



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 Plan¹.

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.

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

Table 1: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Status for Countries, Territories, and Areas,² as of 19 March 2020

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity								
	Level 5		Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1
4- >=10 cases	Australia	New Zealand	Algeria	Ireland	Albania	Lebanon	Afghnaistan		
	Belgium	Norway	Andorra	Kuwait	Argentina	Maldives	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)		
	Canada	Portugal	Austria	Latvia	Armenia	Morocco	Bosnia and Herzegovina		
	China	Republic of Korea	Bahrain	Luxembourg	Azerbaijan	North Macedonia	Burkina Faso		
	Denmark	Singapore	Brazil	Mexico	Bangladesh	Panama	Iraq		
	Finland	Slovenia	Brunei	Oman	Belarus	Peru	occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem		
	Germany	Spain	Darussalam	Poland	Cambodia	Philippines	Pakistan		
	Iceland	Sweden	Bulgaria	Romania	Cameroon	Qatar	Paraguay		
	Israel	Switzerland	Chile	Russian Federation	Colombia	Republic of Moldova	Ukraine		
	Italy	United Arab Emirates	Costa Rica	Saudi Arabia	Cuba	Rwanda	Uzbekistan		
	Japan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Croatia	San Marion	Domiican Republic	Senegal	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		
	Lithuania		Cyprus	Saudi Arabia	Ecuador	Serbia			
	Malaysia		Czechia	Slovakia	Georgia	South Africa			
	Netherlands	United States of America	Egypt	Thailand	India	Sri Lanka			
			Estonia	Turkey	Indonesia	Tunisia			
			France	Viet Nam	Jamaica	Uruguay			
			Greece		Jordan				
			Hungary		Kazakhstan				
			Iran (Islamic Republic of)						
	3- <10 cases	Monaco		Mauritius		Antigua and Barbuda	Liberia	Benin	
				Bahamas	Mongolia	Djibouti			
				Barbados	Montenegro	Equatorial Guinea			
				Bhutan	Nepal	Gabon			
				Congo	Nigeria	Gambia			
				Côte d'Ivoire	Saint Lucia	Guatemala			
				Democratic Republic of the Congo	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Honduras			
				Eswatini	Seychelles	Kyrgyzstan			
				Ethiopia	Sudan	Mauritania			
				Ghana	Suriname	Namibia			
				Guinea	Trinidad and Tobago	Somalia			
				Guyana	United Republic of Tanzania	Togo			
				Kenya		Zambia			

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Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity						
	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1		
2- High risk of imported cases			Angola	Mozambique	Burundi	Nicaragua	Comoros
			Belize	Myanmar	Cabo Verde	Papua New Guinea	
			Democratic Republic of Korea	Niger	Chad	Samoa	
			Saint Kitts and Nevis	Sierra Leone	Eritrea	Sao Tome and Principe	
			Dominica	Turkmenistan	Fiji	Solomon Islands	
			Grenada	Uganda	Guinea-Bissau	South Sudan	
			Malawi	Zimbabwe	Haiti	Syrian Arab Republic	
			Mali		Kiribati	Tajikistan	
					Lao People's Democratic Republic	Timor-Leste	
					Libya	Tonga	
					Madagascar	Tuvalu	
					Marshall Islands	Vanuatu	
					Micronesia (Federated States of)	Yemen	
	1- Preparedness			El Salvador	Botswana	Nauru	
				Cook Islands	Niue		
				Lesotho	Palau		

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