



Report No. 21, 2020

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


This is the 21st 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.


- All 4 new laboratory test results received from MRCG were negative
- 4 people who sneaked into the country through the land borders, were found through a community tip-off to the 1025 Hotline and have been taken into quarantine
- Sites have been secured for makeshift COVID-19 treatment centers in all the health regions
- Western 1 and 2 health regions continue to register the highest number of calls to the 1025 toll free hotline
- The fourth case is still in admission and is responding to treatment
- All four confirmed cases in the country since the beginning of the pandemic were imported

SITUATION IN NUMBERS


Globally


 Confirmed Case(s): 1,602,619


 Recovery (ies): 355,671

 Death (s): 95,657


Senegal

 Confirmed Case(s): 250

 Recovery (ies): 123

 Death (s): 2

The Gambia

 Confirmed Case(s): 4

 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	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 tomorrow

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	4	0	0	0	0	129	1	3	1	1
Western Health Region Two	514,999	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Upper River Region	283,911	0	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	4	0	0	0	0	193	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	4	43
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))***	4(0)***	205
Positive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	0(0)***	4
Negative test result (Repeat Test (s))***	4(0)***	199
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	0(0)***	

* 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

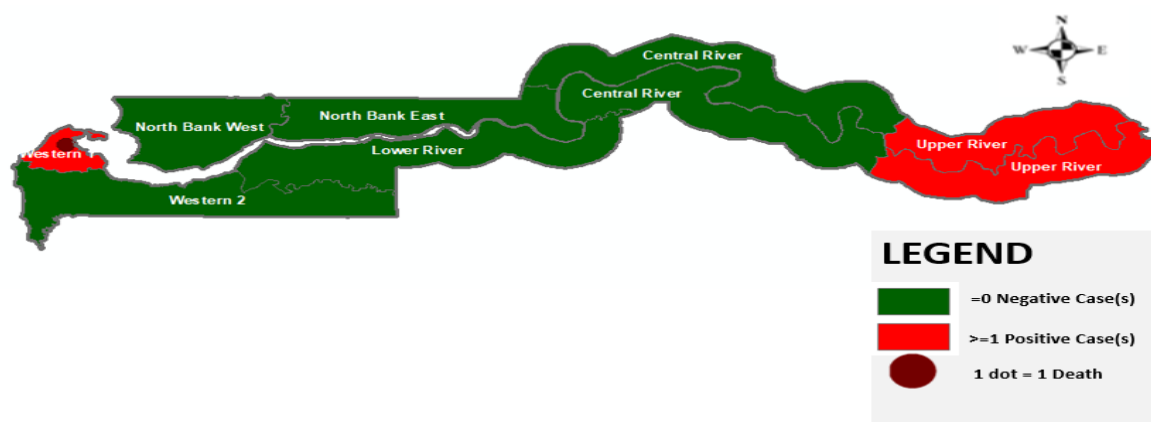
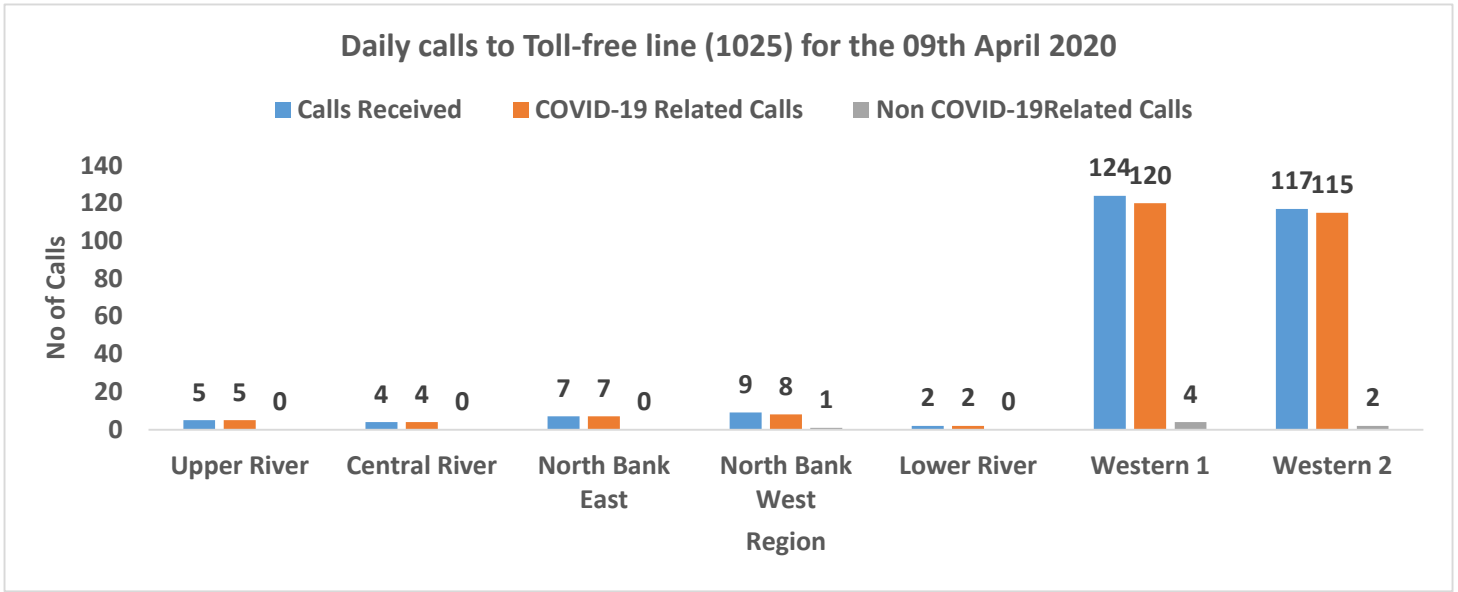


Fig 1: Map of The Gambia showing COVID-19 affected regions

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 MoH working with PMO to hire additional public health officers
Surveillance/Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 4 new laboratory test results received from MRCG were negative Regular monitoring of the condition of all persons under quarantine Regular follow up of all persons discharged from quarantine ongoing As of today, 43 people are currently in quarantine MoH collaborating with MRCG to set up the NPHL as an additional testing site
Case Management & IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites have been secured for makeshift COVID-19 treatment centers in all the health regions The sites secured per region were Bansang Hospital (CRR South), Wassu (CRR North), Njaba Kunda Health Center (NBE), Kanuma (NBW), Kafuta (WR2) and Soma District Hospital (LRR) Provision of regular psychosocial support to people in quarantine Fourth case still receiving treatment and remains in stable condition (clinically and psychologically)
Logistics/Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHEOC received provisions from a philanthropist to support the call centre operators
Risk Communication and Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 TV and 16 radio programs successfully conducted 1 press briefing conducted 11 communities sensitized/engaged on COVID-19 preventive measures using different community structures Summary of social media activities: 4 Facebook and 3 Twitter posts shared, with a total of 18,000 people reached <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of calls made to 1025: a total of 268 calls received (261 COVID-19 related and 7 non-COVID-19 related. 6 booked for further follow up). See below for regional comparison



IV. Next Steps/Recommendations:

- The Ministry of Health in collaboration with GRCS and other stakeholders to continue with the massive community sensitization activities.
- 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
- 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 suspected cases through the toll-free line (1025)

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