



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 4 June 2020

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

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as of 4 June 2020 (continued)

Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity				
	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
3- <10 cases				Lesotho 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 Nauru Niue Palau	

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