GLOBAL 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

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

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)

- 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