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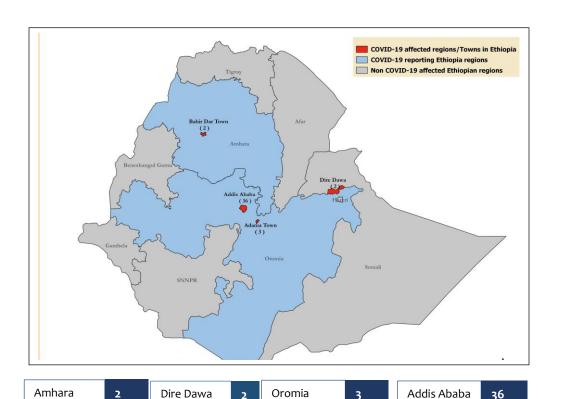


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WHO RESPONSE

- Supported member states in strengthening laboratory testing for COVID-19
- Deployed several experts across the globe to support the response to COVID-19
- Set up information management systems that provide timely, reliable, scientific and accurate information to the members states to facilitate strategic decision making
- Promoting information exchange and cooperation between neighbouring countries
- Disseminating technical guidelines covering both the preparedness and response
- Deployed experts in critical areas such as epidemiological surveillance, case management, infection prevention and control, control at points of entry, as well as risk communication and community engagement;
- Established national coordination mechanisms as well as coordinating technical and financial partners



GLOBAL

Countries, Areas or Territories Affected

208

Confirmed Cases

1,133,758

Deaths

62,784

Source: WHO SitRep 5-April 2020

ETHIOPIA

12 New confirmed cases in last 36 hours

43 Total confirmed cases

04 Total recovered

869 Total suspected cases

02 Total deaths

Source: EPHI SitRep





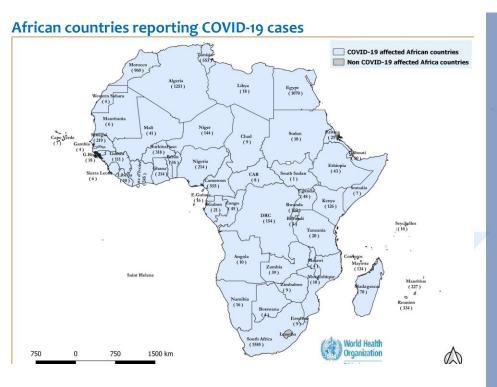






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WHO RESPONSE



Ethiopia Updates

- WHO has deployed several experts in the disciplines of epidemiology, case management, community engagement among others in Dire Dawa and Harreri to strengthen the response to COVID-19
- The Country with the support of WHO and other partners, have revised hand washing and social distancing messages to target Islam and other religious groups such as Catholics
- There are several returnees from Djibouti and Saudi Arabia who are quarantined at Addis Ababa Science and Technology University that are posing additional pressure to COVID-19 response
- All health and non-health partners are strongly encouraged to support the government efforts in responding to COVID-19

Globally

WHO's strategic objectives for this response are to;

- Interrupt human-to-human transmission including reducing secondary infections among close contacts and health care workers, preventing transmission amplification events, and preventing further international spread
- Identify, isolate and care for patients early, including providing optimized care for infected patients
- Identify and reduce transmission from the animal source
- Address crucial unknowns regarding clinical severity, extent of transmission and infection, treatment options, and accelerate the development of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines
- Communicate critical risk and event information to all communities and counter misinformation
- Minimize social and economic impact through multisectoral partnerships.

You are therefore advised to observe the following;

- 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
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider