WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA

♦ On 13th March-2020, Ethiopia reported the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Addis Ababa City and as of 16-March-2020, a total of 5 confirmed cases have been reported
♦ Two hundred seven (207) contacts have been identified and are on close follow up.
♦ A comprehensive coordinated approach is being applied, and solid work being done especially in the areas of contact tracing, case investigation, case management, Infection prevention and control, laboratory and risk communication
♦ WHO is working closely with the government of Ethiopia in coordinating and providing critical technical

GLOBALY HIGHLIGHTS

♦ WHO advises countries to invest more in testing suspected cases so that the response is based on scientific evidence
♦ WHO advises member states to stick to the containment strategy as the best practice so far as proven in China
♦ 148 countries/Regions are affected of which 26 are in Africa region including Ethiopia
♦ As of 15-March-2020, there were 153,517 total confirmed cases and 5,735 total deaths with a resultant increase of 15.6% and 15.7% respectively in the last 48 hours

♦ 56.3% of the cases are reported by the top 10 countries listed in figure 2 above. The confirmed cases increased by 53% in the last 48 hours
♦ Europe has now become the epicenter of the pandemic, with more reported cases and deaths than the rest of the world combined, apart from China

♦ Take preventive measures extremely seriously
♦ Avoid hand-shake and hugging at all times
♦ Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol base hand rub
♦ Get information from reliable sources only

Fig 1: African Countries reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases as of March 16, 2020

Fig 2: TOP 10 COUNTRIES IN EUROPE REPORTING THE HIGHEST No. OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES & DEATHS