

459,746

TOTAL  
TESTED

20,336

CONFIRMED  
CASES

8,598

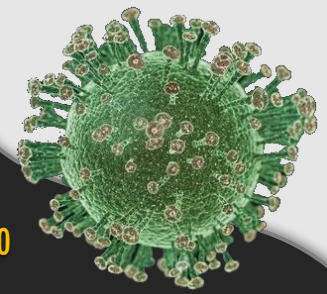
RECOVERED  
CASES

356

TOTAL  
DEATHS

11,380

ACTIVE  
CASES



05 AUGUST 2020

# COVID-19 RESPONSE BULLETIN

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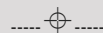


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Improving access to **SKILLED COUNSELLING** for breastfeeding can extend the duration of breastfeeding and promote exclusive breastfeeding, with benefits for babies, families & economies.

... During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is even more important to find **INNOVATIVE** solutions to ensure that access to breastfeeding counselling is not disrupted and that families continue to receive the breastfeeding support they need.

**TOGETHER**, we must support breastfeeding mums **ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!**

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

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**BREASTFEEDING** provides every child with the best possible start in life. It delivers health, nutritional and emotional benefits to both children and mothers. **MOTHERS** also need support — both to get started and to sustain breastfeeding.

**EVERY CHILD  
DESERVES** the best start in life!

**HAPPY #WORLDBREASTFEEDINGWEEK**

”

**Henrietta H. FORE**  
Executive Director,  
UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

**WORLD  
BREASTFEEDING  
WEEK  
2020**

01 - 08 AUGUST

Skilled breastfeeding counselling can be provided by different actors ... health care professionals, lactation counsellors and peer support providers, and in a variety of settings ... in health facilities or clinics, through home visits or community programmes ... in person or remotely.

WHO recommends that all mothers, including those with suspected COVID-19, continue breastfeeding their babies and infants

A woman with COVID-19 should be supported to breastfeed safely, hold her newborn skin-to-skin, share a room with her baby

... On the WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK, Ms FORE and Dr TEDROS, in line with the policy actions advocated by the UNICEF-WHO-led Global Breastfeeding Collective, are calling on GOVERNMENTS to

**INVEST**

to make skilled breastfeeding counselling available to every woman. Ensuring availability of skilled breastfeeding counselling to every woman will require increased financing for breastfeeding programmes and improved monitoring and implementation of policies, programmes and services

**TRAIN**

health care workers, including midwives and nurses, to deliver skilled breastfeeding counselling to mothers and families



**ENSURE**

that counselling is made available as part of routine health and nutrition services that are easily accessible

**PARTNER**

and collaborate with civil society and health professional associations, building strong collaborative systems for provision of appropriate counselling

**PROTECT**

health care workers from the influence of the baby food industry



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“ ... When a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available, we must ensure **EQUITABLE ACCESS** for all.

I hope the higher income countries that are pre-paying to secure millions of doses will work with multilateral consortia that aim to ensure access for both **RICH and POOR** across the world.

”

**Dr Matshidiso MOETI**  
Regional-Director for AFRICA,  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

“ COVID-19 is showing a sharp rise in ETHIOPIA. The recent unrest hindered health officials' work during a critical period ... we have seen mass gatherings with little or no protective measures in a context of already established community transmission ... can trigger a spike in numbers.

We call on our **YOUNG** people to take the necessary precautionary measures to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

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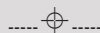
Let's play it **SAFE** and help **END** this **PANDEMIC!**

**Dr Boureima HAMA SAMBO**  
Representative for ETHIOPIA,  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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**#THANKSOURHEALTHHEROES**



## LEADERSHIP and COORDINATION



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“ ... As a nation, we took COVID-19 prevention measures early on and did well collectively ... better prepared with 45,000-capacity quarantine facilities and local production of hand sanitizers. Starting early may, we are observing prevention fatigue in the public, yet we are now witnessing a rapid spread that warrants we confront complacency.

