

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Situation Update Report – 5

February 28, 2020

Global updates

As of 27 February 2020 (new cases in last 24 hours):

- **Global:** 82 294 confirmed cases (1 185 new)
- **China:** 78 630 confirmed (439 new), 2 747 deaths (29 new)
- **Outside China:** 3 664 confirmed (746 new), 46 countries (9 new), 57 deaths (13 new)
- **Nine new countries** are Brazil, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, and North Macedonia

WHO Risk Assessment: China – Very High, Regional Level – High, Global level – High

India Situation

The three cases of COVID-19 reported from Kerala have fully recovered and been discharged from the hospital on 20 February 2020. Since then, no new cases have been reported.

The Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Cabinet Secretary are closely monitoring the situation of COVID-19 in India. Government of India (GoI) previously issued travel advisories requesting the public to refrain from travelling to China, and from 26 February this advisory applies also to Iran, Italy and Republic of Korea. People coming from these countries or having travel history, since 10th February 2020, may be quarantined for 14 days on their arrival to India.

On 22 February, GoI informed that universal screening at airports will also apply for flights arriving from Indonesia, Kathmandu, Malaysia and Vietnam (in addition to China, Hongkong, Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Thailand as being done previously). As on date, a total of 4 82 927 passengers have been screened from 4 787 flights. Screening is ongoing at 21 airports, 12 major seaports, and 65 minor seaports and land crossings particularly bordering Nepal. A total of 23 531 passengers are being monitored under community surveillance through Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) network on a daily basis.

Between 26-27 February, GoI evacuated 124 people from Japan including 119 Indian citizens and five nationals from Sri Lanka, Nepal, South Africa and Peru. They were quarantined on the Diamond

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Princess Cruise ship at Yokohama due to COVID-19. In addition, 112 persons had been evacuated from Wuhan, China. These included 76 Indian citizens and 36 nationals from countries such as Bangladesh, Myanmar, Maldives, China, South Africa, USA and Madagascar. These evacuees have been quarantined for 14 days at camps managed by the Army and ITBP

The National Institute of Virology, Pune under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that a total of 2 880 samples have been tested as on 27 February 2020. 1 572 samples were referred from suspected cases throughout the country except those from the quarantine centres. Till date, three out of the 1 572 have been tested positive for COVID-19.

Situation in Kerala

In Kerala, the situation has stabilized with no new case being detected. Contact tracing, isolation and response activities have been scaled down. State has closed control room activities and handed over surveillance and response to IDSP as a mark of normalcy.

Extensive awareness and communication activities continue as before to build awareness and sensitize the public. In last two days, Kerala has released more people from isolation reducing the total people in isolation to just 127 out of which 5 are in hospital. Of the total 444 samples sent for testing 3 were positive, 436 were negative and results for 5 are pending.

WHO Response

WHO Country Office for India (WCO) support at national level

WCO is closely working with National Centre for Diseases Control (NCDC) on disease surveillance, with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on laboratory testing capacity, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on risk communications.

As member of the Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) on emerging diseases, WCO has been regularly attending these meetings (25 and 27 February). JMG brings together line ministries and agencies to provide updates as well technical guidance on preparedness and response activities including planning for the next phase and securing essential supplies (PPE).

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WCO continues to provide support to ICMR on laboratory and research protocols and National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) for repurposing of Antiviral drugs for COVID-19. WCO has also initiated exchange of information with ICMR on areas of research and development related to COVID-19.

WHO coordination with UN partners

WCO India and UNICEF are supporting MoHFW for preparedness, response planning including interventions for risk communication and community engagement, development of IEC materials and their dissemination among public through various communication channels. The field offices of UNICEF have been coordinating with State governments to plan their support in case COVID-19 situation escalates.

WCO India has been updating the UN country team and health partners on COVID-19 situation with daily information package and frequent meetings.

WCO support at state level

WCO field teams continue to support the states across India in various preparedness and response activities. These include screening of travelers at points of entry, supporting contact tracing and follow up of travelers, developing and adapting technical guidance and IEC materials, facilitating mock drills, orienting and advocating to state officials, training rapid response teams and medical officers, sharing technical materials and daily situation update.

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Global updates

As of 20 February 2020:

- **Global** --75,748 confirmed cases (548 new) of Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) reported
- **China** --74,675 confirmed (399 new), 2121 deaths (115 new)
- **Outside China** --1073 confirmed (149 new), 26 countries (1 new), 8 deaths (5 new)
- **One new country** (Islamic Republic of Iran) reported two cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours

WHO Risk Assessment: China – Very High, Regional Level – High, Global level – High

India Situation

Between 30 January and 03 February 2020, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) reported three cases of COVID-19 in Kerala. All three cases have fully recovered and discharged from the hospital. No further cases have been reported.

