

### Notification note on COVID-19 situational update

The Ethiopian Public Health Institute started COVID-19 surveillance in all hospitals linked with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases. As a result, patients who are in follow up at St. Peter Hospital tested for COVID-19 and one of the patients tested positive. On press statement issued on March 25 the 16th patient, an Ethiopian aged 24 with no travel history and no contact with a confirmed case was announced. The Patient was admitted at the designated treatment center and was receiving medical attention prior to the announcement. Furthermore, the Hospital staff that were treating the patient were kept in Isolation at the designated hotel. However, the laboratory test of the patient repeated three times for further confirmation and all three resulted negative. This patient has known underlying chronic medical condition and has continued to receive medical care. The Hospital staff that were kept in quarantine will be back to their respective jobs in the coming days.

Considering the transmission nature of COVID-19, we urge the public to strictly follow preventive practices and comply with governmental decisions.

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