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2020



**COVID-19
RESPONSE
BULLETIN**
ETHIOPIA



1M
397,348

TOTAL
TESTED

89,137

CONFIRMED
CASES

42,649

RECOVERED
CASES

1,352

TOTAL
DEATHS

45,134

ACTIVE
CASES



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... There has been some discussion about the concept of reaching so-called “herd immunity” by letting the virus spread. Herd immunity is a concept used for vaccination, in which a population can be protected from a certain virus if a threshold of vaccination is reached ... in other words, herd immunity is achieved by protecting people from a virus, not by exposing them to it.

... Never in the history of public health has herd immunity been used as a strategy for responding to an outbreak, let alone a pandemic. Letting a dangerous virus that we don't fully understand to circulate unchecked means allowing unnecessary infections, suffering and death.

It is scientifically and ethically **PROBLEMATIC!**
It's **NOT** an option!

Dr TEDROS Adhanom
Director-General, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**LEADERSHIP and
COORDINATION**



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... The COVID19 pandemic has shown, more than ever, how mental health is integral to health and well-being and must be an essential part of health services during outbreaks and emergencies.

I call on governments, partners, and communities to promote social interventions, such as strengthening peer support, re-integrating long-stay patients into communities, and equipping caregivers with the knowledge & resources to better support people with mental disorders.

Dr Matshidiso MOETI
Regional-Director for AFRICA, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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... We are observing people becoming comfortable and, often inadvertently, ease their protective measures and are lulled into a false sense of security. This would be a huge mistake. COVID-19 is still in our community ... It is not the time to be complacent by anyone. Preventing COVID-19 from spreading isn't somebody else's job. It's everybody's job.

Now, more than ever, it is important to continue to practice social distancing, best hygiene practices and continue to properly wear our facial masks when in public establishments or in group settings.

Dr Boureima HAMA SAMBO
WHO Representative, ETHIOPIA

MOST PEOPLE WITH HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE DO NOT KNOW THEY HAVE IT

**MEASURE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE
CONTROL IT, LIVE LONGER**

#Physical Exercise
#HealthyDiet
#MoreFruitsAndVegetables
#LimitSaltConsumption
#AvoidSaturatedFat
#AvoidTobacco
#LimitAlcoholIntake
#QuitSmoking
#ManageStress



WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY

17 OCTOBER 2020

#HappyHypertensionDay

The purpose of celebrating the WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY is to promote public awareness of hypertension and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer, the modern epidemic. Monitor your blood pressure being aware of the natural levels.

FIGHTING COVID-19
starts with our HANDS.

Let's wash our hands frequently
with soap and water or an alcohol-
based solution

ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS!



Global Handwashing Day

15 OCTOBER 2020

#HandHygiene
#InfectionPrevention
#CleanHandsSaveLives!
#HappyHandHygieneDay

GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY is an annual global campaign day celebrated on the 15th of OCTOBER. It is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an easy, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

#PinkOctober
#BreastCancerAwarenessMonth
#ThinkPink
#TogetherScreening
#TogetherEarlyDiagnosis
#TogetherAffordableTreatment
#TogetherEquitableAccess
#TogetherQualityCare
#TogetherSupport

Let's defeat
**breast
cancer**
together

It is **PINK** OCTOBER
Let's WEAR **PINK**



OCTOBER is BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. Awareness surrounding breast cancer is incredibly important as early detection, often through screening, can catch the disease when it is most treatable. Join in the cause to help women in need today!



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... Having women in decision-making positions helps in advancing social issues like health and education because it's known that women are prominent in those sectors.

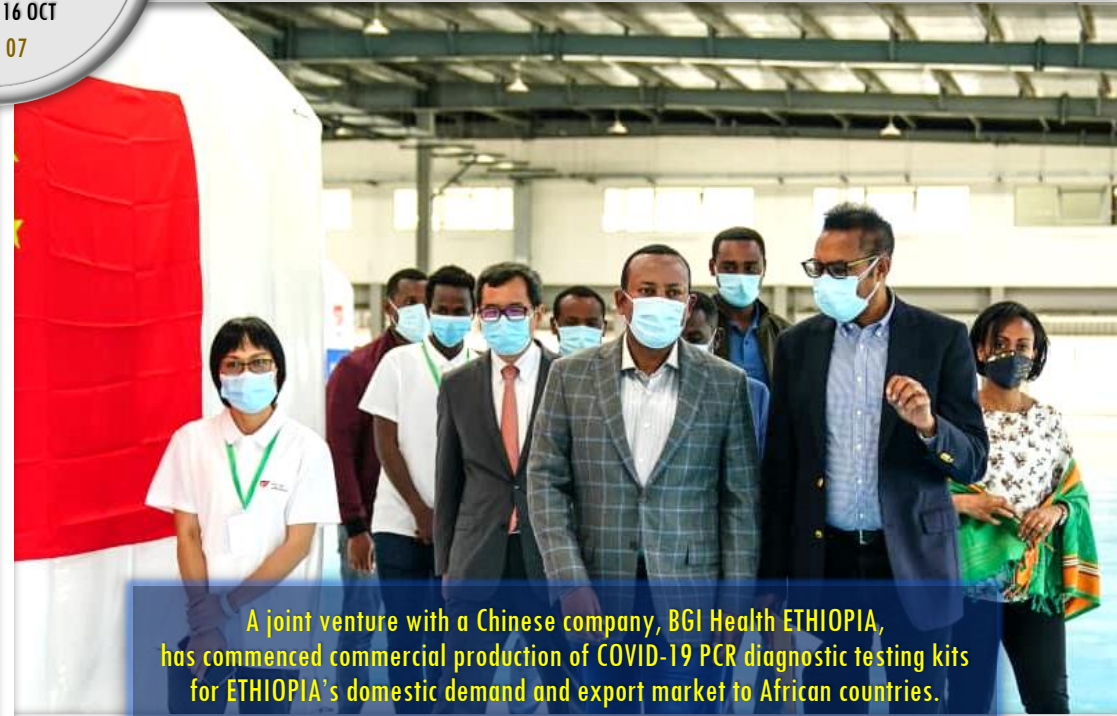
HE SAHLE-WORK Zewde
President, Federal Democratic Republic of ETHIOPIA

