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Fig 1: Countries reporting COVID-19; March 8, 2020

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Key Challenges

- Global shortage of Personal Protective Equipment
- Funding gap for COVID-19 contingency plan and scale up (approximately USD 14M)
- Equipping the isolation facilities to the required standards to enable optimum provision of health cares services for the preparedness and response to COVID-19

Recommendations

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- Cook your food and especially meat thoroughly.
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