COVID-19 SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS (as of 31 August 2020, 4:00 PM)

GLOBAL: 25,259,201+ Confirmed Cases 847,107+ Total Deaths

AFRICAN REGION: 1,211,827+ Confirmed Cases 28,611+ Total Deaths

CAMEROON: 19,142+ Confirmed Cases 411 Total Deaths

SOUTH - WEST REGION (as of 30 August 2020):

747 Confirmed Cases 5,370+ Total Tested 36 Total Deaths 1,180,000+ Total Passengers Screened

NORTH - WEST REGION (as of 30 August 2020):

806 Confirmed Cases 5,800+ Total Tested 72 Total Deaths 1,380,000+ Total Passengers Screened

COVID-19 CASES PER SEX IN NWSW REGION:

56% Male 44% Female

Source: WHO; Ministry of Public Health - Cameroon, Johns Hopkins; nCoV

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- In NW region, 17 out of the 19 health districts reported confirmed cases of COVID-19. 61% of the cases have been recorded in Bamenda and 13% of total cases recorded in Fundong health district.

- In SW region, 10 out of the 18 health districts reported confirmed cases of COVID-19. 75% of the cases have been recorded in Buea and Limbe health districts and 14% of cases reported in Kuma health district.

- WHO Early Warning Alerts, and Response System (EWARS) reported one suspected Yellow fever case in Wone, Konye health district, South West Region (SWR).

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- Ensure the all health districts implement COVID-19 response activities (contact tracing, testing, sensitization and case management).

- Stronger sensitization is required to counter the misinformation about the management of COVID-19 in the communities and at health facilities.

- There is need for more CHWs to be trained and empowered to carry out community activities.

- There is need to strengthen the information-sharing mechanism between the health districts and regional delegation of public health.

CHALLENGES:

- There is inadequate infrastructure and equipment for COVID-19 case management in the regions.

- Very few communities tested using RDTs in remote health districts.

- Reduced positivity of RDTs leading to fewer contacts followed and an apparent decline which may not be realistic (source SW regional delegation).
KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN SOUTH-WEST REGION (COVID-19):

- A total of 5,089 persons suspected of COVID-19 have been tested from 14 out of 18 health districts and 736 confirmed positive from 10 health districts.
- A total of 3,273 suspected cases were tested using RDTs and 104 were positive.
- 24 deaths have been recorded so far due to COVID-19 in the region and 12 deaths are suspected.
- 85 Health personnel infected with 02 deaths due to COVID-19.
- 56 active cases in the region (Limbe, Buea, Kumba, Mamfe, Tiko, Tombel, Muyuka, Bangem).
- Few COVID-19 cases isolated at COVID-19 isolation centers in the region.
- The region is continuously working with her partners for possibilities to strengthen surveillance.
- A daily briefing and debriefing sessions have been instituted for better follow-up of COVID-19 activities in the region.
- There are effectively 68 beds for hospitalization, 27 of them with provision for Oxygen.
- A rumour management system has been put in place in the region and data tools provided.
- Work in collaboration with the Central level to optimize the positivity rate and do more active case search.
- Reinforce sensitization towards encouraging people to be tested.
- Challenges in obtaining day to day information from the health districts because of power failure, and poor network or insecurity.

*Note RDT confirmed cases not included in above chart (RDT confirmed so far 104)
The North West Region (NWR) has recorded a total of 806 confirmed cases and 72 deaths as of 29 August 2020. The case fatality rate is 0.9%.

17 out of the 19 health districts so far have been affected. The Bamenda health district alone has recorded 61% cases and second highest health district is Fundong recorded 13% cases.

In total 89 cases are currently on treatment and 645 cases have recovered.

119 Health personnel’s have tested positive for COVID-19 (104 recovered, five deaths).

Eight Pregnant woman were tested positive for COVID-19, and two deaths reported.

Around 56 percent male and 44 percent female personnel’s were tested positive for COVID-19 in the region.

The Regional delegation has scaled-up RDT testing sites for COVID-19 with rapid response teams to all health districts of NWR.

The COVID-19 tracking, testing, and treatment campaign is ongoing in all health districts. Health teams are conducting testing and treatment in all public and confessional health facilities in the region as well as some public places in collaboration with community representatives of each health district.

All health districts are continue testing at facility level.

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN NORTH-WEST REGION (COVID-19):**

- **NW Region District Health Focal Person Contacts for COVID-19**

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World Health Organization (WHO): In the SW region, WHO trained 15 social workers and protection monitors (SWR and NWR) from INTERSOS on mental health in humanitarian context.

Two IDPs from the NWR based in Kumba with INTERSOS were evaluated. A group of 30 women in Kosala Kumba were sensitized on mental health and mental illness during a mental health talk.

Strategic Humanitarian Services (SHUMAS): In the NW region, SHUMAS sensitized 2,879 persons on COVID-19 preventive measures in Bamenda III sub-division in Nkwen health area.

- Screened 317 elderly persons in Nkwen health area using thermo flash
- Trained 100 vulnerable women on how to produce face mask and locally made hand sanitizer.
- Provided start up materials for face mask and hand sanitizer production to the 100 vulnerable IDP women.

Training on hand sanitizers to 100 IDP women

Training of IDP women on face mask production
HEALTH AND WASH CLUSTER PARTNERS ACTIVITIES (COVID-19):

Health Development Consultancy Services (HEDECS): Mainstreamed education and sensitization sessions on COVID-19 to refresh the knowledge of the 14 chief of health area centers on COVID-19.

REACH OUT (REO): REO trained 45 opinion leaders (journalist, CSO, faith leaders and teachers) in Kumba on infection, prevention and control. This project aims to improve COVID-19 preparedness and response capacity of opinion leaders in the South-West Regions of Cameroon to support the global fight against COVID-19.

The WHO Primary Health Care (PHC) mobile clinics carried out community sensitization in Momo, Ngo Ketunjia, Manyu, and Kupe Muanenguba. In total around 1,349 persons were sensitized on COVID-19 signs and symptoms and preventive measures against the disease. Practical demonstrations were carried out for community about the prevention of COVID-19 and protect their children from the disease.

In Kumba, provided psychosocial support of follow up to 5 confirm positive cases of COVID-19. Similarly, in Buea a total of 8 contacts were registered, of this number 6 were unable to reach to and two were on drugs responding to treatment.

Hope for a Better Future (HFB4): COVID-19 has significantly impacted businesses and the economy of Donga Mantung in the NW region of Cameroon in addition to serious implications of the communities health.

H4BF in partnership with UNDP and Global Aid For Africa project which covers 5 towns of Donga Mantung in NWR(Nkambe, Ndu, Misaje, Nwa, and Ako) and beginning in Ako. The aim of the project is to build the capacities of over 100 women groups in Ako area on COVID-19 and Gender-based violence. Five women were also provided with resources to start up their own micro-enterprises.

These women in return will act as frontline actors from training acquired in the fight against COVID-19 and gender-based violence via awareness creation within communities in Ako and identification and reporting of GBV cases via referral pathways.

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