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... To ensure that every birth is planned, we need to ensure continuity of family planning and SRH services and safeguard women's reproductive health in this pandemic.

Let's strengthen collective efforts to address access, quality, equity and help women and young people make informed decisions on their reproductive health, which is crucial to the individual, families and the society as a whole.

Dr LIA Tadesse
Minister of Health, Federal Democratic Republic of ETHIOPIA



A COVID-19 Field Facility with a capacity to hold up to 200 severe patients commenced receiving patients. It will provide care to patients with severe symptoms, and is equipped with the necessary medical equipment. The facility will also provide training to Emergency Response Teams.

Dr ABIY, Prime Minister, and Dr LIA, Minister of Health, jointly inaugurated the Field hospital.

A joint venture with a Chinese company, BGI Health ETHIOPIA, has commenced commercial production of COVID-19 PCR diagnostic testing kits for ETHIOPIA's domestic demand and export market to African countries.

After COVID-19 pandemic is over, the manufacturing facility will switch to the production of other types of nucleic acid detection reagents, such as AIDS testing kits, tuberculosis nucleic acid test kits and other locally needed RT PCR test kit products.



A monument dedicated to recognize the health workers for their selfless services in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic is erected at the newly developed ENTOTO PARK.

Dr ABIY, Prime Minister, and Dr LIA, Minister of Health, jointly inaugurated the memorial.



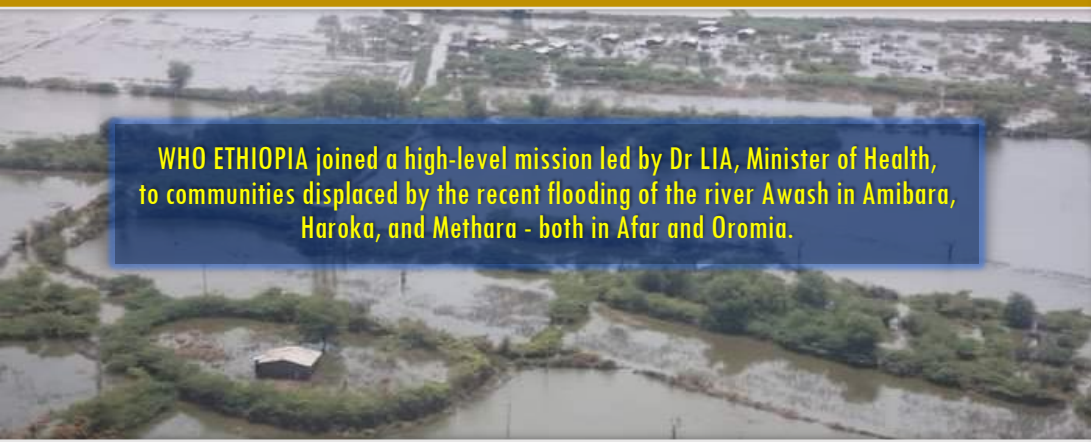
The World Patient Safety Day was celebrated with a theme “Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety”, in the presence of Dr LIA, Minister of Health



SUMMARY OF KEY EVENTS

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WHO ETHIOPIA joined a high-level mission led by Dr LIA, Minister of Health, to communities displaced by the recent flooding of the river Awash in Amibara, Haroka, and Methara - both in Afar and Oromia.



In line with WHO's efforts to ensure healthy aging, WHO ETHIOPIA donated a vehicle to support the operations of MEKEDONIA Home for the Elderly and Mentally Disabled, based in Addis Ababa.

Dr Boureima HAMA-SAMBO, WHO representative, visited the facility and delivered the vehicle.



