



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 16 April 2020

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

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Response Category	Country Preparedness Capacity					
	Level 5	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	
3- <10 cases			Bhutan	Burundi Gambia Mauritania Nigaragua	Papua New Guinea Sao Tome and Principe South Sudan Timor Leste Yemen	
2- High risk of imported cases			Democratic People's Republic of Korea Turkmenistan	Kiribati Marshall Islands Micronesia (Federated States of) Samoa	Solomon Islands Tajikistan Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu	Comoros
1- Preparedness				Cook Islands Lesotho	Nauru Niue Palau	

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