



COVID-19 Situation Report

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1. Situation Update

Highlights

- More new cases reported outside China than from within China
- A total of **258 high-risk travelers** have completed their 14 day follow-up*

Summary statistics as of 26th February 2020 at 1800hrs

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| Total number of high-risk travelers identified | 655 |
| Ugandans | 143 |
| Chinese | 466 |
| Other nationals | 46 |
| Number of high-risk travelers listed in the last 24 hours (new) | 24 |
| Total number of high-risk travelers under self-isolation | 397 |
| Number of high-risk travelers followed up in the last 24 hours | 341 |
| Total number of high-risk travelers that completed 14 days follow up | 258# |
| Total number of high-risk travelers that completed follow-up today | 28 |
| Total number of high-risk travelers lost to follow-up | 11* |
| Cumulative alerts | 13 |
| New alerts today | 00 |
| Cumulative cases (suspected and confirmed) identified | 09 |
| Suspected cases | 09 |
| Confirmed cases | 00 |
| Cumulative specimens collected and sent to UVRI | 09 |
| Number tested positive | 00 |
| Number tested negative | 09 |
| Specimens collected and sent to the laboratory (today) | 01 |

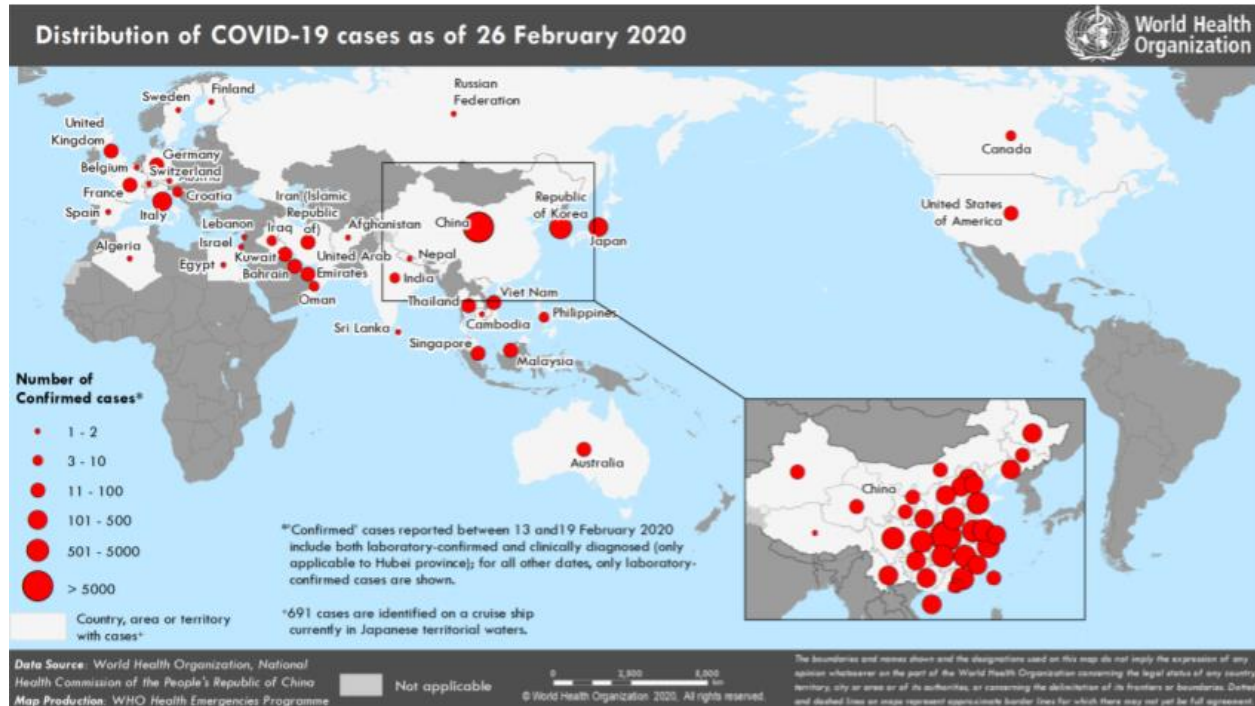
* These travelers had phone contacts that were out of reach, had been recorded wrongly or were not Ugandan lines

Percentage that completed follow-up by nationality: 63% Chinese, 34% Ugandans and 3% others

Background

On 31st December 2019 the World Health Organisation (WHO) was notified of a cluster of cases presenting with 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 37 countries (4 new) 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, the United Arab Emirates, India, Germany, France, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Philippines, Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iraq, Oman, Algeria, Austria, Croatia and Switzerland. On 30th January 2020, the WHO declared this outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). As of today, 26th February 2020, a total of 81,109 (871 new) laboratory and clinically confirmed cases and 2,761 fatalities have been reported globally. (<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

- Held a meeting with the Embassy of South Korea to discuss the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in South Korea, management of Korean nationals arriving at EIA and plans to handle the chartered flight for UN peace keepers arriving from South Korea enroute to South Sudan
- The Incident management team has finalized the revised 6 month preparedness and response plan
- Coordination of prepared and response activities ongoing

Surveillance and Laboratory

- Eighty five percent (85%) of the identified high-risk travelers have been followed today and all found in good health
- A total of 258 high-risk travelers have completed their 14 day follow-up

- Sixty three (63%) Chinese, 34% Ugandans and 3% high-risk travelers of others nationalities have completed their 14 day follow-up period
- Orientation of 28 cargo handlers at EIA on COVID-19
- Processing of funds to support teams conducting screening at POEs is on going
- No new alerts received at the PHEOC today

Planned Activities

- Station a 24/7 ambulance at EIA
- Expanding the NRRT to respond to the increasing number of COVID-19 alerts
- Orientation of district surveillance systems to enable early detection and follow-up of increasing number of COVID-19 alerts
- Orientation of laboratory surge capacity for collection of COVID-19 samples
- Orientation of Entebbe Hospital staff on COVID-19 suspect case detection in health facilities and at EIA scheduled for tomorrow, 27/02/2020

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- Radio spot messages have been developed and translated into 7 regional languages i.e. Swahili, Atesot, Runyankole-Rukiga, Runyoro-Rutooro, Luganda, Luo, Lugbara and English. These messages will be disseminated to all regional radio stations e.g. CBS, Radio Païda, Voice of Tooro, Voice of Kigezi etc, by mid or end of next week
- Printing of IEC materials (pull-up banners, posters, factsheets and translated talking points) has been ordered and these are expected next week.
- Online COVID-19 messages have been disseminated on Facebook, Twitter and U-report
- Translation of IEC materials in local languages is ongoing

Planned activity

- UNICEF, WHO and partners are pooling funds to increase the quantity of IEC materials to be printed

Case Management

- IPC and case management guidelines have been adopted
- Training of 20 core staff at Entebbe Grade B and Naguru Hospitals is underway to ensure readiness to receive first cases of COVID-19 with support from Resolve
- Roll out of case management training to RRHs is scheduled to started on Monday, 02/03/2020
- IPC supplies have been provided by UNICEF to Entebbe and Naguru hospitals to support preparedness

Planned activity:

- Orientation of Entebbe Hospital staff on COVID-19 case isolation, management and IPC scheduled for tomorrow, 27/02/2020

Logistics

- Logistics have been delivered to all POEs targeted for activation of screening of high-risk travelers
- Quantification of supplies and commodities for COVID-19 at RRHs
- Medicines and other logistics have been received by the screening team at Elegu border

3. Conclusion

As 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.