The Prime Minister's Office, MoHFW and Cabinet Secretary are closely monitoring the emerging situation on COVID-19 in India daily. Government of India (GoI) has issued travel advisories requesting the public to refrain from travel to China and that anyone with a travel history since 15 January 2020 from China will be quarantined on return. Further, e-Visa facility for Chinese passport holders has been suspended and existing visas (already issued) are no longer valid for any foreign national travelling from China to India. Screening of passengers is ongoing across all 21 airports, 12 major and 65 non-major seaports and border crossings. As on 21 February, 2020 close to 397,148 passengers from 3,835 flights have been screened.

States have made available additional manpower to undertake screening and provided other logistic support to airport public health officers. States that do not have airports or seaports, such as Haryana and Chhattisgarh, have reported that special awareness drives have been initiated at toll plaza, bus stations and railway stations.

Ministry of Tourism is coordinating with the Hotels Association in India to encourage wider self-reporting by travelers visiting religious and other tourist places in identified states. All 645 Indian evacuees from Wuhan have tested negative for COVID-19 and have gone back to their homes from the quarantine facilities.

National Institute of Virology, Pune of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the apex laboratory for reconfirmation of any positive samples as well as the quality assurance for the testing of samples for COVID-19. In addition, 13 Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) and National Centre for Disease Control, New Delhi are performing testing for the COVID-19. Till today, a total of 2,722 samples have been tested of which only 3 samples had earlier tested positive (Kerala).

A 24x7 Control Room has been made operational (011-23978046) and IEC materials are being widely disseminated through various communications channels such as print, electronic and social media

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Situation in Kerala

In Kerala, the situation has stabilized with all the three patients have recovered and discharged from the hospital and are now under home isolation. However, the state remains on guard and the surveillance strengthening, contact tracing, isolation and response activities are ongoing.

As of 20 February, a total of 914 people are placed under surveillance, 907 are under home isolation and 7 are admitted in isolation facilities. Till date, 433 samples of suspected cases have been tested, of which 423 were negative, 3 positive and results of 7 pending.

The state and district control rooms in Kerala have been activated and daily meetings are being held. Additionally, the medical officers and junior nursing staff have been trained in surveillance and contact tracing. For all 14 districts a Medical Board has been constituted with specialty experts to provide effective care for the patients. There is ongoing work to strengthen professional bodies such as Indian Medical Association (IMA), Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) and Private Hospitals Association on surveillance, infection prevention and control, and case management.

Ambulances have been identified in each district and are prepared to be available on call. Risk Communications has been strengthened to address rumor, fake news and miscommunications. Psychosocial support is being provided to families of suspected persons.

WHO Response

WHO Country Office for India (WCO) support at national level

WCO is closely working with key technical institutions of MoHFW including National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), ICMR and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MoIB) on disease surveillance, laboratory testing capacity and risk communications, respectively. Furthermore, WCO is ensuring that the information on suspected cases is being shared early and those confirmed being reported as per the International Health Regulations (2005).

WHO is supporting the Joint Monitoring Group on Emerging Diseases which brings together Line Ministries and agencies and has been providing continuous updates as well as technical guidance on risk assessment and reviewing preparedness and response.

WCO is providing support to ICMR on laboratory and research protocols and National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) for repurposing of Antiviral drugs for COVID-19.

WHO coordination with UN partners

WCO India and UNICEF are supporting MoHFW for preparedness and response planning including interventions for risk communication and community engagement. Furthermore, MoHFW is supported by UNICEF in coordination with WHO on the development of IEC materials and their dissemination

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among public through various communication channels. There are plans to augment this support based on needs assessment. The field offices of UNICEF have been coordinating with their respective State governments to plan their support in case COVID-19 situation escalates.

WCO India has kept UN country team and health partners updated on COVID-19 situation with daily information package and frequent meetings (held on 18, 20 and 21 February 2020).

WCO support in Kerala

WCO is closely working with the Principal Secretary, Directorate of Health Services and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) and extending full support to the state as well as to districts through the extended network of WHO field personnel.

- The WHO medical officers have been repurposed in the state and districts and are actively supporting capacity building, coordination of meetings and attending to the state and district control room support. A total of eight WHO consultants have been deployed in 14 districts of Kerala for rapid response. WCO is supporting in strengthening of surveillance and response measures.
- WHO has shared updated technical information and facilitated partnerships with private hospitals in Kerala to provide isolation facilities.
- Additional support was provided to Kasaragod district to improve surveillance, contact tracing and data analysis.

