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COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Four additional cases of COVID-19 are detected in Ethiopia**, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 16.
- Today, 37 new rumors /alerts were received. Of these, 9 of them fulfill the suspected case definition
- So far, about 426 contacts of the confirmed cases have been identified
- Among the confirmed cases two were retested and turned out negative.
- About 814 samples collected: 16 were tested positive and 702 negative.
- Among the samples 99 were collected from SARI/Pneumonia from major selected hospitals in Addis Ababa.
- Currently a total of 516 passengers under the quarantine.

COVID-19 NATIONAL UPDATE

672,988

PASSENGERS SCREENED

ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

13,911

PASSENGERS SCREENED
FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

873

TRAVELERS
UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

458

RUMORS/Alerts
RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

225

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

16

TOTAL CASE
CONFIRMED

426

Contacts of the confirmed cases

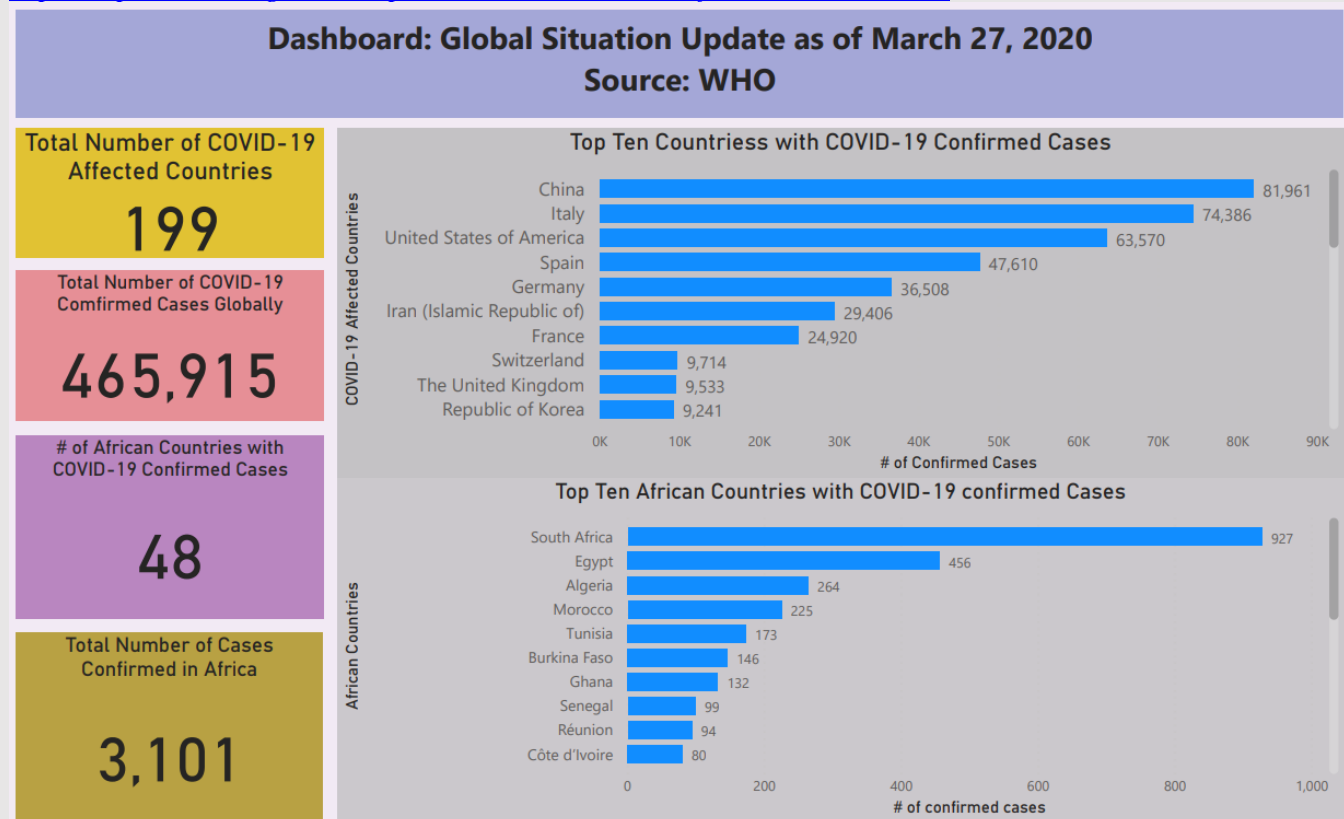
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SUSPECTED CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT

COVID-19 GLOBAL UPDATE

Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beee1b9125cd>



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:

- Daily morning briefing of the IMS core staffs and agency representatives is being conducted on daily basis.
- Zoom meeting has been held with Amhara Regional Health Bureau on IPC
- The worst scenario planning and costing continued.

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

- Four additional cases of COVID-19 are detected in Ethiopia, bringing the total number to 16. Three of the newly identified cases are Ethiopian nationals and one is a Mauritanian. Two of them have no travel history abroad within the last 14 days. All the cases are on medical care in stable condition while two cases were airlifted in collaboration with Japan Embassy.

Contact tracing and follow-up:

- So far, a total of 426 contacts are identified. 113 of these have completed the 14 days follow up
- A total of ten individuals among the close contacts of the confirmed cases became symptomatic. Of these, four tested positive, which are among the currently existing confirmed positive cases.

Laboratory testing:

- So far, a total of 814 samples were collected. Of these, about 99 samples were collected from SARI/Pneumonia from major selected hospitals in Addis Ababa.
- Among the collected samples 702 (79 SARI) tested negative, sixteen tested positives and the remaining are pending.

Rumors collection and verification from all sources

- Today, 37 new rumors/alerts received from all sources. Nine of the alerts fulfilled the case definition of suspected cases.
- So far, 458 rumors/alerts have been received and investigated. Of these, 225 rumors/alerts have fulfilled the suspected case definition.
- On 27th March 2020, a total of 6,571 COVID-19 related calls are received through toll-free call center. Of these calls, 37 were rumors received via call center.

Phone Follow-Up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of the 27th of March 2020:
 - 873 travelers are under follow-up.
 - 771 (11 new) travelers that were under follow-up departed back.
 - 2,090 travelers (118 new) have completed 14 days of follow-up and graduated from follow-up.

Quarantined passengers follow up:

- Four follow-up teams (each team comprising one physician and two nurses) were assigned at 10 hotels designated for mandatory quarantined of travelers.
- As of today, 24 new passengers are newly put under the quarantine
- Currently a total of 516 passengers under the quarantine
- A total of 80 quarantined passengers were transited to other countries
- Two alert case identified from passengers quarantined at Ghion and Azemen hotel and communicated to the RRT team for further investigation.

PASSENGERS SCREENING

- On the 26th of March 2020; **215** travelers who have travel history to COVID-19 affected countries have been screened.

CASE MANAGEMENT AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC):

- A total of 14 COVID-19 confirmed cases on treatment. There are no critical cases, all are stable
- Disinfection SOP is prepared.
- 12 suspected cases are admitted today, while nine initially suspected cases are discharged after laboratory test became negative.
- There is a total of 17 suspected cases waiting for their laboratory result in Eka Kotebe treatment center.

LOGISTICS, ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Newly recruited professionals are assigned in different areas of the COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts.

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Plan for community engagement for next three months drafted
- Vulnerable guide for COVID 19 finalized
- Press statement announce the newly added confirmed developed and posted on MOH and EPHI web pages and social media pages

TRAINING AND ORIENTATION:

- 11 newly engaged contact tracing team members are oriented on COVID-19 contact tracing and follow up.
- Orientation is given on IPC for the hotels functioning as mandatory quarantine centers.
- Orientation for Federal Prison Administration given on COVID-19

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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>)

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