



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/coronavirus/srp-04022020.pdf>

Table 1: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Status for Countries, Territories, and Areas,² as of 30 April 2020

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

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Table 1: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Status for Countries, Territories, and Areas,² as of 30 April 2020 (continued)

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity				
	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
3- <10 cases			Bhutan	Mauritania Papua New Guinea 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
1- Preparedness				Cook Islands Lesotho	Nauru Niue Palau

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