

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 118

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Highlights

Presidents Carlos Alvarado Quesada of Costa Rica and Sebastián Piñera of Chile [joined the WHO Director-General Dr Tedros on 15 May](#) to [announce progress on a technology platform](#) that aims to lift access barriers to effective vaccines, medicines and other health products against COVID-19. The platform, which will officially launch on 29 May, will pool data, knowledge and intellectual property for existing or new COVID-19 health products to

[Japan has agreed to contribute over US\\$2.7 million](#) to help nine countries in the Americas strengthen their capacities to detect cases, monitor, and control outbreaks of COVID-19, as well as ensure that reliable public health information on the COVID-19 pandemic is available to people involved in the response and the general public.

A community of youth influencers named the [Global Shapers Community is working with the WHO Regional Office for Europe](#) to ensure that tailored health advice reaches communities, families and individuals in countries across the European Region. This collaboration allows young community members to flag rumours, report on the tone of discussions on their channels and ask questions, as well as share information and project ideas to WHO. The information is then used by WHO to better tailor risk communication and address misinformation.

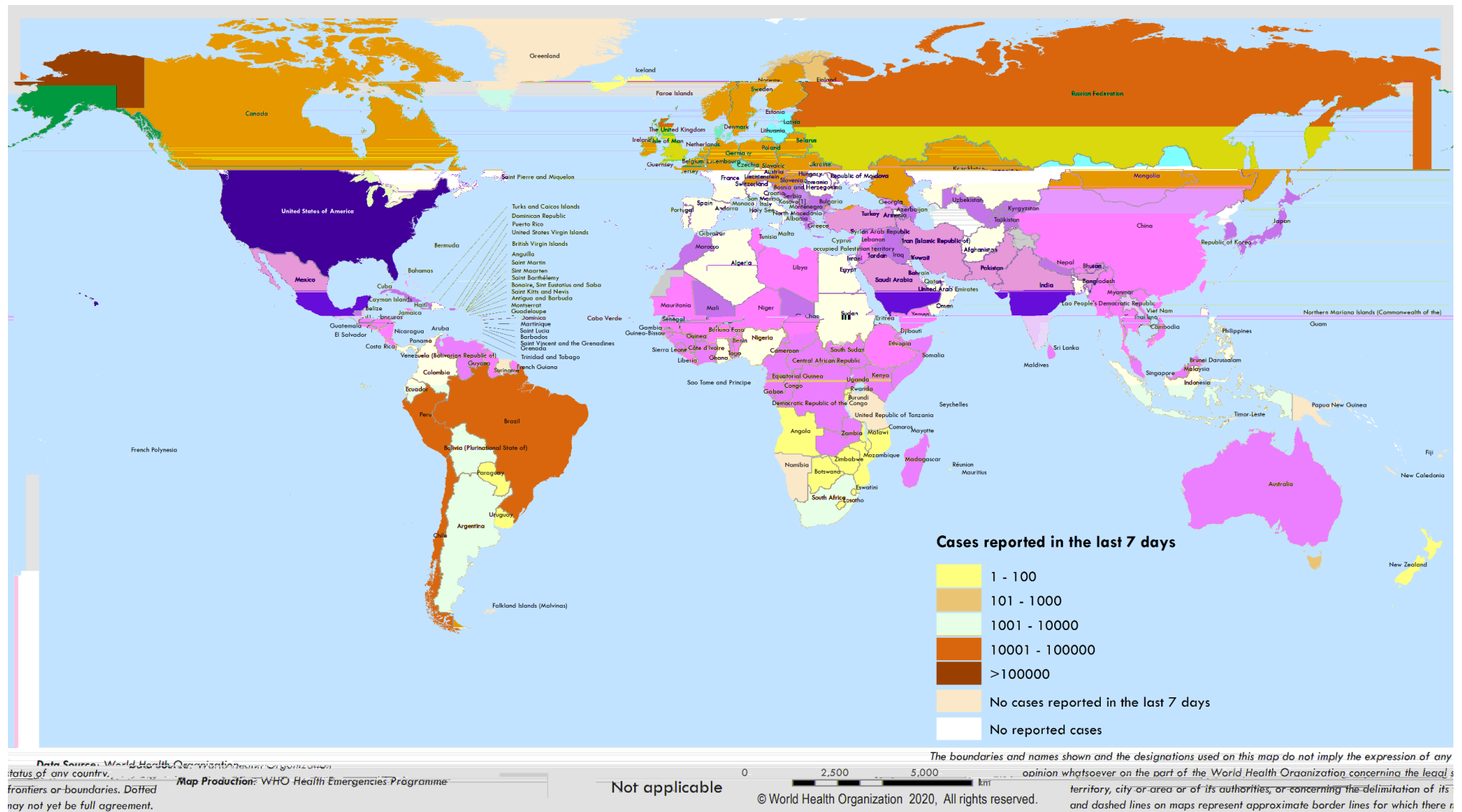
Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