Dr Dereje, State Minister of Health, led Emergency Coordinating Center (ECC) meeting for a joint Afar flooding response effort



WHO deployed surge teams to Afar and Gambella regions to provide additional support on PoE activities. Guidance provided to Elidar border screening team (Afar) while receiving 450 travelers

Conducted joint supportive supervision on routine immunization activities, AFP | VPD, and COVID-19 surveillance in Tigray region, with a focus on health facilities in communities bordering Sudan

Facilitated sessions on COVID-19 epidemiology and surveillance training for 17 health care providers in Benishangul Gumuz which was jointly organized by Ethiopian Mental Health Association & FMOH

Provided support to Tigray RHB on how to strengthen psychosocial support and care for COVID-19 case during their stay in treatment facilities

Finalized and submitted a draft Health Sector Disaster Preparedness and Response Guide to the National PHEOC

Supported RHBs on re-organizing the PHEM system at woreda levels

WHO ETHIOPIA delivered COVID-19 lab supplies to EPHI to ensure effective COVID-19 screening and strengthen surveillance in ETHIOPIA's pandemic response. The supplies are part of shipments graciously donated by the Republic of South Korea (through KOICA) to 24 countries in the African continent



Dr Boureima, WHO representative, led a high-level mission to Oromiya. The team paid a courtesy visit to the RHB Head



WHO conducted a joint high-level field visit led by Dr LIA Tadesse, Minister of Health to flood affected areas in the region (more coverage presented on page 08)

Delivered emergency health supplies to strengthen the response of flooding in Afar ... basic IEHK to treat 600K persons, 3K cholera point-of-care investigation kits, cholera kits to treat 6K outpatients and 2K inpatients

Conducted a joint supportive supervision to Galafi and Elidar PoEs ... monitored adherence of the COVID-19 preventive protocols and provided assistance on facilitating data sharing and coordination between the PoE and Afar regional PHEOC

Provided orientations on IPC/WaSH to 9 health workers from two health facilities in the region, to address the major gaps identified during the supportive visits

Participated and technically advised Regional Flood Taskforce, ECC meeting led by the Regional DPFSCO, at Samara

1,548

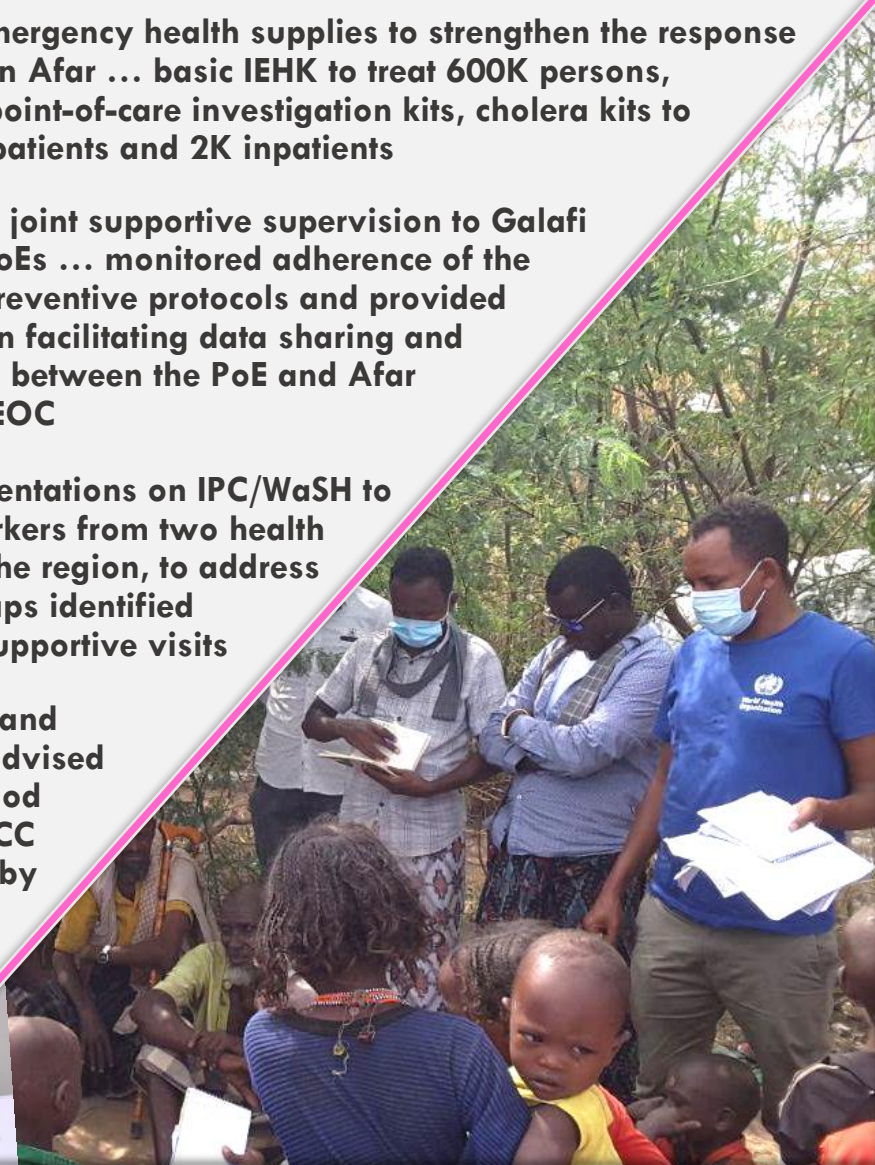
CONFIRMED
CASES

1,460

RECOVERED
CASES

05

TOTAL
DEATHS



**REGIONAL
SUPPORT TO
COVID-19 RESPONSE**

**AMHARA
REGIONAL STATE**

5,294

**CONFIRMED
CASES**

2,886

**RECOVERED
CASES**

63

**TOTAL
DEATHS**

Supported Amhara RHB to review and update IPC workplace assessment checklist to assess sauna, steam, and massage centers

Participated in performance review of COVID-19 outbreak response organized by the RHB and Amhara Public Health Institute (APHI)

Supported the development of an operational manual to provide basic health services for flood affected IDPs in Amhara regions

Advocated for intensified adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures during the multi sectorial engagement meeting on tobacco control and NCDs in Amhara Region. 47 zonal sector office heads and deputy heads from 20 sector offices in the region attended the advocacy meeting



Dr Boureima, WHO representative, led a high-level mission to Oromiya region and provide guidance to strengthen WHO regional IMT coordination effort of the ongoing COVID-19 response operations, partnership and continuity of essential health services. The team also paid courtesy visit to the Regional Health Bureau Head's Office

WHO provided technical support to a 3-day PHEM quarterly review meeting conducted in West Shewa Zone, and prepared an action plan to improve zone's PHEM performance

Participated on a multi-agency (WHO, OCHA, NRC, GOAL & Christian Aid, and ZHB) coordination meeting conducted in Guangua and Abaya woredas, West Guji (Oromia)

Provided support to review the regional COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP)

14,313

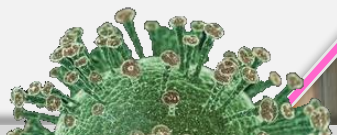
CONFIRMED
CASES

9,000

RECOVERED
CASES

123

TOTAL
DEATHS



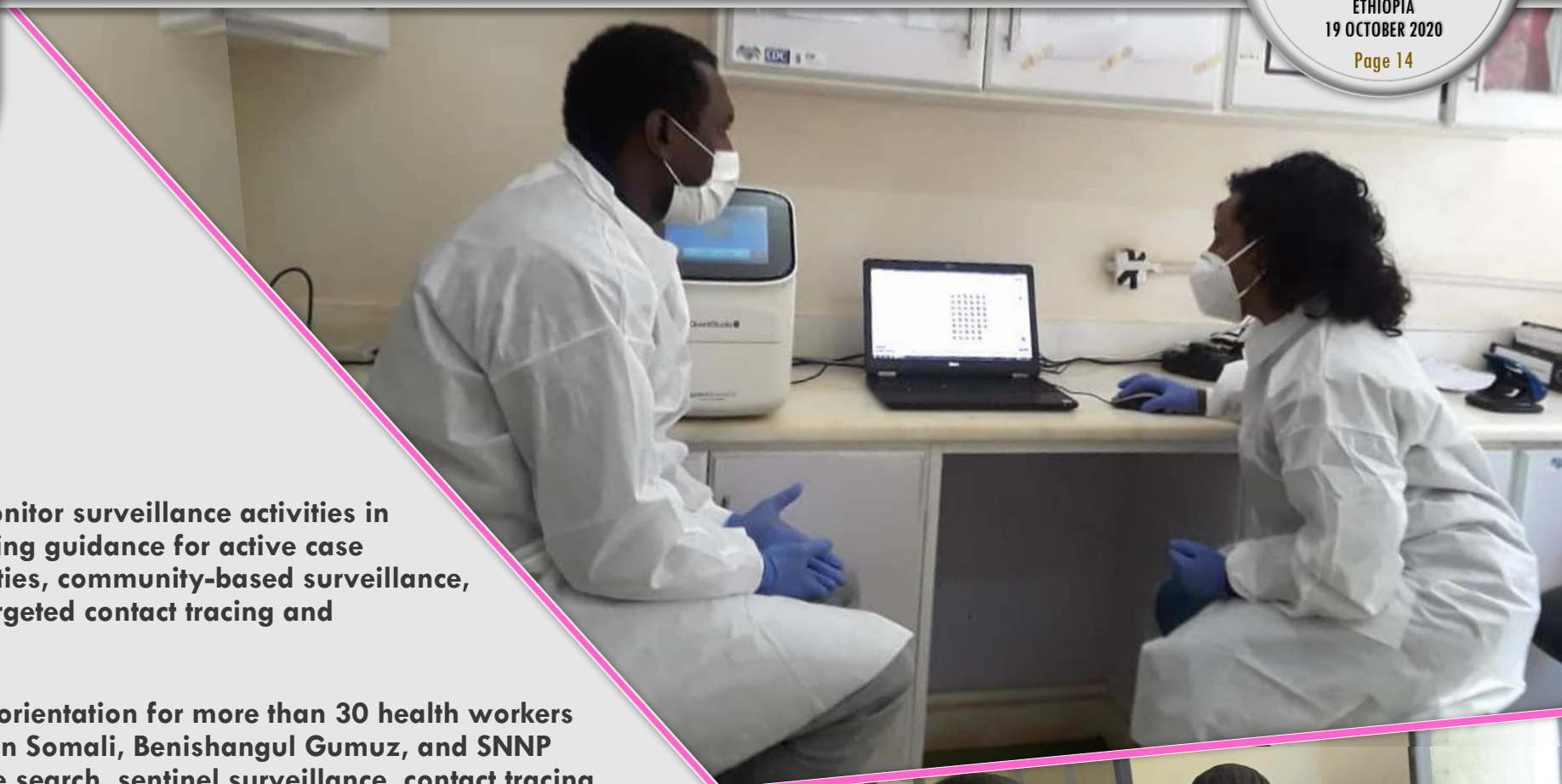
WHO continued to monitor surveillance activities in the regions ... providing guidance for active case search in health facilities, community-based surveillance, case investigation, targeted contact tracing and laboratory testing

