This year, we’re paying tribute to the incredible contribution of all health workers, especially nurses and midwives, who are the backbone of every health system . . . I invite you to take a minute to say THANK YOU to our HEALTH HEROES!

Dr Tedros Adhanom
Director General,
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

... as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and every day, I ask that we appreciate the valuable service of nurses and midwives in improving health and well-being and saving lives.

Dr Matshidiso Moeti
Regional Director for Africa,
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

#HAPPYBIRTHDAYWHO
#THANKSHEALTHHEROES!
LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION

... here is a thank you for our national heroes, Dr LIA & her team leading the fight against this enemy - COVID-19 ... let’s validate their efforts by taking precaution for our own health and others ... I also call upon all of us to follow the ensuing measures that will further define the State of Emergency (SoE)

Dr ABIY Ahmed
Prime Minister,
Federal Democratic Republic of ETHIOPIA

I’d like to express gratitude & appreciation to our health care workers who are playing a vital role in attending to the health & wellbeing of individuals amidst the current crisis ... testing, isolation, and contact tracing are key strategies we are focusing on ... we have started rolling out our revised strategy to do aggressive testing

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

The Government of ETHIOPIA enacted a State of Emergency to curb the COVID-19 pandemic (08 April 2020)

The World Bank has approved the sum of USD82.6m support to the Government of ETHIOPIA for COVID-19 response
WHO supported the assessment of regional laboratories for expansion of COVID-19 lab testing capacity

Adama Public Health Research and Referral Laboratory Center in Oromiya Regional State starts COVID testing

WHO facilitated training of 11 laboratory personnel from Hallelujah Hospital, a designated COVID-19 treatment center

2,790 samples from suspected cases were tested in the THREE approved COVID-19 confirmatory testing laboratories in Addis Ababa; 56 tested positive
Conducted assessment visit to Addis Ababa Science and Technology University (ASTU) to observe the public health measures at the isolation and quarantine facilities

Provided technical guidance on health screening of 1,693 returnees from Saudi Arabia at ASTU

Provided technical guidance for the revision of SOPs for Quarantine facility

Developed posters, fliers, and audio messages for returnees at the quarantine facility

Orientation and demonstration of hand hygiene, donning and doffing of PPE given to 15 healthcare workers at ASTU Quarantine Facility
Supporting case investigation, contact tracing and data management in Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa, Oromia and Amhara regions that have reported confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Supported Contact Tracing training at the EPHI for RRTs and Contact Tracing Team (50 participants)

The ETHIOPIA team held a virtual briefing on FFX contact investigation protocol with AFRO.
Providing on-going support and mentoring nursing staff in Isolation Facility, including ICU

60 participants from AkiLu Lema Institute of Pathobiology (ALIPB), a designated quarantine facility, orientated on COVID-19 IPC

Trained 12 data officers on data management for isolation facilities
Finalized the development of a One-UN plan for support to the government of ETHIOPIA’s COVID-19 Scenario 3 response (community transmission)

Leading a One-UN COVID-19 IMT daily virtual coordination meeting with Cluster Lead Agencies (CLA) and Senior program officers

Participated in a virtual meeting (on zoom platform) organized by the PHEOC for all health partners to update on progress with COVID-19 response in ETHIOPIA

Held a strategic technical advisory meeting with US-CDC and EPHI on COVID-19 response in the country

Established a technical working group to coordinate humanitarian support for returnees (IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and WHO)
Today marks 100 days since WHO was notified of the first cases of pneumonia with unknown cause from China, later named COVID-19

Key milestones on what WHO has done in the past 100 days:

- 01 January, hours after we were notified of the first cases, WHO activated its IM support team to co-ordinate our response at HQ, regional, and country levels
- 05 January, WHO officially notified all member states of this new outbreak and published the outbreak on our website
- 10 January, WHO issued a comprehensive package of guidance to countries on how to detect, test and manage potential cases and protect health workers
- 30 January, after the first cases of human-to-human transmission were reported outside China, WHO declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, our highest level of alarm
- In February, an international team of experts visited affected provinces in China to learn more about the virus, the outbreak and the response and to learn lessons for the rest of the world
- In early February, the UN Crisis Management Team was activated to co-ordinate the entire machinery of the UN to support countries as effectively as possible

WHO, through its solidarity fund, managed to raise more than USD800 million for the response.

Source:
DG’s opening remark for COVID-19 media pressers conducted on 08 April 2020
Dr FAHMI, IPC Officer from WCO ETHIOPIA, on the mainstream TV Channel - ETV’s “tenawo bebetewo” demonstrating wearing of mask followed by Q&A | 08 April 2020

Revised handwashing and physical distancing messages targeting Islamic, Orthodox and Catholic religious groups

Developed targeted community engagement messages addressing stigma in communities affected by COVID-19
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AFRICA

TOTAL CASES
1,536,979

TOTAL DEATH
93,425

TOTAL RECOVERED
346,376

TOTAL CASES
11,440

TOTAL DEATH
574

TOTAL RECOVERED
1,157

212
AFFECTED COUNTRIES, AREAS or TERRITORIES

53
AFFECTED COUNTRIES, AREAS or TERRITORIES

RISK ASSESSMENT
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