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Date / Time:	2-8 March 2020
Incident Title:	Preparedness Updates for Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak in China and other countries
Information Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO COVID-19 situation reports • South Sudan Public Health Emergency Operations Center (PHEOC) • Updates from the South Sudan COVID-19 IMS team • South Sudan Port Health Services
Background	<div style="background-color: #008080; color: white; padding: 2px;">Updates in China and at the Global level</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 9 March 2020, a total of 109,578 cases including 3809 deaths (Case Fatality Ratio (CFR) 3.5%) of COVID-19 had been reported globally. In China, at least 80,904 laboratory-confirmed cases including 3123 deaths (CFR 3.7%) were reported. • The risk of international spread has been graded to very high and the outbreak has spread to at least 104 countries where 109,578 laboratory-confirmed cases including 3809 deaths have been reported. • In Africa, COVID-19 cases were confirmed in eight countries (Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Cameroon, and Togo) • There is a very high risk of importing cases given the current spread and transmission outside China. • A total of three COVID-19 alerts were investigated by the rapid response team (RRT) but none were confirmed to have COVID-19. South Sudan has therefore not confirmed any COVID-19 cases but is on high alert to detect and investigate suspect cases. <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>SITUATION IN NUMBER Total and new cases in the last 24 hours</p> <p>Globally: 109,578 confirmed cases (3994) 3809 deaths (225 new)</p> <p>China: 80,904 Confirmed (45 new cases) 3123 deaths (23 new)</p> <p>Outside of china 28,674 confirmed (3949 new) 686 deaths (202 new) 104 countries/ territories/areas (3 new)</p> </div> </div> <div style="flex: 1; padding-left: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 104 countries/territories/ areas (3 new) • 3 new countries/territories/areas (Bangladesh, Albania and Paraguay) have reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. • Six countries (Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Cameroon and Togo) have confirmed cases in Africa </div> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>World Health Organization</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #008080; color: white; padding: 2px; margin-top: 10px;">Monitoring of travelers from Countries with local transmission of COVID-19</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening and contact tracing teams were deployed at Juba International Airport (JIA), to identify and list travelers arriving from China and other countries with local COVID-19 transmission. • The contact tracing team at JIA is following on travelers from countries with widespread local transmission for 14 days.

Figure 1: COVID-19 Global update as of 9 March 2020

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Summary of registered travelers:

- A total of 141 travelers registered; of these, China (122), Italy (7), Thailand (7), Japan (4), and South Korea (1) since 31 January 2020. There are 85 travelers under follow-up. So far, no COVID-19 alerts have been reported among the contacts being followed.

