

868

ALERTS  
RECEIVED

489

SUSPECTED  
CASES DETECTED

56

CONFIRMED  
CASES

04

RECOVERED  
CASES

02

NUMBER OF  
DEATHS



10 APRIL 2020

# COVID-19 RESPONSE BULLETIN

ETHIOPIA



ETHIOPIA COUNTRY OFFICE



“ This year, we’re paying tribute to the incredible contribution of all health workers, especially nurses and midwives, who are the backbone of every health system ... I invite you to take a minute to say THANK YOU to our HEALTH HEROES! ”

**Dr TEDROS Adhanom**  
Director General,  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

“ ... as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and every day, I ask that we appreciate the valuable service of nurses and midwives in improving health and well-being and saving lives. ”

**Dr Matshidiso MOETI**  
Regional Director for Africa,  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**#HAPPYBIRTHDAYWHO**  
**#THANKSHEALTHHEROES!**



## LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION



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“ ... here is a thank you for our national heroes, Dr LIA & her team leading the fight against this enemy - COVID-19 ... let's validate their efforts by taking precaution for our own health and others ... I also call upon all of us to follow the ensuing measures that will further define the State of Emergency (SoE) ”

**Dr ABIY Ahmed**  
Prime Minister,  
Federal Democratic Republic of ETHIOPIA

**The Government of ETHIOPIA enacted a State of Emergency to curb the COVID-19 pandemic (08 April 2020)**

“ I'd like to express gratitude & appreciation to our health care workers who are playing a vital role in attending to the health & wellbeing of individuals amidst the current crisis ... testing, isolation, and contact tracing are key strategies we are focusing on ... we have started rolling out our revised strategy to do aggressive testing ”

**Dr LIA Tadesse**  
Minister of Health,  
Federal Democratic Republic of ETHIOPIA

**The World Bank has approved the sum of USD82.6m support to the Government of ETHIOPIA for COVID-19 response**

**COVID-19  
DIAGNOSTIC  
TESTING  
CAPACITY**

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**STRENGTHENED and  
EXPANDED**



**WHO supported the assessment of regional laboratories for expansion of COVID-19 lab testing capacity**

**Adama Public Health Research and Referral Laboratory Center in Oromiya Regional State starts COVID testing**

**WHO facilitated training of 11 laboratory personnel from Hallelujah Hospital, a designated COVID-19 treatment center**

**2,790 samples from suspected cases were tested in the THREE approved COVID-19 confirmatory testing laboratories in Addis Ababa; 56 tested positive**

**Conducted assessment visit to Addis Ababa Science and Technology University (ASTU) to observe the public health measures at the isolation and quarantine facilities**

**Provided technical guidance on health screening of 1,693 returnees from Saudi Arabia at ASTU**

**Provided technical guidance for the revision of SOPs for Quarantine facility**

**Developed posters, fliers, and audio messages for returnees at the quarantine facility**

**Orientation and demonstration of hand hygiene, donning and doffing of PPE given to 15 healthcare workers at ASTU Quarantine Facility**

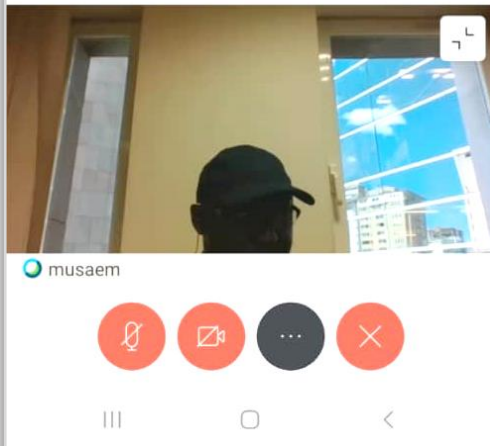
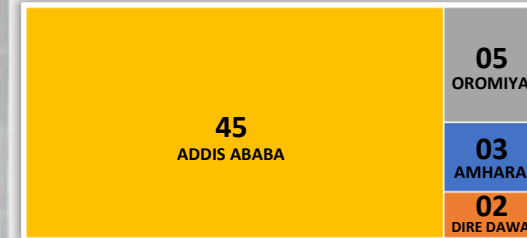


**Supporting case investigation, contact tracing and data management in Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa, Oromia and Amhara regions that have reported confirmed COVID-19 cases**

**Conducted a virtual training on Contact Tracing for 25 participants from regional and Addis Ababa Epi-surveillance teams**

**Supported Contact Tracing training at the EPHI for RRTs and Contact Tracing Team (50 participants)**

**The ETHIOPIA team held a virtual briefing on FFX contact investigation protocol with AFRO**



**Providing on-going support and mentoring nursing staff in Isolation Facility, including ICU**

**60 participants from Akilu Lema Institute of Pathobiology (ALIPB), a designated quarantine facility, orientated on COVID-19 IPC**

