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PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 67 countries reported COVID-19 cases
- Five African countries reported COVID-19 cases
- Orientation on COVID-19 for the airlines crew members at Bole International Airport ongoing
- Two alerts received. One satisfy the suspected case definition and isolated for further investigation
- 115 passengers who has travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened
- A total of 826 travelers are under follow-up. Of these, 96 travelers were newly enrolled
- A total of 756 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and discharged. Of these 9 travelers are discharged today
- 53 COVID-19 related calls were received through the toll-free line
- Discussion held with the Ethiopian Airline Management Group Members on the shared issues to intensify the preparedness efforts

412,738 PASSENGERS SCREENED <small>ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020</small>	5,989 PASSENGERS SCREENED <small>FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES</small>	730 TRAVELERS <small>UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP</small>	90 RUMORS <small>RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED</small>
24 <small>SUSPECTED CASES</small> DETECTED	23 <small>SUSPECTED CASES</small> TESTED	0 <small>TOTAL CASES</small> CONFIRMED	1 <small>SUSPECTED CASES IN THE</small> ISOLATION UNIT Pending Lab Result

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

TOTAL CASES 89,527	TOTAL DEATH 3,056
80,174 CONFIRMED CASES (IN CHINA)	2,873 DEATHS (IN CHINA)
67 AFFECTED COUNTRIES (OUTSIDE CHINA)	8,756 CASES and 104 DEATHS (OUTSIDE CHINA)

Countries with confirmed cases

China :**80174** cases
 Republic of Korea :**4212** cases
 Italy :**1689** cases
 Iran (Islamic Republic of) :**1501** cases
 International conveyance (Diamond Princess) :**706** cases
 Japan :**254** cases
 Germany :**150** cases
 Singapore :**108** cases
 France :**100** cases
 United States of America :**62** cases
 Kuwait :**56** cases
 Bahrain :**47** cases
 Spain :**45** cases
 Thailand :**43** cases
 United Kingdom :**36** cases
 Australia :**33** cases
 Malaysia :**24** cases
 Switzerland :**24** cases
 Iraq :**21** cases
 United Arab Emirates :**20** cases
 Canada :**19** cases
 Norway :**19** cases

Viet Nam :**16** cases
 Sweden :**14** cases
 Netherlands :**13** cases
 Austria :**10** cases
 Israel :**10** cases
 Lebanon :**10** cases
 Belgium :**8** cases
 Croatia :**8** cases
 San Marino :**8** cases
 Greece :**7** cases
 Finland :**6** cases
 Oman :**6** cases
 India :**5** cases
 Mexico :**5** cases
 Denmark :**4** cases
 Pakistan :**4** cases
 Algeria :**3** cases
 Azerbaijan :**3** cases
 Georgia :**3** cases
 Philippines :**3** cases
 Qatar :**3** cases
 Romania :**3** cases
 Czech Republic :**3** cases
 Brazil :**2** cases
 Egypt :**2** cases

Russian Federation :**2** cases
 Indonesia :**2** cases
 Iceland :**2** cases
 Portugal :**2** cases
 Afghanistan :**1** case
 Belarus :**1** case
 Cambodia :**1** case
 Ecuador :**1** case
 Estonia :**1** case
 Ireland :**1** case
 Lithuania :**1** case
 Monaco :**1** case
 Nepal :**1** case
 New Zealand :**1** case
 Nigeria :**1** case
 North Macedonia :**1** case
 Sri Lanka :**1** case
 Armenia :**1** case
 Luxembourg :**1** case
 Dominican Republic :**1** case
 Jordan :**1** case

Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

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

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION's RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

CHINA VERY HIGH	REGIONAL LEVEL VERY HIGH	GLOBAL LEVEL VERY HIGH
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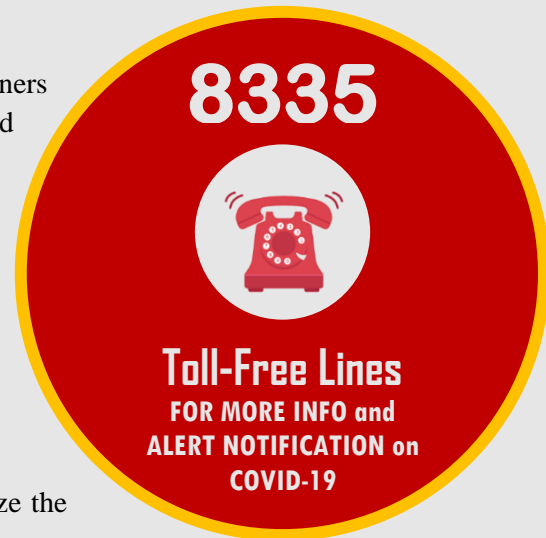
NOTE:

Ethiopia has six flight destinations (Cargo and Passenger) in CHINA (Beijing, Chengdu, Chugging, 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. 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 Addis Ababa Bole and Dire Dawa international airports, Dewele train station (at Ethio-Djibouti border), as well as additional ground entries from neighboring 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 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.

