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PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Number of cases increased in South Korea
- COVID-19 orientation has integrated with the FETP-Mentors training held in Adama
- 30 health professionals working at Bole International Airport oriented on COVID-19
- 99 COVID-19 related calls were received through the toll-free line
- Two rumors received and investigated. Both of them didn't satisfy the suspect case definition
- 109 passengers who has travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.

256, 545

PASSENGERS SCREENED
ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

2,973

PASSENGERS SCREENED
FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

843

TRAVELERS
UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

67

RUMORS
RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

18

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

18

SUSPECTED CASES
TESTED

0

TOTAL CASES
CONFIRMED

0

SUSPECTED NEW CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

TOTAL CASES
76,767

TOTAL DEATH
2,247

27
AFFECTED COUNTRIES
(OUTSIDE CHINA)

1200 CASES and **08** DEATHS
(OUTSIDE CHINA)

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

CHINA
VERY HIGH

REGIONAL LEVEL
HIGH

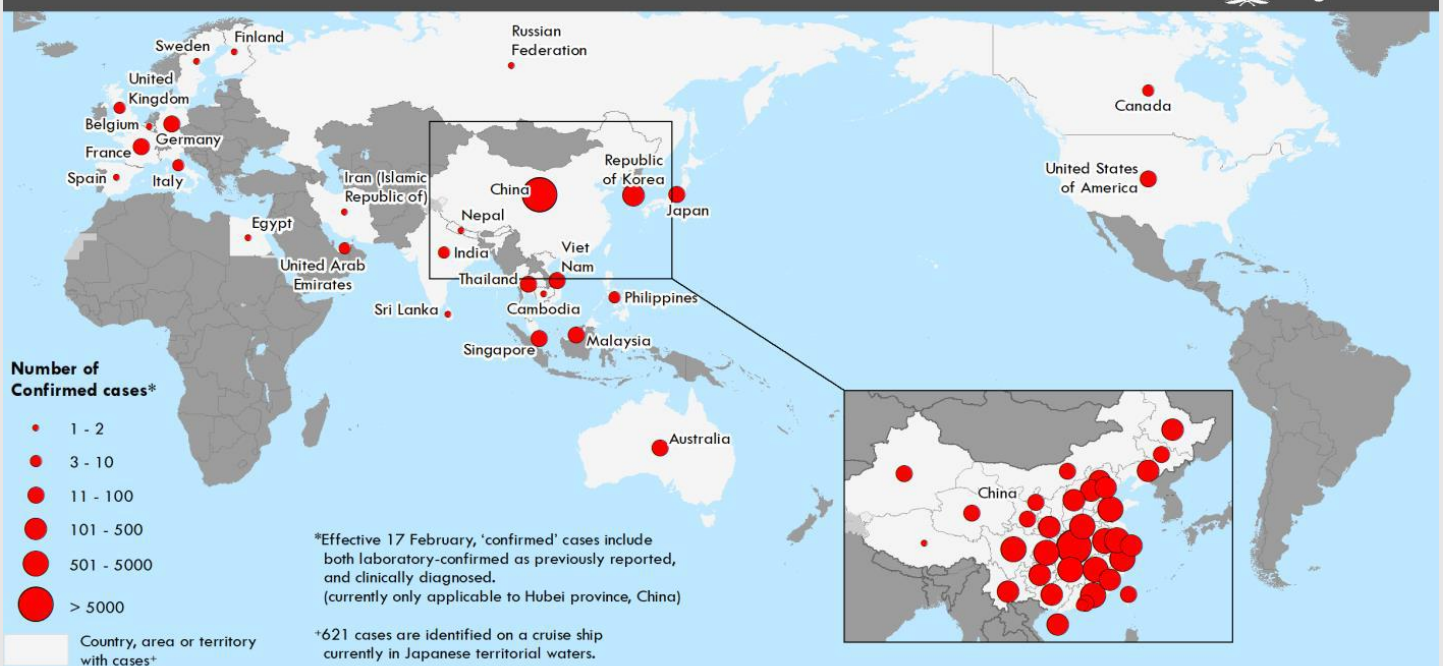
GLOBAL LEVEL
HIGH

WHO reported, as of 21 February 2020, 10: 00 (CET), a total of 76,767 COVID-19 cases and 2,247 deaths globally. CHINA reported 75,567 confirmed cases and 2,239 deaths. So far, other than China, 26 countries affected and EIGHT deaths are reported.

