## GLOBALY HIGHLIGHTS

- WHO advises countries to invest more in testing suspected cases so that the response is based on scientific evidence.
- WHO advises member states to stick to the containment strategy as the best practice so far as proven in China.
- 148 countries/Regions are affected of which 26 are in Africa region including Ethiopia.
- As of 15-March-2020, there were 153,517 total confirmed cases and 5,735 total deaths with a resultant increase of 15.6% and 15.7% respectively in the last 48 hours.

### WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

- On 13th March-2020, Ethiopia reported the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Addis Ababa City and as of 16-March-2020, a total of 5 confirmed cases have been reported.
- Two hundred seven (207) contacts have been identified and are on close follow up.
- A comprehensive coordinated approach is being applied, and solid work being done especially in the areas of contact tracing, case investigation, case management, Infection prevention and control, laboratory and risk communication.
- WHO is working closely with the government of Ethiopia in coordinating and providing critical technical support.

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### Fig 1: African Countries reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases as of March 16, 2020

30 African countries have so far reported 354 confirmed COVID-19 cases reflecting a 90% within the last 48 hours.

### Fig 2: TOP 10 COUNTRIES IN EUROPE REPORTING THE HIGHEST No. OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES & DEATHS

- 56.3% of the cases are reported by the top 10 countries listed in figure 2 above. The confirmed cases increased by 53% in the last 48 hours.
- Europe has now become the epicenter of the pandemic, with more reported cases and deaths than the rest of the world combined, apart from China.

### Preventive Measures

- 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

### Figures

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