**GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- As of 24-March-2020, there were 372757 total confirmed cases and 16231 total deaths with a resultant increase of 10.7% and 27% respectively in the last 24 hours
- 172 countries/Regions are affected of which 45 are in Africa region including Ethiopia

In Africa, there is cumulative total of 1,792 confirmed cases and 64 deaths with a case fatality rate of 3.6%. The deaths were reported by Egypt (20), Algeria (19), Morocco (05) Burkina Faso (04), Tunisia (04), Ghana (2), DRC (02), Mauritius (02), Cameroon (01), Niger (01), Gambia (01), Sudan (01), Gabon (01) and Nigeria (01)

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**WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA**

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NDRMC activated the National Emergency Operation Centre

UNCT meeting today with key action points:
- One UN multisectorial response plan should be finalized
- Programme criticality assessment should be completed
- A plan for maintaining Essential services

**Fig 1: African countries reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 24 March 2020**

- 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

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**THE VIRUS DOESN’T MOVE, PEOPLE MOVE IT. WE STOP MOVING, THE VIRUS STOPS MOVING AND DIES**