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COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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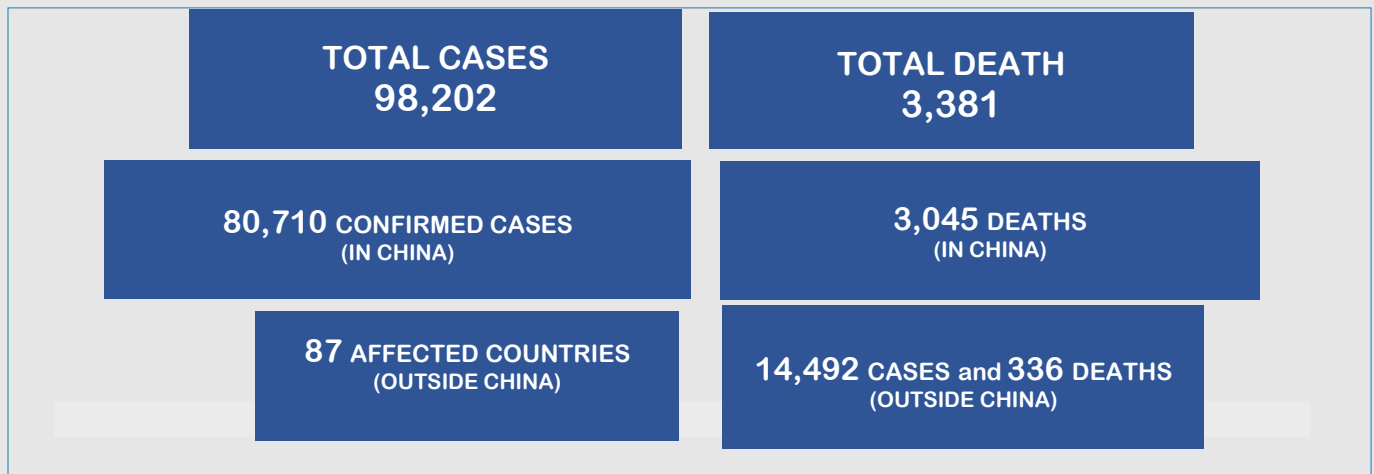
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HIGHLIGHTS

- South Africa, Serbia & Buhtan reported their first COVID-19 cases
- Four alerts received. Three of them satisfy the suspect case definition, sample collected and the test result is pending
- A total of 1098 travelers are under follow-up
- A total of 1,003 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated
- 167 (54%) COVID-19 related calls were received through the toll-free line
- 5th COVID-19 PHOEC Technical Working Group meeting held
- Case management training on COVID-19 for 32 members of emergency physicians completed
- Two days table-top exercise on COVID-19 completed
- COVID-19 training for participants from the Defense and Federal Police health department is ongoing
- Orientation on COVID-19 for the Ethiopian Airlines Crews at Bole International Airport ongoing

455,775 PASSENGERS SCREENED <small>ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020</small>	6,733 PASSENGERS SCREENED <small>FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES</small>	1098 TRAVELERS <small>UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP</small>	102 RUMORS <small>RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED</small>
31 <small>SUSPECTED CASES DETECTED</small>	28 <small>SUSPECTED CASES TESTED</small>	0 <small>TOTAL CASES CONFIRMED</small>	3 <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>

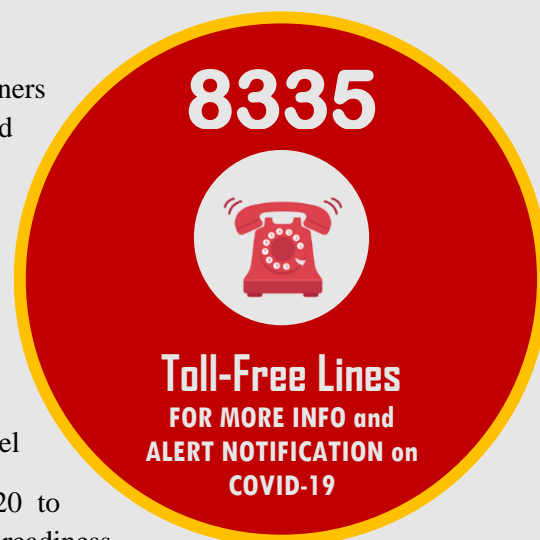
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION's RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

CHINA VERY HIGH	REGIONAL LEVEL VERY HIGH	GLOBAL LEVEL VERY HIGH
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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 and HOPE Project Coordinator on how to support COVID-19 preparedness efforts

