WHO RESPONSE

- WHO has intensified global collaboration to accelerate new COVID-19 health technologies to adequately respond to COVID-19.
- WHO has published R&D Blueprint COVID 19 Experimental Treatments to guide countries in the management of COVID-19 cases
- WHO continues to source millions of dollars of medical equipment and supplies to help Member States access global markets, which are overwhelmed by unprecedented demand.
- Additionally, WHO is also supporting design and installation of COVID19 treatment centers in several countries
- WHO Ethiopia has created a regional COVID-19 support team as part of the incident Management System to strategically and tactically support the regions and also provided COVID-19 test kits to the Ethiopia Public Health Institute laboratory that are able to screen 2000 population and confirm 400 COVID-19 cases

In Africa, there was a 7.0% increase in the number of confirmed cases and 4.7% increase in deaths in 24 hours.

Significant increase in cases was reported in Senegal (22.7%), South Africa (10%), Somalia (10%), Algeria (7.9) and Ghana (7.8%). In the same vein, Egypt reported a 5.4% increase that is translated into 260 new confirmed cases in 24 hours.
Ethiopia reported 04 new confirmed COVID-19 case on 29-April-2020 resulting in a cumulative 130 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 3 deaths (CFR: 2.3%) and 68% of the cases are males. Six out of 11 regions have so far reported confirmed cases.

Currently majority (77.7%) of the cases have been reported in Addis Ababa. However, additional effort is needed to support the response in the regions most especially Dire Dawa and Somali because of the influx of returnees.

The gaps have been identified in the areas of community awareness and risk communication, contact tracing and inadequate PPEs and humanitarian actors are encouraged to participate and fill the gaps.

Fig. 3: Epidemiological details of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ethiopia, 29-April 2020

Map of Ethiopia indicating regions reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases