



COVID-19 Situation Report

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1. Situation Update

Highlights

- A cumulative total of **695 high risk travellers** have been listed for follow up
- A total of **280 (40%) high-risk travelers** have completed their 14 day follow-up

Summary statistics as of 27th February 2020 at 1800hrs

Total number of high-risk travelers identified	695
Ugandans	143
Chinese	488
Other nationals	64
Number of high-risk travelers listed in the last 24 hours (new)	40
Total number of high-risk travelers under self-isolation	415
Number of high-risk travelers followed up in the last 24 hours	348
Total number of high-risk travelers that completed 14 days follow up	280#
Total number of high-risk travelers that completed follow-up today	22
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)	00

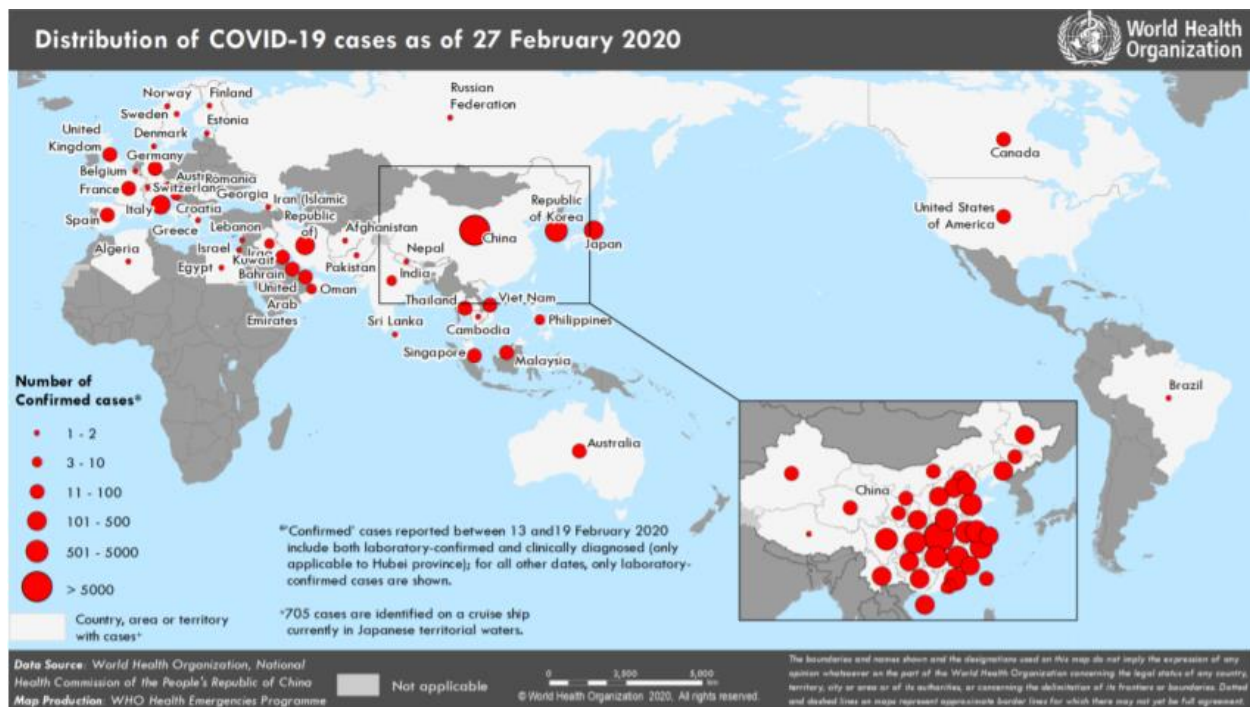
* These travelers had phone contacts that were out of reach, had been recorded wrongly or were not Ugandan lines

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 46 countries (9 new) including; Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and the

United States, United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Macau, Singapore, France, Nepal, Vietnam, Australia, 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, Switzerland, Brazil, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Norway, Pakistan, Romania and North Macedonia. On 30th January 2020, the WHO declared this outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). As of, 27th February 2020, a total of 82,294 (1,185 new) laboratory and clinically confirmed cases and 2,804 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

- The NTF approved the revised 6 month (January – June 2020) preparedness and response plan, focusing on the following pillars; coordination, surveillance and laboratory, WASH, risk communication, logistics, psychosocial support and case management
- Coordination of prepared and response activities ongoing

Surveillance and Laboratory

- Eighty eight percent (88%) of the identified high-risk travelers followed today and all found in good health

- A total of 280 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
- Processing of funds to support teams conducting screening at POEs on going
- Orientated 24 Entebbe Hospital staff on COVID-19 suspect case detection in health facilities and at EIA
- Organising for mass gathering surveillance for installation of the Archbishop of Church of Uganda at Namirembe Cathedral on 1st March 2020
- 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
- Revision of the case definition to include travelers from other countries with ongoing transmission of COVID-19
- Orientation of district surveillance systems to enable early detection and follow-up of increasing number of COVID-19 alerts

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- Radio spot messages have been developed and translated into seven 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 Paidda, 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.
- Translation of IEC materials in local languages is ongoing

Planned activity

- Partners are pooling funds to increase the quantity of IEC materials to be printed

Case Management

- Infection Prevention and Control and case management guidelines have been adopted
- Trained 24 core staff at Entebbe Grade B in readiness to receive and manage first cases of COVID-19
- Developing an operation plans for the Entebbe Grade B hospital
- An orientation meeting for trainers to train RRHs is scheduled for tomorrow, 28/February/2020 at WHO

Planned activities:

- Roll out of case management training to RRHs scheduled to started on Monday, 02/March/2020
- Orientation of case management teams at Naguru Hospital scheduled for next week

Logistics

- Finalized quantification of supplies and commodities for COVID-19 at RRHs
- Received 6,000 bottles of hand sanitizer
- Shortage of masks in country. However, stocks of other required PPEs are sufficient

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.