



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 9 April 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	Montenegro	Afghanistan	Namibia	Central African Republic	
	Belgium	Norway	Andorra	Kuwait	Angola	Morocco	Benin	occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem		
	Canada	Portugal	Austria	Latvia	Antigua and Barbuda	Mozambique	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)			
	China	Republic of Korea	Bahrain	Luxembourg	Argentina	Myanmar	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Pakistan		
	Denmark		Brazil	Malta	Armenia	Niger	Burkina Faso	Paraguay		
	Finland	Singapore	Brunei Darussalam	Mauritius	Azerbaijan	Nigeria	Chad	Somalia		
	Germany	Slovenia	Bulgaria	Mexico	Bahamas	North Macedonia	Djibouti	Syrian Arab Republic		
	Iceland	Spain	Chile	Oman	Bangladesh	Panama	Equatorial Guinea	Togo		
	Israel	Sweden	Costa Rica	Poland	Barbados	Peru	Eritrea	Ukraine		
	Italy	Switzerland	Croatia	Romania	Belarus	Philippines	Fiji	Uzbekistan		
	Japan	United Arab Emirates	Cyprus	Russian Federation	Cambodia	Qatar	Gabon	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		
	Lithuania	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Czechia	San Marino	Cameroon	Republic of Moldova	Guatemala	Republic of		
	Malaysia		Egypt	Saudi Arabia	Colombia	Rwanda	Guinea-Bissau	Zambia		
	Monaco		Estonia	Slovakia	Congo	Saint Kittis and Nevis	Haiti			
	Netherlands	United States of America	France	Thailand	Côte d'Ivoire	Saint Lucia	Honduras			
			Greece	Turkey	Cuba	Senegal	Iraq			
			Hungary	Viet Nam	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Seychelles	Kyrgyzstan			
			Iran (Islamic Republic of)		Dominica	South Africa	Lao People's Democratic Republic			
					Dominican Republic	Sri Lanka	Libya			
					Ecuador	Sudan	Madagascar			
					El Salvador	Suriname				
					Eswatini	Trinidad-Tobago				
					Ethiopia	Tunisia				
					Georgia	Uganda				
					Ghana	United Republic of Tanzania				
					Grenada	Uruguay				
					Guinea	Zimbabwe				
					Guyana					
					India					
					Indonesia					
					Jamaica					
					Jordan					
					Kazakhstan					
					Kenya					
					Lebanon					
					Liberia					
					Maldives					
					Mali					
					Mongolia					

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Table 1: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Status for Countries, Territories, and Areas,² as of 9 April 2020 (continued)

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity					
	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3		Level 2	Level 1
3- <10 cases			Belize Bhutan Malawi Nepal	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Sierra Leone	Botswana Burundi Cabo Verde Gambia Mauritania Nicaragua	Papua New Guinea Sao Tome and Principe South Sudan Timor Leste
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 Yemen
1- Preparedness					Cook Islands Lesotho	Nauru Niue Palau

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