... Increasing the number of people tested will enable effective decision making ... I call upon all stakeholders to participate and encourage various segments of our society to get tested, in line with Ministry of Health’s plans.

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


**ETHIOPIA** officially launched (01AUG2020) a month-long nationwide Community Based Activities and Testing (ComBAT) campaign to strengthen the COVID-19 response and curb further spread with focus on community-based approaches and mass testing

“ ... The ComBAT campaign we will be executing for the coming month is a national mobilization to enable everyone take preventive measures responsibly and actively, and perform wider NATION-WIDE testing to better understand the epidemic and determine measures to be taken next.”

**WASH** your hands!  
**WEAR** your masks!  
**KEEP** your distance!

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

**INCREASED TESTING** is key to knowing the trend of COVID-19 nationally so as to enable effective decision making on various fronts which will determine the next steps to undertake in the new year



Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie*

Feminist, Pan-Africanist and Award Winning Author

#LegendaryBlackWomen #AfricasWomensDay 31<sup>st</sup> July www.au.int

Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Maya Angelou*

Literary icon and civil rights activist

Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Anna Keita*

Writer, Anti-colonial activist, and 1<sup>st</sup> Woman in French-speaking Africa to be elected as a member of a parliament

Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Dr. Cildy's Mae West*

Mathematician whose work lead to the invention of the Global Positioning System



Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Wangari Maathai*

1<sup>st</sup> African Woman to win a Nobel Prize and first and only environmentalist to win the Nobel Peace Prize

#LegendaryBlackWomen #AfricasWomensDay 31<sup>st</sup> July www.au.int

**AFRICA'S WOMEN'S DAY 2020**

31<sup>st</sup> JULY


“ Happy Africa's Women's Day, a day we remember, recognize and celebrate legendary African women who have left their fingerprint and made immense impacts in bringing our continent where it is today.

... proud to see our own Empress Taytu Betul, who together with her husband Emperor Menelik II, led the army to battle at Adwa where they won one of the most important victories of any African army against European colonialist aggression ... and also our own heroin Derartu Tulu who raised our flag high by being the 1st African woman to win the Olympic gold medal; being celebrated.

Let's join hands and re-double our efforts for **GENDER EQUALITY and WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT!** ”

**SAHLE-WORK Zewde**

President, Federal Democratic Republic of ETHIOPIA



Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Taytu Betul*

Empress of Ethiopia who led army to battle at Adwa that won against European colonialist aggression.

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*Winnie Madikizela Mandela*

Anti-Apartheid Activist and Freedom Fighter

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Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Aretha Franklin*

Music Legend, Civil Rights Activist & 1st Woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Michelle Obama*

Lawyer, Author, Feminist and 1<sup>st</sup> Black Woman to serve as First Lady of the USA

Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Toni Morrison*

1<sup>st</sup> Black Woman to win a Nobel Prize



Africa's **WOMEN'S** Day

*Ellen Johnson Sirleaf*

1<sup>st</sup> African Woman elected head of state in Africa and Nobel Peace Prize Winner

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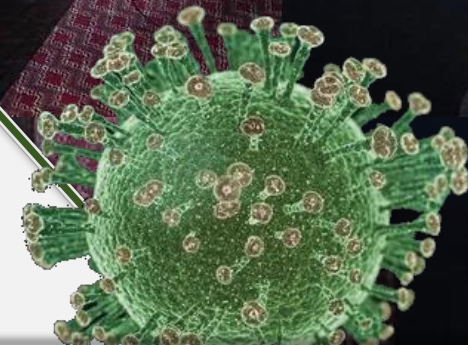
**The Minister of Health hosted the British Foreign Secretary and delegates. The team visited the national PHEOC and was briefed about the national COVID-19 response activities**

**WHO leadership conducted another high-level mission to SNNP region to strengthen the ongoing COVID-19 response operations of the region**

