WHO, UN Foundation and partners launch first-of-its-kind COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund
The funds will go towards actions outlined in the COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan to enable all countries to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19
121 countries are affected of which 20 are in Africa region including Ethiopia
As of 13-March-2020, there were 132,758 total confirmed cases and 4,955 total deaths with a resultant increase of 6.2% and 7.4% respectively in the last 24 hours

WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

- On 13th March-2020, Ethiopia reported the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Addis Ababa City
- Case management is ongoing and the case is in a stable condition
- 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 during this outbreak

Fig 1: African Countries reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases as of March 14, 2020

GLOBALLY HIGHLIGHTS

- 52.2% of the cases are reported by the top 10 countries
- 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
- 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 83835 or +251929908433

20 African countries have so far reported 134 confirmed COVID-19 cases of which 4 countries (Eswatini, Mauritania, Rwanda, Sudan, reported cases in the last 24 hours

- 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