WCO support to other States

In others states of India, the WHO field team is supporting in the tracking of the passengers returning from China, training of medical officers and rapid response teams, engaging with state and district officials of the IDSP for coordination and support, sharing daily updates at state and district level and, in some states, have assisted in airport assessment and translating COVID-19 guidance documents in local languages.

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Global Updates

S.No.	Country/Territory/Area	Confirmed (new) cases	Total (new) deaths
1.	China	44730	1368
2.	International conveyance (Japan)	175	0
3.	Singapore	50	0
4.	Thailand	33	0
5.	Japan	28	0
6.	Republic of Korea	28	0
7.	Malaysia	18	0
8.	Germany	16	0
9.	Australia	15	0
10.	Vietnam	16	0
11.	United States of America	14	0
12.	France	11	0
13.	United Arab Emirates	8	0
14.	United Kingdom	9	0
14.	Canada	7	0
15.	India	3	0
16.	Italy	3	0
17.	Philippines	3	1
18.	Russian Federation	2	0
19.	Spain	2	0
20.	Belgium	1	0
21.	Cambodia	1	0
22.	Finland	1	0
23.	Nepal	1	0
24.	Sri Lanka	1	0
25.	Sweden	1	0
	Total	45177	1369

As of 13 February 2020, 2:30 pm (IST)

India situation

Between 30 January and 03 February 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) reported three cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Kerala. These patients are in stable condition and are being closely monitored in hospital isolation.

The Prime Minister's Office, MoHFW and the Cabinet Secretary are closely monitoring the emerging situation on COVID-19 in India.

Government of India (GoI) has issued travel advisories requesting the public to refrain from travel to China and that anyone with a travel history since 15 January 2020 from China will be quarantined on return. Further, e-Visa facility for Chinese passport holders has been suspended and existing visas (already issued) are no longer valid for any foreign national travelling from China to India.

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As on 13 February 2020, a total of 251 447 passengers have been screened from 2 315 flights coming from China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Thailand. Screening of passengers has been ongoing in 21 airports, 12 international seaports and border crossings particularly with Nepal. Presently over 15 991 passengers are in home quarantine and 497 suspect cases are in facility isolation in 34 States/Union Territories (UTs).

States have extended support to provide additional manpower to undertake screening and provide other logistic support to airport public health officers. States that do not have airports or seaports, such as Haryana and Chhattisgarh, have reported that special awareness drives have been initiated at toll plaza, bus stations and railway stations.

Ministry of Tourism is coordinating with the Hotels Association in India to encourage wider self-reporting by travelers visiting religious and other tourist places in identified states.

A total of 645 persons evacuated from Wuhan, have been quarantined at the camps maintained by Armed Forces and ITBP. They all have been tested negative for COVID-19 and will be re-tested again on completion of their quarantine period (14 days).

National Institute of Virology, Pune, of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the apex laboratory for reconfirmation of any positive samples as well as for the quality assurance of the testing of samples for COVID-19. In addition, 13 Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) and National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), New Delhi are performing tests for the COVID-19. As of 12 February 2020, 1 725 samples have been tested of which only 3 were positive.

A 24x7 Control Room has been made operational (011-23978046) and IEC materials are being widely disseminated through various communications channels such as print, electronic and social media.

Situation in Kerala

In Kerala, the situation has stabilized with no new cases being detected since past one week. The State has lifted the state calamity status on 7 February in a high-level meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary. However, the state remains on guard and the surveillance strengthening, contact tracing, isolation and response activities are ongoing.

As of 13 February, total of 2 455 passengers returning from China have been identified out of which 2 431 have been placed under home quarantine and 24 have been admitted to different health facilities, where they are under medical observation. Till date, 389 samples of suspected cases have been sent to NIV, of which 354 samples have been tested negative and the remaining test results are pending.

The state and district control rooms in Kerala are activated and daily meetings are being held. Additionally, the medical officers and junior nursing staff have been trained in surveillance and contact tracing. For all 14 districts a Medical Board has been constituted with specialty experts to provide effective care for the patients. There is ongoing work to strengthen professional bodies like Indian Medical Association, Indian Academy of Pediatrics and Private Hospitals Association on surveillance, infection prevention and control, and case management.

Ambulances have been identified in each district and are prepared to be available on call. Risk Communications has been strengthened to address rumor, fake news and miscommunications. Psychosocial support is being provided to families of suspected persons.

