

COVID-19 Weekly Bulletin

Introduction

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Covid-19 diseases a pandemic. The disease, which was first reported in Wuhan city in China, has quickly spread around the world, taking a heavy toll on lives economies in different countries around the world. The first case in Africa was confirmed in February in Egypt. Since then, the disease has spread to all the countries in the continent.

This bulletin, which will be sent out every Monday, will provide an update on the number of cases in member countries, and the actions being taken by CHAs in the fight against the disease. This bulletin covers 7 countries: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda and Uganda. These countries had the highest cases among members as at the end of March.

The intention of this bulletin is to inform and share experiences so that members can learn from each other. It is only through working together that we shall be able to defeat this disease.

We wish you all God's blessings as you help to end the spread of the disease and bring healing to the affected.

Summary of cases and actions taken per country

Cameroon

Confirmed cases: 1,621 Recoveries: 786 Deaths: 56 Response:

- CBCHS has identified and referred 65 cases
- 1,500 staff in facilities trained
- Response teams established in all facilities
- Prevention messaging, including posters
- Advocacy to ensure inclusion at national level

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Confirmed cases: 442 Recoveries: 50 Deaths: 28

Response:

- Caritas Congo to start sensitization campaigns this week
- Also participating in drafting national response plan

Ghana

Confirmed cases: 1,550 Recoveries: 155 Deaths: 11

Response:

Increased testing led by government

Kenya

Confirmed cases: 355 Recoveries: 106 Deaths: 14 Responses:

- CHAK helped to install oxygen supply at Machakos County referral hospital
- PCEA Chogoria Hospital is raising funds for PPEs through a mobile platform
- Government restricted movement in and out of Mandera County

Nigeria

Confirmed cases: 1,182 Recoveries: 222 Deaths: 35 Responses:

 With mounting requests for PPEs, CHAN has developed and sent out concept notes to donors for support

Rwanda

Confirmed cases: 191 Recoveries: 92 Deaths: 0

Responses:

- BUFMAR started producing hand sanitiser for distribution to public and faith-based facilities
- Also produced some masks

Uganda

Confirmed cases: 75 Recoveries: 46 Deaths: 0

Responses:

- UPMB has constituted a Covid-19 task force to liaise with national task force
- Government testing truck drivers entering the country from neighbouring countries

Kindly share experiences and responses through email on communications@africachap.org or via WhatsApp on +254726797558.

Quick tip: Wearing masks correctly



^{*} Source: Africa CDC

^{*} Cases as of 26/04/2020.