Provided mentorship orientation for more than 30 health workers from health facilities in Somali, Benishangul Gumuz, and SNNP regions on active case search, sentinel surveillance, contact tracing, reporting, and on strategies to enhance lab testing for COVID-19

Provided technical input in the revision of contact tracing guidance for COVID-19, and orientation to regional PHEOC members as per the revised national protocol

Provided guidance on harmonizing data between case management team and RRT in Dire Dawa City Administration

A total of 1,377,080 rT-PCR tests have been conducted in ETHIOPIA with 6.3% of the tests positive. 61% of the total confirmed cases are female while 74% of the cases are between the ages of 15 - 44 years ... of the active cases, 64% are asymptomatic while 14% have mild illness



POINTS of ENTRY (PoE) and RETURNEES

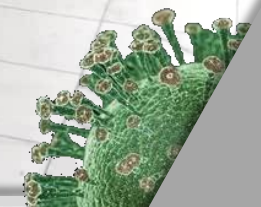
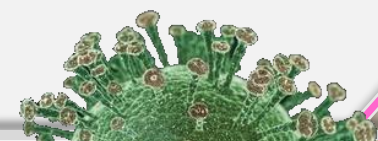
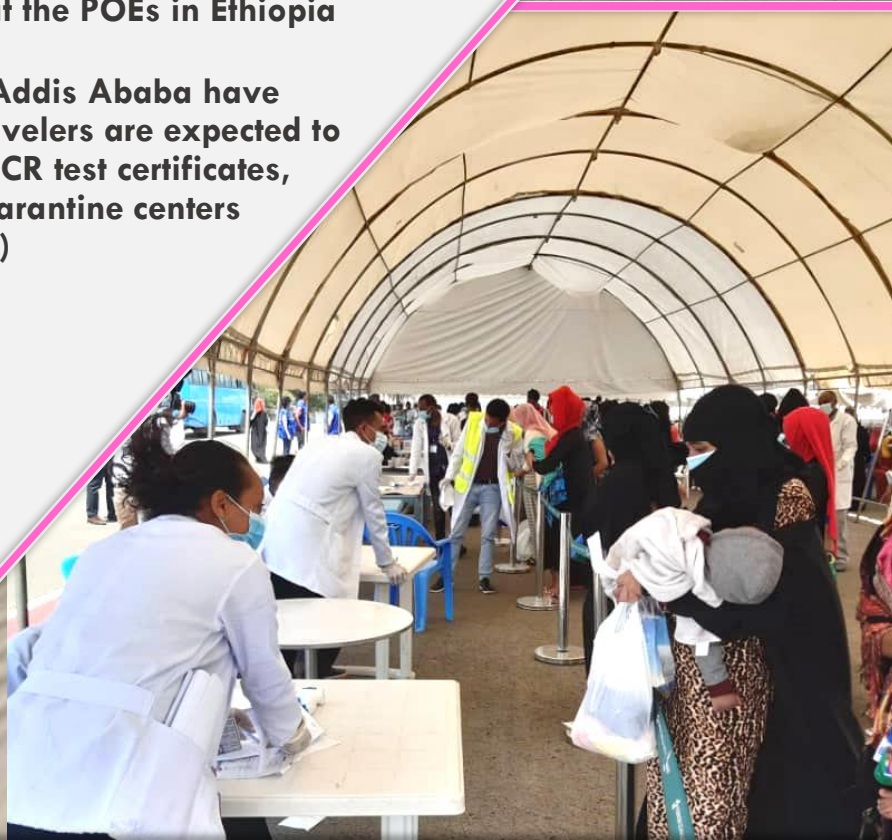
WHO conducted a joint (EPHI and WHO) supportive supervision to Bole International Airport (ADD) to re-assess COVID-19 precautionary measures are in place ... feedback also provided to the Ethiopian Airport Authority officials and agreed on ways to working together in addressing gaps identified

Monitored health screening of 340 returnees from Saudi Arabia at ADD PoE and their evacuation to the quarantine centers

Gambella COVID-19 IMT conducted supportive visits to 5 priority POEs in the region and working together to address emerging issues observed

Commenced working on a documentary on WHO's technical support on COVID-19 response at the POEs in Ethiopia

All hotel quarantine facilities in Addis Ababa have been closed up. All in coming travelers are expected to arrive with negative COVID-19 PCR test certificates, else they will be kept at the 4 quarantine centers at Addis Ababa University (AAU)



