

# COVID-19

## Situation Report #12

April 3, 2020

### Key Updates

- The number of confirmed cases globally crossed the 1 million threshold on April 2. There are 1,041,126 confirmed cases and 55,132 deaths across 181 countries and regions.
- Project HOPE is mobilizing its roster of medical volunteers to provide staff surge capacity in hard-hit cities in the United States (U.S.)
- Project HOPE continued to roll-out its COVID-19 training for health workers, developed in partnership with Brown University. To date, partners in North Macedonia and Puerto Rico have completed the training with partners in four additional countries scheduled to complete in the next two weeks.
- In Colombia, Project HOPE is continuing to support lab confirmation, contact tracing, screening and patient care activities in coordination with local health authorities and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).
- Project HOPE is procuring more than 280,000 N95 masks for high-risk countries in Southeast Asia, Latin America and Africa with generous support from Latter-day Saint Charities.
- In partnership with Americares, Project HOPE is facilitating a shipment of PPE to the city of Chicago, expected to be delivered on April 3.
- Project HOPE is continuing to procure and distribute PPE and medical supplies within the U.S. and to high-risk countries to help ensure the protection of frontline health workers.

### Situation Overview

On April 2, the global number of confirmed COVID-19 cases crossed the 1 million threshold, nearly doubling in the last week.<sup>i</sup> As of 12:10pm (U.S. Eastern Time) on April 3, there were 1,041,126 confirmed cases and 55,132 deaths across 181 countries and regions.<sup>ii</sup> The U.S. has the highest number of confirmed cases at

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*Project HOPE partnered with PAHO and Colombian health authorities to establish and staff coronavirus observation and treatment tents outside of the Erasmo Meoz University Hospital in Cúcuta.*

### HOPE's Response

What HOPE is doing:

- Procuring PPE and medical equipment for high-risk countries
- Training health workers and frontline personnel on COVID-19 preparedness and response.
- Supporting local partners and hospitals in surveillance, screening, case management, and community education.

Where HOPE is supporting:

- United States (continental)
- Puerto Rico
- Colombia
- Mexico
- Dominican Republic
- North Macedonia
- Kosovo
- Indonesia
- China

245,658, representing approximately 24% of the global total, followed by Spain, Italy and Germany.

In its latest Situation Report, the World Health Organization (WHO) provides information on the three transmission routes of the virus: symptomatic, pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic. Data suggests the virus is primarily transmitted by symptomatic people; however, there are documented reports of pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic transmission.<sup>iii</sup> Increased reports of asymptomatic transmission in countries such as the U.S. have led to recent debates among health experts and authorities on the usage of masks by the public.<sup>iv</sup>

## **HOPE's Global Response to COVID-19**

Project HOPE continues to adapt COVID-19 response activities to meet evolving needs of countries around the world. Our strategy centers around the training and equipping of health care workers to ensure they are safe and have the resources and support they require to save lives. Highlights of our latest activities are summarized below.

### **Mobilizing Medical Volunteers to U.S. Cities Preparing for Peak Cases**

Project HOPE has mobilized its roster of medical volunteers to provide staff surge support in hard-hit cities, particularly those preparing for peak caseloads in the coming weeks.

In coordination with the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health, the first rotation of Project HOPE volunteers will be seeing patients at the McCormick Place Convention Center, which is being converted into an emergency medical facility for non-acute COVID-19 patients. The McCormick Center is expected to hold more than 3,000 beds, with the first 500 available by end of next week.<sup>v</sup>

Project HOPE is also in conversations with partners in the cities of New York and New Orleans for volunteer placement. More than 200 Project HOPE volunteers are on standby, including doctors, registered nurses and pharmacists.

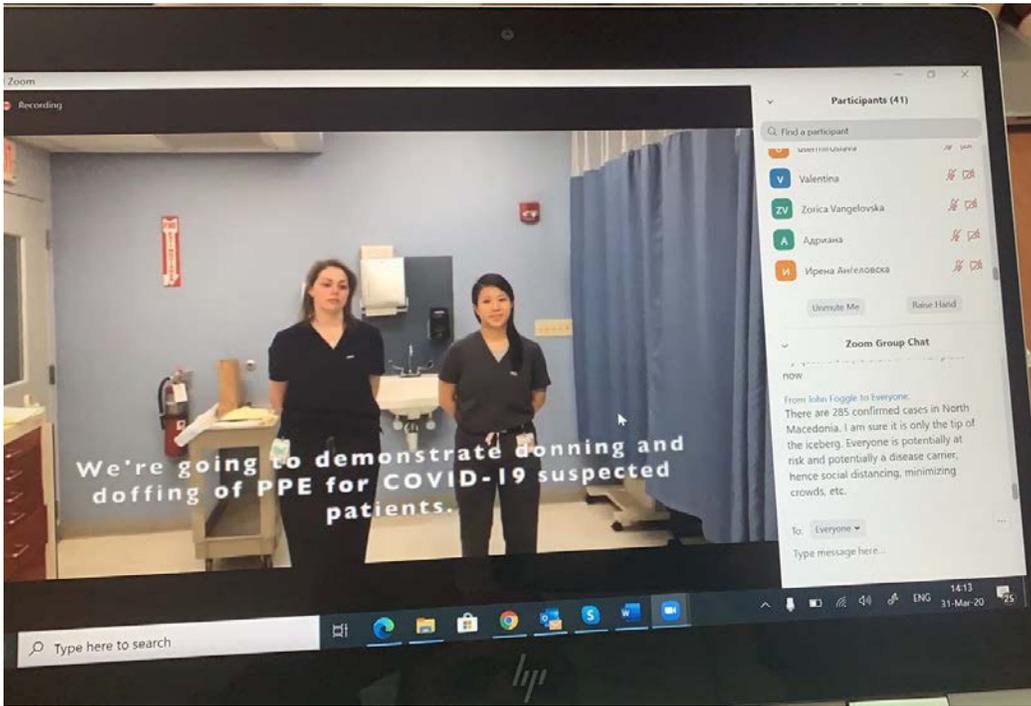
### **COVID-19 Health Worker Training in North Macedonia, Puerto Rico and Kosovo**