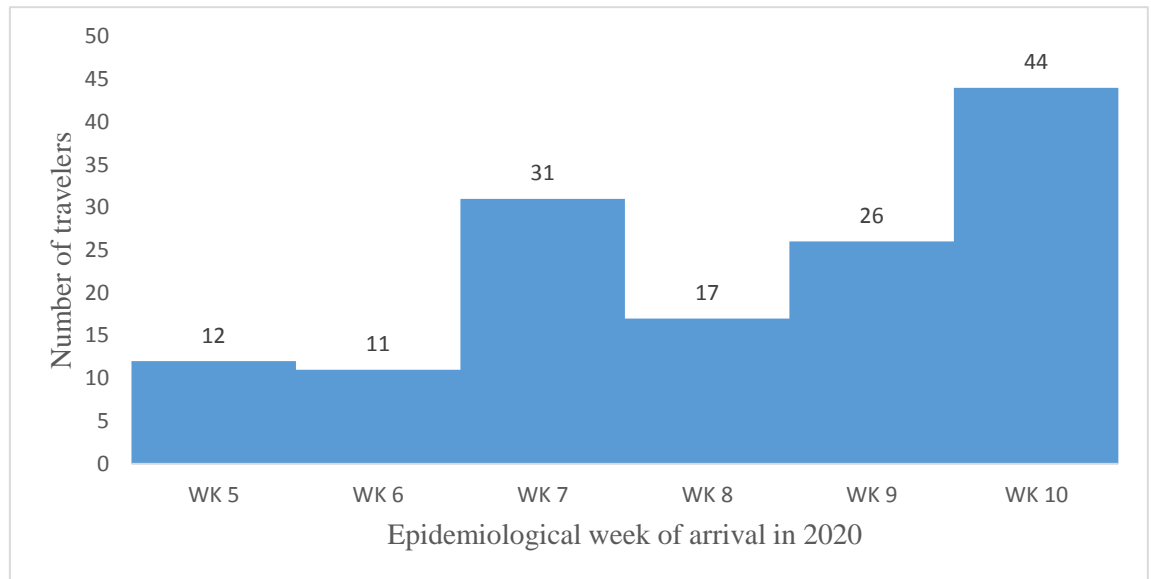


Figure 2: Number of travellers s who visited China and countries with the widespread transmission in the past 14 days

Public health action

Coordination and command

- The weekly COVID-19 Taskforce & Technical Working Groups (TWGs) are ongoing.
- The TWGs have been constituted to guide the implementation of COVID-19 preparedness activities.
- The guidelines for the identifying of suspect COVID-19 cases at the health facility and point of entry (PoE) have been finalized.
- The concept for integrated COVID-19 training was prepared and endorsed by the respective pillars (TWGs).
- Three press briefings have been undertaken to update the public on what is known about COVID-19 including its transmission, prevention, and control
- The Ministry of Health has issued the COVID-19 health alert notice to the state-level health authorities and stakeholders in all the 10 states and 3 administrative areas.

Surveillance, RRTs, and Laboratory

- A toll-free hotline, 6666 was designated for reporting of COVID-19 alerts
- Training package for surveillance under review by the member of TWG.
- The Public Health Emergency Operation Center (PHEOC) Watch officers were oriented on the latest COVID-19 case definition and alert-verification.
- Respiratory disease outbreak investigation guideline developed for use by RRT.
- Contact tracing team working at the JIA were oriented based on contact tracing.
- World Health Organized (WHO) supplied the National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) COVID-19 testing kits (1200 tests TIBBioI Molecular Dx Kits), reagents and consumables being
- Center for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC-US) ordered additional testing kits and reagents but awaiting quality control (QC) clearance and shipping clearance.

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Risk Communication and community engagement

- The risk communication and community engagement partners had a meeting to review the information education and communication (IEC) material based on the South Sudan context. Partner meeting to review the IEC
- Translation of IEC material into Arabic and Mandarin (Chinese) commenced.
- Member of the TWG organized an orientation session for the staff of UN-Women.

Points of Entry

- COVID-19 entry screening is ongoing at JIA to identify travelers that have been to China and other counties with widespread local transmission.
- Arrangements are underway to initiate screening at other points of entry including Nimule border post, Wau airport, Yambio airport, Paloich airport, and Bentiu airport.
- Contact tracing teams continue to follow up travelers that have been to China and other countries with widespread local transmission in the past 14-days.
- The contact tracing teams were oriented on the updated COVID-19 case definition and screening criteria.

Case management and infection prevention and control (IPC)

- The infectious disease unit (IDU) in Juba was designated to manage COVID-19 suspect and confirmed cases.
- Training modules on COVID-19 Case management training under development based on WHO case management guidelines for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).
- The case management team in the IDU are on standby to provide supportive case management for suspect COVID-19 cases.
- The case management team has identified a prioritized list of medical equipment that is required for symptomatic management of suspect COVID-19 cases.
- The case management training materials are under review by the TWGs
- Medicine San Frontier -(MSF-H) to check stock and see if commodities available to donate to an ICU room in treatment/isolation center

Logistics and supply management

- The team reviewed tasks the pillars and agreed to maintain responsibility for: storage, inventory management, central stock management & transportation, etc.
- Customs “faster” tracking EVD system was adopted to COVID-19.
- The TWG proposed an estimated \$1 million budget for COVID-19 preparedness and possible response.
- The World Food Program (WFP) to discuss with United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) to increase the number of flights to Nimule twice a week schedule

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