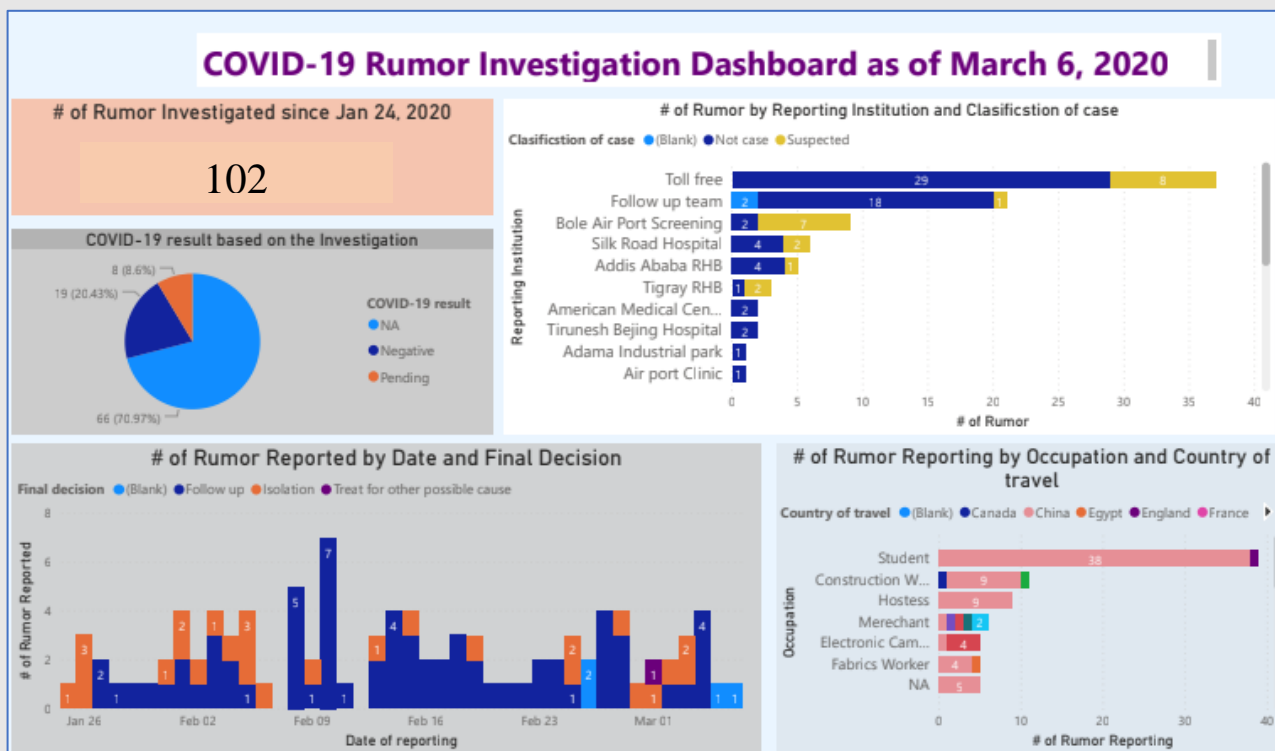
COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

- Recently established ministerial committee led by the MOH state minister convened
- Weekly Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting held and discussed on preparedness and response strategies
- 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
- Ethiopian Airlines Group were briefed by the EPHI DG

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

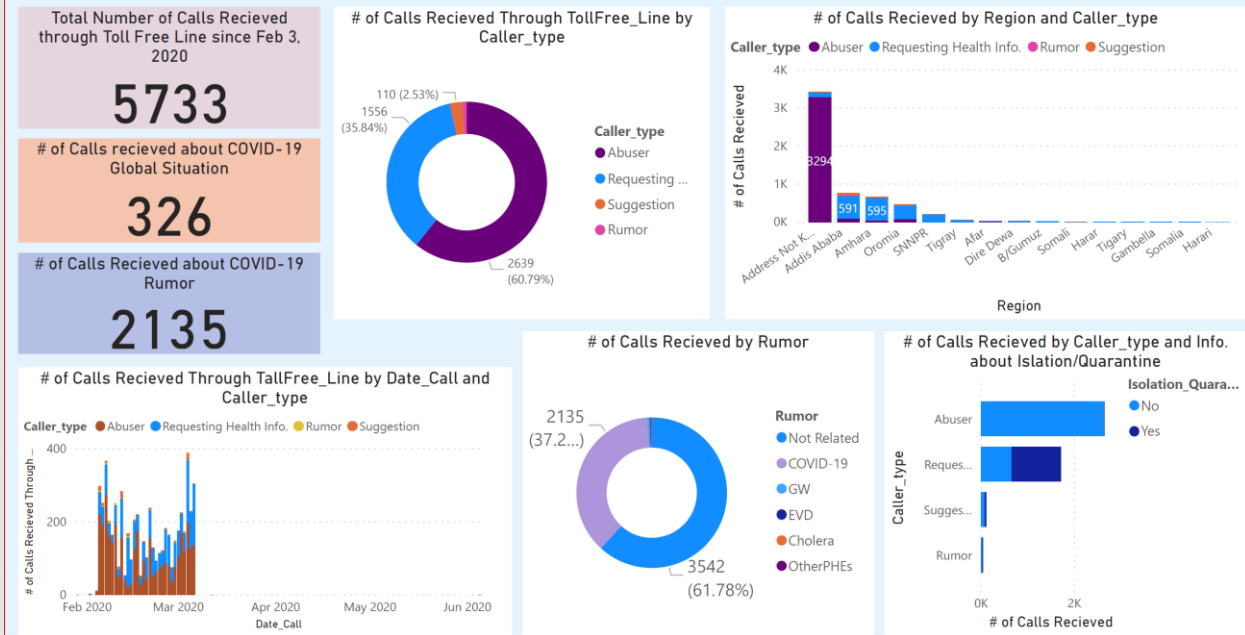
Rumors collection and verification (through 8335 toll-free number and other sources)

