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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN NIGERIA

## Situation Report

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### HIGHLIGHTS

This is the ninth national situation report, following the confirmation of the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Nigeria on 27th February 2020.

- As at 8th March, there is no new confirmed case in Nigeria
- A total of 26 suspected cases (3 new) were identified in 5 States (Edo, Lagos, Ogun, FCT and Kano) out of which 25 have tested negative and been ruled out, while one (1) was confirmed positive (index case) with no death
- A total of 217 contacts were linked to the index case comprising of four contacts at the airport, four at the hotel, 40 at the workplace and 169 from the airline (Table 2)
- Of the 217, 45 travelled out of Nigeria and 172 are presently in Nigeria
- Of the 172 in Nigeria, 69 are in Lagos, 40 in Ogun and 52 are in 10 States (Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bayelsa, Cross River, Edo, Imo, Ogun, Osun, Oyo, and Rivers) and 11 in unknown current location
- Of the 172 contacts currently in Nigeria, 136 (79%) are currently being followed up comprising 62 (90%) in Lagos, 40 (100%) in Ogun and 34 (65%) in other States
- The confirmed case is clinically stable at the designated treatment facility for COVID-19 at the Infectious Disease Hospital (IDH), Yaba, Lagos. A psychological assessment was done and the patient is in good mental health
- A multi-sectoral national emergency operations centre (EOC), activated at level 3, continues to coordinate the national response activities
- The first SARS CoV-2 gene from the index patient was published online through a joint collaboration between Lagos State Ministry of Health, NIMR, ACEGID, LUTH and NCDC<sup>1</sup>
- Global situation: As at 7th March 2020, a total of 101,927 confirmed cases reported (79.3% cases in China) and 3,486 deaths. Number of countries/territories/area affected within the last 24 hours increased by 5 countries (Colombia, Holy See, Peru, Serbia, and Togo) making a total of 94 countries<sup>2</sup>.
- Nine of 54 countries in Africa with reported cases; Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Senegal, Nigeria, South Africa, Cameroon and Togo.

### EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

- On 27th February, a 44-year old Italian citizen was diagnosed of COVID-19 in Lagos State. The case is the first to be reported in Nigeria since the first confirmed case was reported from China

<sup>1</sup> <http://virological.org/t/first-african-sars-cov-2-genome-sequence-from-nigerian-covid-19-case/421>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200306-sitrep-46-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=96b04adf\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200306-sitrep-46-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=96b04adf_2)

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in January 2020. The case arrived the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos at 10pm on 24th February 2020 aboard Turkish airline from Milan, Italy. He traveled on to his company site in Ogun state on 25th February. On 26th February, he presented at the staff clinic in Ogun and there was high index of suspicion by the managing physician. He was referred to IDH Lagos and COVID-19 was confirmed on 27th February.

Table 1: Summary of COVID-19 cases in Nigeria

States	Total Suspect Cases	Lab Confirmed	Deaths in confirmed cases
Ogun	3	1	0
Lagos	11	0	0
<b>FCT</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Kano</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Edo</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>



Figure 1: Map of Nigeria showing COVID-19 affected State



Figure 2: Map of COVID-19 testing laboratories in Nigeria

## MAJOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- On 28th February 2020, a multi-sectoral emergency operations centre (EOC) was activated at Level 3, the highest emergency response level in Nigeria. This is led by NCDC
- Field investigations are ongoing and all contacts are undergoing daily symptom monitoring
- Centralised follow up of the persons of interest\* (POIs) ongoing for persons outside Lagos and Ogun states. State based follow up of contacts in other states (10) initiated
- Protocol for follow up (2<sup>nd</sup>) testing for negative cases developed

\*Persons of interest- Travelers from China, Italy, Iran, Japan and South Korea

The following resources on COVID-19 have been developed by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control:

- [Guidance for schools in Nigeria](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Health Workers](#)
- [Recommendations on use of Personal Protective Equipment for Health workers](#)
- [Public health advisory to Nigerians. Version 4 published on the 29th of February 2020](#)
- [Case-definition to guide diagnosis in Nigeria](#)
- [Answers to Frequently Asked Questions](#)