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WHO Response

WHO Country Office for India (WCO) support at national level

WCO is closely working with National Centre for Diseases Control (NCDC) on disease surveillance, with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on laboratory testing capacity, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on risk communications.

WCO is providing continuous updates and technical guidance on risk assessment, preparedness and response to the Joint Monitoring Group on Emerging Diseases, which brings together line ministries and agencies.

WCO is supporting ICMR on laboratory and research protocols and National AIDS Control Organization on re-purposing of Antiviral drugs for COVID-19.

In addition, information on suspected cases is being shared immediately and those confirmed are being reported to the global community as per the International Health Regulations, (IHR 2005). India has duly reported COVID-19 cases as per the IHR (2005) through the IHR National Focal Point.

WHO coordination with UN partners

WCO India and UNICEF are supporting MoHFW for preparedness, response planning, development of materials for risk communication and community engagement. UN country team, and health partners are being regularly updated on COVID-19 outbreak by WCO.

WCO support in Kerala

WCO is closely working with the Principal Secretary, Directorate of Health Services and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) and extending full support to the state and districts through the extended network of WHO consultants working on Tuberculosis (TB), India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) and National Public Health Surveillance Project (NPSP).

- The WCO medical officers have been repurposed in states and districts. They are actively supporting capacity building, coordination of meetings and attending to the state and district control room support. A total of eight WHO consultants have been deployed in 14 districts of Kerala for rapid response. WCO is supporting in strengthening surveillance and response measures.
- WCO has shared updated technical information and facilitated partnerships with private hospitals in Kerala to provide isolation facilities.
- Additional support provided to Kasaragod district to improve surveillance, contact tracing and data analysis.

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WCO support in other States

The WCO field teams have been engaged in Uttar Pradesh, where the block monitors were used for passenger tracking and in other 26 states for response activities; supporting state and district control rooms; and closely working with the Principal Secretary and MD-NHM. WCO is also engaged in district task force meetings for enhanced surveillance and contact tracing.

The WCO field team are also supporting states in the tracking of the passengers, training medical officers and rapid response teams, engaging with state and district officials of IDSP for coordination and support, sharing daily updates at state and district level including with district magistrates and translating COVID-19 guidance documents in local languages (for some states).

Airport assessments were conducted in some states jointly with government officials.

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Novel Coronavirus(2019-nCoV)

Situation Report - 2

February 6, 2020



Global updates

S.No.	Country/Territory/Area	Confirmed (new) cases	Total (new) deaths
1.	China	28,018	563
2.	Japan	45	0
3.	Singapore	28	0
4.	Thailand	25	0
5.	Hong Kong	21	1
6.	South Korea	19	0
7.	Australia	13	0
8.	Germany	12	0
9.	Malaysia	12	0
10.	United States	11	0
11.	Taiwan	10	0
12.	Vietnam	10	0
13.	Macau	9	0
14.	France	6	0
15.	United Arab Emirates	5	0
16.	Canada	4	0
17.	India	3	0
18.	Philippines	3	1
19.	Italy	2	0
20.	Russia	2	0
21.	UK	2	0
22.	Belgium	1	0
23.	Cambodia	1	0
24.	Finland	1	0
25.	Nepal	1	0
26.	Spain	1	0
27.	Srilanka	1	0
28.	Sweden	1	0
Total		28267	565

As of 06 February 2020, 7.31 am (IST)

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India Situation

The Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Cabinet Secretary are closely monitoring the emerging situation on novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in India on a daily basis.

Between 30 January and 3 February 2020, MoHFW confirmed three cases of 2019-nCoV in Kerala. These patients are in stable condition and are being closely monitored in hospital isolation.

MoHFW has designated, ICMR National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune as the nodal centre for coordinating diagnostics for 2019-nCoV. Additionally, 11 regional laboratories have been equipped and trained, and they now have started testing samples. As of 05 February 2020, 901 samples have been tested of which only 3 were positive.

Government of India (GoI) has issued travel advisories requesting the public to refrain from travel to China and that anyone with a travel history since 15th January 2020 from China will be quarantined on return.

Further, e-Visa facility for Chinese passport holders has been suspended and existing visas (already issued) are no longer valid for any foreign national travelling from China to India.

As on 06 February 2020, a total of 1108 flights have been screened covering a total of 121 000 passengers. Screening of passengers is ongoing in 21 airports, international seaports and border crossings particularly with Nepal. Presently over 6000 passengers from 29 States/UTs are under home quarantine.