**Technical support provided to Gambella Regional Health Bureau (RHB) for the finalization of regional EOC worst case scenario plan (EPRP)**

**Technical support provided to enhance dead body surveillance in Addis Ababa and other regions**

**Technical guidance provided for the UN Medevac and updates on regional referral centers for COVID-19 response**



**REGIONAL  
SUPPORT TO  
COVID-19 RESPONSE**

**ADDIS ABABA  
CITY ADMINISTRATION**

**WHO facilitated training of media professionals from government and private media houses to strengthen the behavioral change intervention towards the public by conveying COVID-19 prevention and precautionary measures**

**Trained 70 volunteers on IPC | WaSH, in collaboration with Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS)**

**Supported rapid situational assessment of home-based delivery and maternal deaths and developed improvement plans**

**Technical support provided in the development of community-based strategic activity plan to enhance IPC | WaSH interventions at community level**



13,826

**CONFIRMED  
CASES**



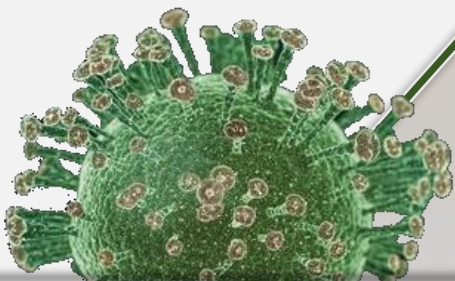
4,990

**RECOVERED  
CASES**



267

**TOTAL  
DEATHS**





**REGIONAL  
SUPPORT TO  
COVID-19 RESPONSE**

**SNNP and SIDAMA  
REGIONAL STATES**

534

CONFIRMED  
CASES

140

RECOVERED  
CASES

04

TOTAL  
DEATHS

**Dr Boureima, WHO representative, and his team conducted a high-level mission to SNNP region to access and strengthen WHO regional IMT coordination, partnership and provided guidance on continuity of essential health services**

**The team also visited and discussed the SNNP Public Health Institute PHEOC and also paid a courtesy visit to the Regional President's Office based in the city of Hawassa**

**WHO provided support in the preparations for rolling out enhanced ComBAT strategy campaign aiming to strengthen case detection capacity**

**Facilitated HCC meeting on Cholera outbreak response in West Omo zone**



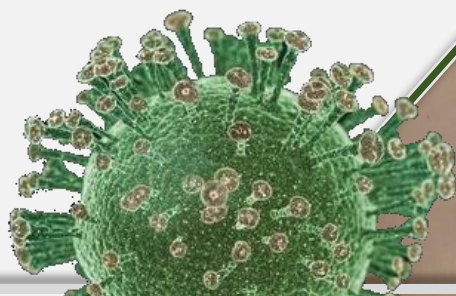
**WHO provided support to the enhanced target-testing being conducted among vulnerable populations and dead body surveillance across all the regions**

**Supported a joint (RHB and WHO) in-depth investigation mission for the cluster of COVID-19 cases in Qololji camp, the largest IDP site in Somali region**

**Provided technical support on data management and harmonization for COVID-19 response, including weekly IDSR reports and feedbacks provided to field teams**

**Provided capacity building sessions for 70 WHO regional officers on COVID-19 surveillance to enhance strategic support to RHBs**

**Facilitated a 3-day orientation for 10 RHB data managers in Dire Dawa**





**WHO provided technical support in updating IPC | WaSH guidelines, risk assessment check-list, guidance for detention centers and sporting events**

**Facilitated a health care workers (HCW) training in Dire Dawa to improve compliance to the IPC guidelines and minimize HCW infections**

**Trained health workers at major transport towns in Amhara and Afar regions on IPC | WaSH, surveillance, and essential health service under the transport corridor project**

**Deployed a joint (RHB and WHO) technical team to conduct IPC assessment at Woliyta (Otona) hospital, following an infection of 49 health workers in the facility**