**Trained 12 data officers on data management for isolation facilities**



**Finalized the development of a One-UN plan for support to the government of ETHIOPIA's COVID-19 Scenario 3 response (community transmission)**



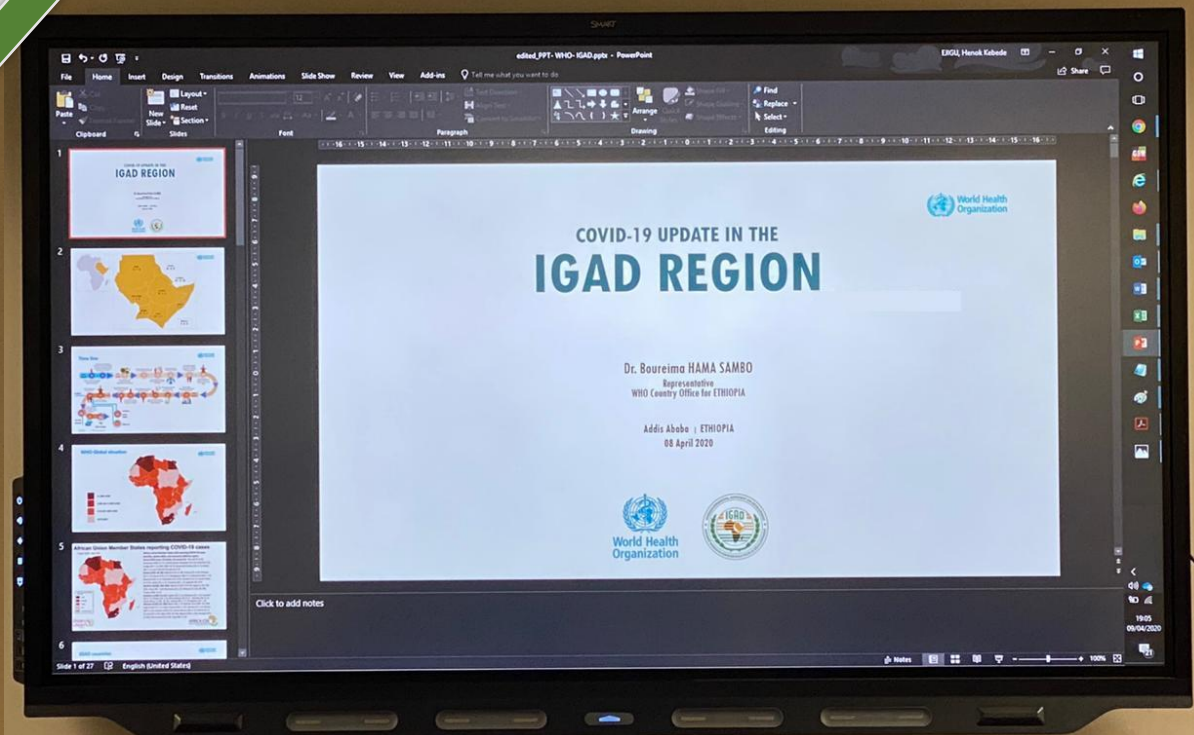
**Leading a One-UN COVID-19 IMT daily virtual coordination meeting with Cluster Lead Agencies (CLA) and Senior program officers**

**Participated in a virtual meeting (on zoom platform) organized by the PHEOC for all health partners to update on progress with COVID-19 response in ETHIOPIA**

**Held a strategic technical advisory meeting with US-CDC and EPHI on COVID-19 response in the country**

**Established a technical working group to coordinate humanitarian support for returnees (IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO)**

**WHO briefed IGAD country UN Resident Coordinators on the regional COVID-19 response activities**





**100 DAYS since  
WHO WAS NOTIFIED of  
COVID-19**

DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S  
SUMMARY

Today marks 100 days since WHO was notified of the first cases of pneumonia with unknown cause from China, later named COVID-19

Key milestones on what WHO has done in the past 100 days:

- **01 January, hours after we were notified of the first cases, WHO activated its IM support team to co-ordinate our response at HQ, regional, and country levels**
- **05 January, WHO officially notified all member states of this new outbreak and published the outbreak on our website**
- **10 January, WHO issued a comprehensive package of guidance to countries on how to detect, test and manage potential cases and protect health workers**
- **30 January, after the first cases of human-to-human transmission were reported outside China, WHO declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, our highest level of alarm**
- **In February, an international team of experts visited affected provinces in China to learn more about the virus, the outbreak and the response and to learn lessons for the rest of the world**
- **In early February, the UN Crisis Management Team was activated to co-ordinate the entire machinery of the UN to support countries as effectively as possible**

SOURCE:

DG's opening remark for COVID-19 media pressers conducted on 08 April 2020

**“** AFRICA cannot and will not be a testing ground for any vaccine . . . WHO will not allow this to happen . . . we will follow exactly the same protocol and human beings will be treated the same way while testing any vaccine or therapeutics all over the world . . . we condemn this in the strongest terms possible and we assure you all that this will not happen in AFRICA and will not happen elsewhere, in ANY COUNTRY. **”**

**Dr TEDROS Adhanom**  
Director-General,  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**WHO, through its solidarity fund, managed to raise more than USD800 million for the response.**

Dr FAHMI, IPC Officer from WCO ETHIOPIA, on the mainstream TV Channel - ETV's "tenawo bebetewo" demonstrating wearing of mask followed by Q&A | 08 April 2020

**RISK COMMUNICATION and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

REACHING the COMMUNITY THROUGH MESSAGES for BEHAVIORAL CHANGE



Revised handwashing and physical distancing messages targeting Islamic, Orthodox and Catholic religious groups

Developed targeted community engagement messages addressing stigma in communities affected by COVID-19





**COVID-19  
GLOBAL AND  
AFRICA  
UPDATE**

UPDATE AS OF  
10 APRIL 2020



**TOTAL  
CASES**  
1,536,979

**TOTAL  
DEATH**  
93,425

**TOTAL  
RECOVERED**  
346,376

**TOTAL  
CASES**  
11,440

**TOTAL  
DEATH**  
574

**TOTAL  
RECOVERED**  
1,157

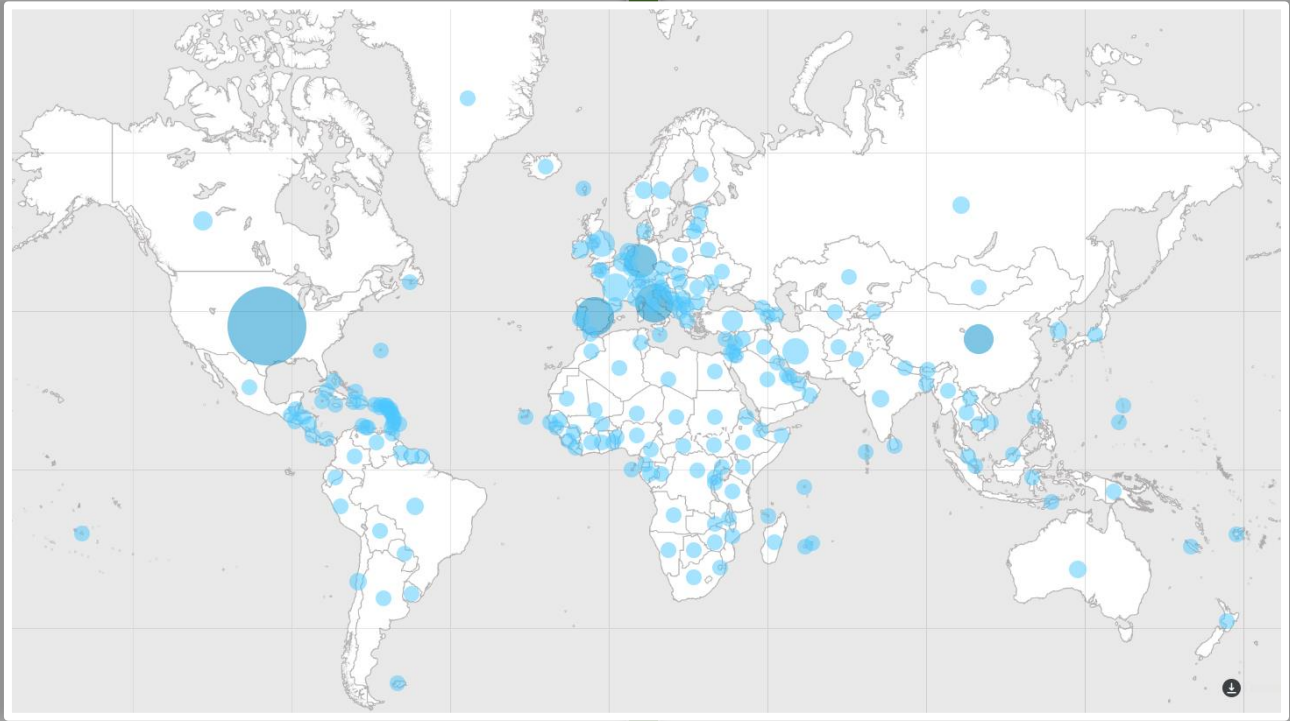
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**AFRICA**

**212**  
AFFECTED  
COUNTRIES, AREAS  
or TERRITORIES

**RISK  
ASSESEMENT**  
**VERY  
HIGH**



**53**  
AFFECTED  
COUNTRIES, AREAS  
or TERRITORIES

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