



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

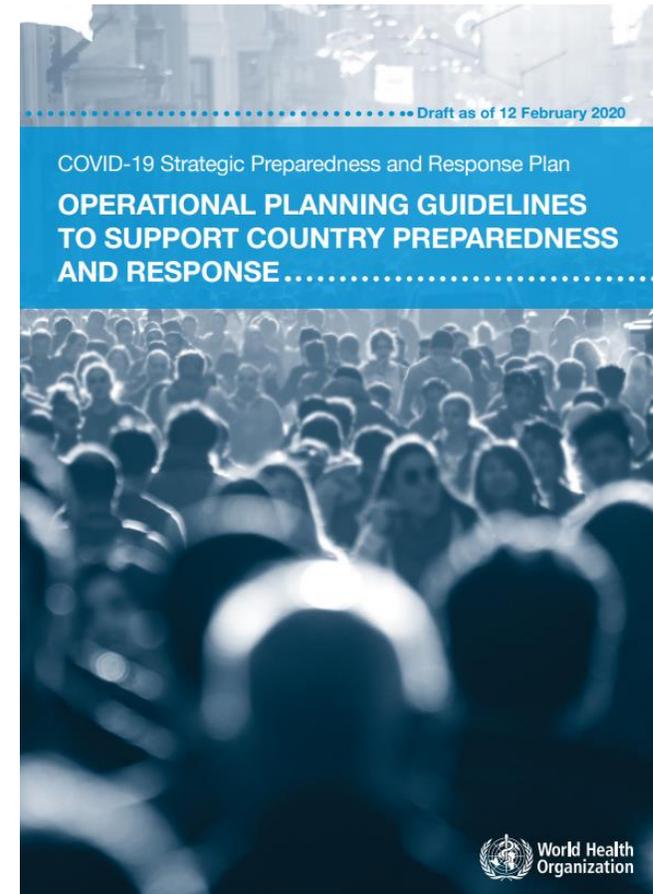
Current Situation (Please refer to daily Covid19 sitreps)

- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

Supporting country preparedness and response

Country operational planning guidelines:

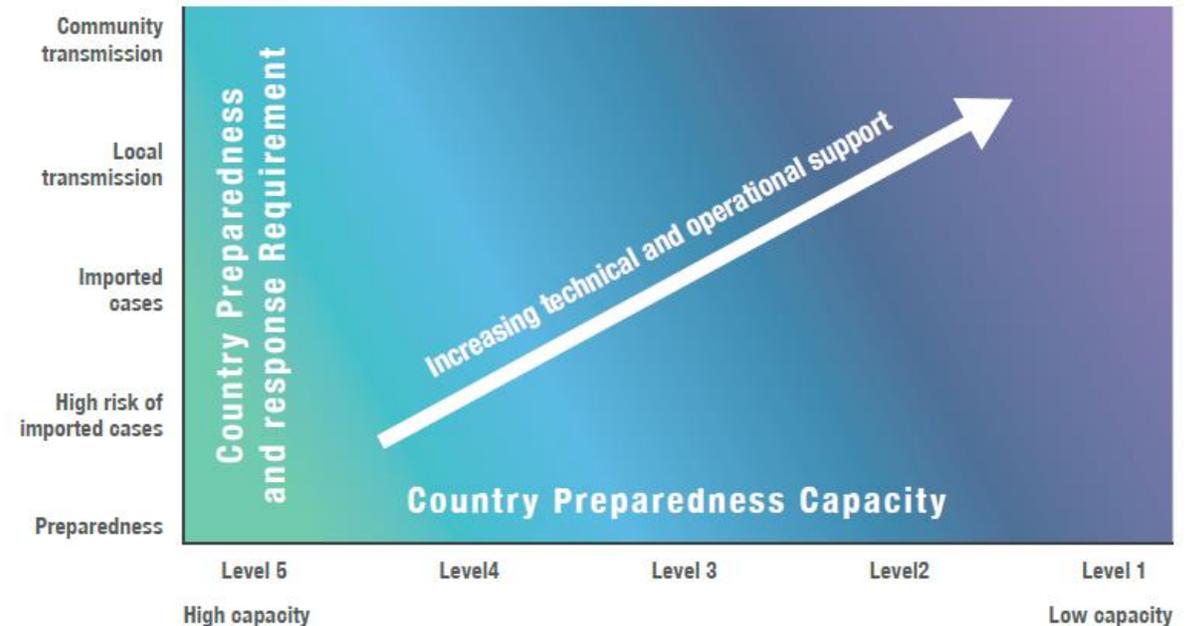
- Country-level coordination
- Risk communication and community engagement
- Surveillance and points of entry
- Rapid response teams
- National laboratory system
- Infection prevention and control
- Case management
- Logistics and supply management