**Deployed two additional IPC | WASH officers in Oromia region to further strengthen the regional IMT**



## CASE MANAGEMENT CAPACITY

The United States Government donated 250 ventilators and other critical care equipment which will play a critical role to the efforts to fight against COVID-19. MoH thanks for the generous donation from the American people

WHO provided technical support provided to the Inter Action Review (IAR) for case management pillar activities at the National PHEOC for the first three months of the national COVID-19 response

Support provided to the preparation of MHPSS training materials to be incorporated into the national Home-based and Isolation and Care package

Continued support provision on the adaptation of the National COVID-19 Home-based Isolation and Care guidelines to the regional contexts

Conducted on-the-job mentorship to Home-based Isolation and Care (HBIC) teams in Addis Ababa

Facilitated distribution of National Home-based Isolation and Care guidelines to regional, zonal and woreda response teams



**ESSENTIAL  
HEALTH  
SERVICES  
(EHS)**

**WHO continued provision of technical support to RHBs on targeted response for IDPs and refugee camps - based in assessment findings conducted in 22 IDP and refugee sites across 7 regions**

**WHO conducted supportive supervision for continuity of essential health services across the regions**

**Facilitated training on essential services for UNHCR and ARRA staff working on COVID-19 response operations in Somali region**

**Support provided to enhance active case search and investigation of AFP cases in Dire Dawa**

**Facilitated virtual orientation for 8 GPEI new recruits to support polio outbreak response and surveillance activities in priority regions**

**Conducted orientation to 44 health professionals at Woreta town (Amhara region), on demand creation and risk communication for essential health services**





**WHO facilitated a 2-week RCCE plan of action and jointly developed social mobilization messages, in-view of strengthening the ongoing community-based approach and testing (ComBAT) initiatives across the country**

**WHO supported advocacy and mobilization of religious leaders and volunteers for COVID-19 response engagements in Afar region**

**Collaborated with Dire Dawa City Administration Health Bureau, engaging a COVID-19 survivor (health worker); in arranging a media session on ETV, Fana TV and Radio media outlets - targeting HCWs and youths to adhere to COVID-19 related precautionary measures**

**Facilitated distribution of WHO's guide on COVID-19 prevention for Arafa holiday, to national and regional EOCs**



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Humanitarian Aid

**Dr Boureima HAMA SAMBO**  
WHO Representative,  
ETHIOPIA

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Thank  
You

The fourth COVID-19 meeting of the Emergency Committee (EC) convened by the WHO Director-General (DG) under the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) took place on Friday, 31 July 2020

The EC unanimously agreed that the pandemic still constitutes a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) and offered advice to the DG

The Committee made a range of recommendations to both WHO and State Parties

- Advised WHO to continue to mobilize global and regional multilateral organizations and partners for COVID-19 preparedness and response, to support Member States in maintaining health services, while accelerating the research and eventual access to diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines
- Advised countries to support these research efforts, including through funding, and to join in efforts to allow equitable allocation of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines by engaging in the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator among other initiatives
- The committee also advised countries to strengthen public health surveillance for case identification and contact tracing, including in low-resource, vulnerable, or high-risk settings and to maintain essential health services with sufficient funding, supplies, and human resources
- Countries were advised to implement proportionate measures and advice on travel, based on risk assessments, and to review these measures regularly

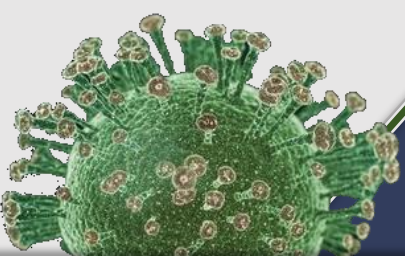
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... We would like to express our APPRECIATION for WHO and partners' COVID-19 pandemic response efforts, and highlight the anticipated LENGTHY duration of this COVID-19 pandemic, noting the importance of SUSTAINED community, national, regional, and global RESPONSE EFFORTS.