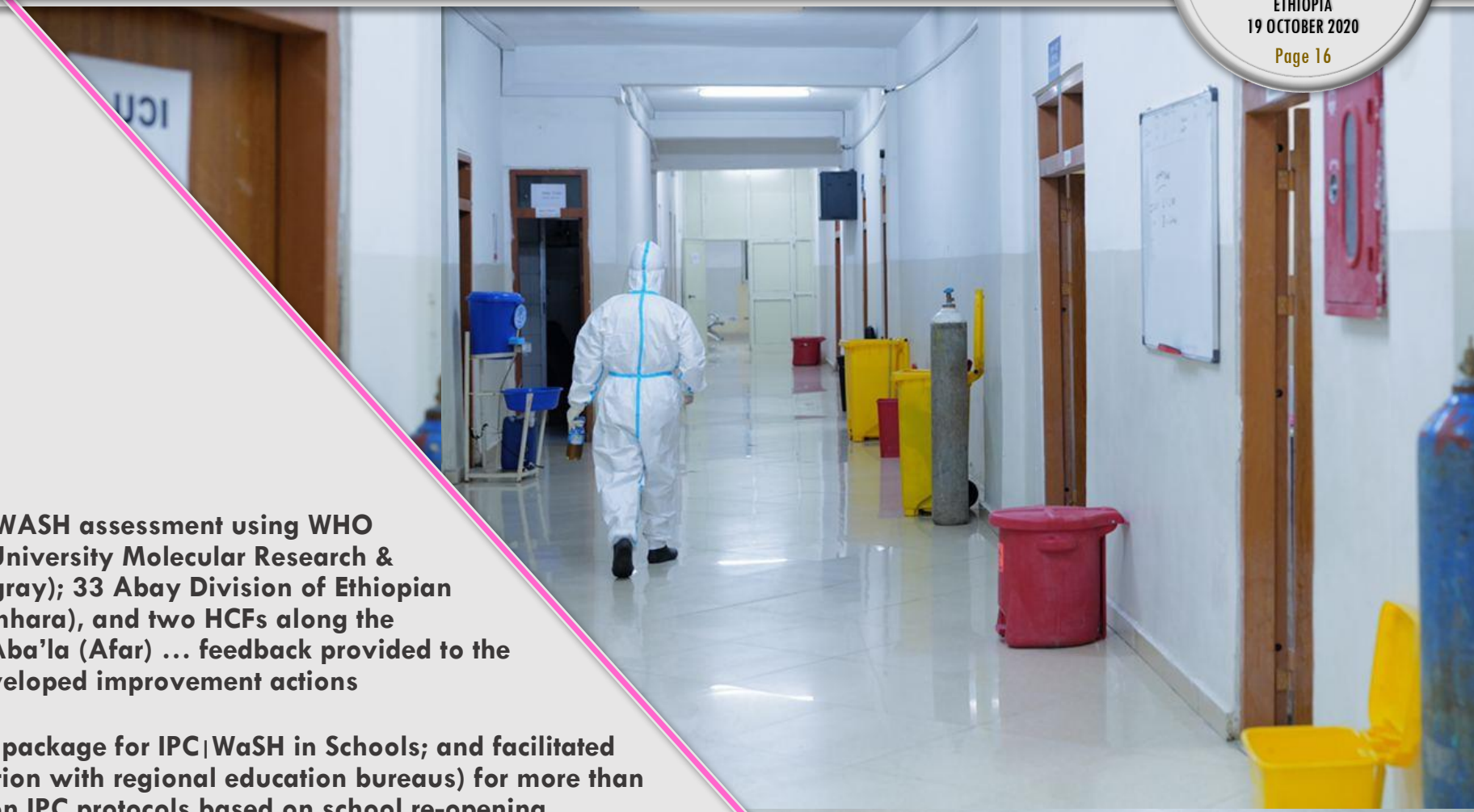
WHO conducted IPC|WASH assessment using WHO scorecards at Axum University Molecular Research & Diagnostic Center (Tigray); 33 Abay Division of Ethiopian National Defense (Amhara), and two HCFs along the transport corridor in Aba'la (Afar) ... feedback provided to the teams and jointly developed improvement actions

Developed a training package for IPC|WaSH in Schools; and facilitated training (in collaboration with regional education bureaus) for more than 190 school teachers on IPC protocols based on school re-opening standard guidelines in preparation for receiving students

Reviewed the existing dead body management protocol based on the new COVID-19 directive issued for the prevention and control of COVID-19 pandemic and shared with multi-sector task force at the FMoH

Participated in the National ICU assessment using the reviewed checklist for both COVID-19 and Non-COVID-19 ICUs

Provided technical support on implementation and follow-up on home-based isolation and care for COVID-19 cases in Benishangul Gumuz



ETHIOPIA conducted polio vaccination campaign (7 -10 October) aiming to reach 7.1mil under-five children in six regions in 51 selected zones of 6 priority regions - Addis Ababa, Oromia, SNNP, Dire Dawa, Hareri and Somali; with support from GPEI and other partners.