Scaling country preparedness and response

Work with national governments through UNCT to:

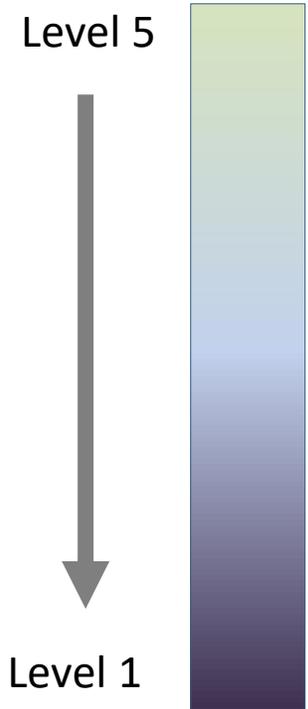
- Engage with national authorities to identify appropriate coordination mechanism and key technical/operational partners
- Map existing preparedness and response capacity and identify key gaps
- Engage with national authorities and partners to assign roles and responsibilities to address key gaps
- Engage 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

- <https://www.who.int/internal-publications-detail/updated-country-preparedness-and-response-status-for-covid-19-as-of-3-march-2020>

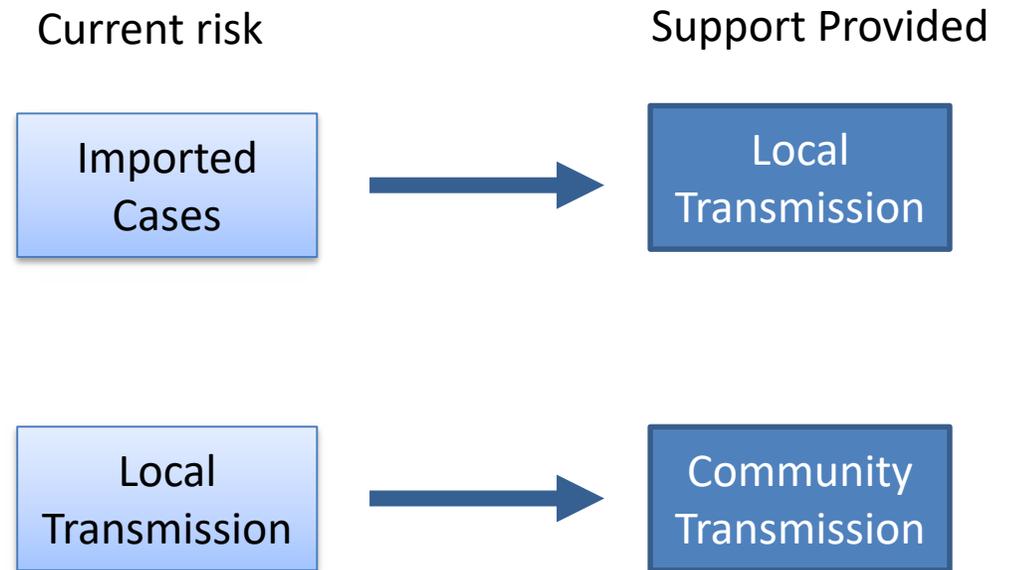
Scaling support to countries



Increasing support according to capacity:

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

No regrets support:



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

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

Align whole of UN effort for coherent and coordinated action

- Communication of key information
- Development of strategies, policy & plans
- Analysis & prioritization of key issues
- Joint action where synergies exist

Support to country's

- UN coordination, resourcing & oversight
- Public health preparedness & response
- Assess/address social & economic impact

UN operations

- UN staff communication & safety
- UN business continuity

Global Issues

- Advocacy & resource mobilization
- Supply chain monitoring & intervention
- Travel, trade & mass gatherings

Global public health

- Coordination & technical guidance
- Epidemiological analysis & risk communications
- Accelerated research & innovation

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.