



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.¹

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 joint 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 response scenario categorization was refined based on current travel trends to/from China, International Development Association (IDA) eligibility status, COVID-19 case detection and transmission status, and response measures to date.

The resulting preliminary country categorization list is shown in table 1.

This categorization will be updated regularly based on the evolving COVID-19 situation in each country and based on specific country risk and capacity assessments that will be conducted to identify key response requirements as the situation evolves. Updates to the country categorization 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 28 February 2020

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity							
	Level 5		Level 4		Level 3		Level 2	Level 1
5- Community transmission	China							
4- ≥10 cases	Australia	Singapore	Bahrain	Thailand				
	Germany	United States of America	France	Viet Nam				
	Canada		Iran (Islamic Republic of)					
	Italy	United Arab Emirates	Kuwait					
	Japan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland						
	Malaysia							
	Republic of Korea	Spain						
3- <10 cases	Belgium	Norway	Algeria	Greece	Cambodia	Nepal	Afghanistan	
	Denmark	Sweden	Austria	Oman	Georgia	Philippines		
	Finland	Switzerland	Brazil	Romania	India	Sri Lanka		
	Israel		Croatia	Russian Federation	Lebanon	North Macedonia		
			Egypt					
			Estonia				Pakistan	

² 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.

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2- High risk of imported cases	Iceland	New Zealand	Brunei Darussalam	Ireland	Angola	Liberia	Benin	Nicaragua	Central African Republic Comoros	
	Netherlands	Portugal	Bulgaria	Mauritius	Antigua and Barbuda	Malawi	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem		
			Chile	Mexico	Argentina	Mali	Burkina Faso			
			Cyprus	Poland	Azerbaijan	Mongolia	Burundi			
			Czechia	Saudi Arabia	Bahamas	Morocco	Cabo Verde	Papua New Guinea		
			Hungary	Turkey	Bangladesh	Mozambique	Chad			
					Barbados	Myanmar	Djibouti	Samoa		
					Belarus	Niger	Equatorial Guinea	Sao Tome and Principe		
					Belize	Nigeria	Eritrea	Solomon Islands		
					Bhutan	Peru	Fiji	Somalia		
					Cameroon	Qatar	Gambia	South Sudan		
					Colombia	Republic of Moldova	Guinea-Bissau			
					Congo	Rwanda	Haiti	Syrian Arab Republic		
					Côte d'Ivoire	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Honduras	Tajikistan		
					Cuba	Saint Lucia	Kiribati	Timor-Leste		
					Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Kyrgyzstan	Togo		
					Democratic Republic of the Congo	Senegal	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Tonga		
					Dominica	Serbia	Libya	Tuvalu		
					Ecuador	Sierra Leone	Madagascar	Ukraine		
					Ethiopia	South Africa	Marshall Islands	Uzbekistan		
					Ghana	Sudan	Mauritania	Vanuatu		
					Grenada	Suriname	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		
					Guinea	Trinidad-Tobago		Yemen		
					Guyana	Tunisia		Zambia		
					Indonesia	Turkmenistan				
					Jamaica	Uganda				
					Jordan	United Republic of Tanzania				
					Kazakhstan					
					Kenya	Zimbabwe				

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1 - Preparedness	Lithuania	Slovenia	Andorra	Luxembourg	Albania	Montenegro	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Namibia		
	Monaco		Costa Rica	Malta	Armenia	Panama	Nauru			
			Latvia	San Marino	Dominican Republic	Seychelles	Botswana	Niue		
				Slovakia	El Salvador	Uruguay	Cook Islands	Palau		
					Eswatini		Gabon	Paraguay		
							Guatemala			
							Lesotho			