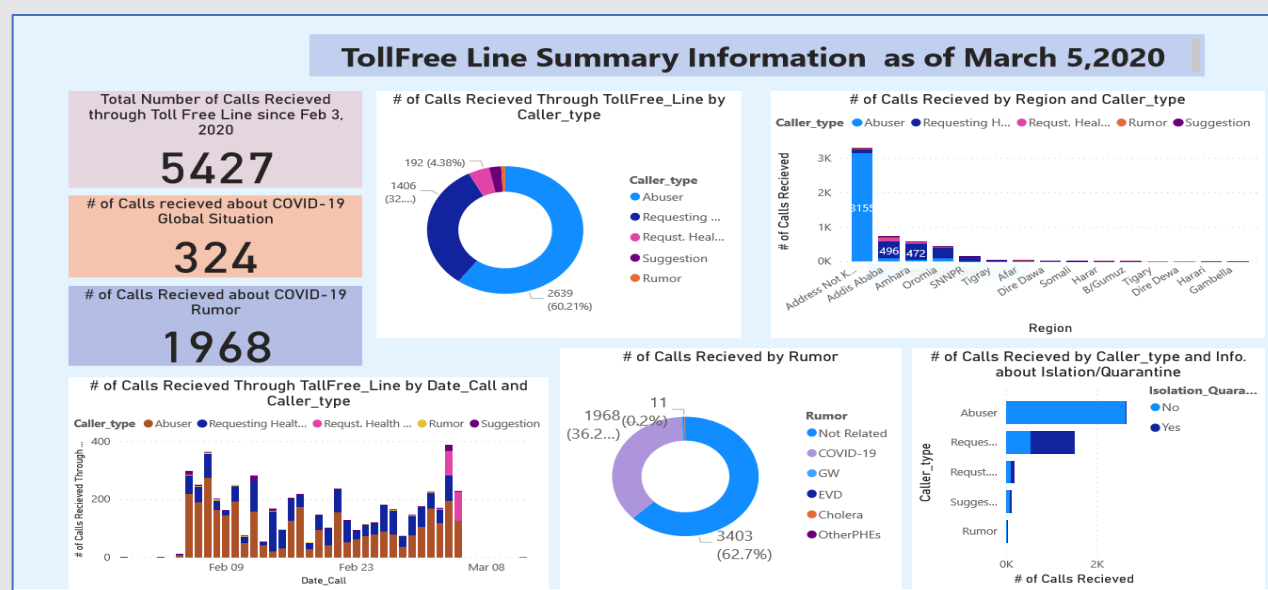
- On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020; 190 travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.
- So far, a total 6,538 passengers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened at Bole International Airport, while there have been no passengers who have travel history to COVID-affected countries identified at the regional POEs screening sites.

## LOGISTICS, Administration AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Facilitation of the approval of text message to telecommunication
- Budget transfer to the regions from the EPHI to support the regional level preparedness facilitated
- Comprehensive budget proposal to be submitted to the donors in response to the quickly changing outbreak situation initiated

## RISK COMMUNICATION:

- SMS message containing COVID-19 key messages dispatched to the public in collaboration Ethio-Telecom
- Press release statement on COVID -19 developed.
- Key message posting on the Organizational social media page intensified



## TRAINING AND ORIENTATION RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Comprehensive COVID-19 training for a total of 70 health professionals of National Defense Force and Federal Police ongoing.
- Table top simulation exercise started to test the COVID-19 preparedness & response mechanism.
- Orientation for Ethiopian Airlines Crew members have been undergoing. A total of 2225 crews oriented.

## REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS:

- Concept note prepared for the integrated supportive supervision of regional preparedness on COVID-19. Assembling team and resource identification ongoing
- No alerts received from all regions.
- Zero report of COVID-19 related alerts received from all regions.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Media scanning

- South Africa: Breaking | Coronavirus - SA's First Positive Case of Covid-19 Confirmed: [https://allafrica.com/stories/202003050689.html?utm\\_campaign=allafrica%3Aeditor&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_content=promote%3Aaans%3Aabnxoo](https://allafrica.com/stories/202003050689.html?utm_campaign=allafrica%3Aeditor&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_content=promote%3Aaans%3Aabnxoo)



Picture taken during COVID-19 Training for the Defense Force Health Department



Picture taken during COVID-19 Training for the Federal Police Health Department Participants



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

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