



Report No. 19, 2020

Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19	Location: The Gambia
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I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 19th national situation report since the confirmation of the first case of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in The Gambia, on the 17th March 2020.

- Out of the 22 laboratory test results received from MRCCG, 20 were negative
- The two other results were those of repeat tests on the only active case and the probable case
- While the only active case is still positive for COVID-19, the probable case's result again turned out inconclusive
- One of those who escaped from quarantine in the past has been found and taken back into quarantine
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, the country reported a total of 4 confirmed cases (2 of whom recovered, 1 passed away and 1 undergoing treatment) and 1 probable case
- All four confirmed cases were imported

Regional situation: As of 07th April 2020, 20:45 hrs, 46 African countries (including The Gambia) reported 4,827 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Senegal (The Gambia's only immediate neighbour) reported 237 cases. The first set of cases in affected African countries were imported. However, local transmission is now on the rise.

Global situation: Since 31st December 2019 and as of 06th April 2020, at 20:45, a total of 1,418,925 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions in the affected countries) have been reported from 206 countries, areas or territories. Of these, 81,507 deaths were registered - a crude case fatality rate of 5.5%.

II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

Tables 1, 2, and 3 show the line list of confirmed cases, epi-classification of cases and the summary of outputs on the various public health activities undertaken:

Table 1: Line List of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2020

Case No.	Nationality	Age (Years)	Sex	Onset Date	Transmission Classification	Current Status
001	Gambian	28	Female	16/03/2020	Imported	Recovered and Discharged
002	Bangladeshi	70	Male	19/03/2020	Imported	Died
003	Gambian	71	Male	20/03/2020	Imported	Recovered and Discharged
004	Gambian	53	Male	26/03/2020	Imported	Currently Hospitalized

□ Probable case

- The new probable case is a 21-year old female Dutch national who arrived in the country on the 10th March 2020
- She began manifesting symptoms similar to those of COVID-19 on the 3rd April 2020
- With this development, she and her husband have been taken into quarantine while awaiting the next sample collection date.

- Second test result remains inconclusive
- Re-sampling and test will be conducted in 3 days

Table2: Epi-Classification of Reported Cases, by Region, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2020

Region	2020 Population Estimates	Epi Classification									
		New					Cumulative				
		Suspected case(s)	Probable Case(s)	Confirmed case(s)	Recovery (ies)	Death (s)	Suspected case(s)	Probable Case(s)	Confirmed case (s)	Recovery (ies)	Death(s)
Western Health Region One	950,266	14	0	0	0	0	120	1	3	1	1
Western Health Region Two	514,999	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0
Upper River Region	283,911	0	0	0		0	51	0	1	1	0
North Bank West	130,196	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
North Bank East	129,629	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower River	88,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central River	257,332	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National Total	2,354,433	20	0	0	0	0	183	1	4	2	1

Table 3: Summary of New and Cumulative Public Health Response Outputs, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2020

Status	New	Cumulative
In Quarantine	1	39
Completed quarantine	0	253
Completed follow-up (asymptomatic people with travel history to affected countries)*	0	310
Contacts Traced**	0	233
Total Tests conducted (Repeat Test (s))***	20(2)	195
Positive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	0(1)	4
Negative test result (Repeat Test (s))***	20(0)	189
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	0 (1)	

* Follow-up completed prior to the 17th March (when the first confirmed case was reported)

** Includes both low-risk and high-risk contacts and not mutually exclusive with number quarantined (as some have been quarantined)