Access link for WHO's COVID-19 Situation Monitoring Dashboard

<http://who.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/c88e37cfc43b4ed3baf977d77e4a0667>

Distribution of COVID-19 cases as of 20 February 2020



NOTE:

Ethiopia has SIX flight destinations (Cargo and Passenger) in CHINA (Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing, Guangzhou, Nanjing, and Shanghai) and has 35 flights per week. Due to this high air traffic network from Addis Ababa which bound to CHINA, WHO categorized ETHIOPIA as one of the high-risk African countries for COVID-19 importation.

MAJOR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS IN ETHIOPIA

BACKGROUND

ETHIOPIA activated its IMS under the national PHEOC, following WHO's declaration of coronavirus (now COVID-19) outbreak as a global health emergency on the 30 JAN 2020. WHO AFRO is currently supporting countries 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.

- The National PHEOC IMS was activated on 27 January 2020 to optimize the national level coordination of the preparedness and readiness efforts; following WHO's declaration of COVID-19 (then 2019-CoV) as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).
- 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 State Minister of MoH and the Director General of EPHI.
- Strict PoE screening and vigilant follow-up procedures being implemented on incoming travelers at international airports, train stations (at ETHIO - DJIBOUTI border), as well as 29 additional ground entries from neighbouring countries throughout the nation.
- Toll-free hotline (8335) was established to provide information to and receive alert from; the public
- 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 FEB 2020).
- MoH officials led by the State Minister, Dr Lia Tadesse, visited the operations of the national PHEOC and provided guidance on 04 FEB 2020 and following the preparedness efforts virtually daily with other high-level Government officials.
- The House of Peoples' Representatives (HoPR) Social Affairs standing committee visited the National PHEOC on 17 FEB 2020; and received briefing on center's activities achieved and being conducted to prevent COVID-19.



COORDINATION and COLLABORATION:

- Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting in which partners and relevant stakeholders participated conducted.
- National Taskforce led by the MOH State Minister revitalized to provide leadership direction
- Strong communication network established and receiving updates from other countries through National IHR-FPs.
- Coordination meeting with the regional PHEM conducted on 17 February 2020 to strengthen regional preparedness efforts

