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# PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT

## ETHIOPIA

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- 27 countries are affected globally and Iran is newly affected country.
- The suspected case isolated yesterday tested negative for COVID-19 and discharged.
- 114 passengers were screened who arrived from COVID-19 affected countries.
- 123 calls received today through 8335 toll-free hotline.
- Two rumors were received today
- Training on COVID-19 for RRT is ongoing.
- The travelers health declaration form finalized and ready for use.

234, 516

PASSENGERS SCREENED  
@ AA BOLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

2,880

PASSENGERS SCREENED  
FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

843

TRAVELERS  
UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

65

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  
**75,748**

TOTAL DEATH  
**2,129**

**26**  
AFFECTED COUNTRIES  
(OUTSIDE CHINA)

**1073, 03**  
CASES and DEATHS  
(OUTSIDE CHINA)

## WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION's RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

CHINA  
**VERY HIGH**

REGIONAL LEVEL  
**HIGH**

GLOBAL LEVEL  
**HIGH**

WHO reported, as of 20 February 2020, 10: 00 (CET), a total of 75,748 COVID-19 cases and 2,129 deaths globally. China reported 74,675 confirmed cases and 2126 deaths. So far, other than China, 26 countries affected and THREE deaths are reported from the Philippines, Japan, and France.

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

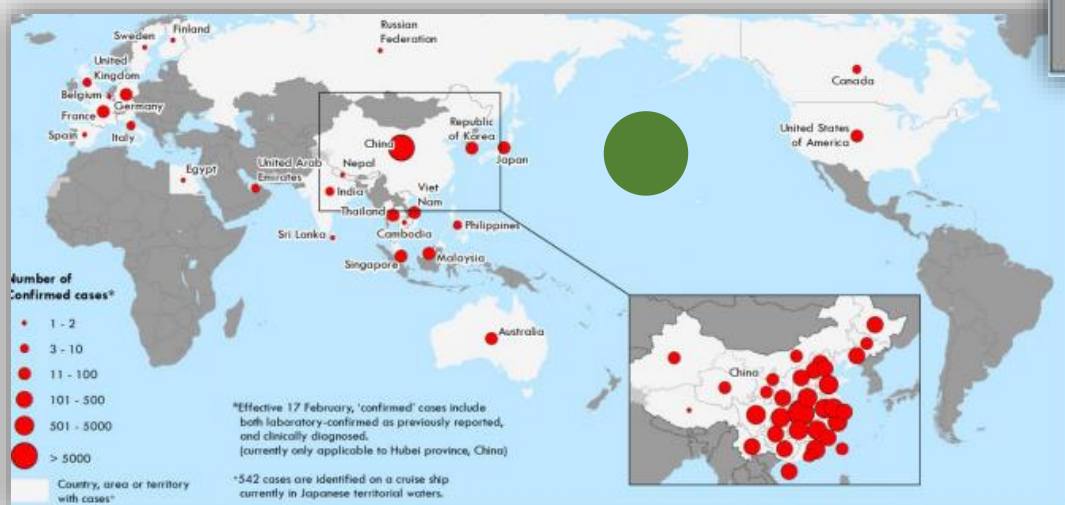
<http://who.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/c88e37cfc43b4ed3baf977d77e4a0667>

### 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.

FIGURE 1-2:

The global spread of COVID-19 (1) and COVID-19 Infection distribution in CHINA (2)

