

## COVID-19 Regional Update

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### Somali Region

So far, 200 individuals tested positive for COVID-19 in the Somali Region. Out of which, 36 have recovered while 163 are currently under treatment. 55 of the people who tested positive in Dawale quarantine center were detected 14 days after completing mandatory quarantine.

Key activities undertaken this week are:

- Laboratory tests were mainly done for Dawale, Jigjiga University and Moyale quarantine centers.
- The regional health bureau called for stronger collaboration amongst sector line offices in regards to the virus response.

Some of the challenges Somali Region is facing in COVID-19 preparedness and prevention are:

- Community transmission is increasing rapidly.

### Harar and surrounding areas

24 individuals tested positive for COVID-19 so far in Harar and surrounding areas.

Key activities undertaken this week are:

- Testing equipment was installed in the regional health bureau with a capacity of 200 tests per 24 hours.

Some of the challenges Harar and surrounding areas are facing in regards to COVID-19 preparedness and prevention are:

- Community transmission is increasing rapidly.

### Oromia Region

304 samples were tested in Borana Zone this week. The results all turned out to be negative for COVID-19. The samples were taken from people in quarantine centers, from passengers at bus stations, health workers and government officials.

Key activities undertaken in Borana Zone this week are:

- Social mobilization continues across all districts in Borana Zone.

- The zonal government continues to ask its NGO partners to provide assistance to quarantine and treatment centers, the COVID-19 Diagnostic Center, and the provision of PPE and food items to vulnerable households.

Some of the challenges Borana Zone is facing in COVID-19 preparedness and prevention are:

- Low behavioral change among communities is identified as a risk factor which needs persistent and integrated efforts of all stakeholders.