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WHO RESPONSE

- Today is World Health Day and WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti joined the WHO Director-General and other Regional Directors in launching the first ever State of the World's Nursing Report 2020 and appreciated the life-saving roles of nurses and midwives. This report details the significant contribution that nurses make to promoting health, keeping the world safe and serving the vulnerable.
- WHO has listed the first two diagnostic tests for emergency use during the Covid-19 pandemic. This will enable countries to increase testing with quality assured diagnostics. The tests can now be supplied by the United Nations and other procurement agencies supporting the COVID-19 response. These are **genesig Real-Time PCR Coronavirus (COVID-19)** (Primerdesign, United Kingdom) is an open system more suitable for laboratories with moderate sample testing capacity, while the **cobas® SARS-CoV-2 for use on the cobas® 6800/8800 Systems** (Roche, United States of America) is a closed system assay for larger laboratories.

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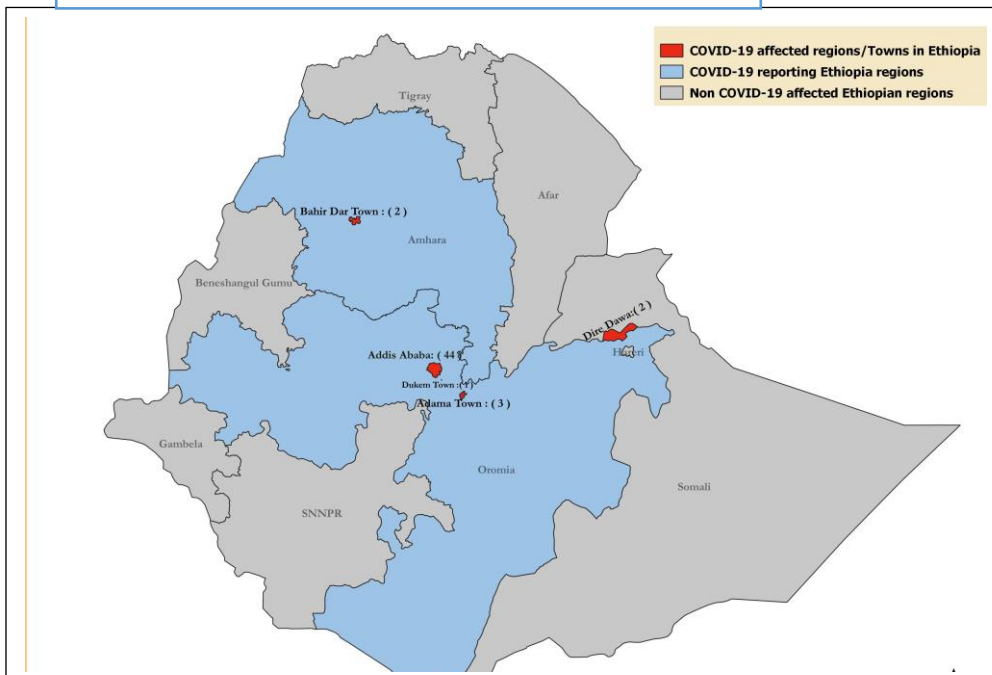
Countries, Areas or Territories Affected **210**

Confirmed Cases
1,279,722

Deaths
72,614

Source: WHO SitRep 7-April 2020

Map of Ethiopia indicating confirmed COVID-19 cases



Amhara

2

Dire Dawa

2

Oromia

4

Addis Ababa

44

ETHIOPIA

8 New confirmed cases

52 Total confirmed cases

04 Total recovered

445 Total suspected cases

02 Total deaths

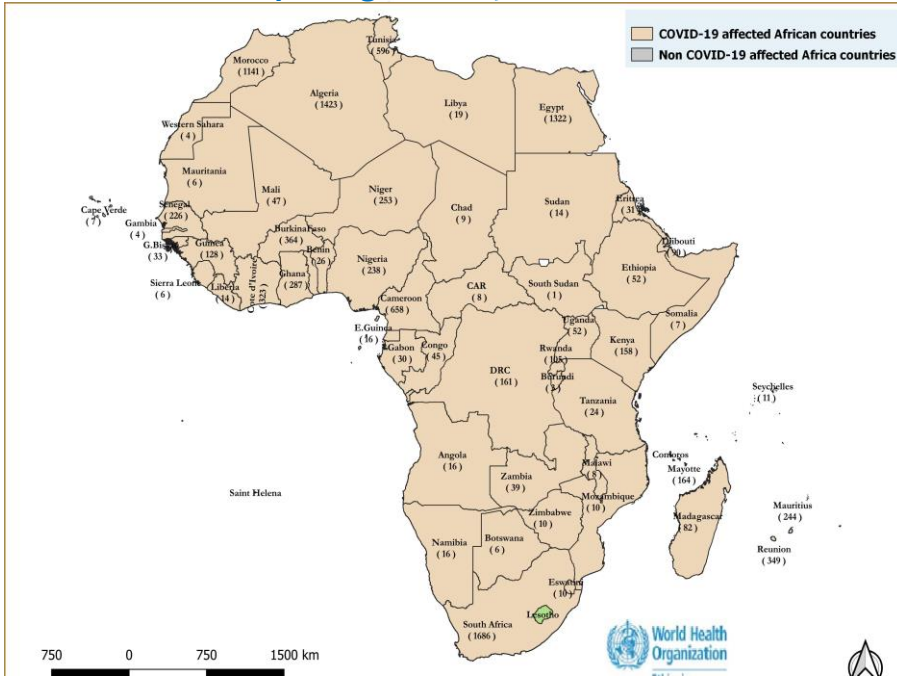
Source: EPHI SitRep



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Ethiopia

African countries reporting COVID-19 cases



- The laboratory diagnostic capacity has been strengthened with establishment of COVID-19 testing capacity at Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI) and National Animal Health Diagnosis and Investigation Center (NAHDIC)
- Developed specific messages to address stigma toward patients and their contacts
- WHO together with IOM established strategies to enhance support for returnees at the quarantine and isolation facilities
- WHO together with other partners supported surveillance pillar in contact tracing and contact follow up
- THE UN PCA custodian group held a zoom meeting and discussed on the different outputs and the strategic results with respect to COVID-19 scenario 3

Who is a Contact?

A contact is a person who experienced any one of the following exposures during the 2 days before and the 14 days after the onset of symptoms of a probable or confirmed case:

1. Face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 meter and for more than 15 minutes;
2. Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;
3. Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment

OR

4. Other situations as indicated by local risk assessments.