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COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS DAILY SITUATION REPORT ETHIOPIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

- FIVE countries (Lithuania, Netherlands, Nigeria, New Zealand, and Belarus) reported their first cases of COVID-19 on the 28th February 2020
- The cases in Republic of Korea is increasing [on 27 Feb 2020, it was 505 and 571 in 28th Feb 2020]
- The cases in China is declining [on 27 Feb 2020, it was 439 and 329 in 28th Feb 2020]
- 30 industrial park delegates oriented on COVID -19
- Zero report for COVID-19 received from all regions except Tigray Region & Addis Ababa City Admin.
- 192 passengers who has travel history to COVID-19 affected countries screened
- 920 travelers are under follow-up
- 91 COVID-19 related calls were received through the toll-free line
- One of the six rumors received today satisfy the suspected case definition and in isolation for investigation
- The 4th COVID-19 technical working group meeting conducted (participants: WHO, CDC-Ethiopia, UNICEF, MOH, EPHI, IOM, USAID, Action Against Hunger, DETRA, Ministry of Defense, Federal Police Referral Hospital, PHE UK)

358,809

PASSENGERS SCREENED

ALL POEs Starting from 24 January 2020

5,481

PASSENGERS SCREENED

FROM COVID-19 REPORTING COUNTRIES

920

TRAVELERS

UNDER PHONE FOLLOW UP

84

RUMORS

RECEIVED and INVESTIGATED

21

SUSPECTED CASES
DETECTED

20

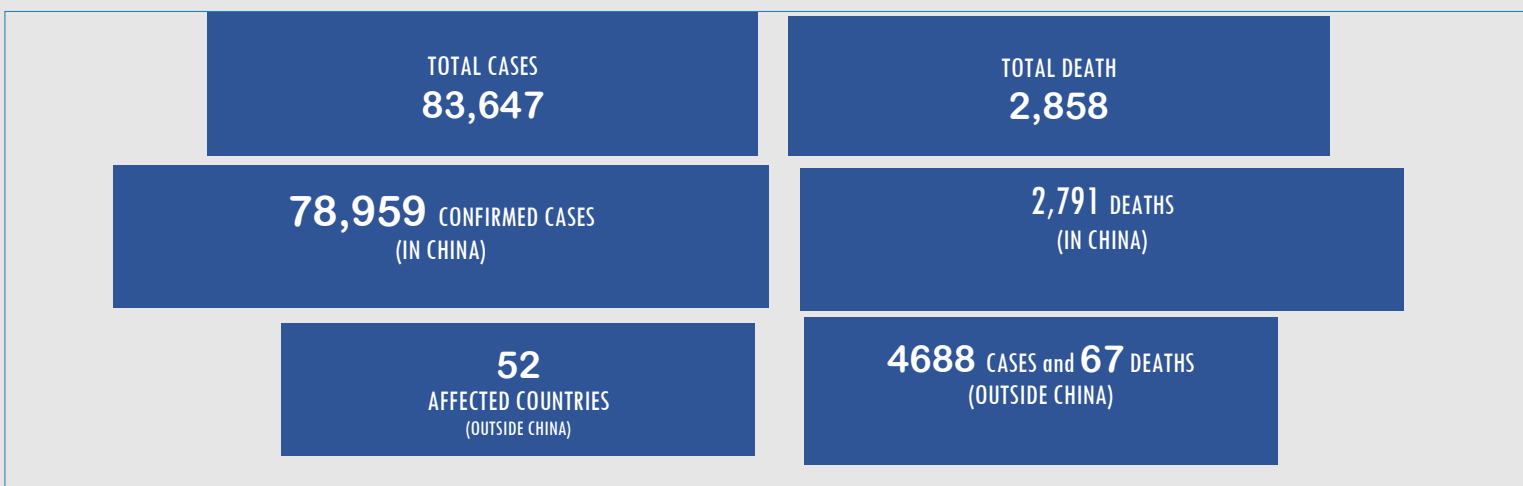
SUSPECTED CASES
TESTED

0

TOTAL CASES
CONFIRMED

1

SUSPECTED NEW CASES IN THE
ISOLATION UNIT



Access link for WHO COVID-19 monitoring dashboard

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



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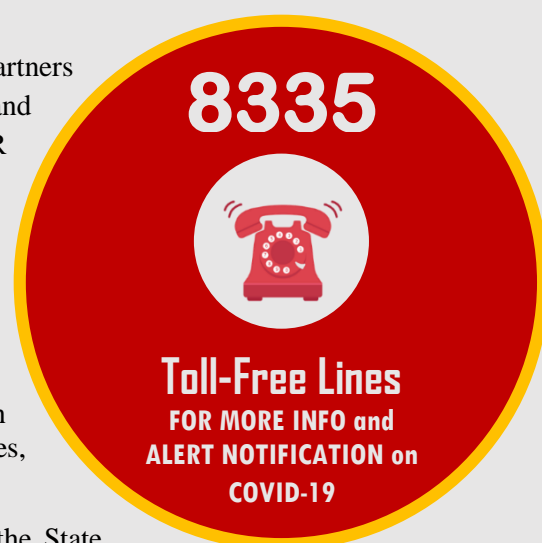
Ethiopia has six flight destinations (Cargo and Passenger) in CHINA (Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing, Guangzhou, Nanjing, and Shanghai) and has 35 flights per week. Due to this high air traffic network from Addis Ababa which bound to China, WHO categorized Ethiopia as one of the high-risk African countries 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 countries 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.