- Today, three travelers who arrived from Saudi Arabia presented with fever and cough. They all admitted at Isolation center, sample collected and the test result is pending. Another alert reported by the follow-up team investigated and verified that didn't fulfill the suspect case definition.
- So far, a total of 102 alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 31 have fulfilled the suspect case definition and 28 tested negative, sample collected and the test result is pending.



- Today, a total of 306 calls received through toll-free lines. Of these, 167 (54 %) were COVID-19 related calls.
- From a total of 102 COVID-19 related rumors, 37 (36 %) were received via toll-free (8335) lines.

TollFree Line Summary Information as of March 6,2020

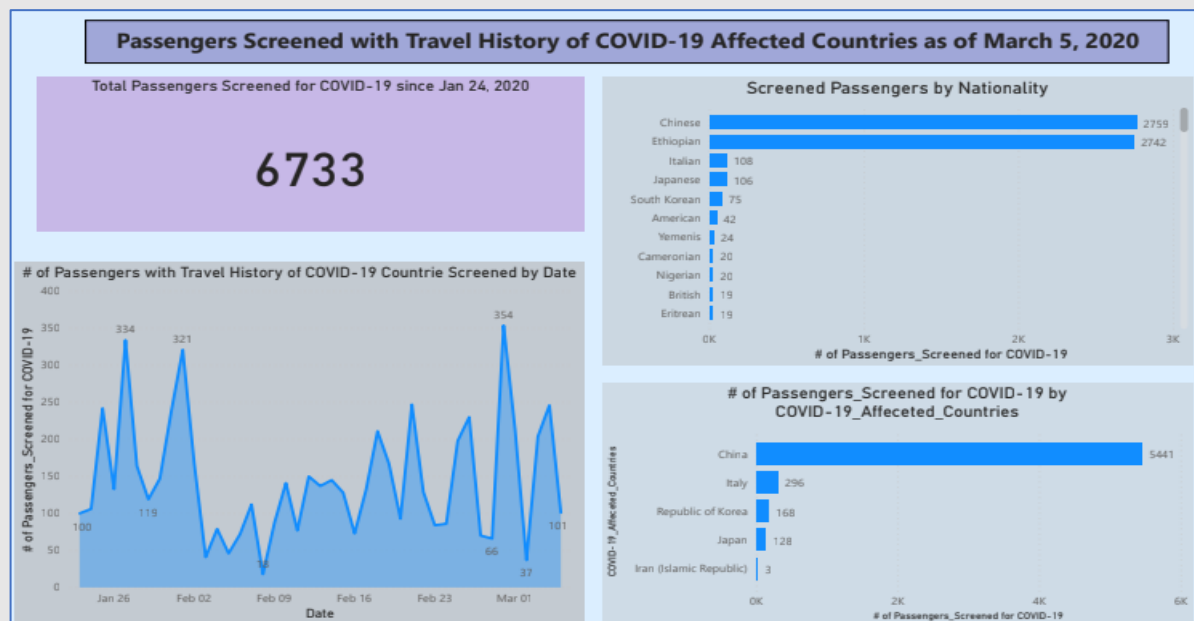


Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of 6th March 2020:
 - 1,098 travelers are under follow-up; 192 travelers were newly enrolled
 - 508 travelers (12 new) that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 1,003 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up. Of these, 93 were graduated on today.

