



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>

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

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Table 1: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Status for Countries, Territories, and Areas,² as of 14 May 2020 (continued)

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity				
	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
3- <10 cases				Lesotho Mauritania Papua New Guinea	
2- High risk of imported cases			Democratic People's Republic of Korea Turkmenistan	Kiribati Marshall Islands Micronesia (Federated States of) Samoa Solomon Islands Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu	
1- Preparedness				Cook Islands Lesotho Nauru Niue Palau	

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