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## WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

- ◆ Total number of reported confirmed cases is 6
- ◆ Cumulative number of suspected cases is 102
- ◆ Cumulative number of registered contacts is 217
- ◆ Cumulative number of alerts/rumors is 219
- ◆ All UN entities are requested to activate their business continuity plans



WHO Country Representative in discussion with the Minister of Health on strategic response to COVID-19

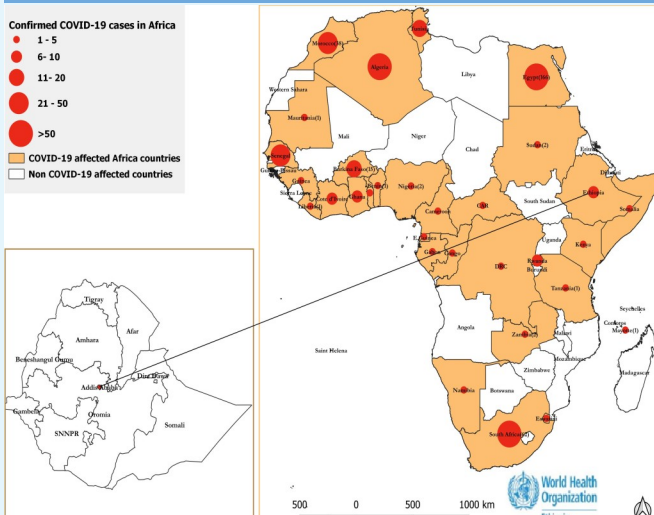
## GLOBALY HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ As of 17-March-2020, there were 179,111 total confirmed cases and 7,426 total deaths with a resultant increase of 6.9% and 12.4% respectively in the last 24 hours)
- ◆ 157 countries/Regions are affected of which 31 are in Africa region including Ethiopia
- ◆ “Our greatest enemy right now is not the virus itself. It is fear, rumors and stigma. And our greatest assets are facts, reason and solidarity” Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director General



WHO working with government in strengthening the supply chain Eka Kotebe COVID-19 treatment center

Fig 1: African countries reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases as of March 18, 2020



- ◆ 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

A total 31 (57.4%) African countries are affected and Zambia being the latest. A total number of 746 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 15 deaths as of 18-March-2020. The deaths were recorded in Egypt (6), Algeria (5), Morocco (2) Burkina Faso (1) and Sudan (1)

- ◆ 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**