Globally	4 525 497 cases (100 012)	307 395 deaths (5 336)
Africa	58 663 cases (2 202)	1 710 deaths (43)
Americas	1 966 932 cases (57 449)	118 799 deaths (3 742)
Eastern Mediterranean	326 568 cases (10 900)	9 841 deaths (140)
Europe	1 870 545 cases (22 100)	165 951 deaths (1 228)
South-East Asia	134 531 cases (6 536)	4 351 deaths (150)
Western Pacific	167 546 cases (825)	6 730 deaths (33)

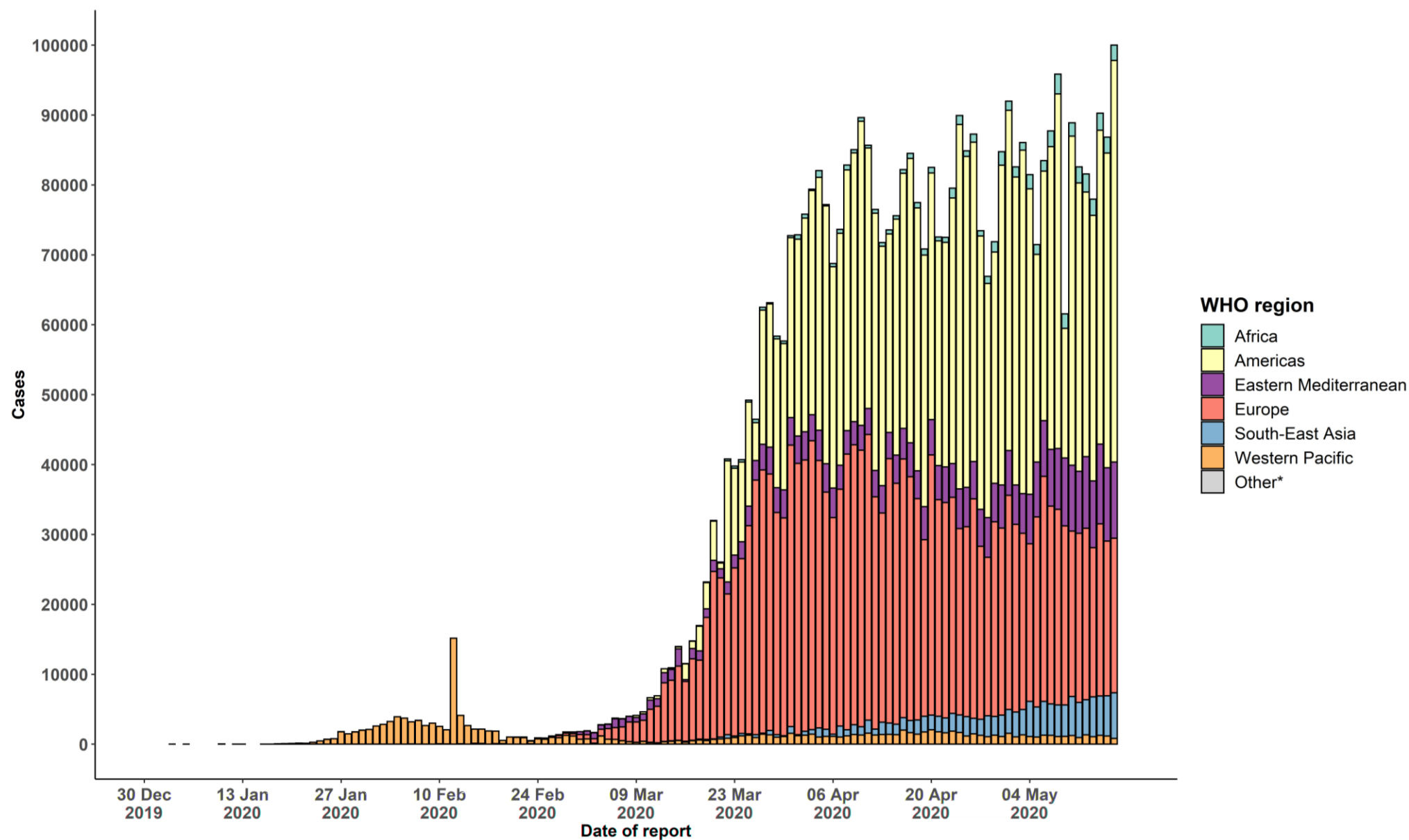
Surveillance

Figure 1. Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in the last seven days by country, territory or area, 11 May to 17 May**