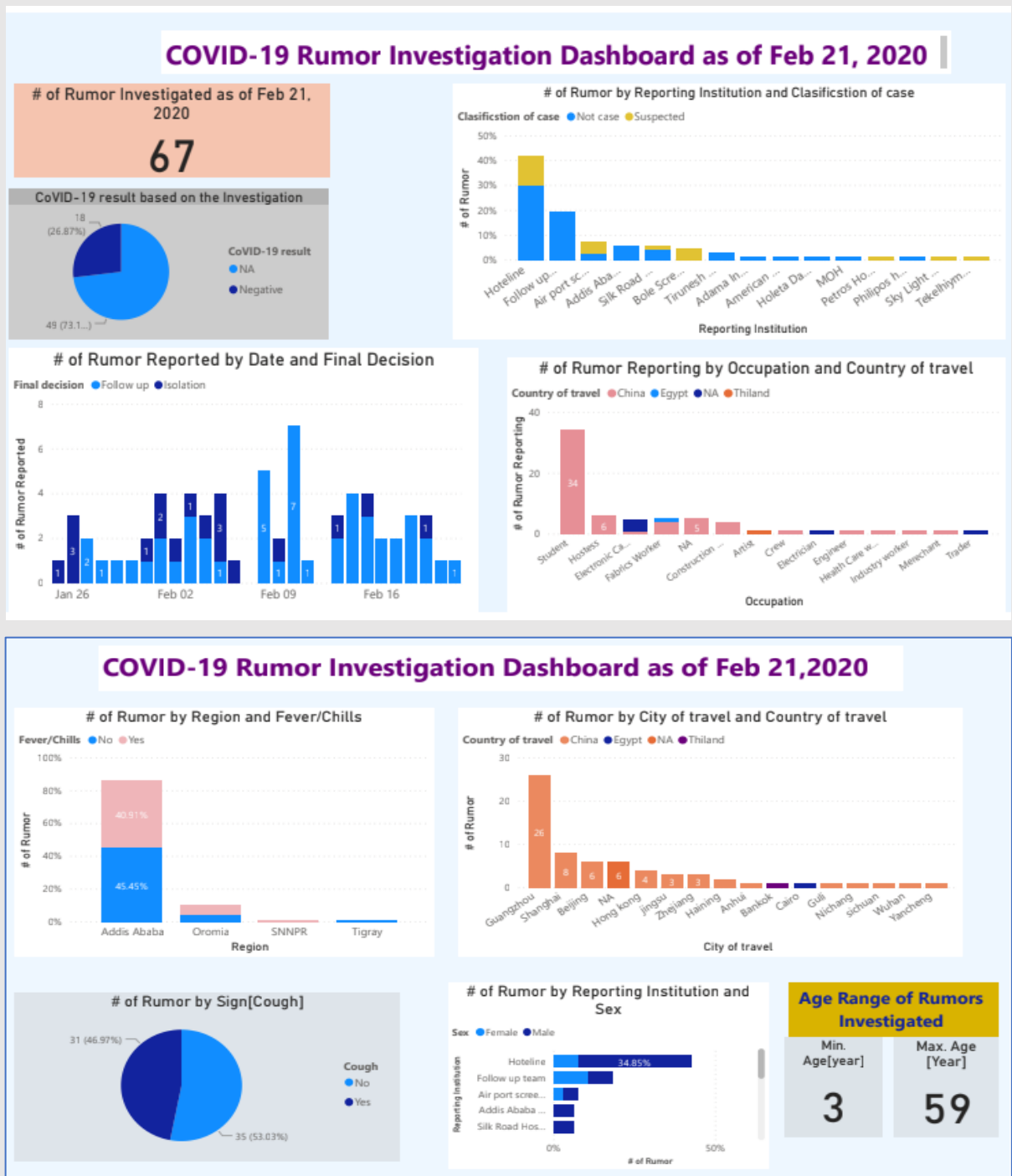
EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

RUMORS collection and verification (through 8335 toll-free number and other options)

- As of 21 February 2020, a total of 67 rumors have been received and investigated. Of which, 18 alerts have satisfied the suspected case definition and tested negative.
- On 21 February 2020, two rumors received (one reported from Addis Ababa RHB and the other from follow-up team) and investigated. Both of them didn't satisfy the suspected case definition and linked to the follow-up team.
- On 21 February 2020, a total of 234 calls were received through the toll-free line; 99 (42.3%) of them were COVID-19 related calls.

FIGURES 3-4:

COVID-19 rumor investigation visualization dashboard for Ethiopia (as of 20 February 2020) (n = 67)

