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COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Two new confirmed COVID-19 cases identified and the total number of confirmed cases raised to eleven in Ethiopia. All of them are on medical care and those who have been in contact with the case are identified.
- 5.4 million Face masks, 1.08 million test kits, 40,000 sets of protective suits and 60,000 sets of protective face shields donated by Jack Ma Foundation for Africa arrives in Ethiopia
- The Mandatory quarantine for passengers coming from abroad will go into effect starting from tonight.
- Ethiopia COVID-19 monitoring platform is prepared which shall be functional by tomorrow.
- 19 new rumors /alerts were received. Of these, four of them fulfill the suspected case definition
- About 260 contacts of the confirmed cases have been identified

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

659,782

PASSENGERS SCREENED

ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

11,853

PASSENGERS SCREENED
FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

2170

TRAVELERS

UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

300

RUMORS/Alerts
RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

169

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

11

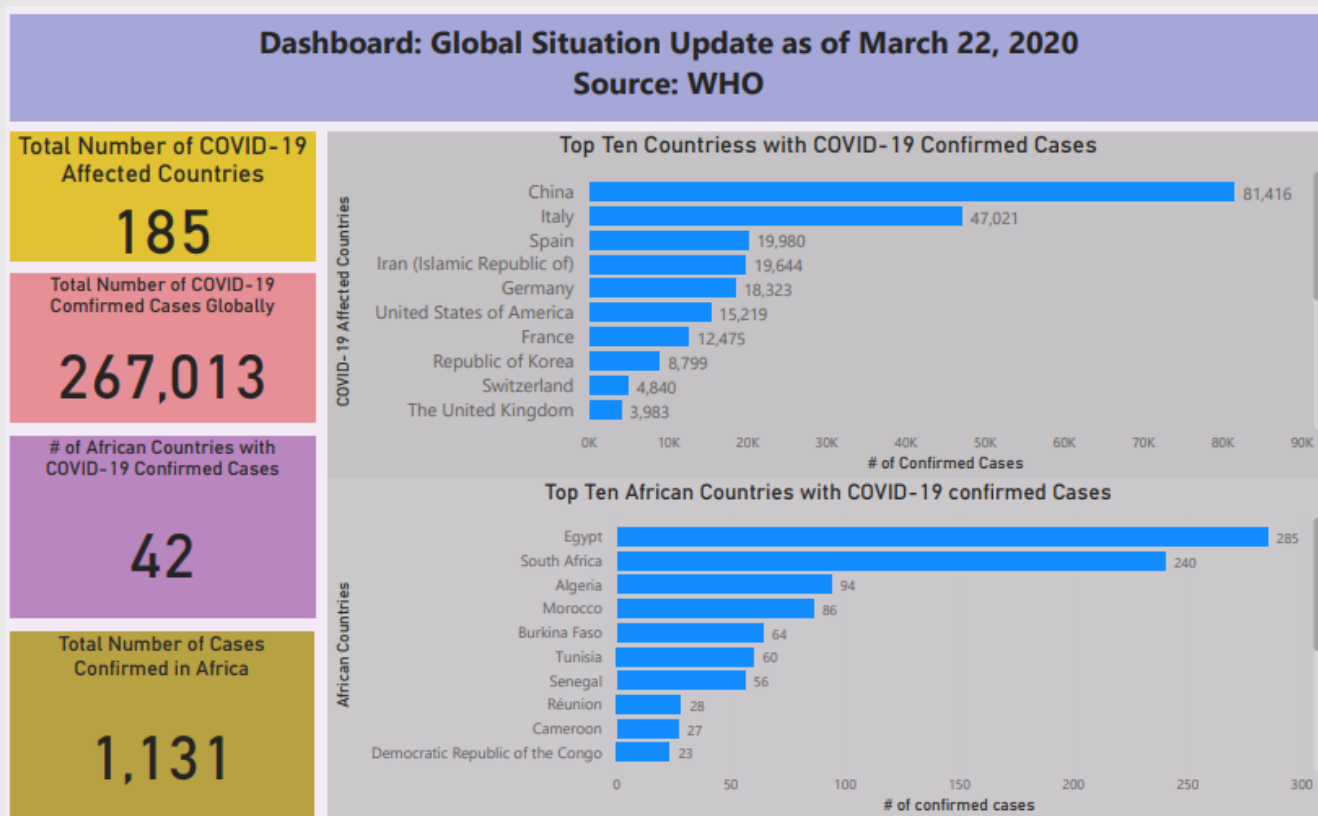
TOTAL CASE
CONFIRMED

260

Contacts of the confirmed cases

20

SUSPECTED CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT



Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

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

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. Different layer so coordination platform revitalized and the PHEOC is working collaboratively with various agency representative, Partners, Embassies, hospitality sector, Industrial parks and others. There is strong communication and updating from other countries through IHR-NFPs. The sub-national level is well engaged in the preparedness and response efforts. Joint regular media briefing sessions are being conducted.

