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UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN ETHIOPIA

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Since the first confirmed case of COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, the 6 confirmed cases under follow up are in good condition with four of them having no symptoms and two of the patients have mild to moderate symptoms and they are under follow up. As of March 19, 2020 Ethiopia has confirmed three more cases and there are a total of nine cases since the confirmation of the 1st case on March 13, 2020. One of the confirmed case is a 44 years old Japanese who had contact with previously confirmed person and was under close follow up by contact tracing team. The second confirmed case is an 85 years old Ethiopian who came to Ethiopia on March 2, 2020. The third case is a 39 years old Austrian who came to Ethiopia on March 15, 2020. While the two confirmed cases are in stable conditions the 85 year old case has a severe form of illness and under close medical care. So far 342 samples are investigated for COVID 19.

We are aggressively working on the contact tracing of the confirmed cases and continued to follow the contacts closely. We strongly advice all travellers from COVID-19 affected countries to self-isolate themselves for 14 days after arrival.

In case of a need for further information, please call 8335 or 952.

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