



Report No. 31, 2020

<b>Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19</b>	<b>Location: The Gambia</b>
<b>Date of Report: 20<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 31<sup>st</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:

- 29 new laboratory results received, all were negative for COVID-19
- 6 new persons taken into quarantine are all Gambians returning from Senegal via different ports of entries
- 3 persons discharged from quarantine upon completion of their mandatory stay and testing negative for COVID-19
- A total of 68 contacts of newly confirmed cases traced
- Currently, the country has 93 persons under quarantine; 7 active cases and no probable case

### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

#### Globally

- 👤 Confirmed Case(s): **2,478,406**
- 👤 Recovery (ies): **645,723**
- ➡️ Death (s): **164,930**

#### Senegal

- 👤 Confirmed Case(s): **377**
- 👤 Recovery (ies): **235**
- ➡️ Death (s): **5**

#### The Gambia

- 👤 Confirmed Case(s): **10**
- 👤 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. Figure 1 is the Epi-curve of confirmed cases by reported date.

**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
010	Gambian	26	Female	20/03/2020	Imported	Currently Hospitalized

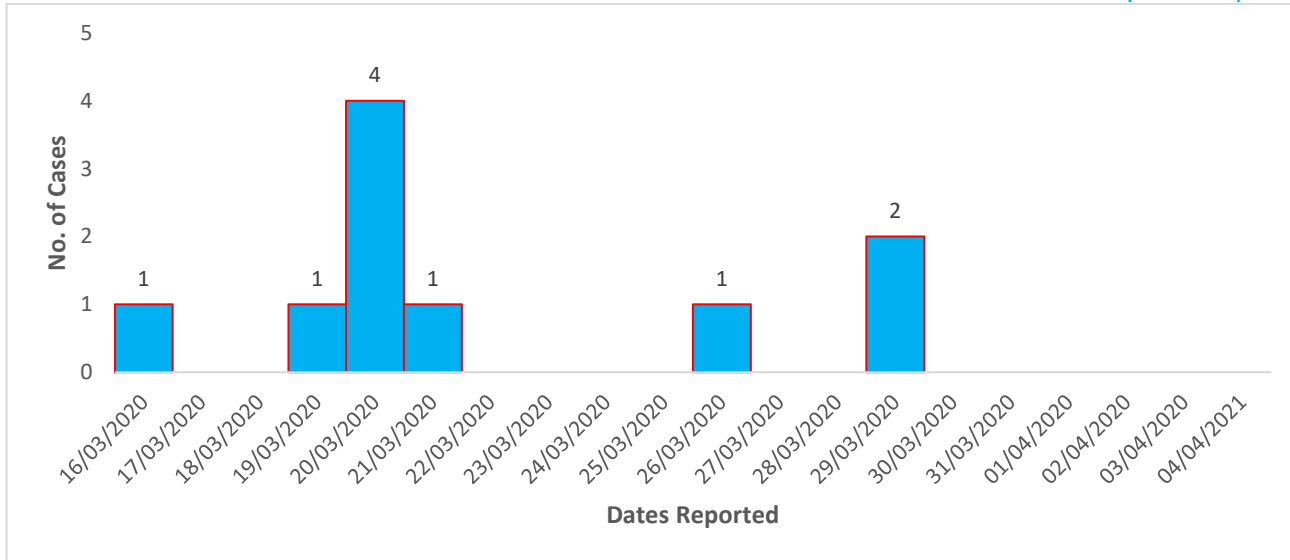


Figure 1: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases by Date Reported, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2020\*

\* A considerable amount of time elapsed between date of reporting and the date of laboratory confirmation of most cases

**□ New Confirmed Case**

- 26 year old female security officer residing in Banjul
- Returned from UAE on the 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 on the 9<sup>th</sup> April and an inconclusive test result was received on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2020
- A negative repeat test result was obtained on the 15<sup>th</sup> April
- A second repeat test on her returned positive on the 18<sup>th</sup> April
- She has been moved to the treatment centre

