COVID-19

Situation Report #14

April 17, 2020

Key Updates

• The number of confirmed cases globally topped 2 million on April 14. There are now 2,188,194 confirmed cases and 147,384 deaths across 181 countries and regions.¹

• Project HOPE rolled out its COVID-19 training for health workers, developed in partnership with Brown University, in the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico, while seeing growth in secondary trainings in North Macedonia, Kosovo, and the United States.

• Project HOPE’s COVID-19 training materials are now available for download by health care workers, public health professionals, health care leadership, and key frontline personnel.

• Project HOPE deployed an advance team of clinical and operational experts on a request from Chicago authorities. This team will define a mission space and place clinical volunteers in the Chicago area.

• Project HOPE continues to deliver Personal Protective Equipment, including N95 masks to frontline healthcare workers around the world.

Situation Overview

On April 14, the global number of confirmed COVID-19 cases passed 2 million. As of 11:50am (U.S. Eastern Time) on April 17, there were 2,188,194 confirmed cases and 147,384 deaths across 181 countries and regions. The U.S. has the highest number of confirmed cases at 672,246, representing approximately 31% of the global total, followed by Spain, Italy, and France. New York State currently has 223,691 confirmed cases, more cases than any individual country, besides the United States.

In the United States congregate settings, including nursing homes, homeless shelters, and jails, are growing centers of concern as the disease can rapidly spread among vulnerable populations living in close quarters.

Project HOPE’s Response

Our Relief Programs

• Procuring PPE and medical equipment for high-risk countries

• Training health workers and frontline personnel on COVID-19 preparedness and response.

• Supporting local partners and hospitals in surveillance, screening, case management, and community education.

• Preparing clinical volunteers for immediate deployment.

Locations we are working:

• United States (continental)
• Puerto Rico
• Colombia
• Mexico
• Dominican Republic
• North Macedonia
• Kosovo
• Indonesia
• China
• Philippines
• Ethiopia
• Bangladesh
• Haiti
HOPE’s Global Response to COVID-19

Project HOPE continues to adapt COVID-19 response activities to meet evolving needs of countries around the world. Our strategy centers around the training and equipping of health care workers to ensure they are safe and have the resources and support they require to save lives. Highlights of our latest activities are summarized below.

COVID-19 Training Initiatives for Frontline Health Workers

Project HOPE continues to expand the reach of its COVID-19 Healthcare Preparedness and Response training for health workers, developed in partnership with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies at the Watson Institute of Brown University. The training continues to be delivered by experts from Brown via a live remote platform using a training-of-trainers (ToT) methodology. The training covers topics such as infection prevention and control, contact tracing, and risk communication and public health messaging, which remain critical to limiting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Attendees who successfully complete the training will have the knowledge and skills to train other frontline responders on effective measures for containing and mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

This week, Project HOPE held trainings with health care workers in the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico. In the Philippines, Project HOPE partnered with the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) to train almost 90 doctors, nurses, and health professionals from public and private hospitals and organizations across the country.

Project HOPE also held a joint Spanish language training for an additional 80 health care workers from the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

During a live online training session, a doctor instructs participants on COVID-19 best practices and prepares them to train others. The training is a joint effort of Project HOPE and the Watson Institute of Brown University.
Building upon earlier rounds of trainings, the participants are now hosting secondary trainings in North Macedonia, Kosovo and the United States. As of April 16, Project HOPE has trained 449 health workers in the initial trainings who have since trained an additional 1,424 of their colleagues.

In the coming weeks, Project HOPE will train health care workers on the frontlines in Bangladesh, Haiti, and Colombia. Project HOPE continues to receive requests for training from countries worldwide and is coordinating with the experts at Brown University to schedule additional live, remote trainings as funding allows.

To facilitate the rapid distribution of training materials, Project HOPE recently launched a downloadable ToT curriculum for use by health care workers, public health professionals, health care leadership, and key frontline personnel. To date, Project HOPE has distributed the curriculum to 140 individuals, representing more than 71 organizations around the world, who are now able to educate themselves and provide training to their colleagues. The training materials include guidance for the trainers, presentations and video demonstrations identical to those used in Project HOPE’s live trainings, and online quizzes for participants to test their knowledge.

This week, Project HOPE added instructor-led videos for each of the 9 modules included in the training and a Spanish translation of the presentation materials. A French translation of the training materials will also soon be available. By publicly releasing these materials at no cost, Project HOPE ensures any frontline responder can train their community and colleagues on COVID best practices.

Organizations or individuals interested in gaining access to the self-guided training materials can apply at [www.projecthope.org/COVID19training](http://www.projecthope.org/COVID19training).

**Project HOPE Medical Volunteers Deployed in the U.S.**

Working with the State of Illinois, Cook County, and the City of Chicago, Project HOPE deployed an advance team to the region. The advance team will quickly establish processes and procedures prior to deployment of a full response team that will support health officials with emerging challenges, such as contact tracing and support for health care workers in congregate settings.

Additional teams of Project HOPE volunteer medical responders are on standby for deployment to support alternate care sites across the U.S. These volunteer medical professionals come from a wide variety of specialties, including critical care, pediatrics and emergency medicine. Project HOPE is working with local officials countrywide to identify alternate care sites where volunteers are needed most.
More than 280,000 N95 Masks for High-Risk Countries
With support from Latter-day Saint Charities, Project HOPE is mobilizing PPE, including 283,000 N95 respirator masks, to high-risk countries. On April 17, Project HOPE delivered 56,400 N95 respirator masks to Ethiopia and will soon have shipments arrive in Colombia, the Philippines, and Indonesia. Project HOPE, in coordination with Latter-day Saint Charities, is working with local health authorities to prioritize delivery destinations.

40,000 N95 masks for the United States
Project HOPE procured 40,000 KN95 respirator masks to be distributed in the United States. The first shipment of nearly 20,000 N95 masks will depart for the United States today and will arrive next week for distribution in Puerto Rico. The second shipment will depart in the coming weeks.

PPE Donation to University Clinic for Obstetrics and Gynecology in North Macedonia
With support from the French Embassy in Skopje, Project HOPE locally procured critically needed PPE for health care workers at the University Clinic for Obstetrics and Gynecology. The country’s largest delivery facility, the University Clinic delivers more than 4,300 newborns per year. The donation included 500 KN95 masks, 50 coveralls, 2,500 shoe covers and 2,430 surgical masks.

Responding to COVID-19 along the Venezuelan border in Colombia
Project HOPE, already responding to the population influx into Colombia from Venezuela, is supporting local responses to the pandemic. At the Jorge Cristo Sahium Hospital in Villa del Rosario, Project HOPE doctors and nurses helped establish a triage and screening system that this week treated 397 patients with respiratory tract infections of which 87 were referred to laboratories to test for COVID-19. Additional Project HOPE nurses supported the local COVID-19 hotline established by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), fiedling
1,386 calls requesting information on COVID-19. Working with a team of 18 volunteers, the local team is supporting the Norte de Santander region with community-level contact tracing to help contain the spread of COVID-19.

*Health Affairs COVID-19 Resource Center*

*Health Affairs,* published by Project HOPE is a leading peer-reviewed journal of health policy thought and research has collected all of its ongoing reporting on COVID-19, pandemic preparedness, and commentary from leading experts on health policy into a single-updating collection. The collection can be accessed at [www.healthaffairs.org/covid-19-coronavirus-disease](http://www.healthaffairs.org/covid-19-coronavirus-disease).

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1 Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU) (Taken at 8:25a on April 17, 2020)

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