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COVID-19 Preparedness Situation Report - 21 - Revised



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Data as reported by 12th and 13th Feb 2020 up to 4:30 PM GMT

Highlights

- On 13 February 2020, national taskforce subcommittee discussed the progress of the preparedness efforts
- One alert case admitted in the Bole Chefa ETU
- Orientation session was conducted for 77 hotel owners and managers
- Currently 455 travelers on follow up
- EPRP refined and costing conducted

Epidemiological Situation of COVID-19 globally

As of WHO situation report-23 (Data as reported by 12 February 2020), a total of 45 171 confirmed (2068 new) cases reported globally. Of which, 44 730 confirmed (2022 new), 8204 severe (871 new) 1114 deaths (97 new) were reported from China, while 441 confirmed (46 new) cases were reported from other 24 countries. So far only one death was reported outside of China, i.e. from Philippines (for detail information please visit: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200212-sitrep-23-ncov.pdf?sfvrsn=41e9fb78 2)

As of 13th February 2020, 10:00 (CET), WHO's Novel corona virus (COVID-19) situation monitoring dashboard indicated, a total of 46, 997 confirmed cases and 1,369 deaths with 2.9 % mortality rate were reported. Globally, 25 countries reported confirmed case including China. No new country reported today.

As of COVID-19 global cases by the John Hopkins CSSE update, a total of 60,349 total confirmed cases, 1,370 deaths and 6,260 recovery were reported.

WHO Risk Assessment	China	Regional	Global	
	Very High	High	High	

Ethiopia has six flight destinations (Cargo and Passenger) in China (Beijing, Chengdu, Chongging, 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

- National Taskforce subcommittee from various sectors met on 13 February 2020 to discuss progress and challenges and put solutions
- PHEOC IMS is on activation and operating to optimize the 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.
- Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting, in which WHO, EPHI, MOH, EPSA, CDC, USAID, IOM, UNICEF and Africa CDC expertise participated, conducted mainly to refine the EPRP
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Epi and Laboratory Surveillance

Rumors collection and verification (8335 toll free and other sources):

- Since 25th January 2020 to date, a total of 46 rumors investigated. Of these, 16 of them fulfill the case definition and were isolated. From those cases who fulfilled the case definition, 16 samples collected and 15 of them tested negative and discharged. One test pending and the person is on isolation.
- Two rumors were reported on 13 th Feb 2020; the first rumor is two years and 10-months old Ethiopian child who arrived at Addis Ababa on the 9th of February 2020 from Guanguzon, China. Teklehymanot General Hospital reported it and investigation done with AA PHEM on February 13/2020. It has isolated and admitted to Bole Chefa site with a complaint of fever (39 0C), runny nose, rash, sneezing. Sample was collected and the test result is pending.
- The second rumor is under investigation.

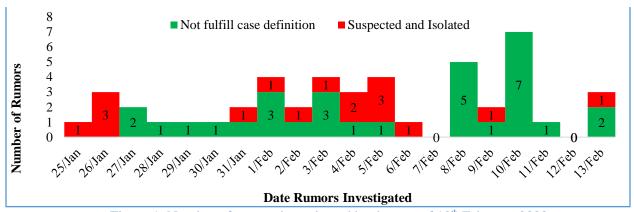


Figure 1: Number of rumors investigated by date, as of 13th February 2020

- The follow up for China travelers is ongoing and a total of 455 travelers on follow up as of 13 Feb 2020.
- Rumor collection and health education through 8335 and media scanning was done as usual.
- On 13th February 2020, a total of 146 calls were received and 59 of them were COVID-19 related calls.

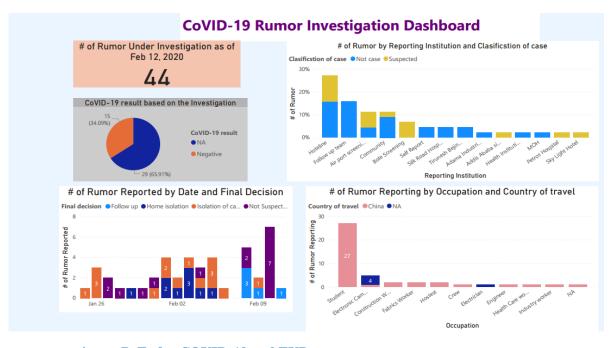
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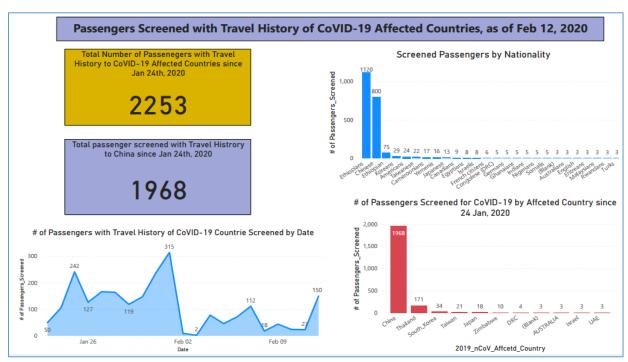


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Passengers screening at PoEs for COVID-19 and EVD:



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Other POEs related activities:

- Six Infrared thermometer was sent to the National Metrological Agency for calibration
- Orientation was given for 63 aircraft janitors at Bole International Airport

EPRP refinement and Logistics/Supplies related activities:

- EPRP refined and costing conducted by the experts from WHO, EPHI, MOH, EPSA, CDC, USAID, IOM, UNICEF and Africa CDC
- Health Commodities physical inventory of stock on hand in EPHI undertaken

Isolation and case management:

- Equipping Eka Kotebe General Hospital facility to be used as case management center is in Progress
- Orientation on COVID-19 and IPC is provided for Trunesh Bejing hospital staffs
- Orientation on COVID-19 and IPC is provided for Hotel Managers
- IPC Protocol has been reviewed and completed

Risk communication:

- Training was given to media professionals by MOH Public relation and Communication
- A half day orientation session was provided for 77 Hotel owners and managers
- Chinese translated Business card is submitted and ready for design
- Press conference statement prepared and ready for use
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Pic: Training for hotel managers in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13th February 20202

Activities to solve language barrier during follow-up

- Working with the Chinese Embassy person to help on language barrier issue
- Letter to be send to AAU Chinese language department drafted to request for the translator

Challenges and gaps:

Shortage of hand washing facility for BIA aircraft janitors at the final disposal site