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COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN NIGERIA

Situation Report

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HIGHLIGHTS

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

- On the 18th of March 2020, **five new** confirmed cases of COVID-19 recorded in Nigeria
- Cumulatively, Nigeria has recorded **eight** confirmed cases of COVID-19
- The third case returned to Lagos on the 13th of March after a brief visit to the United Kingdom. Case has been in self-isolation since return. She was confirmed positive on the 16th of March. She is being managed at the Infectious Disease Hospital, Lagos
- All the new five cases had a travel history to the UK or USA; four were detected in Lagos while one detected in Ekiti had contact with a traveler from USA
- The National EOC is working with Lagos and Ekiti States EOCs to identify contacts of the new five cases
- Apart from the index case, a total of 68 people have been screened for COVID-19 (13 new) in 9 States (Edo, Ekiti, Enugu, FCT, Kano, Lagos, Ogun, Rivers, and Yobe) out of which 52 tested negative and have been ruled out, result is pending for eight, while seven were confirmed positive
- The second confirmed case who was a contact of the index case, has tested negative twice consecutively, has cleared the virus and was discharged to go home on 13th of March 2020
- Cumulatively, six (index case and five new) confirmed cases are currently on admission and are clinically stable at the designated treatment facility for COVID-19, the Infectious Disease Hospital (IDH) Yaba, Lagos
- A multi-sectoral national emergency operations centre (EOC), activated at level 3, continues to coordinate national response activities
- Global situation: As at 17th of March 2020, a total of 179,111 confirmed cases reported (45% cases in China) with 7,426 deaths. Number of countries/territories/areas affected within the last 24 hours increased by 8 countries (Guam, Somalia, Bahamas, Aruba, United States Virgin Islands, Benin, Liberia and United Republic of Tanzania) making a total of 156 countries¹.
- As at 17th of March 2020, 31 of 54 countries in Africa have reported cases: Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Senegal, Nigeria, South Africa, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Togo, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Cote D'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Namibia, Seychelles, Central African

¹ <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>

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Republic, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Gabon, Guinea, Mauritania, Rwanda, Ghana, Sudan, Liberia, Benin, Tanzania, Somalia and Gambia².

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

- On 27th February 2020, 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 in January 2020. The index 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. He is in care at IDH Yaba
- On 8th March 2020, 40 asymptomatic contacts to the index case and in supervised self-isolation were tested for SARS-CoV-2 following WHO recommendations. One of the contacts in Ogun was confirmed positive. Following care, he has now tested negative twice consecutively, cleared the virus and was discharged from the hospital on the 13th of March
- On 16th March 2020, a 30-year old Nigerian national was diagnosed of COVID-19 in Lagos. She returned from the United Kingdom on the 13th of March and was on self-isolation when she developed symptoms. She is clinically stable and being managed at IDH Yaba
- The five new cases include:
 - A Nigerian national who was in contact with a traveler from USA, in Ekiti state
 - An American national, who was biking and was detected at Seme international border
 - A mother and her 6 weeks old infant (Nigerians) admitted in Lekki who returned from USA recently
 - A 58-year-old Nigerian male who arrived from UK on 13th March 2020

Table 1: Summary of COVID-19 cases in Nigeria

States	Total number of people screened	Lab Confirmed	Discharged	Deaths in confirmed cases
Edo	1	0	N/A	0
Enugu	1	0	N/A	0
FCT	15	0	N/A	0
Kano	1	0	N/A	0
Lagos	44	5	0	0
Ogun	4	2	1	0
Rivers	1	0	N/A	0
Yobe	1	0	N/A	0
Ekiti	1	1	0	0
Total	69	8	1	0

² <https://who.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/0c9b3a8b68d0437a8cf28581e9c063a9>

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



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

MAJOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- Ministerial press briefing announced five new confirmed cases on 18th March
- Case definitions updated to include more high-risk countries
- Guidance for self isolation published
- All education materials can be found via www.covid19.ncdc.gov.ng