*** Includes repeat tests in bracket

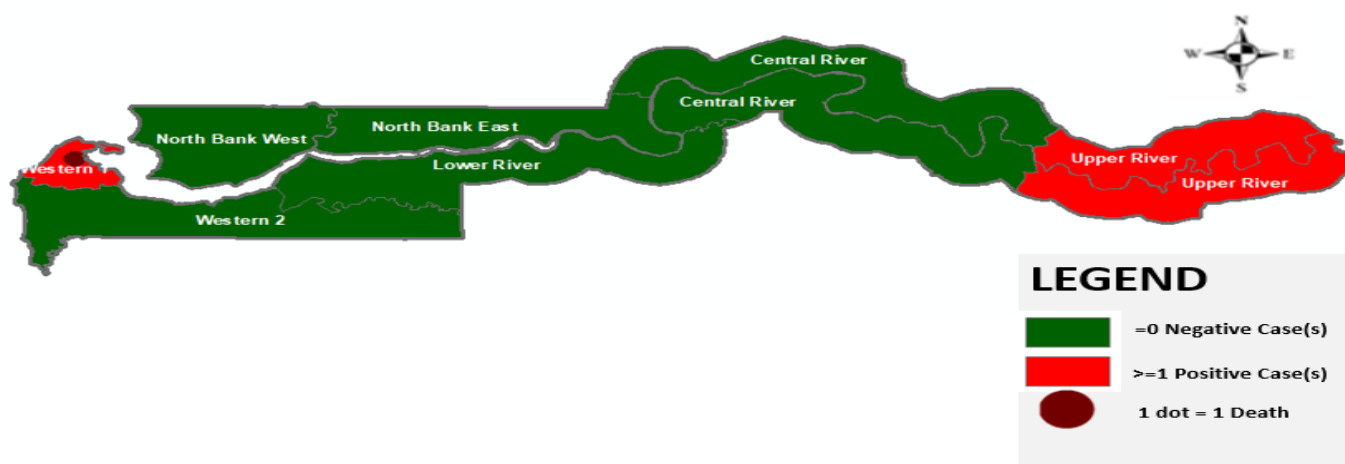
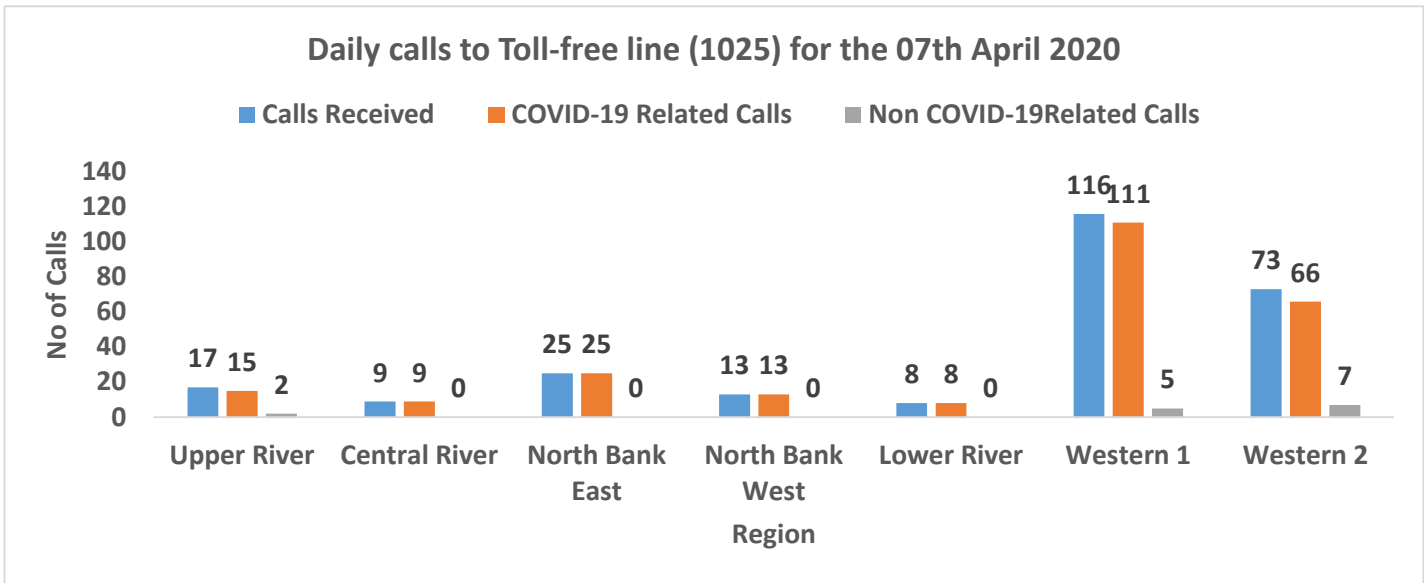


Fig 1: Map of The Gambia showing COVID-19 affected regions

III. Major Response Activities

Table 4: Major response activities undertaken newly, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2020

Component	Interventions
Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily coordination meetings ongoing at both the strategic and technical levels
Surveillance/ Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 22 samples tested for covid-19 at MRCG 20 were negative, one was positive and another was inconclusive (probable) Both the positive and inconclusive results are those of repeat tests on the only active case and the probable case, respectively Regular monitoring of the condition of all persons under quarantine Regular follow up of all persons discharged from quarantine ongoing One of those who escaped from quarantine in the past has been found and taken back into quarantine As of today, 39 people are currently in quarantine
Case Management & IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of regular psychosocial support to people in quarantine Fourth case tested positive again but still receiving treatment and remains in stable condition (clinically and psychologically)
Logistics/Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donated pharmaceutical, IPC and IEC materials received from private organizations
Risk Communication and Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 TV and 7 radio programs successfully conducted 1 press briefing conducted 9 communities sensitized/engaged on COVID-19 preventive measures using different community structures Summary of social media activities: 4 Facebook and 2 Twitter posts shared, with a total of 14,500 people reached Summary of calls made to 1025: a total of 261 calls received (247 COVID-19 related and 14 non-COVID-19 related. 6 booked for further follow up). See below for regional comparison



IV. Next Steps/Recommendations:

- Follow-up and provision of continuous psychosocial support to affected communities, persons under quarantine, people who have just been discharged from both quarantine and the treatment centres
- Review and implement national quarantine SOPs
- Identify isolation rooms in all health facilities and treatment centres in all regions
- Initiate community surveillance in all regions with undesignated border posts
- Develop and distribute national COVID-19 treatment guidelines
- Continue with daily follow-ups of low risk contacts and those discharged from quarantine
- Encourage public reporting and self-reporting of high risk individuals through the toll-free line (1025)

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