The COVID-19  
EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

(The EMERGENCY COMMITTEE will be reconvened within THREE months, at the discretion of the DIRECTOR-GENERAL)

“  
... The pandemic is a ONCE-IN-A-CENTURY health crisis, the effects of which will be felt for DECADES to come. Many countries that believed they were past the worst are now grappling with new outbreaks ... some that were less affected in the earliest weeks are now seeing escalating numbers of cases and deaths ... and some that had large outbreaks have brought them under control.”

Dr TEDROS Adhanom  
Director-General, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION







Over all, the pandemic is increasing and accelerating if we take a continental look ... we have a situation that is very diverse, as the dynamics are different in every country. 5 countries account for almost 75% of the total cases in the continent.

- We must take steps to protect the most vulnerable and make sure that they are getting good treatment
- Individuals have to take actions to fight COVID-19. People need to be well informed about how to protect themselves
- Other diseases and conditions are disadvantaged now, as people are afraid of getting treated and going to health units for medical assistance, due to the risks of COVID-19
- We may see more damage as a result of other illnesses and conditions than we will because of COVID-19, and countries need to do both. We also need to make sure people know that health services are available for them
- We are very concerned that now countries have relaxed their measures that we will see increases in cases ... we need to get the testing up in countries
- We absolutely must be responsible for what we declare ... it must be based on evidence
- As we adjust together to this new normal, I ask that governments, partners and communities remember that none of us are safe until we are all safe

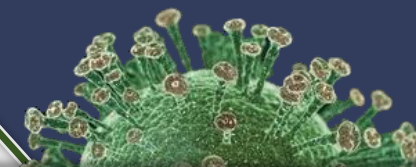


“ ... We talked a lot about **ACCESS** to testing in **AFRICA** and how this was **COMPROMISED** by a very distorted global market. We very much hope that we **DON'T** see a similar situation when it comes to a **VACCINE**. ”

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

“ ... We all know by now the measures that need to be taken to protect ourselves and our communities. Let us remember that **EVERY ACTION** we take as individuals in the coming weeks can **DETERMINE** the course of the pandemic in **AFRICA**, and beyond. ”

**Dr Ahmed AL-MANDHARI**  
Regional Director for **EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**,  
**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**



**As of beginning of August 2020,  
the following milestones and events focused on COVID-19 have taken place**

**The Director-General and Executive Director of the WHO Health  
Emergencies Programme have held 84 media briefings**

**23 Member State Briefings and information sessions conducted**

**WHO convenes international expert networks, covering topics - clinical management,  
laboratory and virology, infection prevention and control, mathematical modelling,  
seroepidemiology, and research and development for diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines,  
which have held frequent teleconferences, starting in early January**

**The OpenWHO platform has had more than 4 million course enrolments.  
Free training is available on 15 different topics translated into 38  
languages to support the coronavirus response, for a total of 115 COVID-19**

**WHO's landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines lists 25 candidate  
vaccines in clinical evaluation and 139 in pre-clinical evaluation**