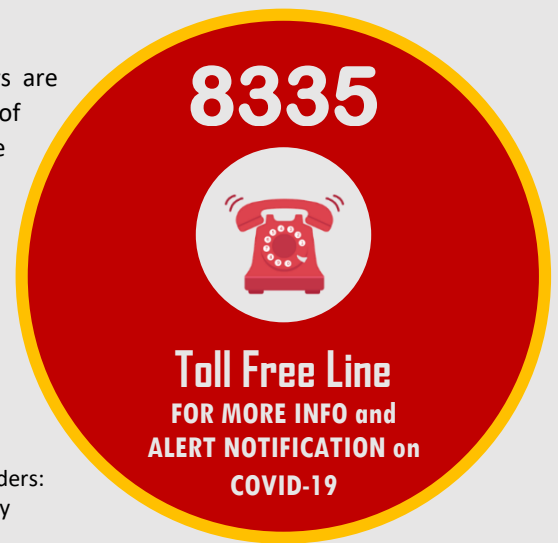


# MAJOR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS IN ETHIOPIA

## 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 hotline (8335) was established to provide information to and receive alert from; the public
- Country preparedness assessment was conducted and emergency preparedness and response plan was 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 Addis Ababa Bole and Dire Dawa international airports, Dewele train station (at ETHIO - DJIBOUTI border), as well as 29 additional ground entries from neighbouring countries throughout the nation.
- 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 FEB 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 FEB 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.
- As of 20 February 2020, a total of 65 alerts/rumors have been received and investigated. 18 alerts have been identified as suspected cases and tested (the remaining 43 rumors dropped due to not satisfying the suspected case definition). ALL tested turned out to be negative and hence; NO confirmed COVID-19 case reported yet.



## COORDINATION and COLLABORATION:

- House of Peoples' Representatives Social Affairs standing committee visited EPHI's Emergency Operation Center and briefed on the Centers activities to prevent the COVID-19 (image to below)
- National Council is revitalized
- PHEM Task Force, PHEM Technical Task Force and PHEM Technical Working group is revitalized and met at different times
- National roster is updated
- National Taskforce sub-committee from various sectors met on 13 February 2020 to discuss progress and challenges and put solutions
- Since its activation, the national PHEOC is collaboratively working with stakeholders: government agencies, partner organizations, UN agencies, embassies, hospitality sector, Industrial parks and others
- Strong communication network established and receiving updates from other countries through National IHR-FPs.
- Technical Working Group (TWG) refine the EPRP and finalized. The TWG involves WHO, EPHI, MOH, EPSA, CDC, USAID, IOM, UNICEF and Africa CDC



## EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

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

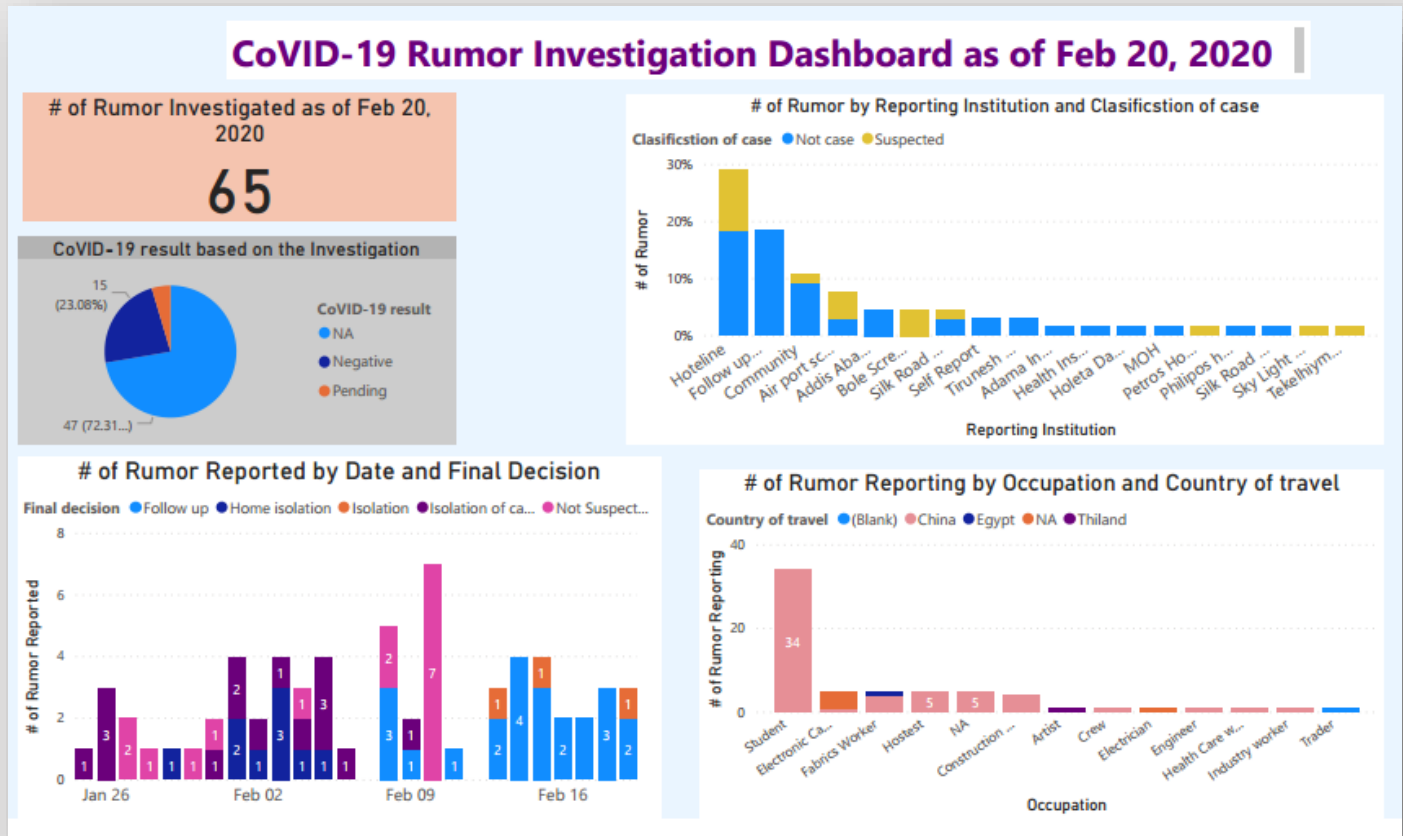
- So far, a total of 65 rumors received and investigated. Of which, 18 were suspected but tested negative for COVID-19.
- Today, two rumors were received from Addis Ababa. However, both of them did not full fill the suspected case definition and are linked to the follow-up team.
- Today, a total of 123 calls were received through the toll free line; 51 (42%) of them were COVID-19 related calls.

### PHONE FOLLOW-UP of travelers from affected countries

- A total of 984 travelers were enrolled for follow-up since 08 February 2020; 151 are new additionally enrolled today.
- As of today, 843 (86%) travelers are under the follow-up.

FIGURES 3:

COVID-19 rumor investigation visualization dashboard for ETHIOPIA (as of 20 February 2020) (n = 65)



## PASSENGERS SCREENING and PoE RELATED PREPAREDNESS

- So far, a total of 234, 516 passengers screened for COVID-19 and EVD at PoEs since 24th January 2020 (for detail info look at the below dashboards for detail info).
- Since the 24th of January 2020, a total of 2,880 passengers were screened that came from COVID-19 affected countries. Of which, 2,604 of them were from China alone.
- Supporting team has arrived to Afar and discussion was made with Afar Regional Health Bureau to strengthen screening activities at Galafi
- The traveler's health declaration form is finalized and shared for use.

