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KINGDOM OF ESWATINI COVID-19 DAILY SITUATION REPORT - #7	
Date/timing	20 March 2020 17:00 hrs.
Incident Title	Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak in China and other countries
Information Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WHO COVID-19 situation reports ▪ Eswatini Public Health Emergency Operations Center (PHEOC) ▪ COVID-19 preparedness and response plan ▪ Regional public health emergency management committees (PHEMC)
Background	<p>Updates in China and at Global level</p> <p>The COVID-19 case definition include all travel or residence to all countries reporting local transmission. As of the 19th March 2020 there are 209 839 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally.</p> <p>Outside of China, there are 128, 665 cases with 166 countries that are affected. A total of 8778 deaths have been reported globally. The risk assessment, according to WHO, is very high at global level.</p> <p>A total of 367 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in 25 countries in the African region, with a total of seven deaths. Six of these countries have reported local transmission (Algeria, Rwanda, Cameroon, South Africa, Kenya and Senegal).</p> <p>Updates in Eswatini</p> <p>COVID-19 alerts update: Eswatini reported the first confirmed case of COVID-19 on 13th March 2020. All contacts of the index case have tested negative for COVID-19, suggesting that there was no secondary transmission. Eswatini PHEMC are now meeting thrice a week to discuss COVID-19 preparedness and response. A COVID-19 preparedness and response plan is already partially being implemented, pending availability of funds.</p> <p>Monitoring of travelers from affected countries: Eswatini has registered a total of 38 travelers from affected countries as of the 19th of March.</p> <p>Summary: 19th March 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total confirmed cases-0 ▪ Number tested negative-32 ▪ Total registered travelers-38 ▪ Travelers currently under follow up –38
Public Health Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RRT's have been allocated 1 car per region to facilitate surveillance, contact tracing and response. ▪ A total of 20 Nurse managers from the Hhohho region were sensitized on COVID-19. ▪ 68 members of UEDF were sensitized on COVID-19. ▪ 300 correctional services officers were sensitized on COVID-19. ▪ A sensitization was conducted for ENFPA staff in Manzini branch. ▪ The RRT was hosted by Channel S in their 9-10PM program to cover COVID-19 issues.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting with VOC was held to discuss about partnership to send messages to the public. ▪ Clearing and updating of fact sheet was finalized ▪ A COVID-19 link http://www.gov.sz/index.php has been created in the Eswatini government website to disseminate information. It covers a fact sheet, FAQs, presentations, and SITREPs. ▪ A total of 60 Royal Swazi hotel staff were sensitized on COVID-19. ▪ Training of health care workers on COVID-19 case management in Lubombo was conducted for two days. ▪ The procurement process for scanners for PoEs by government through WHO has been initiated. ▪ Tracing of secondary contacts is ongoing. <p>Way Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sensitization of personnel from all the media houses on COVID-19 ▪ Sensitization of RHMs, and community police in Siphocosini Constituency ▪ Both scheduled and adhoc meetings of national PHEMC are ongoing
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