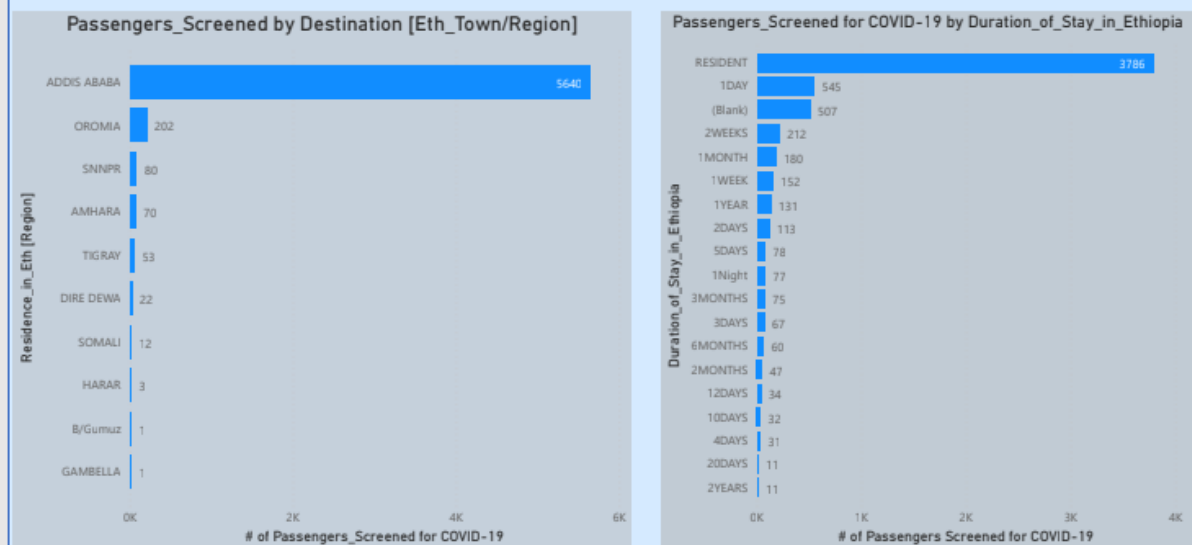
PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- On 5th March 2020; 190 travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.
- As of 5th March 2020, a total 6,733 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-19 affected countries identified at the regional POEs screening sites.



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.

Passengers Screened with Travel History of COVID-19 affected Countries as of March 5, 2020



Other POE RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Assessment of Jemo Industrial Park [Huajei Company] Quarantine Center conducted.
- Onboard health declaration form filling is effected by the Ethiopian Civil aviation to all Airlines arriving to Ethiopia.

ISOLATION, CASE MANAGEMENT and IPC

- Routine service exemption and patient's evacuation completed at Eka Kotobe Isolation Center

LOGISTICS, Administration AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Additional supplies replenished for Bole International Airports.
- About 40,000 information cards (Amharic and English version) and 40 Roll-banners printed out
- Additionally, English, French and Chinese Roll-banners design and printing supported by the Ethiopian Airlines
- Comprehensive COVID-19 preparedness and response proposal developed to request donors to mobilize resource
- Two calibrated infrared thermometers received from WHO provided for Amhara region

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Audio spot production for onboard announcement in the aircraft finalized with the support of JHUCCP
- Risk communication and community engagement strengthening budget plan developed.
- Community engagement detailed activity plan finalized.
- Press statement released
- Schedule and discussion points for higher level advocacy prepared.
- French, Arabic and English Brochures and Poster received from Africa CDC distributed

TRAINING AND ORIENTATION RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Orientation for Ethiopian Airlines Crew Members continued. So far, a total of 2329 crews oriented
- Full-package COVID-19 training for a total of 70 participants from Federal Police and Defense health department continued

- Three days case management training for about 32 emergency physicians completed
- Two days table-top exercise simulating COVID-19 scenario completed, which is aimed to assess the COVID-19 preparedness and response mechanism
- Full-package of COVID-19 training being cascaded by the Addis Ababa City Administration

REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS:

- Addis Ababa City Administration Health bureau submitted its daily SITREP. Key partners and stakeholders engaged.
- Tigray and Somali Regional States completed and shared WHO adapted regional level preparedness assessment checklist
- Zero report of COVID-19 related alerts received from all regions.

Media scanning:

- WHO Director-General at the Media briefing on COVID-19, 5 March 2020: “Today I want to start by saying thank you to all our colleagues in the media. As providers of information, you play a vital role in the response to COVID-19. The fight against rumors and misinformation is a vital part of the battle against this virus. We rely on you to make sure people have accurate information about the threat they face, and how to protect themselves and others”.
- <https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19--5-march-2020>



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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