Project HOPE is continuing to expand implementation of its COVID-19 training for health workers, developed in partnership with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies at the Watson Institute of Brown University. The training is being delivered by experts from Brown via a live, remote platform using train-the-trainer methodology.

The first round of training was held in North Macedonia, at the request of the Ministry of Health (MoH). On March 31, 42 doctors, nurses and clinical pharmacists completed the training and are certified Master Trainers. In

coordination with the MoH, these Master Trainers have already begun to cascade the training to an additional 1,000 health care workers from 150 health care institutions who will then continue to train their colleagues.

Feedback from the training has been extremely positive. Following the initial implementation, the Minister of Health requested every nurse and the majority of doctors in the country to enroll in the training so that they are armed with the critical knowledge and skills needed to respond to COVID-19.

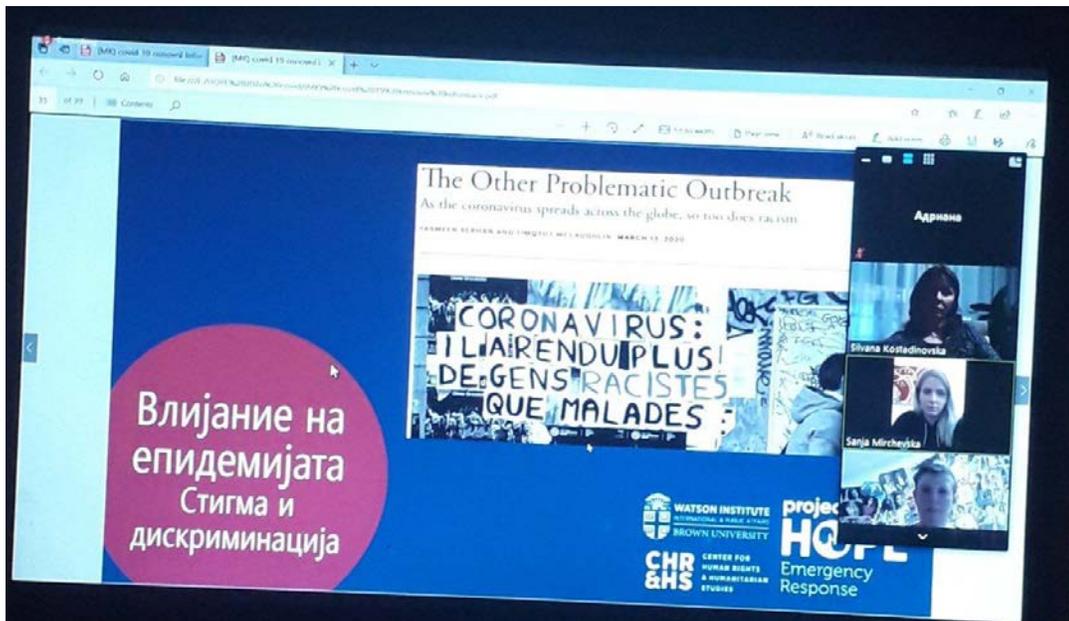


*Trainers from Brown University provide a demonstration of donning and doffing PPE via live, remote platform to participants in North Macedonia.*

Two additional trainings were held this week. In Puerto Rico, a group of 72 health care workers completed the training, in coordination with the Primary Healthcare Association. In Kosovo, in coordination with the MoH, 57 health care workers began the training on April 2 and are scheduled to finish early next week.

Next week, another round of training will be delivered to health care workers in Indonesia. Additionally, a joint training for health care workers in Mexico and Dominican Republic is scheduled for mid-April and will be delivered in Spanish. Project HOPE is continuing to coordinate with countries and partners at Brown University to schedule additional live, remote trainings, based on trainer availability and resources.

