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COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- One additional confirmed case is detected today and the total number of confirmed cases increased to six.
- The Incident Management System (IMS) structure is revised.
- Temperature screening is started at EPHI gate.
- Press conference was conducted by the EPHI Director General.
- The surge staffs mobilized from the MOH joined the PHEOC in EPHI as per the direction given during the coordination meeting
- Orientation is provided for the newly mobilized health workers and 8335 call center responders/operators
- Nine rumors are received and all are under investigation.
- So far total of 207 contacts of the confirmed cases identified
- Discussion held with the Peace and Security Council of AU on COVID-19 preparedness and response in Ethiopia
- 952 call center located at MOH activated to assist the 8335-call center service provision

COVID-19 NATIONAL UPDATE

611,620

PASSENGERS SCREENED
ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

9,237

PASSENGERS SCREENED
FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

977

TRAVELERS
UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

202

RUMORS/Alerts
RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

97

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

SUSPECTED CASES
TESTED -ve

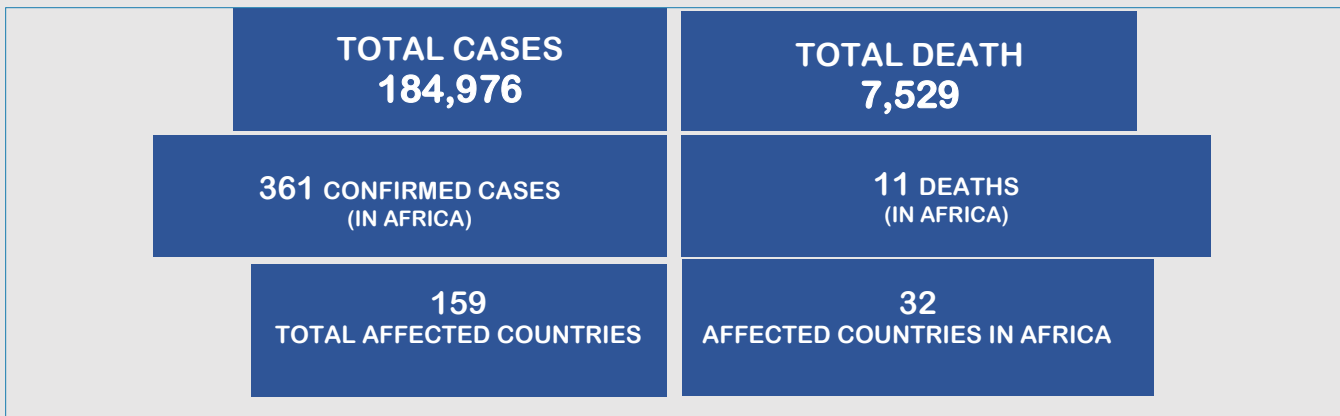
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TOTAL CASE
CONFIRMED

35

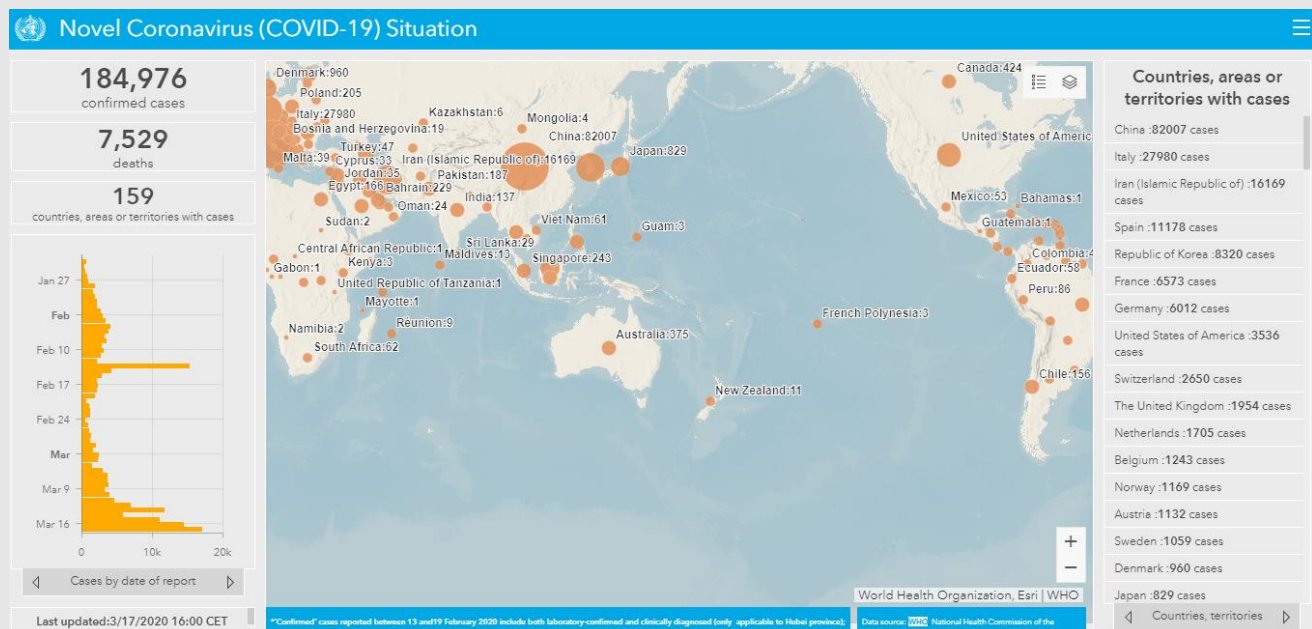
SUSPECTED CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE



Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeee1b9125cd>



Situation in Africa				
S. N	Country	Total confirmed cases	Death	Case fatality rate
1	Egypt	166	4	2.41%
2	South Africa	62	0	0
3	Algeria	60	4	6.67%
4	Morocco	38	2	5.26%
5	Senegal	27	0	0
6	Tunisia	20	0	0
7	Re Union	9	0	0
8	Ethiopia	5 (Not Updated by WHO)	0	0
9	Burkina Faso	20	0	0
10	Cameroon	5	0	0
11	Cote d Ivoire	6	0	0
12	Democratic Republic of Congo	3	0	0
13	Ghana	6	0	0
14	Nigeria	2	0	0
15	Namibia	2	0	0
16	Seychelles	4	0	0
17	Gabon	1	0	0
18	Guinea	1	0	0
19	Kenya	3	0	0
20	Sudan	2	1	
21	Togo	1	0	0
22	Equatorial Guinea	1	0	0
23	Eswatini	1	0	0
24	Mauritania	1	0	0
25	Central African Republic	1	0	0
26	Congo	1	0	0
27	Rwanda	7	0	0
28	Mayotte	1	0	0
29	Somalia	1	0	0
30	Benin	1	0	0
31	Liberia	1	0	0
32	United Republic of Tanzania	1	0	0
Total		461	11	2.39%

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION's RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

CHINA
VERY HIGH

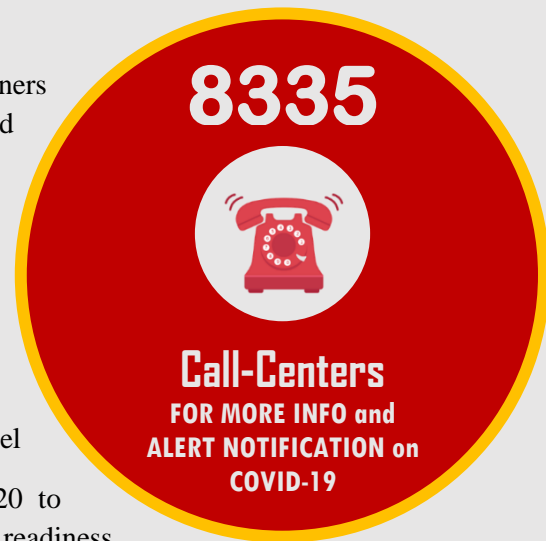
REGIONAL LEVEL
VERY HIGH

GLOBAL LEVEL
VERY HIGH

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).
 - Minister 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 and China Embassy 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
- 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
- H. E. Deputy Prime Minister, State Minister of Ministry Peace and MOH State Minister visited the Public Health Emergency Operation Center at EPHI, Eka Kotobe Isolation Center and Bole International Airport screening activities and briefed on the COVID-19 preparedness activities on 7th March 2020
- H.E. Prime Minister of Ethiopia declared closure of schools and public gatherings for the next two weeks on March 16, 2020.

COORDINATION and COLLABORATION

- Daily follow-up meeting led jointly by the MOH Minister and EPHI DG being conducted on daily basis
- IMS core staffs daily briefing ongoing regularly in the morning and afternoon
- Staffs from the Federal Ministry of Health have surged and joined the PHEOC in EPHI to enhance COVID-19 preparedness and response activities.
- The COVID-19 IMS structure revised
- Discussion held with the Peace and Security Council of AU and briefing provided on the Ethiopian Preparedness and Response activities

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

Confirmed COVID-19 cases

- There are six confirmed COVID-19 cases. The sixth case is confirmed today. They are currently on medical care in a pre-designated isolation facility and those who have been in contact with the cases are being traced. So far, a total of 207 contacts have been identified.

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

- As of 17 March 2020, a total of 202 rumors/alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 97 have fulfilled the suspected case definition. Of the suspected cases six tested positive for COVID-19.
- Today nine rumors/alerts were reported (two of these have reported by Tigray regional health bureau and seven reported via toll-free call center). Of these five fulfil the suspected case definition.
- On 17th March 2020, a total of 1467 calls are received through call center.

Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries by Phone Call

- As of the 17th of March 2020:
 - 977 travelers are under follow-up (88 new passengers are enrolled).
 - 607 travelers that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 1,311 travelers (26 new) have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up.

PASSENGERS SCREENING¹

- On the 16th of March 2020; **442** travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries have been screened (see the dashboard below for the total passenger screened).

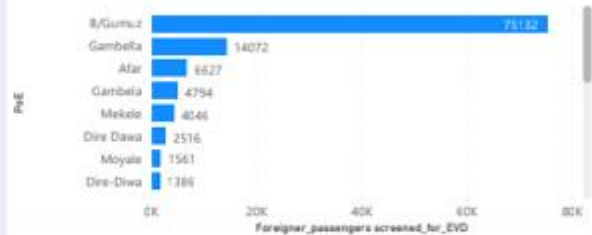
¹ The date is lagging one day back as most of the international flights are at night and the reports are compiled and count on the following date.

Total Passengers Screened for COVID-19 and EVD as of March 16, 2020

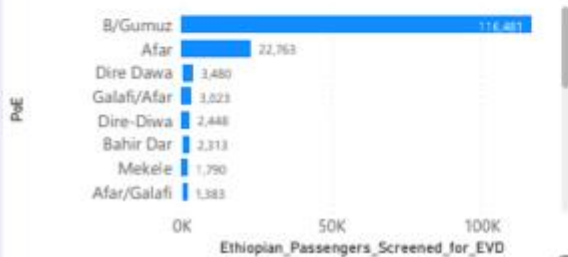
Passengers Screened for EVD and COVID-19 by PoE since 24th Jan, 2020



Foreigners Passengers screened for EVD by PoE since Jan 24, 2020



Ethiopian Passengers Screened for EVD by PoE since Jan 24, 2020



Total Passengers Screened for EVD and COVID-19 by Date

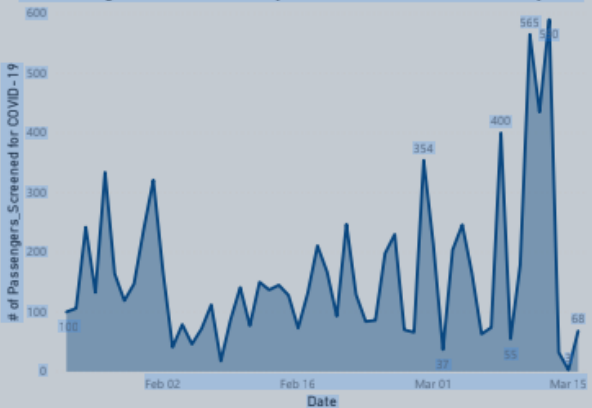


Passengers Screened with Travel History of COVID-19 Affected Countries as of March 15, 2020

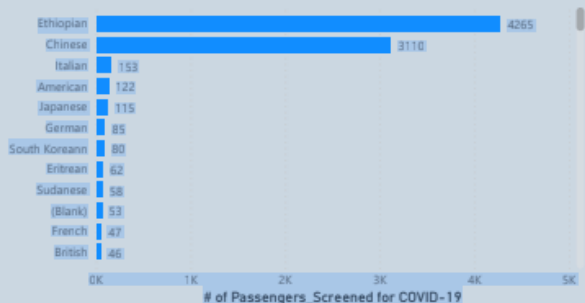
Total Passengers Screened for COVID-19 since Jan 24, 2020

9,237

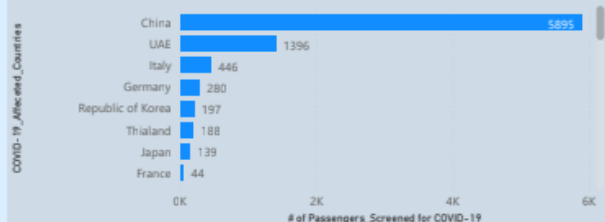
of Passengers with Travel History of COVID-19 Countries Screened by Date



Screened Passengers by Nationality



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



CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC):

- A total of 41 cases: 6 confirmed and 35 (four new) suspected cases are admitted to isolation centers.
- Health professionals are identified to conduct readiness assessment for Addis Ababa hospitals.
- Treatment and isolation centers are identified in Federal Prison Administration.
- Additional isolation center preparation at St. Paul's Hospital Millennium medical Colleges, Black Lions and Silk Road General Hospital

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Activities are initiated to expand alcohol hand rub production to federal and regional hospitals.
- 109 health professionals consisting of volunteers, permanent employees, FETP Residents, contract employees are mobilized
- A process initiated to procure 40 tablets for ODK to be used for surveillance activities

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Press conference conducted and media interview provided on the infection prevention and control

TRAININGS and ORIENTATIONS:

- Training for the POE screeners ongoing in Dire Dawa City
- Orientation provided for the newly deployed health workers and 952 call center responders



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 Incidence Response Team

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