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ETHIOPIA

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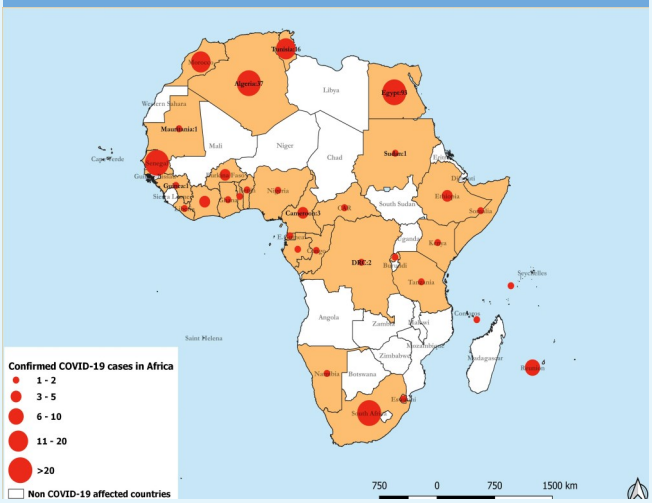
WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

- On 13th March-2020, Ethiopia reported **the first confirmed case of COVID-19** in Addis Ababa City and as of 16-March-2020, a total of **5 confirmed cases** have been reported
- Two hundred seven (207) contacts have been identified and are on close follow up.
- A comprehensive coordinated approach is being applied, and solid work being done especially in the areas of contact tracing, case investigation, case management, Infection prevention and control, laboratory and risk communication
- WHO is working closely with the government of Ethiopia in coordinating and providing critical technical

Fig 1: African Countries reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases as of March 16, 2020

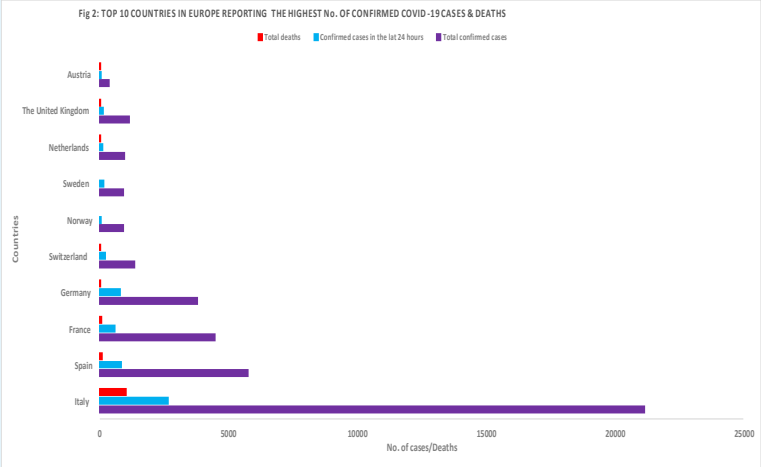


30 African countries have so far reported 354 confirmed COVID-19 cases reflecting a 90% within the last 48

- Take preventive measures extremely seriously
- Avoid hand-shake and hugging at all times
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol base hand rub
- Get information from reliable sources only

GLOBALY HIGHLIGHTS

- WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11-March-2020.
- WHO advises countries to invest more in testing suspected cases so that the response is based on scientific evidence
- WHO advises member states to stick to the containment strategy as the best practice so far as proven in China
- 148 countries/Regions are affected of which 26 are in Africa region including Ethiopia
- As of 15-March-2020, there were 153,517 total confirmed cases and 5,735 total deaths with a resultant increase of 15.6% and 15.7% respectively in the last 48 hours)



- 56.3% of the cases are reported by the top 10 countries listed in figure 2 above. The confirmed cases increased by 53% in the last 48 hours
- Europe has now become the epicenter of the pandemic, with more reported cases and deaths than the rest of the world combined, apart from China

- Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are: Fever, Cough, Sore throat, Difficulty in breathing and other flu like symptoms such as running nose and sneezing
- The public is advised to report any suspected cases to the nearest health facility or call **8335** or **+251929908433**