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### WHAT IS THE SITUATION GLOBALLY

- ◆ 105 countries affected
- ◆ 4 New countries reported cases
- ◆ 109,577 total confirmed cases
- ◆ 3,809 total deaths

### WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

- ◆ There is one suspected COVID-19 case in the isolation facility and there is NO CONFIRMED COVID-19 case as of Mar-9, 2020
- ◆ Some of the samples that previously tested negative at EPHI have been sent to NICD South Africa for external quality assurance
- ◆ Cumulatively, a total 112 alerts/rumors received; 36 suspected cases detected 35 tested negative for COVID-19 and 1 is pending

### Key planned activities

- ◆ High-level consultative meeting with religious leaders of the Orthodox Church, Islam, Evangelical and Catholic on 12 March 2020
- ◆ Continue strengthening the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC) pillars

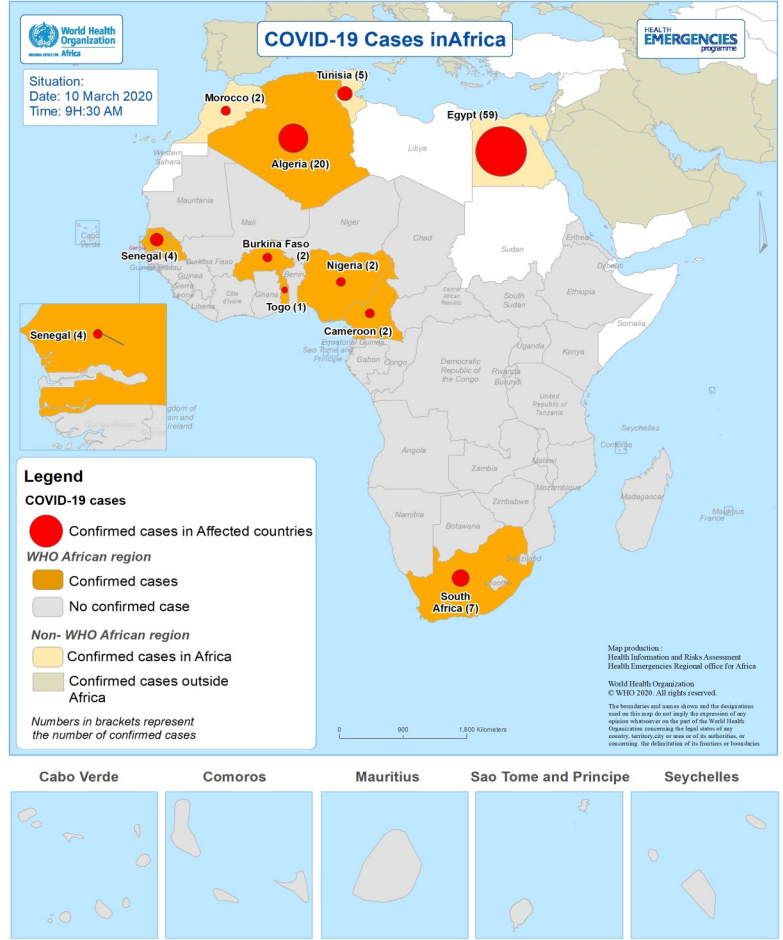
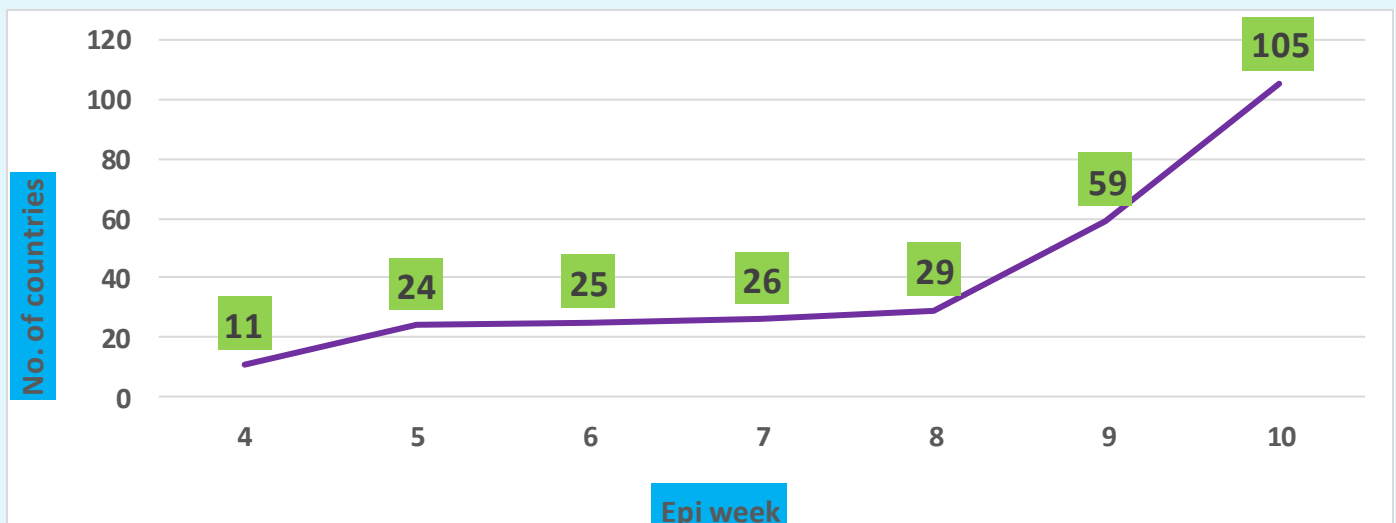


Fig 2: Number of countries reporting COVID-19 cases as of 9-March 2020



Four (4) new Countries (Albania, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso and Paraguay) reported COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours

Fig 3: Weekly trend of confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported from week 4-11, 2020



### Key Challenges

- ◆ Global shortage of Personal Protective Equipment
- ◆ Funding gap for COVID-19 contingency plan and scale up (approximately USD 14M)
- ◆ Equipping the isolation facilities to the required standards to enable optimum provision of health care services for the preparedness and response to COVID-19

### Recommendations

- ✦ Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water
- ✦ When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue and wash hands;
- ✦ Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough
- ✦ The consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided.
- ✦ If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider
- ✦ When visiting live markets in areas currently experiencing cases of novel coronavirus, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals;
- ✦ Cook your food and especially meat thoroughly.
- ✦ Call the UN clinic on telephone number **+251929908433** if you feel unwell and have been in any country reporting local transmission of COVID-19 within the past 14 days