**WHO  
provides this timeline  
of the Organization's  
COVID-19 response  
activities for general  
information**

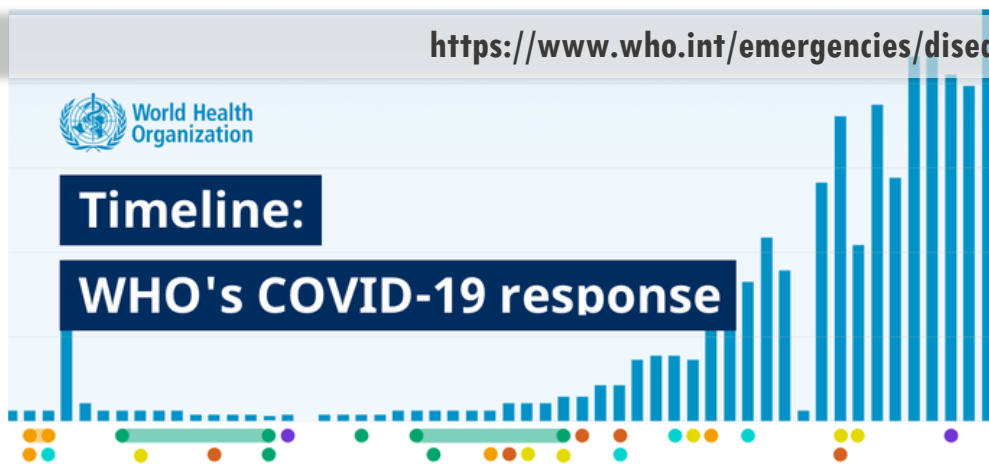
**WHO  
will update the  
below presented  
interactive timeline on  
a regular basis and in  
light of evolving events  
and new information**

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/interactive-timeline>



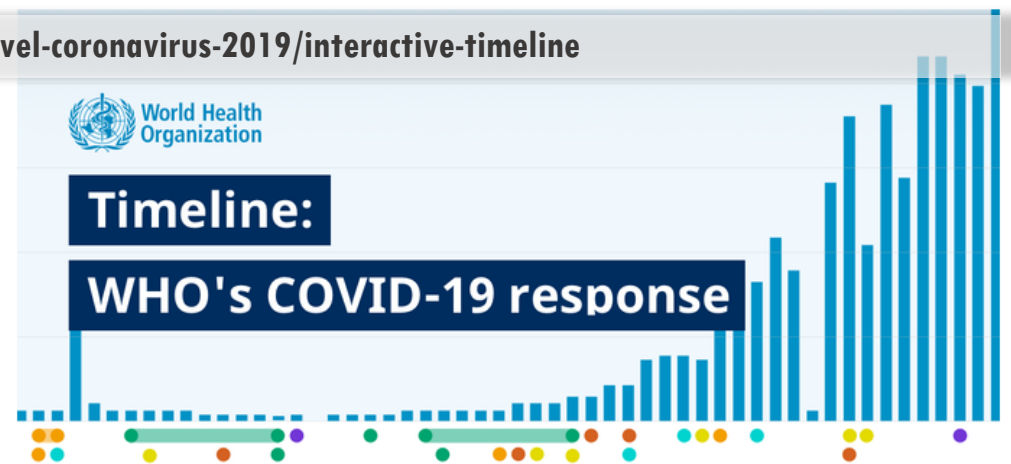
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**WHO's COVID-19 response**

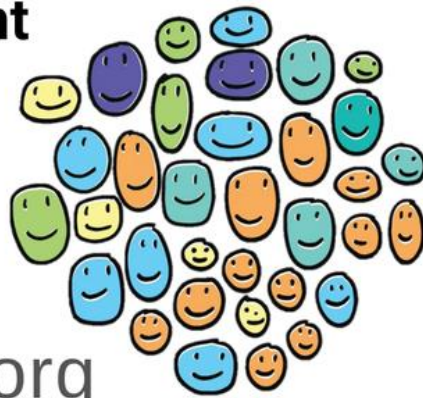


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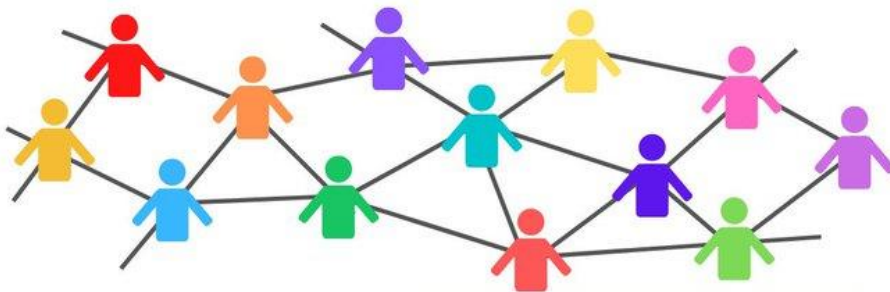