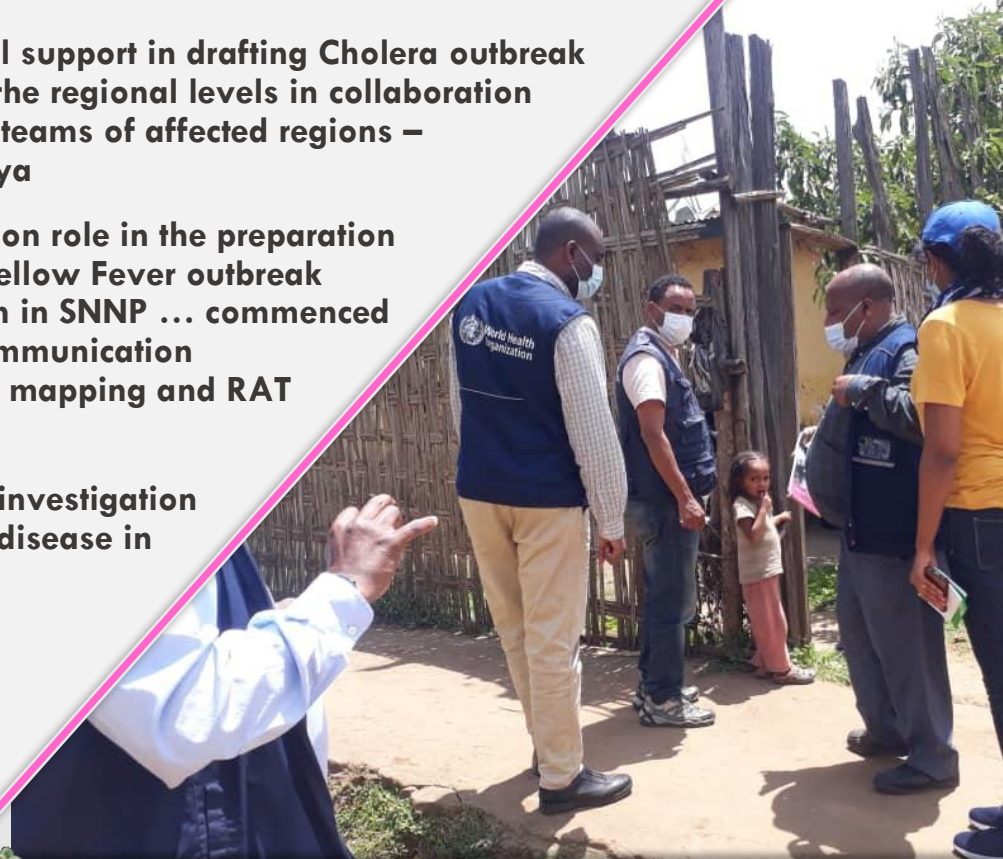
WHO delivered pre-deployment trainings for COVID-19 IM Central Team and deployed its staff to the target regions to provide direct technical support to the mOPV2 campaign

Monitored the post-campaign evaluation of mOPV2 campaign was conducted by independent monitors and LQAS surveys conducted in all implementing woredas of the 6 regions

Provided technical support in drafting Cholera outbreak response plan at the regional levels in collaboration with surveillance teams of affected regions – SNNP and Oromiya

Led the coordination role in the preparation for the planned Yellow Fever outbreak reactive campaign in SNNP ... commenced preparation of communication materials, partner mapping and RAT assessment

Facilitated rumor investigation for guinea worm disease in Gambella



WHO provided support to RCCE team of Gambella RHB on strategies to improve COVID-19 risk communication at the PoE in the region

Reviewed the COVID-19 risk communication and community mobilization (RCCE) training guide for schools; and supported the development of 6-month RCCE interventions action plans also considering upcoming school re-opening activities

Supported reviewing of risk communication and community engagement proposed strategy for natural disasters and flooding in affected regions

Support provided to draft mobile SMS messages based on the newly prepared and approved COVID-19 prevention directives

Conducted social mobilization activities organized at main markets in 14 woredas of Afar region

Supported dissemination of health information for 2,000 households in Dire Dawa and the general community on prevention and control measures of chikungunya, dengue, malaria and COVID-19



PARTNERSHIP

Dr ABIY, Prime Minister, and Dr LIA, Minister of Health, jointly inaugurated a COVID-19 Field hospital. Dr Boureima, WHO Representative, and Dr SOZI, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, graced the inauguration ceremony.

WHO facilitated a UN Task Force meeting of 18 participants drawn from WHO, UNHCC, UNRCO, Staff Union representatives, IOM, WFP, UNWOMEN, UNESCO, UNAIDS, UNDP, FAO, ECA in attendance, to discuss on stigma reported among UN personnel and dependents, and work place IPC risk assessment for individual agencies which is facilitated by WHO

Support continued to regions through the regional COVID-19 IMTs and UN Forums. WHO participated in EU delegation visit to Qoloji IDP camp (Somali)

Congratulations to WFP, Laureate of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize, for the well-deserving recognition of your outstanding contribution to fighting hunger and promoting peace. Thanks for being an invaluable partner in the COVID-19 pandemic response across the globe. We are so proud of you!

THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE 2020



World Food Programme (WFP)

"for its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict"

THE NORWEGIAN NOBEL COMMITTEE



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Dr Boureima HAMA SAMBO
WHO Representative, ETHIOPIA

Thank
You



In loving memory of Gash Mohammed

A TEACHER, A JOURNALIST, A POET,
A FILMMAKER, AN AWARD-WINNING MOVIE DIRECTOR,
A REAL POLIO HERO, A VERY LOVED, CHERISHED,
SELFLESS, and
RESPECTED ROTARIAN

REST IN PEACE OUR POLIO WARRIOR
WE SALUTE!

Gash Mohammed Idris
(1935 - 2020)

**Social Mobilization
Coordinator**
EPI Programme,
WHO Country Office for ETHIOPIA
(1998 - 2010)

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Deeply saddened by the passing of
the exemplary Rotarian Ato Mohammed Idris
who was cherished and respected for his significant
contribution to the communication and advocacy activities in
the health sector in ETHIOPIA,
especially in children immunization services.

My condolences to his family and loved ones
during this difficult time.