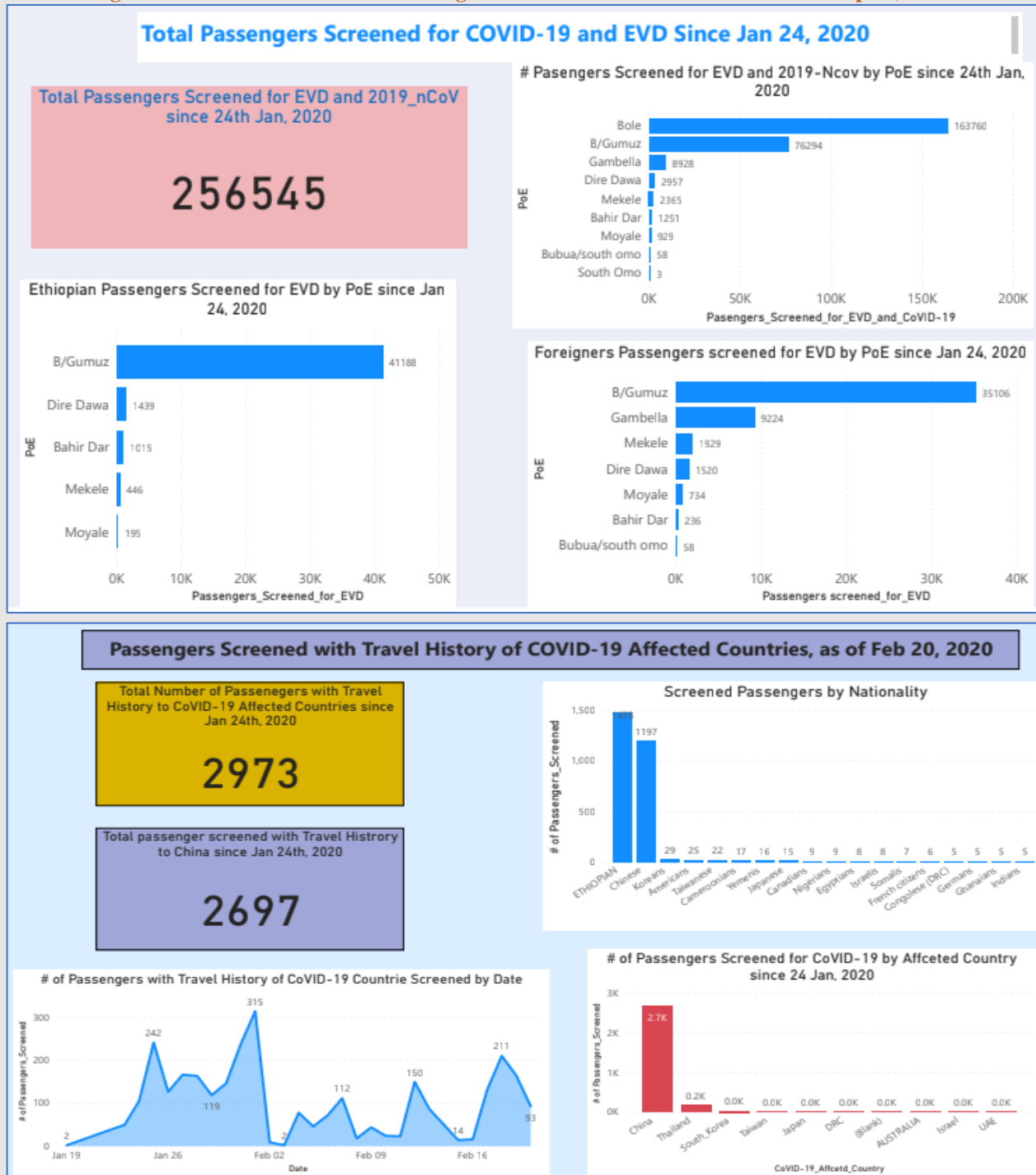


PASSENGERS SCREENING

- On 21 February 2020, a total of 109 and 50 passengers who has travel history to the COVID-19 and EVD affected countries screened respectively.

FIGURE 4-6:

Integrated COVID-19 and EVD screening at PoE visualization dashboard for Ethiopia (as of 20 February 2020)



Other PoEs related activities:

- Supervision at Bole International Airport conducted for monitoring and evaluation of the screening activities.
- COVID-19 Orientation was given for health professionals who are working at Bole International Airport screener.

ISOLATION and CASE MANAGEMENT:

- Follow-up of Bole Chefa Ebola Treatment Unit continued.

LOGISTICS and SUPPLIES:

- An examination glove provided for Bole international airport.
- A budget break down prepared and the provided template completed to request money committed by the Resolve Save Life.
- Resource mapping for Eka Kotebe General Hospital conducted

- A contractual agreement acquired for the hotel to serve international menu based on the foreigner's demand at Eka Kotobe General Hospital.

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Press statement prepared and released
- Radio and TV spot script for airport communities prepared
- Orientation slides prepared for Taxi and shuttle drivers
- Message on COVID-19 laboratory test prepared

TRAININGS AND ORIENTATION:

- Full-package of the COVID-19 training being provided for the participants from Benishangul-Gumuz and Selected hospitals continued.
- COVID-19 orientation has integrated with the FETP-Mentors training held in Adama.

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

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