COORDINATION and COLLABORATION:

- The MOH leadership visited the PHEOC and discussed on the current status of national COVID-19 preparedness and response activities.
- Joint IMS core staffs and partners representatives daily briefing ongoing on daily basis

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES

- On 22nd March 2020, three additional confirmed cases reported. The total number of confirmed cases increased to eleven. They are currently on medical care at the pre-designated isolation facility. One of the cases is on oxygen; others are stable.

Contact tracing and follow-up:

- So far, a total of 260 contacts are identified. 24 of these have completed the 14 days follow up; 3 contacts have gone back to Japan before completing the follow up.
- A total of six individuals among the close contacts of the confirmed cases became symptomatic. Of these, four tested positive for COVID-19 and they are among the confirmed positive cases.

Rumors collection and verification from all sources

- On 22nd March 2020, 19 new rumors/alerts received from all sources. Of these, 4 alerts fulfilled the case definition of suspected cases.
- So far, 300 rumors/alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 169 rumors/alerts have fulfilled the case definition of suspected cases.
- On 22nd March 2020, a total of 5,285 COVID-19 related calls are received through toll-free call center. Nine of those calls were to report rumors, which are among the total rumors mentioned above.

Laboratory Testing

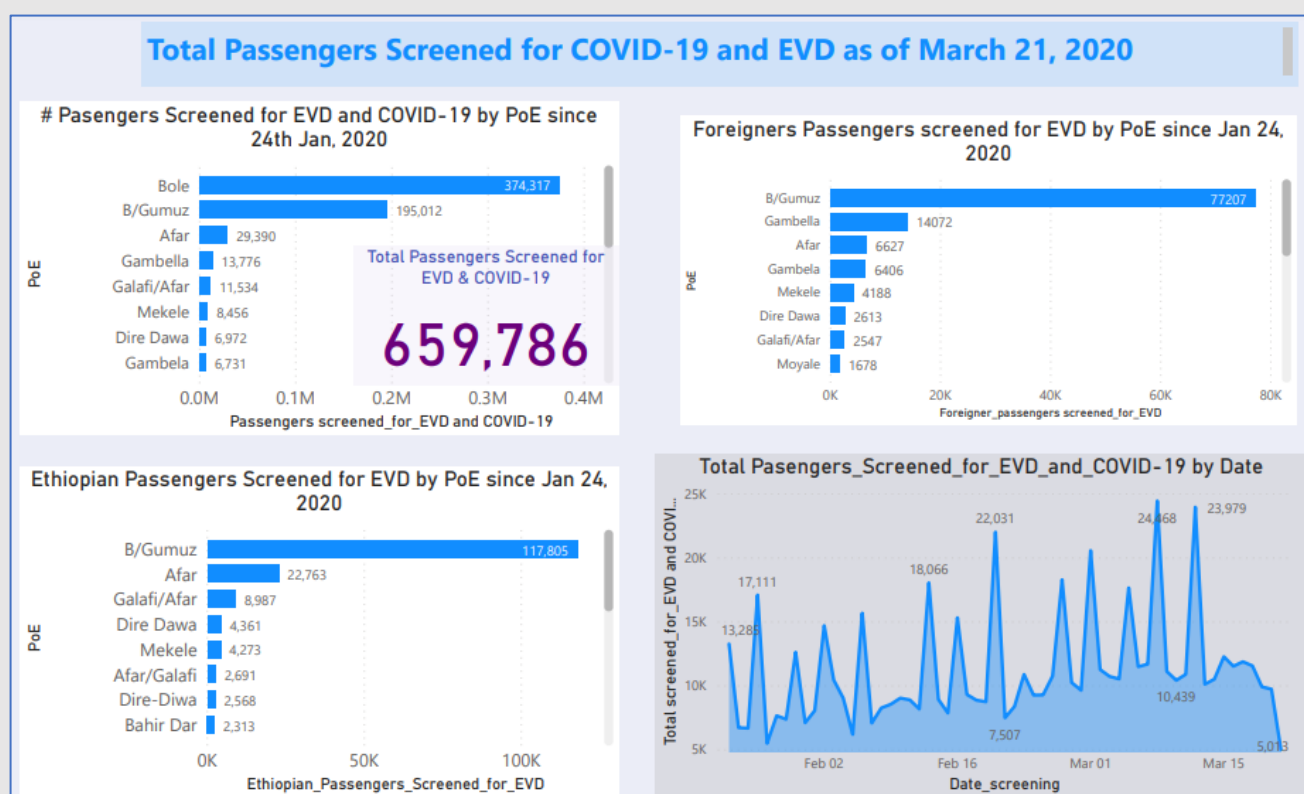
- A total of 446 samples have been collected. Of these 431 tested negatives, 11 tested positive and 4 pending.

Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of the 22nd of March 2020:
 - 2170 travelers are under follow-up.
 - 715 (24 new) travelers that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 1,761 travelers (33 new) have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up.

PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- On the 21st of March 2020; **277** travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened.



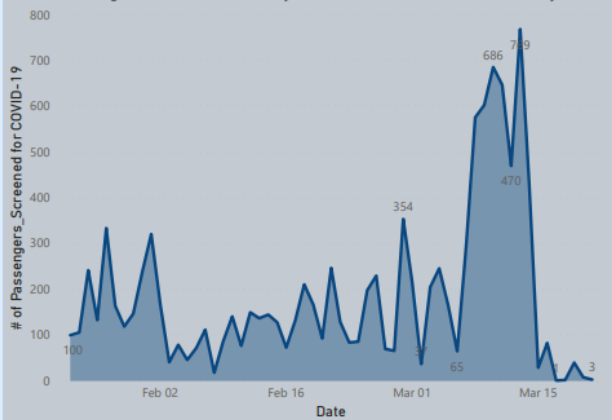
¹ The date is lagging one day back as most of the international flights are at night and the reports are compiled and count on the following date.

Passengers Screened with Travel History of COVID-19 Affected Countries as of March 21, 2020

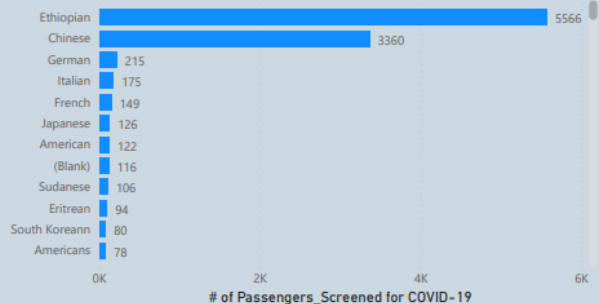
Total Passengers Screened for COVID-19 since Jan 24, 2020

12,084

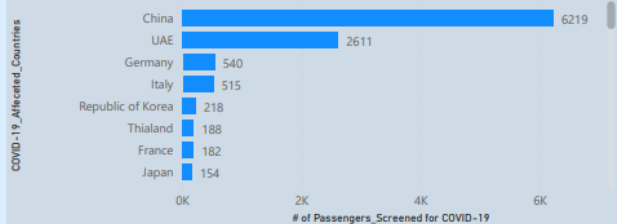
of Passengers with Travel History of COVID-19 Countries Screened by Date



Screened Passengers by Nationality



of Passengers Screened for COVID-19 by COVID-19 Affected Countries



OTHER POEs RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Supportive supervision of passengers' health screening at Bole International Airport is ongoing.
- The Mandatory quarantine for passengers coming from abroad will go into effect starting from tonight.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC):

- Dead body management SOP finalized.
- 11 COVID-19 confirmed cases and 10 suspected cases are in the isolation center. All cases are stable and on medical care, except one confirmed case is on oxygen.
- Today, 14 suspected cases, who are tested negative, discharged and are linked to follow-up team.

