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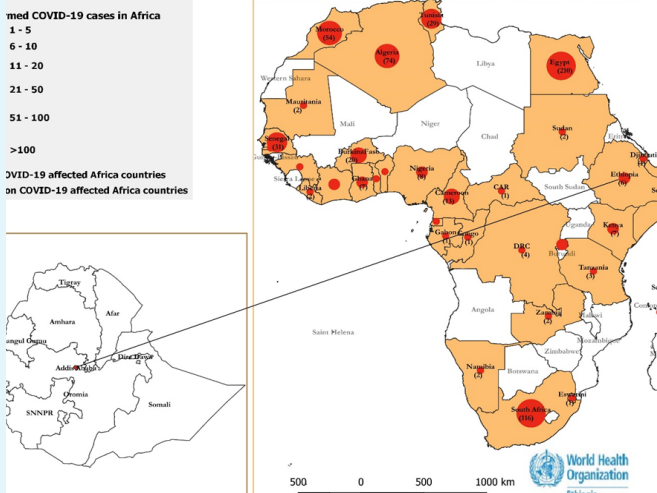
WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

- ◆ Total number of reported confirmed cases is 6
- ◆ Cumulative number of suspected cases is 119
- ◆ Cumulative number of registered contacts is 241
- ◆ Cumulative number of alerts/rumors is 242
- ◆ All UN entities are requested to activate their business continuity plans



WHO conducted IPC training to health workers of Dire Dawa isolation center

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



The first case of Coronavirus in the African continent was reported in Egypt on 14-February-2020. It has since affected 35 (61.8%) countries with a total number of 633 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 17 deaths with a case fatality rate of 2.7% as of 19-March-2020. The deaths were recorded in Egypt (06), Algeria (07), Morocco (02) Burkina Faso (01) and Sudan (01)

GLOBALY HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ As of 19-March-2020, there were 191,127 total confirmed cases and 7,807 total deaths with a resultant increase of 6.7% and 5.1% respectively in the last 24 hours)
- ◆ 159 countries/Regions are affected of which 35 are in Africa region including Ethiopia
- ◆ WHO is supporting countries with surveillance, diagnostics and treatment of COVID-19 cases
- ◆ WHO continues to recommend isolating, testing and treating every confirmed case and tracing every contact must be the backbone of response in every country



WHO support the strengthening of COVID-19 laboratory sample management

- ◆ 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

- ◆ 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**