



All countries are at risk and need to prepare for and respond to COVID-19. Each country is encouraged to plan its preparedness and response actions in line with the global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan<sup>1</sup>.

Support will be prioritized to countries with weak health systems and significant gaps in preparedness capacity for technical and operational implementation. The support will be implemented through global, regional and country-level activities and be allocated based on needs and availability of funds.

To facilitate the global planning process including the identification of the overall response envelope required, a preliminary categorization of countries was conducted based on:

1. Operational readiness capacities based on the IHR (2005) State Parties Annual Reporting (SPAR) tool, which is a self-assessment.
2. Current position on a continuum of response scenarios: preparedness, high-risk of imported cases, imported cases, localized transmission, and community transmission.

The operational readiness categorization was refined based on additional information from voluntary external evaluations, pandemic influenza preparedness plans, country readiness assessment for health emergencies, missions to the countries, as well as the most up-to-date country specific COVID-19 situation analyses.

The resulting preliminary country categorization list can be found in the table below.

This categorization will be updated regularly based on the evolving COVID-19 situation in each country and specific country risk and capacity assessments which will be conducted to identify key response requirements as the situation evolves. This will impact the total global resource envelope required over time.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/srp-04022020.pdf>

**Table 1: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Status for Countries, Territories, and Areas,<sup>2</sup> as of 20 April 2020**

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity									
	Level 5		Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1	
5- Community transmission	Canada Switzerland United States of America		Algeria Andorra Brazil Chile Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Mexico San Marino Turkey	Argentina Colombia Dominican Republic Ecuador Indonesia	Panama Peru South Africa Tunisia	Bosnia and Herzegovina Paraguay Syrian Arab Republic Ukraine			
4- >=10 cases	Australia Belgium China Denmark Finland Germany Iceland Israel Italy Japan Lithuania Malaysia Monaco Netherlands	New Zealand Norway Portugal Republic of Korea Singapore Slovenia Spain Sweden United Arab Emirates United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Ireland	Austria Bahrain Brunei Darussalam Bulgaria Costa Rica Croatia Cyprus Czechia Egypt Estonia France Greece Hungary	Ireland Kuwait Latvia Luxembourg Malta Mauritius Oman Poland Romania Russian Federation Saudi Arabia Slovakia Thailand Viet Nam	Albania Angola Antigua and Barbuda Armenia Azerbaijan Bahamas Bangladesh Barbados Belarus Belize Cambodia Cameroon Congo Côte d'Ivoire Cuba Democratic Republic of the Congo Dominica El Salvador Eswatini Ethiopia Georgia Ghana Grenada Guinea Gyana India Jamaica Jordan Kazakhstan Kenya Lebanon Liberia	Malawi Maldives Mali Mongolia Montenegro Morocco Mozambique Myanmar Nepal Niger Nigeria North Macedonia Philippines Qatar Republic of Moldova Rwanda Saint Kittis and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Senegal Serbia Seychelles Sierra Leone Sri Lanka Sudan Suriname Trinidad-Tobago Uganda United Republic of Tanzania Uruguay Zimbabwe	Afghanistan Benin Bolivia (Plurinational State of) Botswana Burkina Faso Cabo Verde Chad Djibouti Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Fiji Gabon Guatemala Guinea-Bissau Haiti Honduras Iraq Kyrgyzstan Lao People's Democratic Republic Libya Madagascar	Namibia occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem Pakistan Somalia Timor-Leste Togo Uzbekistan Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) Zambia	Central African Republic	

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	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	
3- <10 cases			Bhutan	Burundi Gambia Mauritania Nicaragua	Papua New Guinea Sao Tome and Principe South Sudan Yemen	
2- High risk of imported cases			Democratic People's Republic of Korea Turkmenistan	Kiribati Marshall Islands Micronesia (Federated States of) Samoa	Solomon Islands Tajikistan Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu	Comoros
1- Preparedness				Cook Islands Lesotho	Nauru Niue Palau	

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