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- 5.4 million Face masks, 1.08 million test kits, 40,000 sets of protective suits and 60,000 sets of protective face shields donated by Jack Ma Foundation for Africa arrives in Ethiopia; discussion has been undertaken regarding distribution of the donated materials to the African countries.
- Distribution plan developed for supplies donated by Jack Ma

RISK COMMUNICATION:

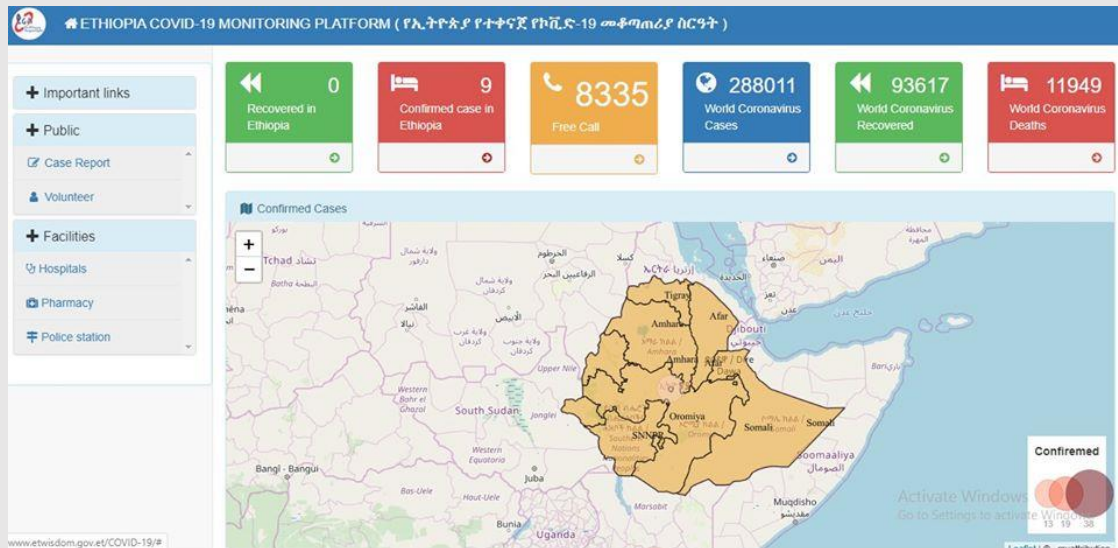
- Refugees guide drafted and shared for comment.

TRAINING and ORIENTATION:

- Orientation on passengers handling provided for the staffs of the hotels designated for mandatory quarantine of passengers coming from abroad.

MEDIA / WEB SCANNING:

- Ethiopia COVID-19 monitoring platform is prepared which shall be functional by tomorrow. (<https://www.insa.gov.et/>)



- COVID-19 Medical Supplies Donated by Alibaba's Ma Arrive in Ethiopia: According to Jack Ma's foundation, the flight carried 5.4 million Face masks, 1.08 million detection kits, 40,000 sets of protective suits and 60,000 sets of protective face shields: <https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/03/22/world/africa/22reuters-health-coronavirus-africa.html>
- Internationally lost COVID-19 cases:** Undetected COVID-19 cases which are not attributed to travel to China may give rise to new virus epicenters across the globe. This will be heightened in countries with lower Health Care Access and Quality. (Lau H et al., Internationally lost COVID-19 cases, Journal of Microbiology, Immunology and Infection: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmii.2020.03.013>)

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Call-Centers
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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