



COVID-19 Situation Report

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1. Situation Update

Highlights

- COVID19 Confirmed in Uganda by PCR Testing
- A total of **53 new high-risk travellers** have been listed for follow up, making a cumulative total of **2,500 high-risk travellers** listed since the start of the preparedness activities.
- Today, **819/1,236 (66%)** of the identified high-risk travellers were followed up; **57%** of these were physically followed up while **43%** were followed up over the phone and all were found in good health.
- **Forty-one (41) high-risk travellers** completed their 14 days of follow-up today making a cumulative total of **1,264**.

Summary statistics as of 21st March 2020 at 1800hrs

Total (Cumulative) number of high-risk travelers identified	2,500*
Total (Cumulative) number of travelers from Category 1 countries:	2,440
China	1,408
Germany	228
United Kingdom	276
USA	181
France	66
Italy	54
Netherlands	53
South Korea	44
Belgium	41
Malaysia	31
Sweden	17
Switzerland	17
Spain	11
Norway	10
Austria	3
San Marino and Iran	00
Travelers from Category 2 countries	42
Travelers of Ugandan nationality	592
Number of high-risk travelers listed in the last 24 hours (new)	53
Total number of high-risk travelers under self-isolation	1,236

Number of high-risk travelers followed up in the last 24 hours	819
Cumulative total of high-risk travelers that completed 14 days follow up	1,264
Total number of high-risk travelers lost to follow-up	417#
Cumulative alerts	85
Cumulative alerts verified as non-cases	27
New alerts today	16
Cumulative cases identified (suspected and confirmed)	58
Suspected cases	58
Confirmed cases	01
Cumulative specimens collected and sent to UVRI	69
Number tested positive	01
Number tested negative results	68
Pending results	00
Specimens collected and sent to the laboratory (today)	01

* This total now excludes the people lost to follow up who completed their mandatory 14 day follow-up period.

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

Background

On 7th January 2020, the World Health Organisation (WHO) announced a novel Corona Virus disease later named as COVID-19. On 30th January 2020, the WHO declared this outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

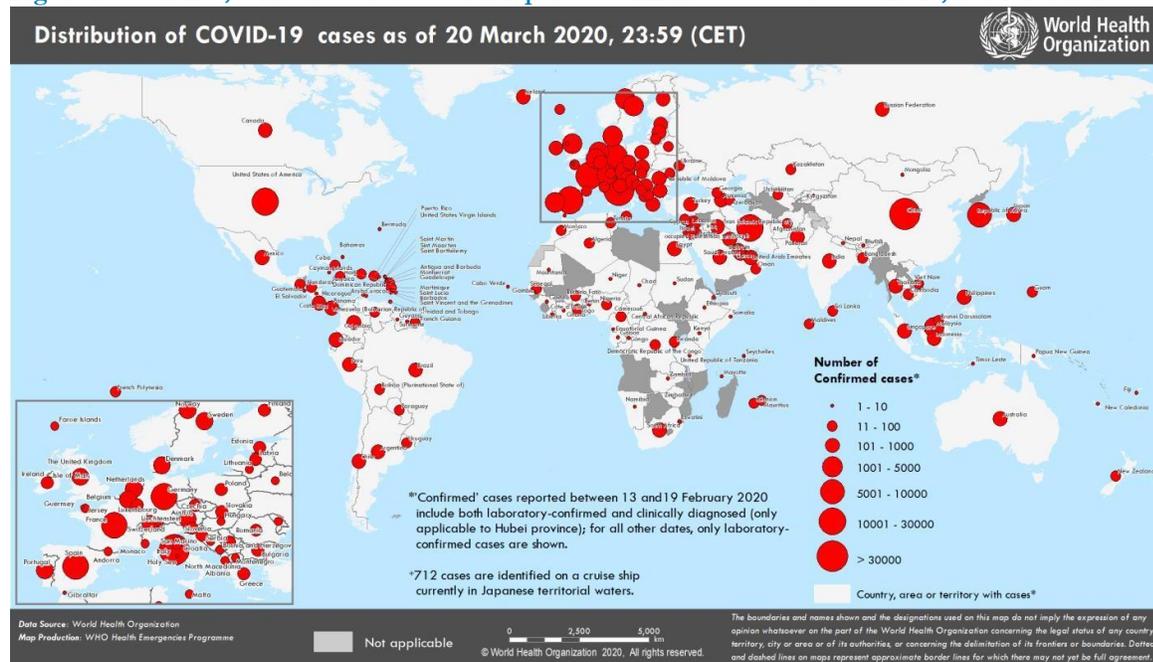
SITUATION IN NUMBERS total (new) cases in last 24 hours	
Globally	266 073 confirmed (32 000) 11 184 deaths (1344)
Western Pacific Region	94 037 confirmed (688) 3426 deaths (21)
European Region	128 541 confirmed (23 950) 6000 deaths (1 101)
South-East Asia Region	979 confirmed (61) 38 deaths (7)
Eastern Mediterranean Region	22 355 confirmed (1596) 1466 deaths (154)
Region of the Americas	18 877 confirmed (5606) 235 deaths (57)
African Region	572 confirmed (99) 12 deaths (4)