- 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 State Minister of MoH and the Director General of EPHI.
- Strict PoE screening and vigilant follow-up procedures being implemented on incoming travelers at international airports, train stations (at ETHIO - DJIBOUTI border), as well as 29 additional ground entries from neighboring countries throughout the nation.
- Toll-free hotline (8335) was established to provide information to and receive alert from; the public



- 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 FEB 2020).
- National Taskforce led by the MOH State Minister revitalized to overlook the preparedness and provide leadership direction.
- Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting in which partners and relevant stakeholders happening on weekly basis.
- Strong communication network established and receiving updates from other countries through National IHR-FPs.

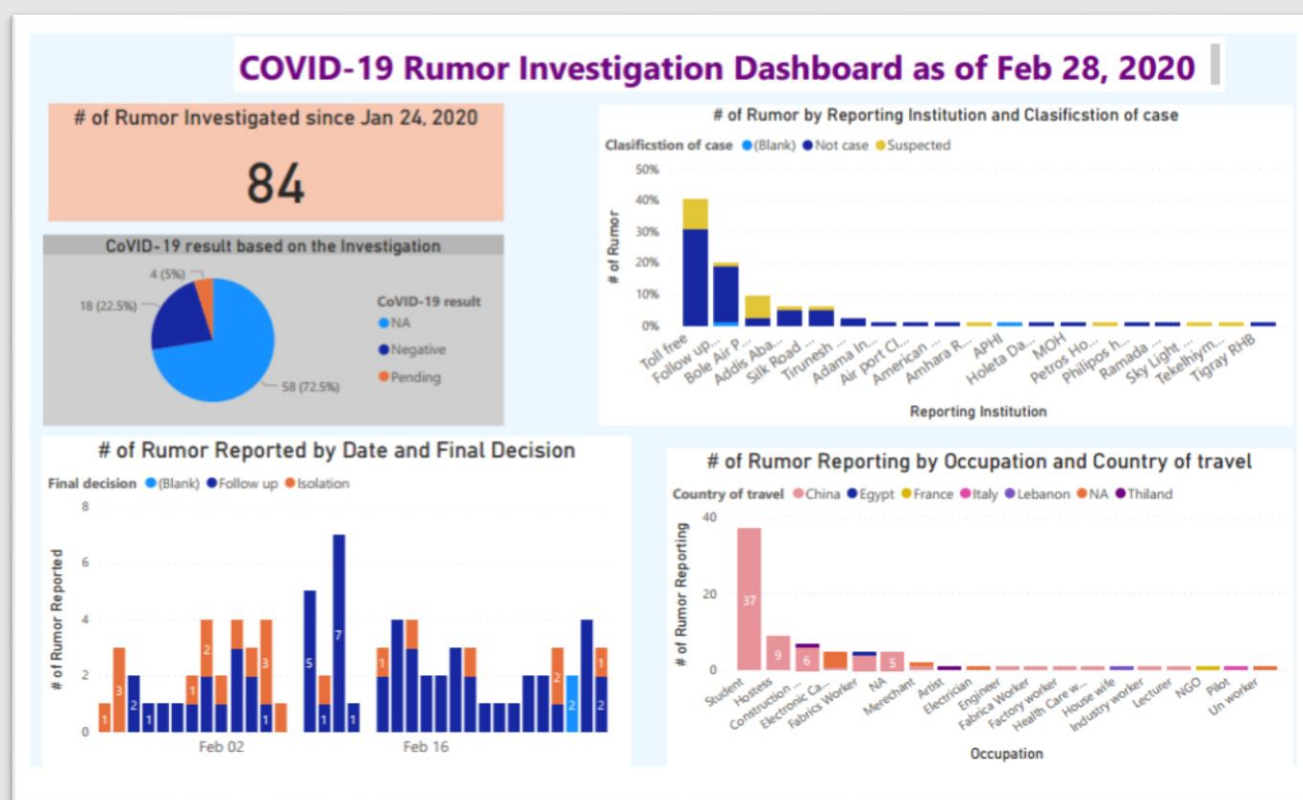
COORDINATION

- 4th IMS COVID-19 TWG conducted with participation from Ministry of Defense, Federal Police Referral Hospital, MoH, EPHI, WHO, CDC-E, Action Against Hunger, UNICEF, IOM, DETRA, PHE UK, USAID
- Country preparedness level re assessed in the presence of all technical working groups members
- IMS Core meeting led by incident manager and follow up meeting led by State Minister, Ministry of Health conducted
- PoE screening activities at BIA was visited by Director General of EPHI

EPIDEMIOLOGY and LABORATORY SURVEILLANCE

Rumors collection and verification

- On 28th of February 2020, a total of 155 calls received through toll-free line. Of those, 91 (59%) were COVID-19 related calls.
- As of 28th February 2020, a total of 84 rumors have been received and investigated. Of which, 21 alerts have fulfilled the suspected case definition, isolated and 20 tested negative and one is pending.
- On the 28th of February 2020, six rumors received; through region/city admin PHEM and toll free line. One of the six alert satisfied the case definition.
- Zero report for COVID-19 reported from all regions of the country except Tigray Region and Addis Ababa City Admin.

