



Report No. 18, 2020

<b>Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19</b>	<b>Location: The Gambia</b>
<b>Date of Report: 06<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 18<sup>th</sup> national situation report since the confirmation of the first case of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in The Gambia, on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

- All 38 laboratory test results received from MRCG were negative for COVID-19
- 6 new people have been taken 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 06<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 23:49 hrs, 46 African countries (including The Gambia) reported 4,827 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Senegal (The Gambia's only immediate neighbour) reported 226 cases. The first set of cases in affected African countries were imported. However, local transmission is now on the rise.

**Global situation:** Since 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and as of 06<sup>th</sup> April 2020, at 23:49, a total of 1,343,387 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, 74,613 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/Discharged
002	Bangladeshi	70	Male	19/03/2020	Imported	Died
003	Gambian	71	Male	20/03/2020	Imported	Recovered/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 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.

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	107	1	3	1	1
Western Health Region Two	514,999	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
Upper River Region	283,911	33	0	0		0	50	0	1	1	0
North Bank West	130,196	0	0	0	0	0	0	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>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</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	38
Completed quarantine	0	253
Completed follow-up (asymptomatic people with travel history to affected countries)*	0	310
Contacts Traced**	0	233
Total Tests conducted***	38	175
Positive test result	0	4
Negative test result	38	169
Inconclusive test result	0	1

\* 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

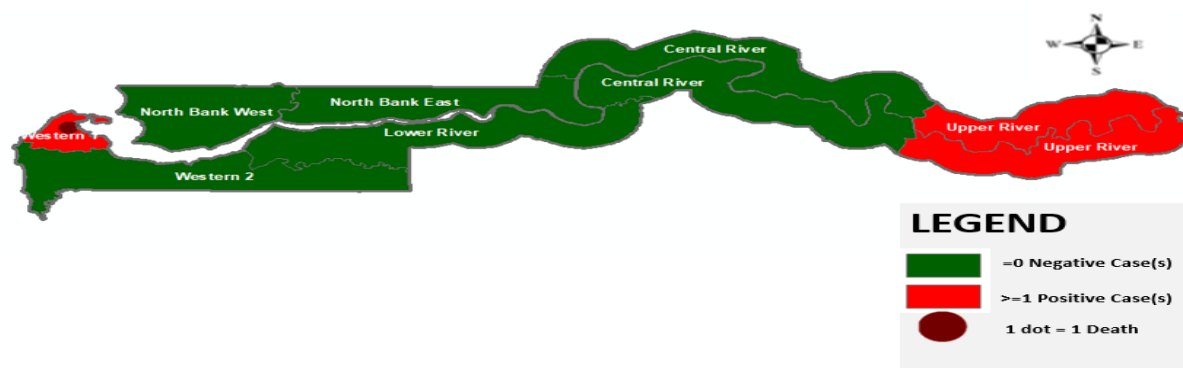
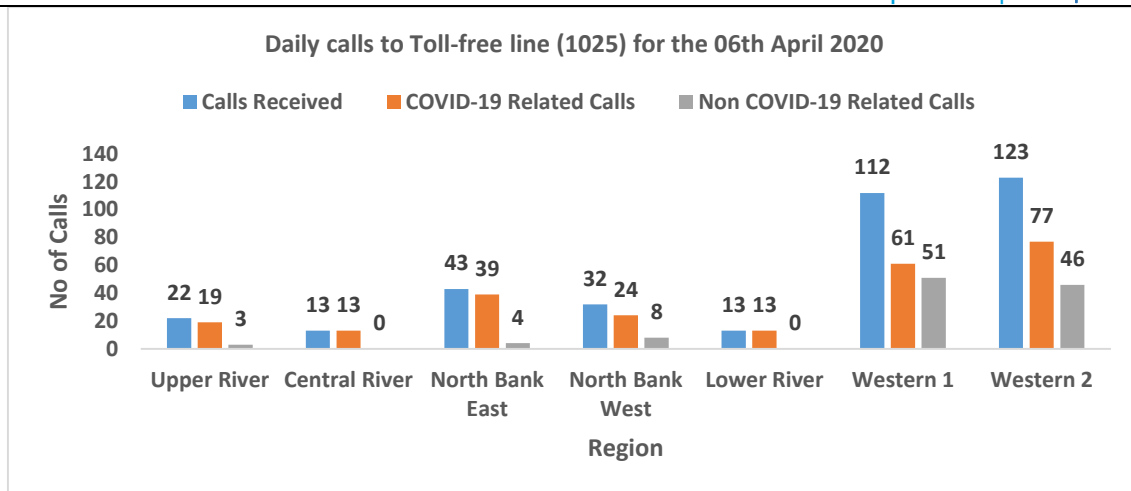


Fig 1: Map of The Gambia showing COVID-19 affected regions

### 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>38 samples tested negative for covid-19 at MRCG (35 of these were from the quarantine centers to ascertain status before discharge)</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>6 new people have been taken into quarantine</li> <li>As of today, 38 people are currently in quarantine</li> </ul>
<b>Case Management &amp; IPC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of the feasibility of Ndemban Clinic to serve as an additional isolation (holding) center for suspected cases completed, and renovation works have started</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) and awaiting a repeat lab test</li> </ul>
<b>Logistics/Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All regions have received stockpiles of PPEs</li> <li>Consignment of medicine (chloroquine) received from WAHO</li> </ul>
<b>Risk Communication and Community Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 TV and 11 radio programs successfully conducted</li> <li>1 press briefing conducted</li> <li>17 communities sensitized/engaged on COVID-19 preventive measures using different community structures</li> <li>Summary of Social media activities: 5 Facebook and 2 twitter posts shared with a cumulative engagement of 9400 people reached</li> <li>Summary of calls made to 1025: a total of 358 calls received (246 covid19 related and 112 non-covid19 related. 4 booked for further follow up). See below for regional comparison</li> </ul>



#### 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 centers
  - 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)
- **Outbreak case definition (see below)**

##### 1. Suspected case:

Any person with

- History of travel from any affected country within 14 days OR
- Close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 infection within 14 days OR
- Exposure to healthcare facility in a country where hospital associated COVID-19 infections have been reported **with or without** fever, cough, difficulty breathing

##### 2. Community Case Definition:

Any person with hot skin, cough, not breathing well, and who has travelled outside The Gambia recently OR who has taken care of sick person in The Gambia

##### 3. Probable case:

A suspect case for whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive or for whom testing was positive on a pan-coronavirus assay

##### 4. Confirmed case:

Any person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection with or without signs and symptoms

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