## Risk assessment for mass gatherings



New COVID-19 course

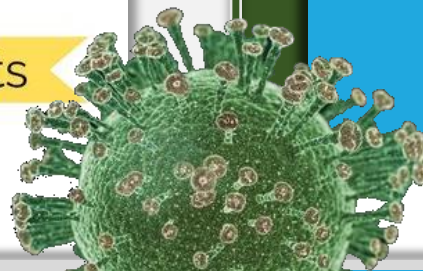
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## Water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste management for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19

Interim guidance

<https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1289390/retrieve>

## Estimating mortality from COVID-19

Scientific brief



<https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1289937/retrieve>

## WHO COVID-19 preparedness and response progress report

1 FEBRUARY TO 30 JUNE 2020

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## Policy Brief: COVID-19 in an Urban World

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# GLOBAL and AFRICA COVID-19 UPDATE

UPDATED AS OF 05 AUGUST 2020



**TOTAL CASES**  
18,354,342

**TOTAL DEATH**  
696,147

**TOTAL RECOVERED**  
11,176,535

**TOTAL CASES**  
978,481

**TOTAL DEATH**  
21,098

**TOTAL RECOVERED**  
652,442

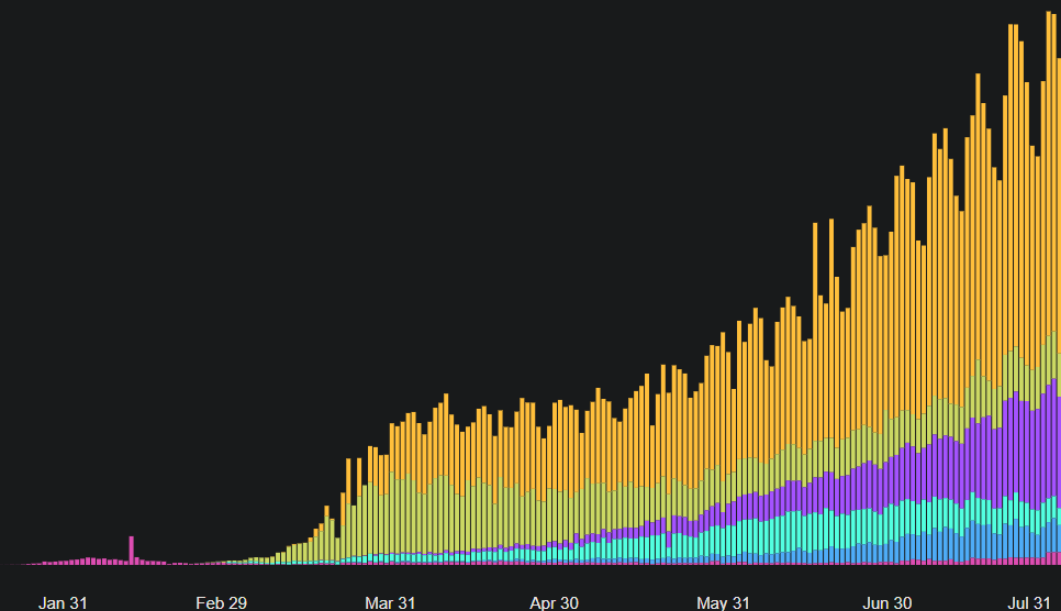
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**AFRICA**

Americas	9,841,842 confirmed
Europe	3,451,556 confirmed
South-East Asia	2,299,433 confirmed
Eastern Mediterranean	1,585,458 confirmed
Africa	834,147 confirmed
Western Pacific	341,165 confirmed

Source: World Health Organization



**54**  
AFFECTED COUNTRIES, AREAS or TERRITORIES  
**AFRICA**

**216**  
AFFECTED COUNTRIES, AREAS or TERRITORIES  
**GLOBAL**

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