Dr LIA Tadesse
Minister of Health, ETHIOPIA

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The WHO ETHIOPIA Family deeply saddened by the
passing of Mr Mohamed Idris. He was a polio warrior and
an advocate for children's immunization.

Mr Mohamed worked tirelessly alongside FMoH, WHO and
partners for polio eradication. Many thanks for your superb and
exceptional service Sir!

We, as a family, send our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Dr Boureima HAMA-SAMBO
WHO Representative, ETHIOPIA





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INTRA-ACTION REVIEW (IAR) on PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS and RESPONSE to COVID-19 in ETHIOPIA

INTRIM GUIDANCE



World Health Organization

CONSIDERATIONS for SCHOOL-RELATED PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES in the CONTEXT of COVID-19

Annex to Considerations in adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19

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RESPONDING to NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES DURING and BEYOND the COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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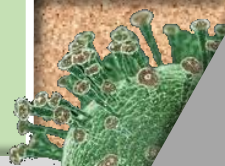


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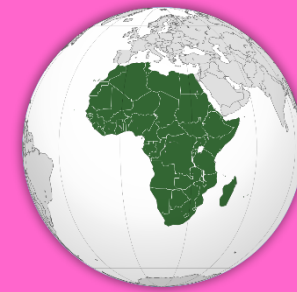
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GLOBAL and AFRICA COVID-19 UPDATE

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TOTAL DEATH
1,107,374

TOTAL RECOVERED
27,349,484

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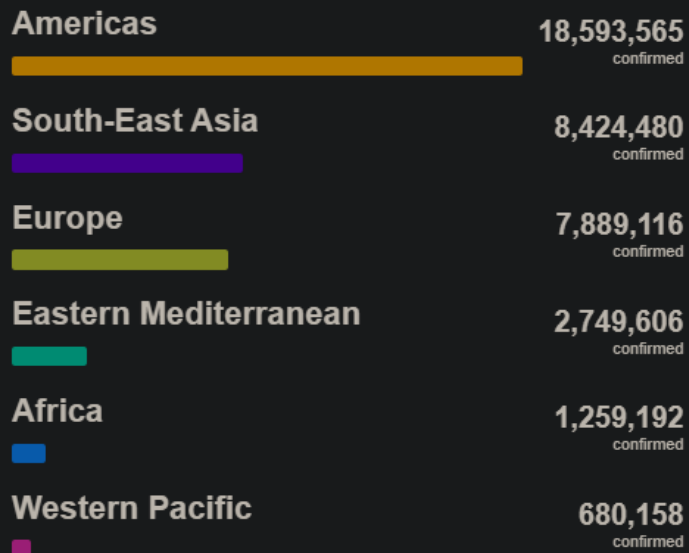
TOTAL CASES
1,637,989

TOTAL DEATH
39,561

TOTAL RECOVERED
1,344,670

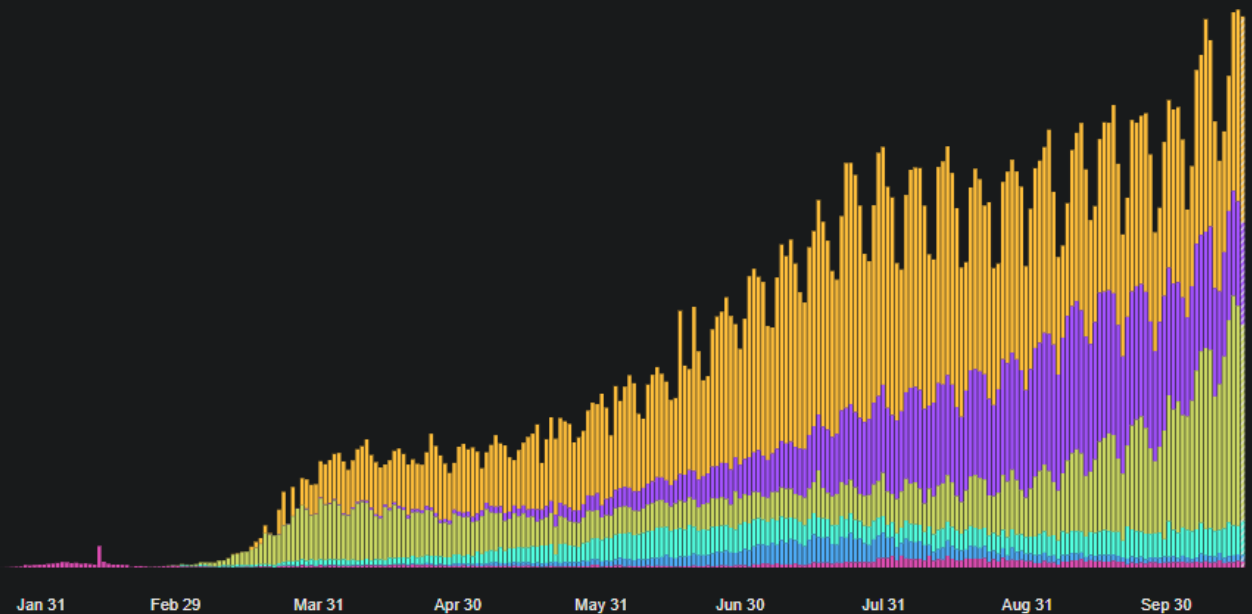
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