



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 3 March 2020**

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity							
	Level 5		Level 4		Level 3		Level 2	Level 1
5- Community transmission	China							
4- >=10 cases	Australia	Republic of Korea	Austria	Thailand	Lebanon		Iraq	
	Germany	Singapore	Bahrain	Viet Nam				
	Canada	Spain	France					
	Israel	Sweden	Iran (Islamic Republic of)					
	Italy	Switzerland	Kuwait					
	Japan	United Arab Emirates						
	Malaysia							
	Netherlands	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland						
	Norway	United States of America						
3- <10 cases	Belgium	Monaco	Algeria	Latvia	Armenia	Morocco	Afghanistan	
	Denmark	New Zealand	Andorra	Luxembourg	Azerbaijan	Nepal	Pakistan	
	Finland	Portugal	Brazil	Mexico	Belarus	Nigeria		
	Island		Croatia	Oman	Cambodia	North Macedonia		
	Lithuania		Czechia	Romania	Dominican Republic	Philippines		
			Egypt	Russian Federation	Ecuador	Qatar		
			Estonia	San Marino	Georgia	Senegal		
			Greece	Saudi Arabia	India	Sri Lanka		
			Ireland		Indonesia	Tunisia		
					Jordan			

<sup>2</sup> The categorization will be updated periodically through capacity and risk assessments based on the evolving COVID-19 situation. The operational readiness index (levels 1-5) was aligned with the WHO SPAR benchmarks capacity levels: Level 1 ≤20%, Level 2 ≤40%, Level 3 ≤60%, Level 4 ≤80%, and Level 5 >80%. The categorization itself takes into consideration additional factors relevant for managing the risk of COVID-19.

**Table 1: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Status for Countries, Territories, and Areas,<sup>2</sup> as of 3 March 2020 (continued)**

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity							
	Level 5	Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1
2- High risk of imported cases		Brunei Darussalam	Mauritius	Angola	Liberia	Benin	Nicaragua	Central African Republic Comoros
		Bulgaria	Poland	Antigua and Barbuda	Malawi	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem	
		Chile	Turkey	Argentina	Maldives	Burkina Faso		
		Cyprus		Azerbaijan	Mali	Burundi		
		Hungary		Bahamas	Mongolia	Cabo Verde	Papua New Guinea	
				Bangladesh	Morocco	Chad		
				Barbados	Mozambique	Djibouti	Samoa	
				Belize	Myanmar	Equatorial Guinea	Sao Tome and Principe	
				Bhutan	Niger	Eritrea	Solomon Islands	
				Cameroon	Peru	Fiji	Somalia	
				Colombia	Republic of Moldova	Gambia	South Sudan	
				Congo	Rwanda	Guinea-Bissau	Sudan	
				Côte d'Ivoire	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Haiti	Syrian Arab Republic	
				Cuba	Saint Lucia	Honduras	Tajikistan	
				Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Kiribati	Timor-Leste	
				Democratic Republic of the Congo	Serbia	Kyrgyzstan	Togo	
				Dominica	Sierra Leone	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Tonga	
				Ethiopia	South Africa	Libya	Tuvalu	
				Ghana	Sudan	Madagascar	Ukraine	
				Grenada	Suriname	Marshall Islands	Uzbekistan	
				Guinea	Trinidad-Tobago	Mauritania	Vanuatu	
				Guyana	Tunisia	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	
				Jamaica	Turkmenistan		Yemen	
				Kazakhstan	Uganda		Zambia	
				Kenya	United Republic of Tanzania			
					Zimbabwe			
	1- Preparedness	Slovenia	Costa Rica		Albania	Panama	Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Malta				El Salvador	Seychelles	Botswana	Nauru	
Slovakia				Eswatini	Uruguay	Cook Islands	Niue	
				Montenegro		Gabon	Palau	
						Guatemala	Paraguay	
						Lesotho		

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