



COVID-19 Situation Report

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1. Situation Update

Highlights

- 82 high-risk travellers have completed their 14 days follow-up period
- Critical shortage of face masks in the country
- Oriented a team of 50 airport cleaners and cargo handlers at Entebbe International Airport on Corona virus prevention and control

Summary statistics as of 20th February 2020 at 1800hrs

Total number of high-risk travelers identified	455#
Ugandans	122
Chinese	317
Other nationals	16
Number of high-risk travelers listed in the last 24 hours (new)	11
Number of high-risk travelers followed up in the last 24 hours	198
Total number of high-risk travelers that completed 14 days follow up	82
Total number of high-risk travelers that completed follow-up today	24
Total number of high-risk travelers lost to follow-up	39**
Cumulative alerts	09
New alerts today	02
Cumulative cases (suspected and confirmed) identified	03
Suspected cases	03
Confirmed cases	00
Cumulative specimens collected and sent to UVRI	03
Number tested positive	00
Number tested negative	03
Specimens collected and sent to the laboratory (today)	00

#53 of these were identified from records review at the airport but did not leave their phone contacts and cannot be traced

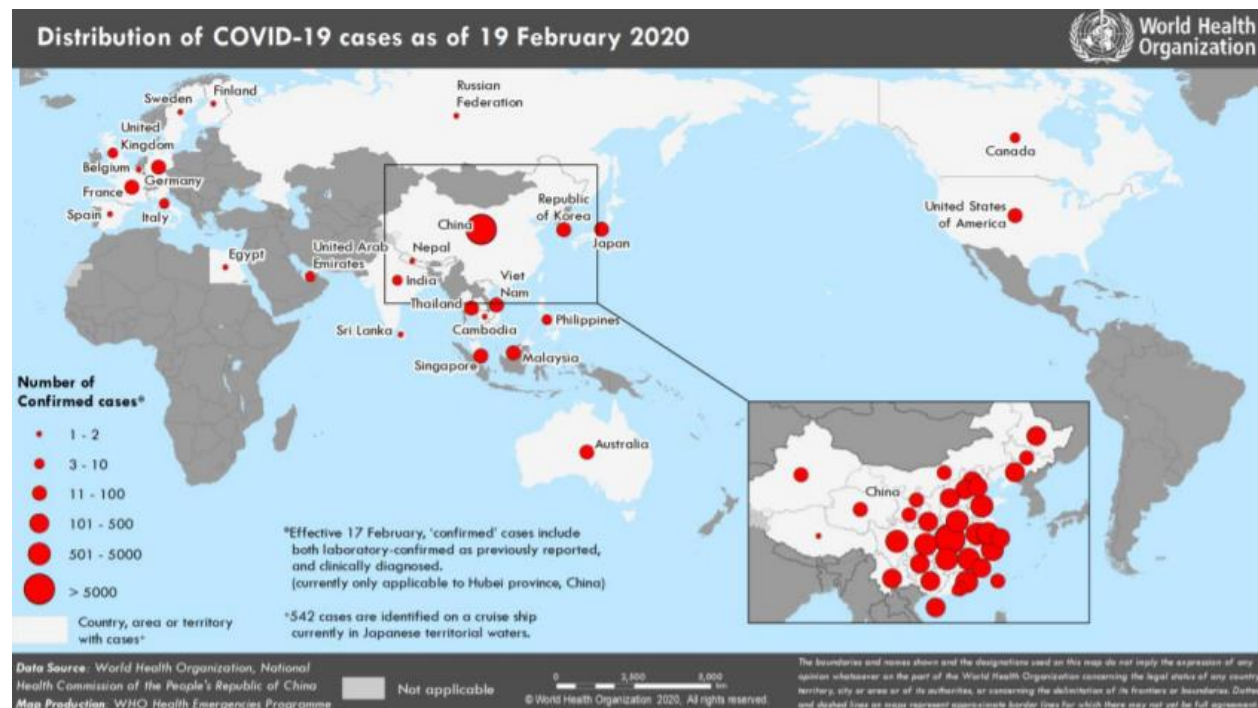
* Only those with phone contacts

** These travelers had phone contacts that were either out of reach or had been recorded wrongly

Background

On 31st December 2019 the World Health Organisation (WHO) was notified of a cluster of cases displaying symptoms of “pneumonia-like illness of unknown cause” linked to the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market, Wuhan, Hubei province. On 7th January 2020, the cause of the pneumonia was identified as a novel (new) Corona Virus named as COVID-19. To date, cases have been detected in 29 countries including; Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and the United States, United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Macau, Singapore, France, Nepal and Vietnam, Australia and Malaysia,

Canada, Cambodia, Finland, Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates, India, Germany, France, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Philippines and Egypt. On 30th January 2020, the WHO declared this outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The virus was named COVID-19. As of 19th February 2020, a total of 75,204 laboratory and clinically confirmed cases and 2006 fatalities have been reported worldwide, of which 1,872 were new cases (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>).



The government of Uganda declared the COVID-19 a national emergency. The National Task Force (NTF) activated the COVID-19 Incident Management System with an Incident Manager to coordinate the implementation of various preparedness activities

2. Public Health Actions

Coordination

- The team is working on the second cabinet information paper on COVID-19 country preparedness and readiness
- The team has prepared a press statement to provide an update Uganda's COVID-19 preparedness activities and mitigate misinformation about death of Chinese national in Masindi district
- Held National Task Force (NTF) meeting today, 20 February 2020; that called for strengthening of surveillance and public communication efforts.

Planned activities

- A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to activate the Incident Management Team and finalizing of the COVID-19 response plan

Surveillance

- Sixty-two percent (62%) of the identified high-risk travelers have been followed today

- and all found in good health
- A total of 82 high-risk travelers have completed their 14 day follow-up
- Busia District has handed over the Busia POE to MoH and assigned six staff to support screening of all arrivals. The screening process is scheduled to start tomorrow
- Processing of funds to support teams conducting screening at POEs is on going

Planned activities

- Training of immigration staff scheduled for tomorrow, 21st February 2020

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- Lobbying UNICEF and other partners to fund the mass printing of IEC materials
- Following up with the Hon. Minister of Health on securing free airtime from the Hon. Minister of ICT to support running of spot messages on TV and Radio stations, both public and private
- 300 copies of IEC materials have been printed for initial distribution to the airport awaiting mass printing and distribution
- IEC materials for display on TV monitors at all POEs and at the PHEOC have been designed and provided to the PHEOC for circulation

Case Management

- Training materials for health workers on case management of COVID-19 have been developed
- Trainings are planned for Naguru National Referral Hospital, Kazuri Medical Centre and Entebbe Hospital.

Logistics

- National Medical Stores scheduled to deliver logistics at the MoH stores. These will support screening at EIA, Malaba, Busia, Cyanika, Elegu POEs.
- Logistics teams have been deployed to the field to assess logistics availability in regional referral hospitals to inform quantifications and requests to NMS

3. Conclusion

Measles_Isingiro_SitRep_05Feb20As a country, the Ministry of Health has established a strong response system to be able to prevent, detect and respond to suspected cases of COVID-19 in collaboration with other relevant ministries, agencies and departments of Government.