



Report No. 22, 2020

<b>Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19</b>	<b>Location: The Gambia</b>
<b>Date of Report: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>	<b>Investigation Start Date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as of 18hrs.</b>
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## I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:




- 76 new laboratory test results received from MRCG
- 5 were positive, 1 inconclusive and 70 negative results
- 2 of the confirmed cases were in quarantine on account of recent travel from UAE
- 1 other confirmed case was in quarantine on account of recent travel from UK
- The remaining 2 confirmed cases are still in quarantine for being close contacts of the 4<sup>th</sup> confirmed case
- The inconclusive case also has a travel history of recently returning from UAE
- 4 new persons placed under quarantine. They were reported through the 1025 toll free line
- Currently the country has 6 active cases
- 2 of the newly confirmed cases were locally transmitted
- All 5 newly confirmed cases are currently asymptomatic

## SITUATION IN NUMBERS




### Globally

-  Confirmed Case(s): 1,696,860
-  Recovery (ies): 376,105
-  Death (s): 102,631

### Senegal

-  Confirmed Case(s): 265
-  Recovery (ies): 137
-  Death (s): 2

### The Gambia

-  Confirmed Case(s): 9
-  Recovery (ies): 2
-  Death (s): 1

## 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	Date Reported	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
005	Gambian	20	Male	29/03/2020	Local	Currently Hospitalized
006	Gambian	40	Female	29/03/2020	Local	Currently Hospitalized
007	Gambian	28	Female	20/03/2020	Imported	Currently Hospitalized
008	Gambian	62	Male	21/03/2020	Imported	Currently Hospitalized
009	Gambian	28	Female	20/03/2020	Imported	Currently Hospitalized

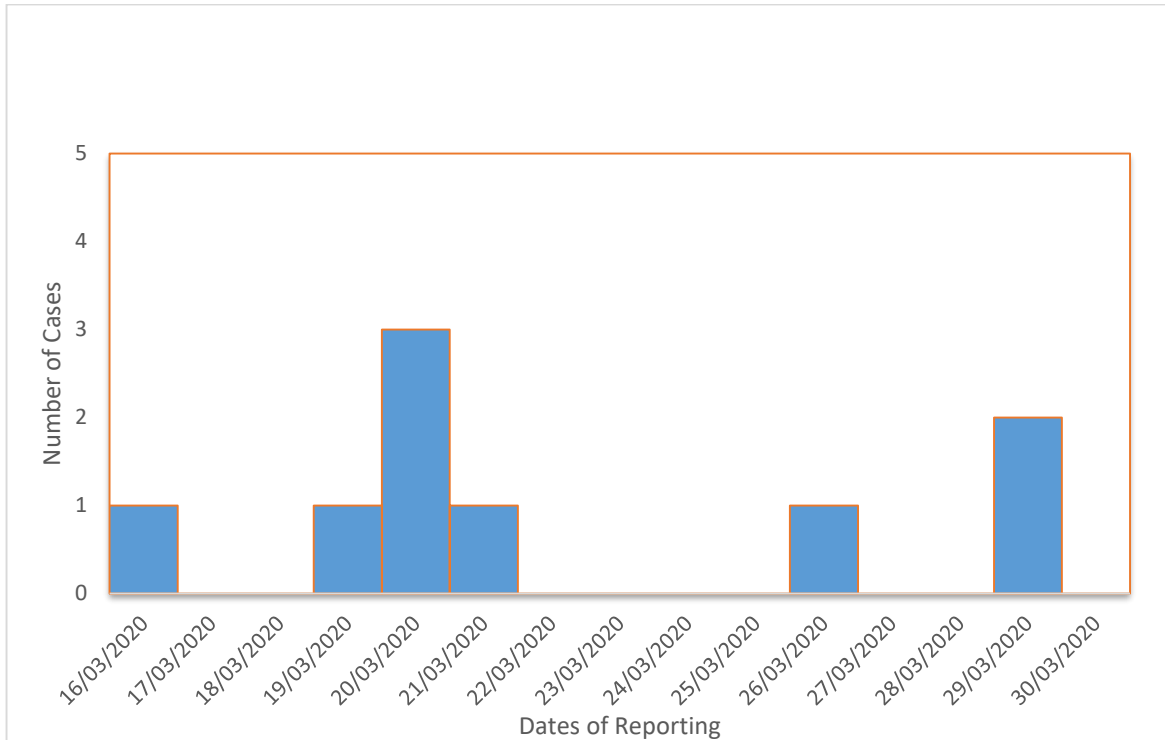


Figure 1: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases by Date Reported, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2020

**The 5 New Confirmed Cases**

- As shown in Table 1 above, all but 2 of the newly confirmed cases have a recent travel history to affected countries
- The 2 cases without a travel history are close contacts of the fourth case