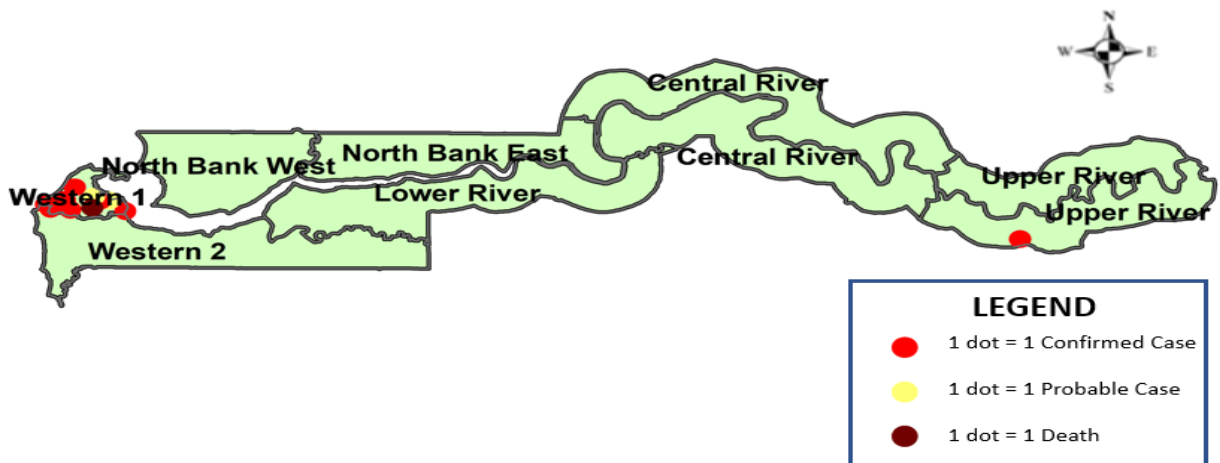


Fig 2: Map of The Gambia showing COVID-19 affected regions

Table 2: Epi-Classification of Reported Cases, by Region, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2020

Health 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 One	950,266	25	0	0	0	0	246	0	9	1	1
Western Two	514,999	1	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0
Upper River	283,911	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	1	0
North Bank West	130,196	1	0	0	0	0	2	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	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>National Total</b>	<b>2,354,433</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</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	6	93
Completed quarantine	3	264
Completed follow-up (asymptomatic people with travel history to affected countries) *	0	310
Contacts Traced**	68	441
Total Tests conducted (Repeat Test (s))***	29(0) ***	361
Positive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	0(0)***	10
Negative test result (Repeat Test (s))***	29(0)***	278
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	0(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

### 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 streamlined into one meeting to increase efficiency and improve coordination output</li> </ul>
<b>Surveillance/ Laboratory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 new laboratory results received and all tested negative for COVID-19</li> <li>• 6 new persons placed under quarantine; 3 from Jiboro Border Post, 2 from Tanji and 1 from North Bank West Health region</li> <li>• 3 people discharged from quarantine after testing negative upon completion of their mandatory quarantine period</li> </ul>
<b>Case Management/ IPC/ PSS and Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 patients undergoing treatment at the treatment facility all stable and are responding to treatment</li> <li>• Psychosocial support given to patients under treatment, persons under quarantine and health workers involved</li> </ul>
<b>Logistics and safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consignment of PPEs received from the People’s Republic of China consisting of face masks, overalls and boots</li> <li>• Second consignment from Jack Ma Foundation consisted of 10 ventilation machines amongst other items previously reported</li> <li>• Donated items received from an association consisting of hand sanitizers, bleach, detergent, and a hose pipe</li> <li>• Distribution of donated items to RHDs ongoing</li> </ul>
<b>Risk Communication and Community Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 TV and 4 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 cumulative engagement of 23,500 people reached               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of calls made to 1025: a total of 224 calls received (215 COVID-19 related and 9 non-COVID-19 related. 4 booked for further follow up).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### IV. Next Steps/Recommendations:

- Provide security in the homes of all families under quarantine and/or at the treatment centre
- Introduce a car log system for the COVID-19 response fleet

- Department of Social Welfare and other actors to work on modalities of receiving Quranic students returning from Senegal
- Expand testing criteria to test more people from all regions in the country
- Conduct more step down trainings at regional and facility levels
- Strengthen RRT and contact tracing teams at all regions
- Establish isolation centres in all major health facilities and hospitals
- Deploy newly hired health personnel to their duty stations
- Contact listing and thorough tracing of contacts of newly confirmed cases
- Review and implement national quarantine SOPs as a matter of urgency
- Enforcement of the letter and spirit of the restriction orders contained in the State of Emergency declared
- Government to suspend all foreign trawlers from entering Gambian waters (including all foreign vessels with valid licenses from operating in Gambian waters)
- Strengthen community surveillance in all regions, especially at un-designated border areas
- 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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