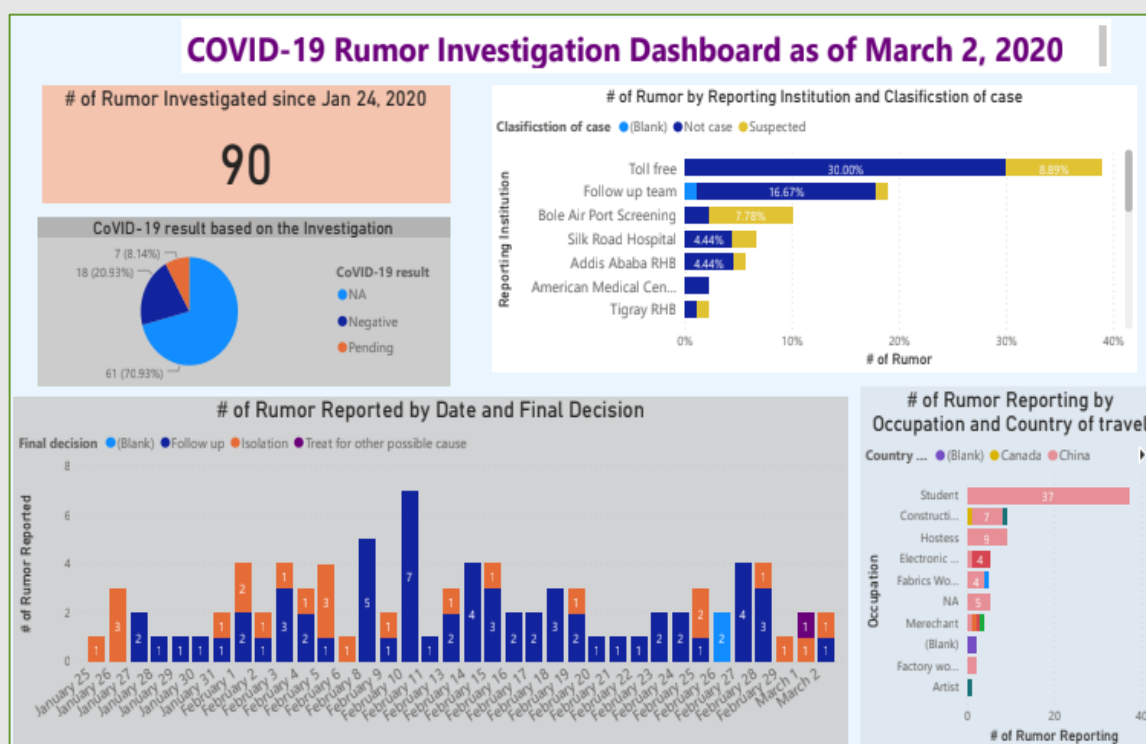
COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

- 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
- Discussion held with the Ethiopian airline management group on major issues needs airlines/airport engagement

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

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

- Today, two rumors received, one is from Tigray Regional State & the other is through (8335) Toll-free. Of these the suspect case from Tigray is in isolation center, sample is collected and waiting for laboratory result, the other one reported via Toll-free doesn't fulfill the case definition.
- So far, a total of 90 rumors have been received and investigated. Of which, 24 have fulfilled the suspected case definition and 23 tested negative.
- Today, a total of 226 calls received through toll-free line. Of these, 53 (23.4%) were COVID-19 related calls.



Phone Follow-up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of 1st of March 2020:
 - 826 travelers are under follow-up; 96 travelers are newly enrolled on today
 - 460 travelers (8 new) that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 756 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and discharged. Of these, 9 discharged on today.
 - No alerts reported from the follow-up team

PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- Today, a total of 115 travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.
- So far, 5,889 passengers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened at Bole International Airport, while there are no passengers who have travel history to COVID-affected countries identified at the regional PoEs screening sites.

ISOLATION and CASE MANAGEMENT:

- Containment strategy document development continued
- Discharged alert cases follow-up is underway to know their status
- Discharge and referral summary sheet prepared and shared
- Discharge protocol revised and shared for further enrichment

LOGISTICS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Supportive supervision of Eka Kotebe Hospital to identify logistics gaps were conducted.
- Delivery status of the supplies ordered to be distributed to regions and health facilities received from five regions
- Follow-up of the printing of Banner & Information card is ongoing

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Press conference note prepared and shared for comments
- Orientation provided to 8335 toll-free line responders on telephone communication and difficult callers management

TRAINING AND ORIENTATION RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Laboratory sample collection and transportation training being provided for the participants from regional reference laboratory, Influenza Sentinel Sites and selected
- COVID-19 training cascading is ongoing for Addis Ababa City Administration
- Orientation on COVID-19 for the airlines crew members at Bole International Airport ongoing

REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS:

- One alert received from Tigray Regional State (mentioned above) and zero report of COVID-19 related alerts received from other remaining regions
- Addis Ababa City Administration start cascading COVID-19 training in collaboration with EPHI

¹ 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.

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>)

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