**☐ New Probable case**

- 26 year old female security officer residing in Banjul
- Travel history; returned from UAE 20<sup>th</sup> March and was placed under quarantine on the same day
- Presented no signs and symptoms of covid-19 whilst under quarantine (Asymptomatic)
- Sample collected 9<sup>th</sup> April and inconclusive test result received 10<sup>th</sup> April

**☐ Probable case**

- The new probable case is a 21-year old female Dutch national who arrived in the country on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- She began manifesting symptoms similar to those of COVID-19 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 re-testing will be done

Table 2: 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	64	1	5	0	0	193	2	8	1	1
Western Health Region Two	514,999	6	0	0	0	0	18	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
<b>National Total</b>	<b>2,354,433</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

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

Status	New	Cumulative
In Quarantine	4	47
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))***	76(0)***	281
Positive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	5(0)***	9
Negative test result (Repeat Test (s))***	70(0)***	199
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	1(0)***	

\* Follow-up completed prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> 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

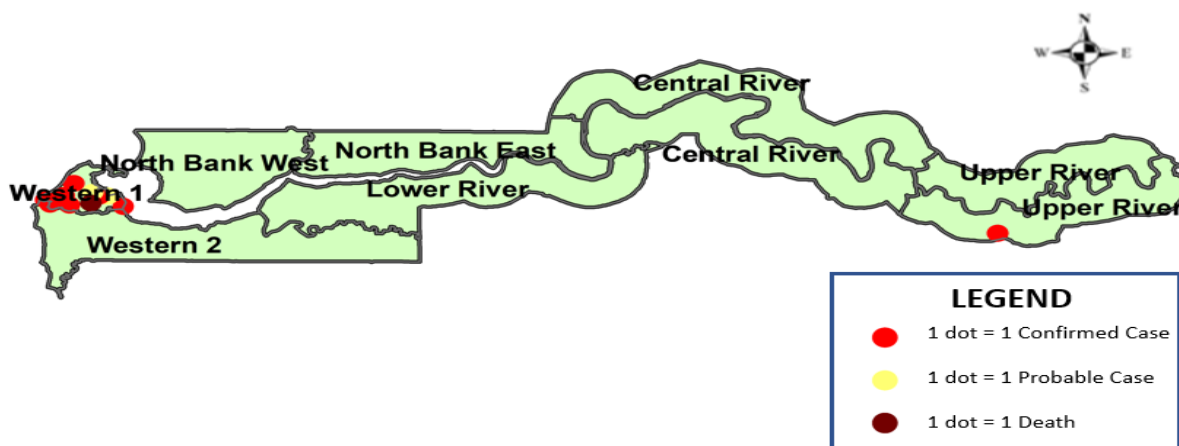


Fig 1: Map of The Gambia showing COVID-19 affected regions

### III. Major Response Activities

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

Component	Interventions
<b>Coordination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily coordination meetings ongoing at both the strategic and technical levels</li> </ul>
<b>Surveillance/ Laboratory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>76 laboratory test results received from MRCG</li> <li>5 new positive results and 1 inconclusive test result</li> <li>70 negative test results</li> <li>Regular monitoring of the condition of all persons under quarantine</li> <li>Regular follow up of all persons discharged from quarantine ongoing</li> <li>As of today, 47 people are currently in quarantine</li> </ul>
<b>Case Management &amp; IPC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case management and IPC training of health facility staff covering both public and private health facilities ongoing</li> <li>Provision of regular psychosocial support to people in quarantine</li> <li>Fourth case still receiving treatment and remains in stable condition (clinically and psychologically)</li> </ul>
<b>Logistics/Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>140 hand washing stations donated and would be distributed countrywide</li> </ul>
<b>Risk Communication and Community Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 TV and 9 radio programs successfully conducted</li> <li>1 press briefing conducted</li> <li>9 communities sensitized/engaged on COVID-19 preventive measures using different community structures</li> <li>Summary of social media activities: 4 Facebook and 2 Twitter posts shared, with a total of 24,000 people reached                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of calls made to 1025: a total of 241 calls received (234 COVID-19 related and 7 non-COVID-19 related. 1 booked for further follow up). See below for regional comparison</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**IV. Next Steps/Recommendations:**

- Contact listing and a comprehensive tracing of contacts of newly confirmed and probable cases (contact tracing team to obtain flight manifest of confirmed cases from UAE and UK)
- 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 as a matter of urgency
- Test all persons under quarantine before discharge
- MoH to consider increasing the mandatory quarantine period - from 14 days to 21 days
- Enforcement of the executive restriction order made
- Government to suspend all foreign trawlers from entering Gambian waters
- Persons to be pardoned from prisons in a bid to de-congest the prisons and all pardoned prisoners must all be tested before release (not only screening)
- Strengthen community surveillance in all regions with undesignated border areas, especially in some villages in URR which border with Senegal
- 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 suspected cases through the toll-free line (1025)

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