****See [Annex 1](#) for data, table and figure notes.**

Figure 2. Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, by date of report and WHO region, 30 December 2019 through 17 May 2020**



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Table 1. Countries, territories or areas with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths, by WHO region. Data as of 10 AM CEST, 17 May 2020**

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Subtotal for all regions	4 524 785	100 012	307 382	5 336		
Grand total	4 525 497	100 012	307 395	5 336		

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Technical guidance and other resources

- To view all technical guidance documents regarding COVID-19, please go to [this webpage](#).
- Updates from WHO regional offices
 - [WHO AFRO](#)
 - [WHO EMRO](#)
 - [WHO EURO](#)
 - [WHO PAHO](#)
 - [WHO SEARO](#)
 - [WHO WPRO](#)
- [Research and Development](#)
- [Online courses on COVID-19](#) and in [additional national languages](#)
- [_____](#)
- [WHO Health Emergency dashboard](#)
- [Weekly COVID-19 Operations Updates](#)

Recommendations and advice for the public

- [Protect yourself](#)
- [Questions and answers](#)
- [Travel advice](#)
- [EPI-WIN](#): tailored information for individuals, organizations and communities

Case definitions

WHO periodically updates the [Global Surveillance for human infection with coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#) document which includes surveillance definitions.

Definition of COVID-19 death

COVID-19 death is defined for surveillance purposes as a death resulting from a clinically compatible illness in a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case, unless there is a clear alternative cause of death that cannot be related to COVID disease (e.g. trauma). There should be no period of complete recovery between the illness and death.

Further guidance for certification and classification (coding) of COVID-19 as cause of death is available [here](#).

Annex 1: Data, table and figure notes

Caution must be taken when interpreting all data presented. Differences are to be expected between information products published by WHO, national public health authorities, and other sources using different inclusion criteria and different data cut-off times. While steps are taken to ensure accuracy and reliability, all data are subject to continuous verification and change. Case detection, definitions, testing strategies, reporting practice, and lag times differ between countries/territories/areas. These factors, amongst others, influence the counts presented, with variable underestimation of true case and death counts, and variable delays to reflecting these data at global level.

The designations employed, and the presentation of these materials do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of WHO concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. Dotted and dashed lines on maps represent approximate border lines for which there may not yet be full agreement. Countries, territories and areas are arranged under the administering WHO region.

[1] All references to Kosovo should be understood to be in the context of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). In the map, number of cases of Serbia and Kosovo (UNSCR 1244, 1999) have been aggregated for visualization purposes.

Counts reflect laboratory-confirmed cases and deaths, based on [WHO case definitions](#), unless stated otherwise (see *Country, territory, or area-specific updates and errata*), and include both domestic and repatriated cases.

Other*: includes cases reported from an international conveyance (Diamond Princess).

Due to the recent trend of countries conducting data reconciliation exercises which remove large numbers of cases or deaths from their total counts, WHO will now display such data as *negative* b f eb b b b ab e i f b Qef fi fa readers in identifying when such adjustments occur. When additional details become available that allow the subtractions to be suitably apportioned to previous days, graphics will be updated accordingly. Prior situation reports will not be edited; see covid19.who.int for the most up-to-date data.

Additional table notes

i Transmission classification is based on a process of country/territory/area self-reporting. Classifications are reviewed on a weekly basis, may be revised as new information becomes available, and are based on the highest category reported. Differing degrees of transmission may be present within countries/territories/areas. Categories:

- No cases: with no confirmed cases (not shown in table).
- Sporadic cases: with one or more cases, imported or locally detected.
- Clusters of cases: experiencing cases, clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures.
- Community transmission: experiencing larger outbreaks of local transmission defined through an assessment of factors including, but not limited to: large numbers of cases not linkable to transmission chains; large numbers of cases from sentinel lab surveillance; and/or multiple unrelated clusters in several areas of the country/territory/area.
- Pending: transmission classification has not been reported to WHO.

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Country, territory, or area-specific updates and errata

None