To ensure the training is more widely available, Project HOPE will identify via online application process organizations with the capacity to implement the training without the assistance of trainers from Brown University. This would allow for larger scale-up of the training, ensuring a broader reach to health workers at the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Training materials were translated into Macedonian and are now being cascaded to an additional 1,000 health care workers by Master Trainers trained by experts from Brown this week.

### Responding to COVID-19 along the Venezuelan border in Colombia

Project HOPE is continuing to expand its activities in Colombia, in coordination with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Departmental Institute of Health (IDS) in Norte de Santander.

To date, Project HOPE has scaled up its in-country team of medical professionals, including medical doctors, auxiliary nurses, infection prevention and control (IPC) specialists and an epidemiologist. Activities in the last week have included:

- Supporting the IDS Surveillance Department to confirm 6 of the 19 COVID-19 cases in Norte de Santander and then conducting tracing of 386 contacts of the positive patients for follow-up testing.
- A team of HOPE auxiliary nurses supported the IDS laboratory in Norte de Santander through the handling and transportation of COVID-19 samples to the Central Laboratory in Bogotá where 19 cases were confirmed.
- Provided support through the COVID-19 hotline established in partnership with PAHO and IDS.
- At the request of the Jorge Cristo Sahium Hospital in Villa del Rosario, HOPE doctors and nurses established a triage and screening system. In the last week, the team saw 143 patients with respiratory tract infections. Out of these, 46 were referred for COVID-19 testing.
- Providing continuous support at the Coronavirus Observation Center and the Coronavirus Treatment Center tents established outside of the Erasmo Meoz University Hospital. This included training an additional 33 staff (auxiliary nurses, emergency nurses and IPC specialists) to support the centers as well as donating full sets of PPE, N95 masks, sterile and non-sterile gloves, caps and boots for health staff.

- Conducting IPC activities including training 61 IPC specialists from Jorge Cristo Sahium Hospital and Erasmo Meoz University Hospital in addition to six peripheral primary health clinics. Project HOPE also provided IPC supplies including chlorine, manual sprayers, rubber boots and rubber gloves.

Project HOPE is ensuring the safety of its staff through provision of PPE, antiseptic gels, masks and gloves.

### More than 280,000 N95 Masks for High-Risk Countries

With generous support from Latter-day Saint Charities, Project HOPE is mobilizing PPE, including 283,000 N95 respirator masks, to high-risk countries in Southeast Asia, Latin America and Africa. Thanks to the relationship Project HOPE's team in China has with the manufacturer, an initial portion of this protective gear is expected to be available for shipment in the next week. Project HOPE, in coordination with Latter-day Saint Charities, is working with local health authorities in these high-risk countries to prioritize delivery locations as manufacturing is completed.

### Donated PPE to Frontline Health Workers in Chicago

Project HOPE and Americares joined forces to deliver more than 3 tons of lifesaving personal protective equipment to the city of Chicago on April 3. This shipment contains 25,000 surgical masks, 19,000 isolation gowns, 15,450 pairs of examination gloves, and other supplies critically needed by Chicago's frontline health workers.



Health worker in North Macedonia receiving ICU equipment procured by Project HOPE with support from the Germany Embassy .

## German Embassy Donation for Intensive Care Medical Equipment in North Macedonia

With generous support from the German Embassy in North Macedonia, Project HOPE procured 40,000 Euros worth of equipment for three intensive care units that are currently or will be treating COVID-19 patients. The procurement and distribution was coordinated with the MoH. Items included patient monitors, infusion pumps, Pulls oximeters, oxygen flowmeters and defibrillator and thoracic drainage systems

## PPE to Health Facilities in Indonesia

This week, Project HOPE 80,000 surgical masks were donated by Project HOPE to Indonesian health authorities arrived. These masks are being distributed across 17 health facilities in Jakarta.

An additional shipment of 1,500 goggles and 500 face shields originally procured for partners in China is now en route to Indonesia, since China declared its PPE needs were met after a decline in cases.



*Staff at Shanghai Children's Medical Center utilizing isolation gown and mask donated by MedShare and distributed by Project HOPE.*

## Masks and Isolation Gowns to Hospitals in China

This week, Project HOPE began distribution of its last shipment of PPE for hospitals in Shanghai and Wuhan. The supplies, donated by MedShare, include more than 111,000 N95 masks, 120,000 procedural masks and 240,000 isolation gowns. Project HOPE's team in China successfully delivered these items to Shanghai Children's Medical Center where they were then further distributed to the seven additional hospitals in Shanghai: Shanghai Pudong New District Zhoupu Hospital; Huangpu Branch of Shanghai Ninth People's Hospital; Shanghai Pudong New District People's Hospital; Shanghai Punan Hospital of Pudong New District; Shanghai Dongfang Hospital; Shanghai Pudong New

District Women and Children Hospital. A portion of these supplies will also be delivered to five hospitals in Wuhan, expected to arrive in the next week.

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