There is one suspected COVID-19 case in the isolation facility and there is NO CONFIRMED COVID-19 case as of Mar-9, 2020.

Some of the samples that previously tested negative at EPHI have been sent to NICD South Africa for external quality assurance.

Cumulatively, a total 112 alerts/rumors received; 36 suspected cases detected 35 tested negative for COVID-19 and 1 is pending.

Key planned activities

- High-level consultative meeting with religious leaders of the Orthodox Church, Islam, Evangelical and Catholic on 12 March 2020
- Continue strengthening the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC) pillars.

Fig 2: Number of countries reporting COVID-19 cases as of 9-March 2020

Four (4) new Countries (Albania, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso and Paraguay) reported COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours.
Key Challenges

- Global shortage of Personal Protective Equipment
- Funding gap for COVID-19 contingency plan and scale up (approximately USD 14M)
- Equipping the isolation facilities to the required standards to enable optimum provision of health care services for the preparedness and response to COVID-19

Recommendations

- 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
- The consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided.
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider
- When visiting live markets in areas currently experiencing cases of novel coronavirus, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals;
- Cook your food and especially meat thoroughly.
- Call the UN clinic on telephone number +251929908433 If you feel unwell and have been in any country reporting local transmission of COVID-19 within the past 14 days