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COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN NIGERIA

Situation Report

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HIGHLIGHTS

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

- As at 3rd March, there is no **new** confirmed case in Nigeria
- A total of 17 suspected cases (2 new) were identified across 4 States (Lagos, Ogun, FCT and Kano) out of which 1 was confirmed positive (index case) with no death. The 2 pending Laboratory results are negative.
- Out of the 148 passengers on the manifest of the index case flight, 48 have been interviewed. No new contacts have been reported in Lagos and Ogun States
- The confirmed case is clinically and psychologically stable at the designated treatment facility for COVID-19 at the Infectious Disease Hospital (IDH), Yaba, Lagos
- A multi-sectoral national emergency operations centre (EOC), activated at level 3, continues to coordinate the national response activities
- Global situation: As at 2nd March, 2020, a total of 88,948 confirmed cases reported (95.5% cases in China); 3,043 deaths. Number of countries affected within the last 24 hours increased by 6 (Armenia, Czechia, Dominican Republic, Luxembourg, Iceland, and Indonesia) making total of 64 countries with only 3 in Africa: Egypt, Algeria, and Nigeria¹

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 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. Contacts of the index case were identified as follows: 21 contacts identified in Lagos state; 40 contacts identified in Ogun state. The initial sample of a symptomatic contact in Ogun tested negative. A follow up sample will be collected.

¹ https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200302-sitrep-42-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=edd4f123_2

Table 1: Summary of COVID-19 cases in Nigeria

States	Total Suspect Cases	Lab Confirmed	Deaths	Contacts under-follow-up	HCW Contacts under follow-up	Total Contacts under follow up
Ogun	3	1	0	35	5	40
Lagos	7	0	0	21	0	21
FCT	6	0	0	0	0	0
Kano	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	1	0	56	5	61



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

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 undergoing daily symptom monitoring
- Passenger screening is ongoing at all international airports
- Designed and published infographics on various national media channels
- Disseminated communication materials through websites and different network platforms
- Conducted training in collaboration with Guild of Medical Directors (GMD) for representatives from private health facilities
- Ongoing development of the First Few Cases protocol (FFX) to understand the transmission dynamics, severity and virology of the disease

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

- [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](#)