**FIGURE 4-5:**  
**COVID-19 related PoE screening visualization dashboard for ETHIOPIA (as of 20 February 2020)**  
**FIGURE 4**

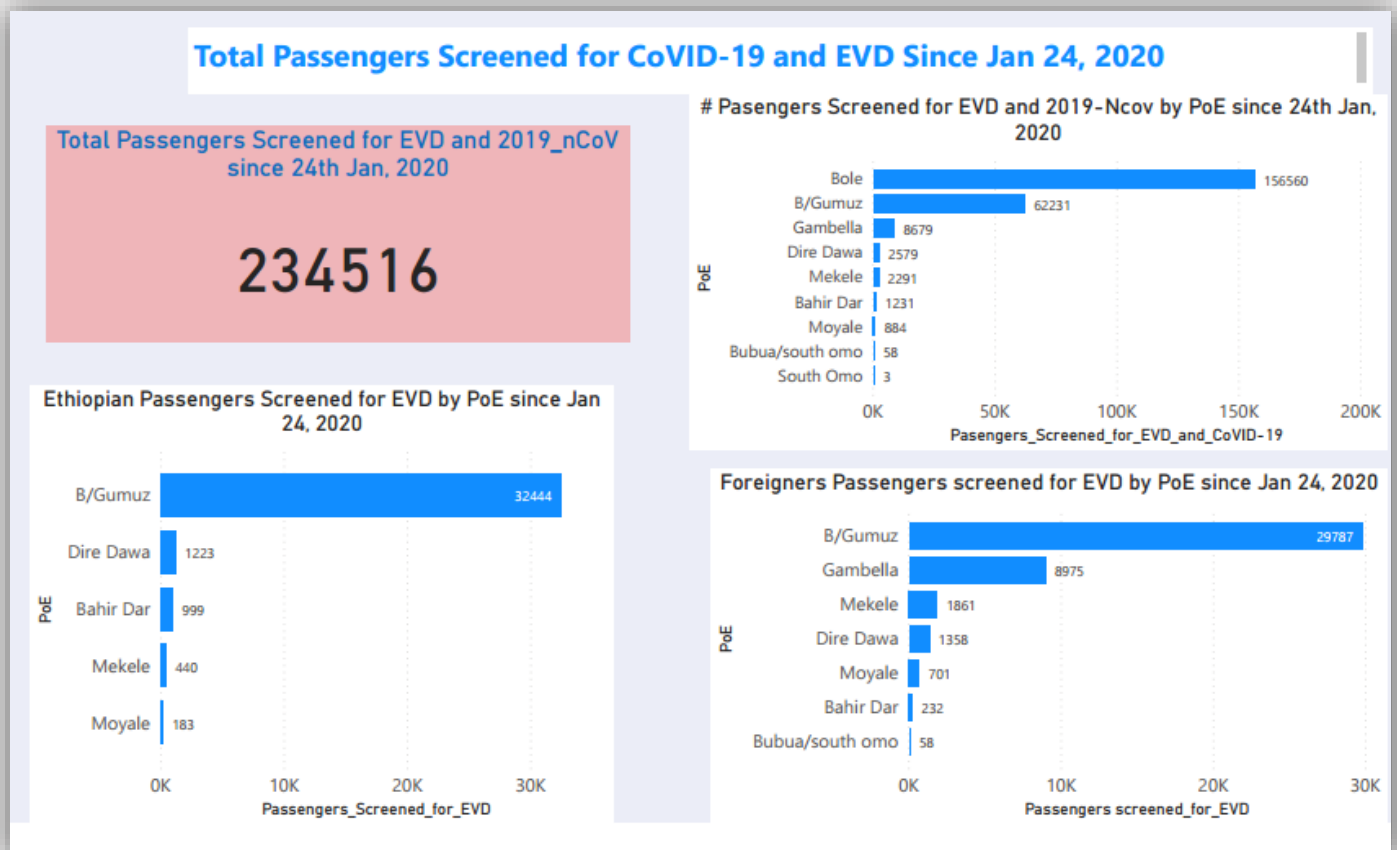
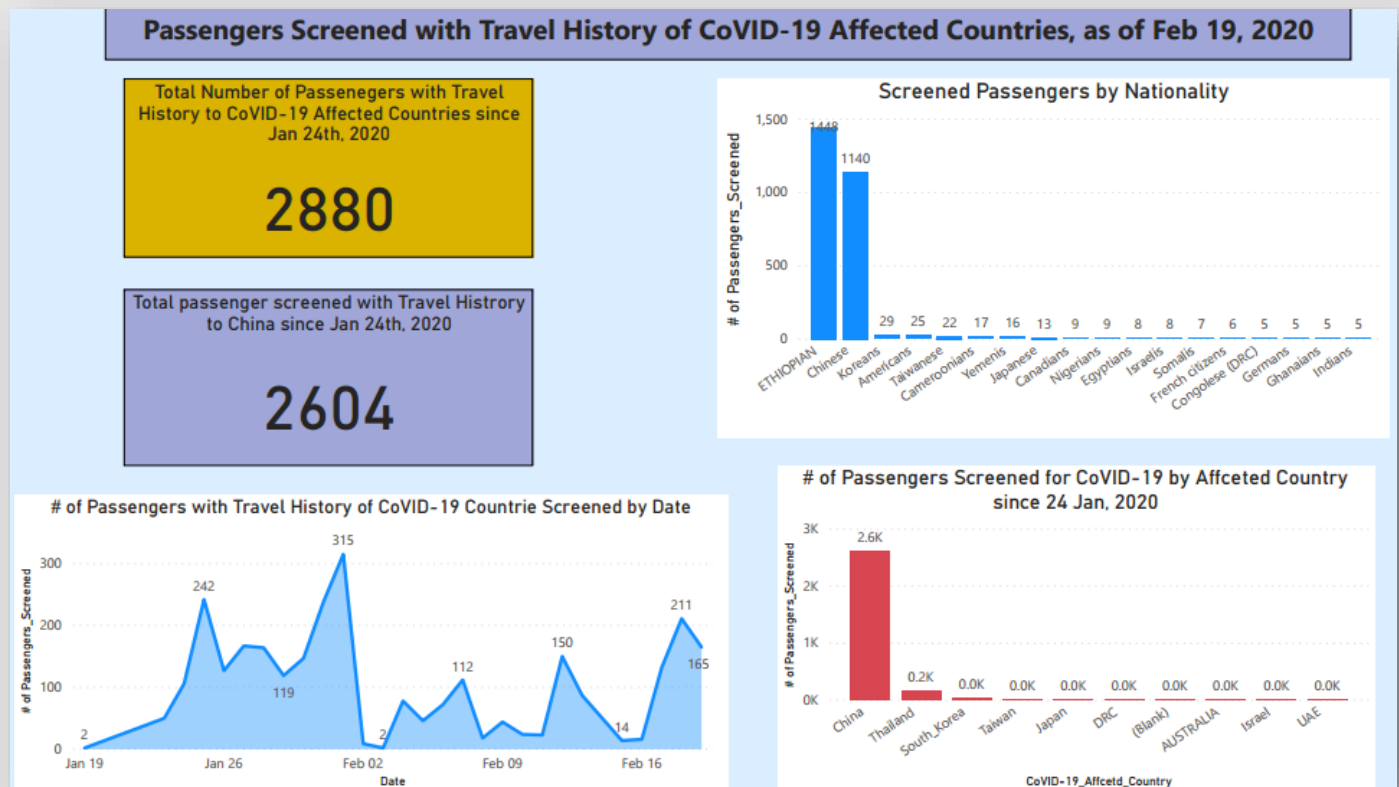


FIGURE 5



## ISOLATION and CASE MANAGEMENT:

- Assessment checklist for treatment Set-ups is finalized and ready for use.
- Interim IPC guideline for COVID-19 is finalized.

## LOGISTICS and SUPPLIES:

- Procurement follow-up for requested items and emergency stock piling is ongoing.
- Need assessment and inventory is ongoing

## RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Media monitoring is conducted.
- Three key information for frequently asked questions is shared through twitter and face book page of EPHI regarding airport screening and thermos scanner.

## PLANNING:

- RRT training is ongoing
- SITREP format and list of receivers is revised



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 Incident Preparedness Team

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