According to WHO, six new countries (African Region [2], European Region [1], Region of the Americas [1], South East Asia Region [1] and Western Pacific Region [1]) have reported cases of COVID-19 within the past 24 hours.

(<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>).

Within the African region, cases have been recorded in 38 countries; Egypt (256), South Africa (205), Algeria (94), Morocco (74), Tunisia (54), Burkina Faso (40), Senegal (38), Cameroon (22), Ghana (16), DRC (14), Mauritius (12), Nigeria (12), Rwanda (11), Togo (9), Côte d'Ivoire (9), Ethiopia (9), Kenya (7), Seychelles (6), Tanzania (6), Equatorial Guinea (4), Gabon (3), Congo (3), Namibia (3), Zambia (2), Mauritania (2), Central African Republic (1), Eswatini (1), Sudan (1), Guinea (1), Somalia (1), Benin (1), Liberia (2), Djibouti (1), Gambia (1), Niger (1), Chad (1), Zimbabwe (1) and Cabo Verde (1).

Figure 1. Countries, territories or areas with reported confirmed cases of COVID-19, 20 March 2020



Given the high level of risk, the Government of Uganda declared the COVID-19 a national emergency. The National Task Force (NTF) activated the COVID-19 Incident Management System to coordinate the implementation of various preparedness activities.

2. Public Health Actions

COORDINATION

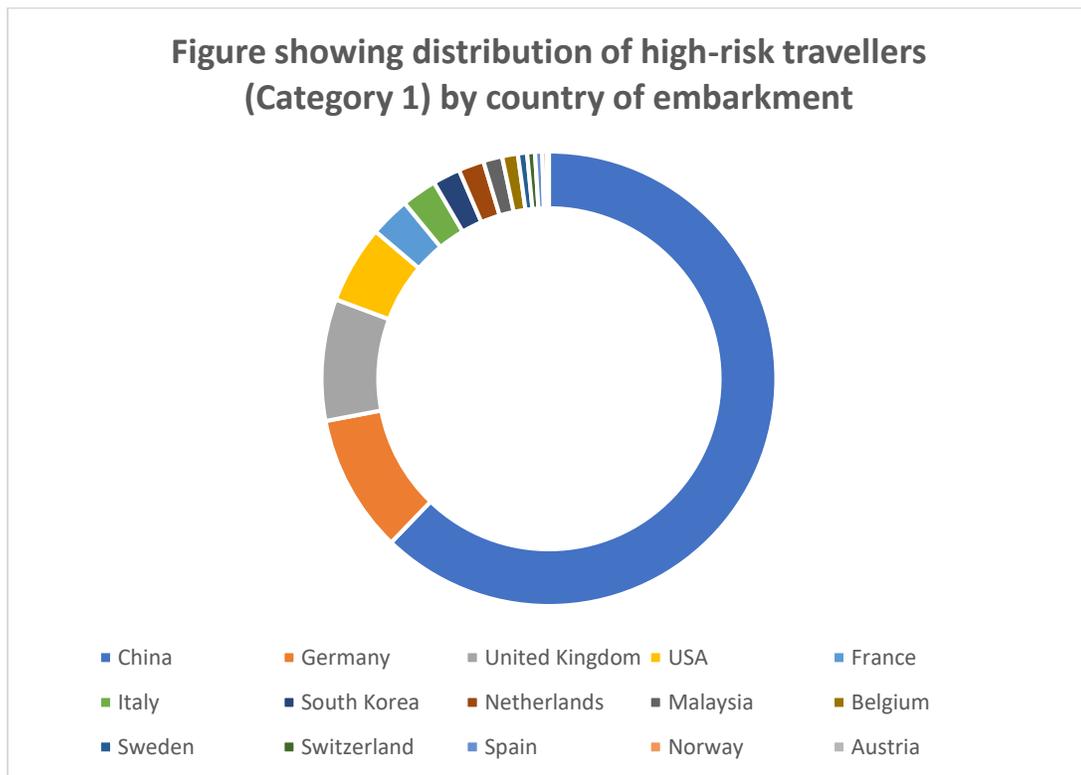
- H.E the President of Uganda gave a second presidential address on COVID-19 during which he elaborated on further measures to be taken to limit importation of COVID-19:
 - No passenger planes will be allowed to land or exit Uganda. Only cargo planes and their crew members will be allowed in the public.
 - People crossing into Uganda from the ground crossing border points are prohibited.
- The Hon. Minister of Health held a press conference to inform the general public of a confirmed COVID-19 case in Uganda.

SURVEILLANCE AND LABORATORY

- Sixteen (16) alerts were received through the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre. Upon verification 15 of these were false while only 1 turned out to be legitimate:
 - A 36-year-old male who arrived at Entebbe International Airport from Dubai International Airport. He presented with high grade fever and poor appetite. A sample was picked off and it turned out to be positive.

- A cumulative number of 69 samples from suspect cases have been tested by UVRI. Sixty-eight (68) of these have tested negative while 1 tested positive.

Figure showing the distribution of Category 1 countries by country of embarkment



RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Radio and tv talk shows are ongoing on different media houses
- Announcements on COVID-19 for all stations is ongoing.

CASE MANAGEMENT

- The Case management teams that had earlier been trained are providing care to the case.

Planned activities

- Extra IPC supplies to be delivered to the case management team at Entebbe Grade B to further support the safety of health workers

LOGISTICS

- Logistics and supplies order sent to NMS to provide 1-month worth of stock to the 20 POEs, 15 RRHs and 4 NRHs. However, these are pending approval of 3bn to NMS by the MoH.
- Teams are on standby to deploy 7 quarters of the VHF kit to 4 National Referral Hospitals and 3 RRHs, currently awaiting approval by the Hon. Minister. The NRHs and RRHs targeted include:

Naguru RRH, Entebbe RRH, Kiruddu NRH, Kawempe NRH, Bombo Military RRH, Mulago Women Specialized Hospital and Jinja RRH.

- Preposition 5 VHF kits centrally as back up for deployment as need arises.

ICT AND INNOVATION

- Held an ICT meeting to discuss new innovations.

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.

CASE DEFINITIONS

Community case definition

Anybody with flu-like symptoms should reported to the nearest health facility for assessment.

Suspect case

- A. Any person with acute respiratory illness with high temperature (above 37.5°C) and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory illness (e.g. headache, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath), **AND** with no other cause that fully explains the clinical presentation **AND** a history of travel in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset from a country/area or territory reporting local transmission of COVID-19 disease

OR

- B. Any person with any acute respiratory illness **AND** having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to onset of symptoms

OR

- C. Any person with severe acute respiratory infection with high temperature (above 37.5°C) and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory illness (e.g., cough, shortness breath) **AND** requiring hospitalization **AND** with no other cause that fully explains the clinical presentation.

Probable case: A suspect case for whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive.

Confirmed case: A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.