States have extended support to provide additional manpower to undertake screening and provide other logistic support to airport public health officers. States that do not have airports or seaports, such as Haryana and Chhattisgarh, have reported that special awareness drives have been initiated at toll plaza, bus stations and railway stations.

Designated aero bridges are being used at seven international airports (Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Cochin, Bengaluru, Hyderabad & Chennai) at the dedicated gates to screen passengers from China, Singapore, Thailand and Hong Kong to minimize the risk of transmission. Ministry of Tourism is coordinating with the Hotels Association in India to encourage wider self-reporting by travelers visiting religious and other tourist places in identified states.

A 24x7 Control Room has been made operational (011-23978046) and IEC materials are being widely disseminated through various communications channels such as print, electronic and social media.

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Situation in Kerala

On 3 February 2020, Kerala reported the third confirmed case of 2019-nCoV in Kasaragod (the first and second case was in Thrissur and Alapuzha, respectively). 91 contacts of these three laboratory confirmed cases are in home quarantine and being regularly followed-up. The State Disaster Management Committee had convened for a meeting and declared this outbreak as a state calamity.

The situation is being closely monitored by the Kerala Health Minister and Principal Health Secretary with daily press briefing being led by the Health Minister. Further, to ensure concerted and coordinated efforts to tackle the emerging situation, Kerala Chief Secretary had also convened for an intersectoral meeting of Secretaries from all government departments.

As of 5 February, 2 528 passengers returning from China have been identified out of which 2 435 have been placed under home quarantine and 93 have been admitted to different health facilities, where they are under medical observation.

Till date, 223 samples of suspected cases have been sent to ICMR NIV, of which 193 samples have been tested negative, 3 as positive and results for 27 are pending. Further, since 04 February 2020, ICMR NIV Alappuzha has become functional and has received 88 samples for testing so far.

The state and district control rooms in Kerala have been activated and daily meetings are being held. Additionally, the medical officers and junior nursing staff have been trained in surveillance and contact tracing. For all 14 districts a Medical Board has been constituted with specialty experts to provide effective care for the patients. There is ongoing work to strengthen professional bodies like Indian Medical Association, Indian Academy of Pediatrics and Private Hospitals Association on surveillance, infection prevention and control, and case management.

Ambulances have been identified in each district and are prepared to be available on call. Risk Communications has been strengthened to address rumor, fake news and miscommunications.

WHO Response

WHO Country Office for India (WCO) support at national level

WCO is closely working with key technical institutions of MoHFW including National Centre for Diseases Control (NCDC), the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on disease surveillance, laboratory testing capacity and risk communications, respectively.

As a member of the Joint Monitoring Group on Emerging Diseases which brings together Line Ministries and agencies (Ministry of Defense, Home affairs, Civil Aviation, Agriculture), WCO has been providing continuous updates and technical guidance on risk assessment and reviewing preparedness and response.

WCO is providing support to ICMR on laboratory and research protocols and National AIDS Control Organization for repurposing of Antiviral drugs for 2019-nCoV. In addition, WCO is ensuring that information on suspected cases are shared early and those confirmed are reported to global community as per the International Health Regulations (IHR).

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WHO coordination with UN partners

UN country team, and health partners are being regularly updated on 2019-nCoV. On 28 January 2020, WHO Representative to India (WR) updated the UNCT team on 2019-nCoV and convened a Health Partners meeting on 04 February 2020.



WCO support in Kerala

WCO is closely working with the Principal Secretary, Directorate of Health Services and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme and extending full support to the state and districts through the extended network of WHO consultants working on Tuberculosis (TB), India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) and National Public Health Surveillance Project (NPSP). A total of eight WHO consultants have been deployed in 14 districts of Kerala for rapid response. WCO is supporting in strengthening surveillance and response measures. WCO has also been engaged in control room, rapid response teams (RRT) and deliberations at both state and district levels to support in decision-making, developing risk communication materials, private sector sensitization and follow-ups and case detection.

WCO support in other States

The WCO field teams have been engaged in Uttar Pradesh, where the block monitors were used for passenger tracking and in other 26 states for response activities; supporting state and district control rooms; and closely working with the Principal Secretary and MD-NHM. WCO is also engaged in district task force meetings for enhanced surveillance and contact tracing.

WCO has been closely working across the states for daily screening of passengers, tracking suspects, contact tracing, training RRTs, State and District, Surveillance Officers and Medical Officers of health facilities, engaging private sector for contact tracing; risk communications; sharing technical documents; and providing technical advice on personal protection equipment (PPE) and logistics.

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