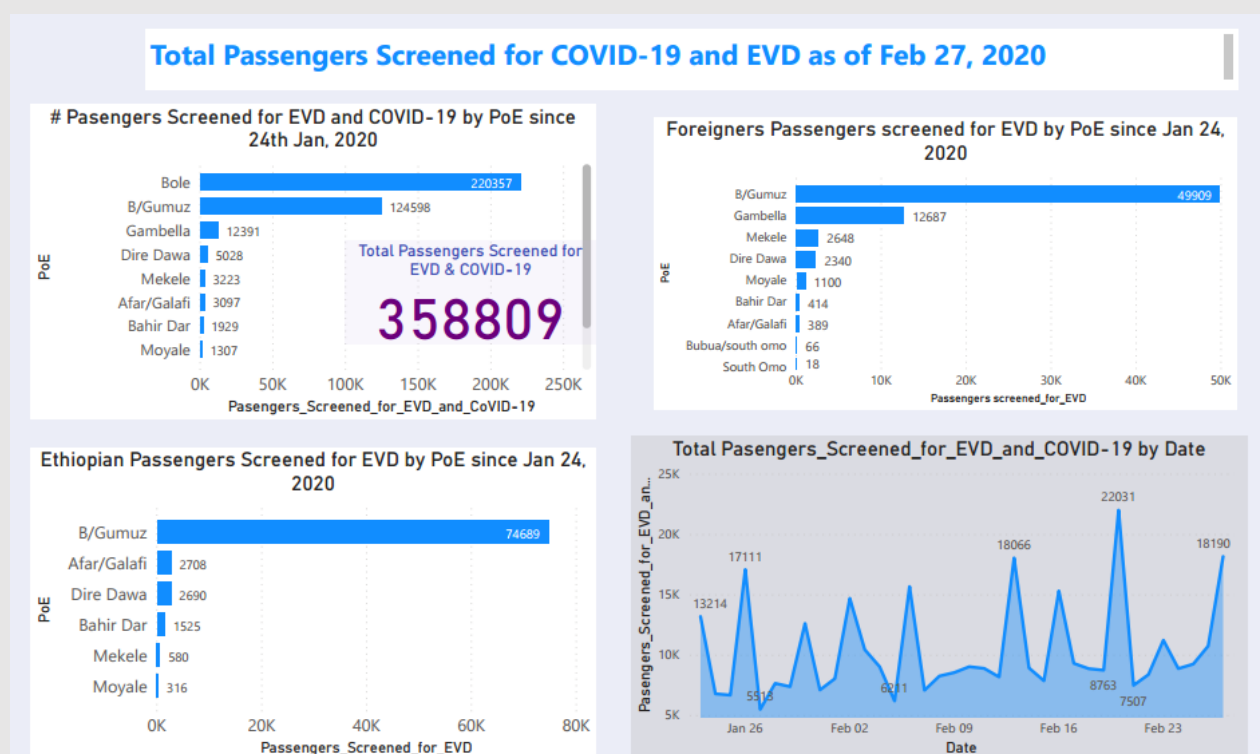


Phone Follow-up of Travelers from Affected Countries

- As of 28th of February 2020:
 - 920 travelers are under follow-up and 60 new passengers included in the follow-up procedure.
 - 450 travelers (7 new) that were under follow-up returned back or transit to other countries.
 - 491 travelers have completed 14 days of follow-up and discharged. No traveler completed the 14 days follow-up today.
 - 154 travelers (4 new) identified as registered with wrong phone number

PASSENGERS SCREENING

- As of 27th of February 2020; **5,481** passengers from COVID-19 affected countries screened Bole International Airport, while there are no passengers who has travel history to COVID-affected countries identified
- On 27th of February 2020, a total of 192 and 36 passengers screened that came from COVID-19 and EVD affected country respectively.



Other PoE related activities:

- Crew members training is ongoing
- Supervision is conducted at BIA

ISOLATION and CASE MANAGEMENT:

- Regional readiness gaps identified

LOGISTICS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Banner printing under process
- Stock status assessment conducted at Bole international airport

RISK COMMUNICATION:

- Press statement released

- Frequently asked questions responses are posted on social media

TRAINING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Orientation on IPC for 30 industrial park delegates



MEDIA/WEB SCANNING:

1. <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/02/28/coronavirus-latest-updates-outbreak.html>
 - Coronavirus live updates: WHO warns virus could spread to every country, Mexico confirms first cases
2. <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/02/28/watch-live-who-holds-press-conference-on-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>
 - "Every country must be ready for its first case," Tedros said Thursday. "No country should assume it won't get cases. That could be a fatal mistake. This virus does not respect borders."



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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