



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.

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<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 11 May 2020**

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity									
	Level 5		Level 4		Level 3		Level 2		Level 1	
5- Community transmission	Belgium	Slovenia	Algeria	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Argentina	Indonesia	Bosnia and Herzegovina			
	Canada	Spain	Andorra		Colombia	Nigeria	Burkina Faso			
	Germany	Sweden	Austria	Ireland	Dominican Republic	Panama	Honduras			
	Iceland	Switzerland	Brazil	Latvia	Ecuador	Peru	Paraguay			
	Italy	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Chile	Mauritius	Georgia	Qatar	Syrian Arab Republic			
	Lithuania		Croatia	Mexico	Guinea	South Africa	Ukraine			
	Netherlands		Czechia	Poland		Tunisia				
	Portugal		France	Romania						
4- ≥10 cases		United States of America	Greece	San Marino						
				Turkey						
	Australia	New Zealand	Bahrain	Kuwait	Albania	Malawi	Afghanistan	Namibia	Central African Republic	
	China	Norway	Brunei Darussalam	Luxembourg	Angola	Maldives	Benin	Nicaragua	Comoros	
	Denmark	Republic of Korea	Bulgaria	Malta	Antigua and Barbuda	Mali	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem		
	Finland	Singapore	Costa Rica	Oman	Armenia	Mongolia	Botswana	Pakistan		
	Israel	United Arab Emirates	Cyprus	Russian Federation	Azerbaijan	Montenegro	Burundi	Sao Tome and Principe		
	Japan		Egypt	Saudi Arabia	Bahamas	Morocco	Cabo Verde	Somalia		
	Malaysia		Estonia	Slovakia	Bangladesh	Mozambique	Chad	South Sudan		
	Monaco		Hungary	Thailand	Barbados	Myanmar	Djibouti	Tajikistan		
				Viet Nam	Belarus	Nepal	Equatorial Guinea	Timor-Leste		
					Belize	Niger	Eritrea	Togo		
					Cambodia	North Macedonia	Fiji	Uzbekistan		
					Cameroon	Philippines	Gabon	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		
					Congo	Republic of Moldova	Gambia	Yemen		
					Côte d'Ivoire	Rwanda	Guinea-Bissau	Zambia		
					Cuba	Saint Kittis and Nevis	Haiti			
					Democratic Republic of the Congo	Saint Lucia	Iraq			
					Dominica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Kyrgyzstan			
					El Salvador	Senegal	Lao People's Democratic Republic			
					Eswatini	Serbia	Libya			
					Ethiopia	Seychelles	Madagascar			
					Grenada	Sierra Leone				
					Guyana	Sri Lanka				
					India	Sudan				
					Jamaica	Suriname				
					Jordan	Trinidad-Tobago				
					Kazakhstan	Uganda				
					Kenya	United Republic of Tanzania				
					Lebanon	Uruguay				
					Liberia	Zimbabwe				

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Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity				
	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
3- <10 cases			Bhutan	Mauritania Papua New Guinea	
2- High risk of imported cases			Democratic People's Republic of Korea Turkmenistan	Kiribati Marshall Islands Micronesia (Federated States of) Samoa Solomon Islands Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu	
1- Preparedness				Cook Islands Lesotho Nauru Niue Palau	

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