



All countries are at risk and need to prepare for and respond to COVID-19. Each country is encouraged to plan its preparedness and response actions in line with the global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan¹.

Support will be prioritized to countries with weak health systems and significant gaps in preparedness capacity for technical and operational implementation. The support will be implemented through global, regional and country-level activities and be allocated based on needs and availability of funds.

To facilitate the global planning process including the identification of the overall response envelope required, a preliminary categorization of countries was conducted based on:

1. Operational readiness capacities based on the IHR (2005) State Parties Annual Reporting (SPAR) tool, which is a self-assessment.
2. Current position on a continuum of response scenarios: preparedness, high-risk of imported cases, imported cases, localized transmission, and community transmission.

The operational readiness categorization was refined based on additional information from voluntary external evaluations, pandemic influenza preparedness plans, country readiness assessment for health emergencies, missions to the countries, as well as the most up-to-date country specific COVID-19 situation analyses.

The resulting preliminary country categorization list can be found in the table below.

This categorization will be updated regularly based on the evolving COVID-19 situation in each country and specific country risk and capacity assessments which will be conducted to identify key response requirements as the situation evolves. This will impact the total global resource envelope required over time.

Table 1: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Status for Countries, Territories, and Areas,² as of 30 March 2020

| Response Category | Country Preparedness Capacity | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Level 5 | | Level 4 | | Level 3 | | Level 2 | | Level 1 | |
| 4- >=10 cases | Australia | New Zealand | Algeria | Ireland | Albania | Kazakhstan | Afghnaistan | | | |
| | Belgium | Norway | Andorra | Kuwait | Argentina | Kenya | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | | | |
| | Canada | Portugal | Austria | Latvia | Armenia | Lebanon | Bosnia and Herzegovina | | | |
| | China | Republic of Korea | Bahrain | Luxembourg | Azerbaijan | Maldives | Burkina Faso | | | |
| | Denmark | Singapore | Brazil | Malta | Bahamas | Mongolia | Djibouti | | | |
| | Finland | Slovenia | Brunei Darussalam | Mauritius | Bangladesh | Montenegro | Equatorial Guinea | | | |
| | Germany | Spain | Bulgaria | Mexico | Barbados | Morocco | Guatemala | | | |
| | Iceland | Sweden | Chile | Oman | Belarus | Niger | Haiti | | | |
| | Israel | Switzerland | Costa Rica | Poland | Cambodia | Nigeria | Honduras | | | |
| | Italy | United Arab Emirates | Croatia | Romania | Cameroon | North Macedonia | Iraq | | | |
| | Japan | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Cyprus | Russian Federation | Colombia | Panama | Kyrgyzstan | | | |
| | Lithuania | United States of America | Czechia | San Marion | Congo | Peru | Madagascar | | | |
| | Malaysia | | Egypt | Saudi Arabia | Côte d'Ivoire | Philippines | Namibia | | | |
| | Monaco | | Estonia | Slovakia | Cuba | Qatar | occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem | | | |
| | Netherlands | | France | Thailand | Democratic Republic of the Congo | Republic of Moldova | Pakistan | | | |
| | | | Greece | Turkey | Dominica | Rwanda | Paraguay | | | |
| | | | Hungary | Viet Nam | Dominican Republic | Senegal | Togo | | | |
| | | | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | | Ecuador | Serbia | Ukraine | | | |
| | | | | | El Salvador | South Africa | Uzbekistan | | | |
| | | | | | Ethiopia | Sri Lanka | Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | | | |
| | | | | | Georgia | Trinidad-Tobago | Zambia | | | |
| | | | | | Ghana | Tunisia | | | | |
| | | | | | Guinea | Uganda | | | | |
| | | | | | India | United Republic of Tanzania | | | | |
| | | | | | Indonesia | Uruguay | | | | |
| | | | | | Jamaica | | | | | |
| | | | | | Jordan | | | | | |
| | 3- <10 cases | | | | | Angola | Nepal | Benin | Mauritania | Central African Republic |
| | | | | | | Antigua and Barbuda | Saint Kittis and Nevis | Cabo Verde | Nigaragua | |
| | | | | | | Belize | Saint Lucia | Chad | Papua New Guinea | |
| | | | | | | Bhutan | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | Eritrea | Somalia | |
| | | | | | | Eswatini | Seychelles | Fiji | Syrian Arab Republic | |
| | | | | | | Grenada | Sudan | Gabon | Timor Leste | |
| | | | | | | Guyana | Suriname | Gambia | | |
| | | | | | Liberia | Zimbabwe | Guinea-Bissau | | | |
| | | | | | Mozambique | | Lao People's Democratic Republic | | | |
| | | | | | Myanmar | | Libya | | | |

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| Response Category | Country Preparedness Capacity | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---|---|---|---------|
| | Level 5 | Level 4 | Level 3 | Level 2 | Level 1 | |
| 2- High risk of imported cases | | | Democratic People's Republic of Korea Malawi Sierra Leone Turkmenistan | Burundi Kiribati Marshall Islands Micronesia (Federated States of) Samoa Sao Tome and Principe | Solomon Islands South Sudan Tajikistan Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu Yemen | Comoros |
| 1- Preparedness | | | | Cook Islands Lesotho | Nauru Niue Palau | |

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