Africa CDC’s Response to COVID

16th April 2020
Map of affected countries, globally

14 April 2020
Epidemiological Situation in Africa

Cases: 17,212
Deaths: 910
Recoveries: 3,542

https://africacdc.org/covid-19
Map of Member States that are imposing travel restrictions (as of 14 April 2020 20:00 EAT)

43
Full border closures

7
International air traffic closures

2
Travel restrictions to and from specific countries

3
Entry/Exit restrictions

Most Member States have imposed mandatory quarantine for all travelers or travelers arriving from high risk areas.

1. Some countries still allow cargo, freight and emergency transport into and out of the country; Some MSs will still allow citizens and residents to enter but all borders are essentially closed.
2. Banning entry or exit of citizens or suspending visa issuance to specific countries.
Summary of social distancing measures implemented by Member States (as of 14 April 2020 20:00 EAT)*

- **53** Member States have implemented specific social distancing measures.
- **53** have implemented closure of educational institutions.
- **53** have banned mass gatherings and closure of public spaces.
- **11** have limitations on prison and hospital visits.
- **24** have imposed night-time curfews.
- **17** have implemented partial lockdowns.
- **20** have implemented national lockdowns.

One Member State with missing information/not implementing the mentioned measures.

*Source of information based on official reports, embassy alerts and press scanning*
AFRICA CDC’S RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

23 Jan 2020
Africa CDC Director updates the RCCs on COVID-19

27 Jan 2020
Activation of the Africa CDC EOC in response to COVID-19

28 Jan 2020
Briefing of NPHIs in Member states on COVID-19 and actions being taken by Africa CDC

14 Feb 2020
West African (WAHO) Ministerial Meeting on COVID-19 response

22 Feb 2020
Emergency Ministerial Meeting convened by Africa CDC to align on a Joint Continental Strategy to prepare and respond to COVID-19
Africa CDC is leading a continental-wide strategy

Establishment of the Africa Taskforce for Coronavirus (AFTCOR)

Joint working groups between Africa CDC + technical experts in 6 areas:

- Surveillance / points-of-entry screening
- Clinical care management of severe infections
- Laboratory diagnosis and subtyping
- Infection prevention and control (IPC)
- Risk communications & Community Engagement
- Supply chain and stockpiles

Near-term goals

- Support member states on surveillance, labs, IPC, care, and risk communications
- A roster of 50+ rapid responders
- Substantial equipment stockpiles (25,000 Lab tests)
- Response simulations conducted in 4 regions
Laboratory

- A total of 40 countries were trained on laboratory confirmation of SARS–CoV-2. Africa CDC distributed 36,000 tests (TIB Molbiol, German) to 30 Member States.

- In addition to this, Africa CDC facilitated distribution of test kits from the Ethiopia Prime Minister Abiy-Jack Ma & Alibaba Foundations Initiative across all Member States.

- Africa CDC is planning for distribution of additional 40,000 tests to countries that are in critical need.

- Shipment of Oxford Nanonpore Technologies equipment and reagents has started to build capacity in seven Member States.
Surveillance

- Africa CDC collaborated with the World Health Organization analysts in event-based surveillance using the Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources platform.
- Africa CDC in collaboration with WHO provided two Training of Trainers events for participants from 18 countries.
- Africa CDC in collaboration with the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention trained 20 countries in event-based surveillance for COVID-19
Healthcare Preparedness

- Africa CDC initiated a continent-wide network of clinicians which met for the first time on 9 March 2020 and has been holding weekly webinars including ~300 clinicians from across the continent.

- Africa CDC has established an online portal with training materials via online courses, online case studies, and social media vignettes to support evidence-based care of COVID-19 patients.

- Africa CDC has conducted face to face training on infection prevention and control (IPC) in 37 Member States. In addition, a continent-wide webinar training was launched today.
Risk Communication

- Africa CDC conducted a training on risk communication for government officials in 26 countries across multiple sectors to manage public information flow during a potential outbreak.
- Africa CDC continues to provide and receive updated information about the outbreak through the WhatsApp groups created for Member States communication officers and journalists.
- Africa CDC is engaging Facebook team to enhance Africa CDC campaigns and messaging for COVID-19.
- Africa CDC transitioned to a new Africa CDC website which provides access to more information about COVID-19 from Africa CDC.
Thank you!

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