GHC PARTNERS’ CALL on COVID-19

6 March 2020, Geneva, Switzerland
AGENDA

• Current status overview

• Strategic Preparedness and Response Strategy

• Partner support and capacities required to implement strategy at country and regional level

• Key operational issues (supply chain, travel, etc.)

• Partner updates and key concerns
Current Situation (Please refer to daily Covid19 sitreps)

Supporting country preparedness and response

Country operational planning guidelines:

• Country-level coordination
• Risk communication and community engagement
• Surveillance and points of entry
• Rapid response teams
• National laboratory system
• Infection prevention and control
• Case management
• Logistics and supply management
Scaling country preparedness and response

Work with national governments through UNCT to:

- Engage with national authorities to identify appropriate coordination mechanism and key technical/operational partners
- Map existing preparedness and response capacity and identify key gaps
- Engage with national authorities and partners to assign roles and responsibilities to address key gaps
- Engage with local donors and existing programmes to mobilize resources and capacities
- Establish monitoring mechanisms based on key performance indicators to track progress and adjust the plans as outbreak evolves
Tracking country risk and vulnerability

Scaling support to countries

Increasing support according to capacity:
- Technical guidance & tools
- Technical expertise
- Supplies & equipment
- Training & capacity building
- In-country technical & operational support

No regrets support:

Current risk
- Imported Cases
- Local Transmission

Support Provided
- Local Transmission
- Community Transmission

World Health Organization
Immediate response and support to countries

- **Technical support missions:**
  - China
  - Iran
  - Italy
  - Algeria
  - Nigeria
  - Afghanistan/Pakistan

- Many newly affected countries are asking for support

- WHO Regional Offices together with GOARN partners to provide support

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**Emergency Medical Teams**
- Support hospitals and health centres in triage, case detection, temporary isolation and infection prevention and control measures, including the transfer of suspect cases.

**Countries EMTs are currently operating in**
- Australia, Cambodia, China (Guangdong, Shanghai, Sichuan, and Tianjin), China (Macao SAR), **Democratic Republic of Congo**, Ghana, Japan, Italy, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Republic of the Marshall Islands, South Africa, New Zealand

**Countries EMTs will potentially be operating in within the next two weeks**
- Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, **Nigeria**, Papua New Guinea, People’s Democratic Republic of Lao, Serbia, Tonga, Tuvalu
Health Cluster response

- Awareness raising & disseminating technical guidance (all levels)
- Aligning with national Incident Management Teams / multi-sector coordination platforms
  - Country driven approach, leveraging cluster presence & capacities
- Initial preparedness & response planning to operationalize the CPRP (pillars)
- Partner mapping, training /simulation exercises with health actors (country & regional)
- Business continuity planning for existing humanitarian action
Established UN Crisis Management Team

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COVID-19 Supply Chain

• **PPE:**
  - Unprecedented demand & limited supply – severely impacting global market capacity for PPE
  - Challenges include requisition of supplies; export bans; depleted stockpiles & price hikes.
  - Lack of PPE may disrupt manufacture of critical medical equipment and medicines

• **Cascading affect within Supply Chain**
  - Critical need to diversify market capacity

• **Potential Solutions**
  - High level advocacy with Member States & manufacturers to encourage increased production, release of national stockpiles & removal of export bans. Priority for UNCMT
  - Advocate for rationale use of PPE & prioritize needs of frontline health workers.
  - Measures to coordinate demand & allocation; financing mechanisms to support quick procurement.