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COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN NIGERIA

Situation Report

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HIGHLIGHTS

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

- As at 1st March, there is no new confirmed case in Nigeria
- There were 156 passengers on the manifest of the flight that brought the index case to Nigeria.
- Contacts of the index case are identified as follows: 19 contacts in Lagos state; 39 contacts in Ogun state
- State-level coordination mechanisms have been instituted in Lagos and Ogun states, contact tracing and other response activities are ongoing
- High-level Federal Government delegation led by the Honorable Minister of Health visited the treatment centre and the Lagos EOC on 29th February 2020
- The confirmed case remains clinically stable and is being managed at a 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 29 February 2020, a total of 85,403 confirmed cases reported (95.5% cases in China); 2,924 deaths; 54 countries affected; three countries affected in Africa: Egypt, Algeria and Nigeria

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: 19 contacts identified in Lagos state; 39 contacts identified in Ogun state

States	Total Cases	Lab Confirmed	Deaths	Contacts under-follow-up	HCW Contacts under follow-up	Total Contacts under follow-up
Ogun	1	1	0	34	5	39
Lagos	0	0	0	19	0	19



RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Coordination:

- Daily EOC meeting held
- Two national rapid response teams deployed to Lagos and Ogun State continue to support response activities
- A multi-sectoral emergency operations centre (EOC) was activated on the 28th of February at Level 3 which is the highest level of response to public health emergencies. This is led by NCDC

Epidemiology/Surveillance & Point of Entry

- Contacts of the index case were identified as follows: 156 passengers from the manifest; 19 contacts identified in Lagos state; 39 contacts identified in Ogun state
- Rumors of 3 suspected Chinese cases have been dispelled
- Interim surveillance SOP and data tools circulated widely

Case Management

- Patient currently being managed in Infectious Disease Hospital, Lagos
- Patient is clinically stable

Laboratory

- So far tested in-country, 13 samples, One POSITIVE
- Shared guidance for laboratory procedure and reporting template with labs

Risk Communications

- Designed and published infographics for Nigerians on various media channels
- Coordinated media appearances on radio and television stations
- Ongoing response to media enquiries

- Video jingle aired on national television
- Published fourth COVID 19 advisory
- Updated frequently asked questions

Infection Prevention and Control

- Visited the Abuja case management facility to assess the structure and IPC practices
- Developed terms of reference for treatment centres
- Published two guidelines online today (IPC in the care of COVID 19 cases and PPE use in care of COVID 19 cases)
- IPC technical support staff from Africa CDC joins Nigeria's response, to train field staff in Ogun and Lagos States
- COVID 19 IPC Readiness checklist deployed and currently getting feedback from health facilities

Plans/research

- Ongoing development of the first few cases protocol (FFX) as part of the research component to understand the dynamics, severity and virology of the disease
- Finalised and shared the national incident action plan
- Harmonisation of data sources to enhance data flow across the country

Challenges

- Yet to retrieve all self-reporting forms for follow up of all passengers on the same flight with a confirmed case
- Issue of wrong numbers, switched off or not reachable from attempted calls made to contacts of index case

Next steps:

- Hold daily coordination meeting at the national and State EOCs
- Continue monitoring daily needs at all levels
- Deploy surge staff to support MMIA Lagos point of entry activities
- Send a team to train Lagos on SORMAS
- Train data team on the use of new line list template
- Training for 100 public Health nurses starting from Monday 02/03/2020
- Training for 135 Private hospitals under the umbrella of the Guild of Medical directors Abuja chapter
- Continue responding to enquiries by the public and correcting misinformation