



## COVID-19 Weekly Bulletin

### Introduction

Reported cases in Africa continue to grow, with all project countries recording significant increase in the number of confirmed positive cases, except Rwanda and Uganda.

Many of the hospitals in the highly affected countries, continue to experience severe shortages of PPEs for health workers. At the same time, all the countries now

require citizens to wear masks. Only Rwanda has national supply and quality and price controls. For other countries, it's a free-for-all, with some experiencing shortages.

Five messages on the making and use of masks were shared with the communications team via WhatsApp and the ACHAP website.

Below, find highlights from the participating countries.

### Summary of cases and actions taken per country

#### Cameroon

Confirmed cases: 2,579 Recoveries: 1,465 Deaths: 114

CBCHS response:

- Training for health workers
- Production and distribution of PPEs
- Some facilities are treating less severe cases and referring critical ones
- One member facility's Covid-19 referral lab hosted the Secretary of State in charge of Health

Government response:

- Lifting of restrictions has started as public places reopen

#### Democratic Republic of the Congo

Confirmed cases: 991 Recoveries: 136 Deaths: 41

Caritas Congo response:

- Met with project facilities and shared project indicators and MoU for the support
- To start distribution of materials to facilities this week
- Jean Munongo nominated by President as Deputy Coordinator of the Covid-19 Fund Management Committee
- Conducting sensitization in Kinshasa

#### Nigeria

Confirmed cases: 4,151 Recoveries: 745 Deaths: 128

CHAN response:

- Distribution of materials to facilities to start today, Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Linkage officers identified and contacted

Government response:

- States are beginning to look at private health facilities for support as cases grow

## Ghana

**Confirmed cases: 4,263 Recoveries: 378 Deaths: 22**

CHAG response:

- At the request of government and churches, it advised against reopening churches, and offered guidelines in case the reopening is done.
- Picking supplies from the government on behalf of affiliated facilities that then pick their supplies from CHAG head office. This has eased supply constraints.
- Distributed 60 scrubs, 60 gowns, 800 face masks, 600 gloves, 30 goggles, 4 beds and 20 liters of disinfectants to two project facilities (shared in half).
- Conducted a drill in one of the project facilities (St. Elizabeth Catholic Hospital, Hwidiem) and identified major gaps that are now being addressed. The facility has so far had 3 suspected cases that have turned out negative.

## Kenya

**Confirmed cases: 672 Recoveries: 239 Deaths: 32**

CHAK responses:

- Orders for the 5 facilities have been dispatched via courier due to travel restrictions
- Training for 20 members started on Friday through webinars
- Printing and dispatching of IEC materials provided by Ministry of Health
- Buying PPEs for several member health units

Government responses:

- Two estates, Old Town in Mombasa and Eastleigh in Nairobi, identified as infection hotspots and put under lockdown for 15 days

## Rwanda

**Confirmed cases: 284 Recoveries: 140 Deaths: 0**

BUFMAR response:

- Held meetings with the 5 facilities, in the process of signing MoUs
- Distribution of PPEs and thermometers started
- Supply of sanitizers continues

Government response:

- Lockdown restrictions lifted
- All are now required to wear masks, which are being provided only by government
- Testing being rolled out to all centers that have been doing HIV PCR testing

## Uganda

**Confirmed cases: 116 Recoveries: 55 Deaths: 0**

UPMB response:

- Distribution of PPEs under the project started
- To conduct sensitization through religious leaders who are expected to cascade to congregants, and directly to communities this week

Government response:

- Lockdown restrictions extended for another 14 days
- Some sectors, such as transport of goods, have been reopened

\* Cases as of 10/May/2020.

Kindly share experiences and responses through email on [communications@africachap.org](mailto:communications@africachap.org) or via WhatsApp on +254726797558.



The Secretary of State in charge of Health (wearing cap) is taken through a referral lab hosted by one of the facilities under CBHCS.



Caritas Congo conducts training while adhering to social distancing guidelines.