Coronavirus Update

14th Feb 2020
Coordination and Communication

• Coronavirus leadership group established
• Organization wide communication channels established
  • Twice weekly All Staff emails
  • RescueNet info page
  • Translated materials
  • Duty of care
IRC’s COVID-19 Risk Categorization and Response Plan
Real-Time Risk Analysis

IRC Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Risk Categorization Index

1. Transmission type

2. Transmission intensity

3. Country specific vulnerability
   - Global Health Security Index
IRC Decision Making Guide for Risk Categorization and Response to 2019-nCoV

Outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Are there confirmed nCoV cases in the country where IRC Country Programs or offices are located?

No

Yes

Is nCoV being transmitted locally?

Yes

≥ 20 cases of local transmission?

Yes

Widespread transmission?

Yes

No

Cases in IRC locations of operations?

Yes

No

Yes

Country’s GHSI Score

Most prepared

Most prepared

Least prepared

Less prepared

Country’s GHSI Score

Most prepared

Most prepared

Least prepared

Least prepared

Cases in IRC locations of operations?

No

Country’s GHSI Score

Most prepared

Most prepared

Least prepared

Least prepared

Least prepared

No

Yes

No

No

Category 1
Risk: Low
Stance: Alert

Category 2
Risk: Low-medium
Stance: Preparedness

Category 3
Risk: Medium
Stance: Readiness

Category 4
Risk: High
Stance: Response

Category 5
Risk: Very High
Stance: Response
## IRC Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Risk Assessment and Response Plan

Clear thresholds and triggers for IRC Offices/Country programs to move between the categories based on the IRC’s Coronavirus Risk Categorization Index

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### Actions

- IRC Offices
- IRC Country Programs
- IRC Travel Advice

Increasing actions, technical support and resources
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| Category 1 | All IRC Country Programs/Offices             | Low            | Alert      | IRC Offices AND IRC Country Programs  
1. Regular updates provided to all staff.  
2. Dissemination of key prevention messages to all staff. |
| Category 2 | Imported case(s) in-country AND Global Health Security Index Score “Most Prepared”/ “More Prepared” AND local transmission in-country (Not in IRC location of operations) AND Global Health Security Index Score “Most Prepared”/ “More Prepared” AND number of cases from local transmission <20 | Low - Medium | Preparedness | IRC Offices AND IRC Country Programs  
1. Regular updates provided to all staff.  
2. Dissemination of key prevention messages to all staff.  
3. Country Program/Office Coronavirus focal point established.  
4. The Country Director/Head of Office should inform all staff to complete the free WHO online COVID-19 introductory course. For country programs with limited Internet connection/bandwidth, the Country Director/Head of Office should nominate an in-country focal point to deliver the content of the online course.  
5. All SMT staff are required to read the SOP in full and verbal briefings to share key messages from the SOPs (in local language) with all other staff, must be organized by the CD/Head of office. |
| Category 3 | Imported case(s) in-country AND Global Health Security Index Score “Least Prepared” AND local transmission in-country (Not in IRC location of operations) AND Global Health Security Index Score “Most Prepared”/ “More Prepared” AND number of cases from local transmission ≥20 | Medium         | Readiness  | IRC Offices AND IRC Country Programs  
1. Regular updates provided to all staff.  
2. Dissemination of key prevention messages to all staff.  
3. Country Program/Office Coronavirus focal point established.  
4. The Country Director/Head of Office should inform all staff to complete the free WHO online COVID-19 introductory course. For country programs with limited Internet connection/bandwidth, the Country Director/Head of Office should nominate an in-country focal point to deliver the content of the online course.  
5. Orientation provided to all staff on the IRC COVID-19 Staff Safety SOPs.  
6. Implementation of safety SOPs for IRC offices and accommodations.  
IRC Country Programs additional actions  
7. Country level risk analysis completed.  
8. Program risk assessment and mitigation plan completed.  
9. In-country existing stock analysis and prepositioning of supplies.  
10. Technical training provided for program staff (see table in section 5). |
| Category 4 | Local transmission in-country (Not in IRC location of operation) AND Global Health Security Index Score “Least Prepared” AND local transmission in-country (In IRC location of operation) | High           | Response   | IRC Offices AND IRC Country Programs  
1. Regular updates provided to all staff.  
2. Dissemination of key prevention messages to all staff.  
3. Country Program/Office Coronavirus focal point established.  
4. The Country Director/Head of Office should inform all staff to complete the free WHO online COVID-19 introductory course. For country programs with limited Internet connection/bandwidth, the Country Director/Head of Office should nominate an in-country focal point to deliver the content of the online course.  
5. Orientation provided to all staff on the IRC COVID-19 Staff Safety SOPs.  
6. Implementation of safety SOPs for IRC offices and accommodations.  
7. Develop program/office closure thresholds and evacuation thresholds in consultation with RSSA  
IRC Country Programs additional actions  
8. Country level risk analysis completed.  
10. In-country existing stock analysis and prepositioning of supplies.  
11. Technical training provided for program staff (see table in section 5).  
12. Implement Program mitigation measures.  
13. Perform response analysis and draft response plan.  
### IRC’s Coronavirus Response

**IRC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Monitoring Dashboard**

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All other countries

- Belgium
- Germany
- Italy
- Malaysia
- United Kingdom
- United States

Available daily on rescue.net
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## IRC Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Technical Support Team

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**IRC COVID-19 Technical Toolkit**

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Version 1
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### Supplies and logistics

- Global market analysis
- Global IRC analysis of existing stock
- Increasing global prepositioned stock