



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 21 May 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	Indonesia	Benin	Togo	Comoros	
	Canada	Sweden	Andorra		Belarus	Kenya	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ukraine		
	Denmark	Switzerland	Austria	Ireland	Cameroon	Liberia	Zambia			
	Germany	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Brazil	Mexico	Colombia	Mali	Burkina Faso			
	Iceland		Chile	Poland	Congo	Niger	Chad			
	Italy		Croatia	Romania	Côte d'Ivoire	Nigeria	Equatorial Guinea			
	Lithuania		France	San Marino	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Panama	Gabon			
	Netherlands	United States of America	Hungary	Turkey	Dominican Republic	Peru	Guinea-Bissau			
	Portugal				Ecuador	Philippines	Honduras			
					El Salvador	Qatar	Paraguay			
					Georgia	Senegal	Syrian Arab Republic			
					Ghana	South Africa				
					Guinea	Sudan				
						Tunisia				
					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	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Namibia		
	Finland	Republic of Korea	Bulgaria	Malta	Antigua and Barbuda	Montenegro	Nicaragua			
	Israel		Cyprus	Mauritius	Armenia	Morocco	occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem			
	Japan	Singapore	Czechia	Oman	Azerbaijan	Mozambique	Burundi			
	Malaysia	Slovenia	Egypt	Russian Federation	Bahamas	Myanmar	Cabo Verde			
	Monaco	United Arab Emirates	Estonia	Saudi Arabia	Bangladesh	Nepal	Djibouti			
			Greece	Slovakia	Barbados	North Macedonia	Eritrea			
			Kuwait	Thailand	Belize	Republic of Moldova	Fiji			
				Viet Nam	Bhutan	Rwanda	Gambia			
					Cambodia	Saint Kittis and Nevis	Guatemala			
					Cuba	Saint Lucia	Haiti			
					Dominica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Iraq			
					Eswatini	Serbia	Kyrgyzstan			
					Ethiopia	Seychelles	Lao People's Democratic Republic			
					Grenada	Sierra Leone	Libya			
					Guyana	Sri Lanka	Madagascar			
					India	Suriname				
					Jamaica	Trinidad-Tobago				
					Jordan	Uganda				
					Kazakhstan	Uruguay				
					Lebanon	Zimbabwe				
					Malawi					

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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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