



Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) The Republic of the Fiji Islands Situation Report 1- 24th March 2020

Report as of 22 March 2020

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two Confirmed Cases
- No new cases as of 22/03/2020 (5pm).
- The two confirmed cases are well and are isolated in healthcare facilities.
- 1st Situation Report Template sent out: 21/03/2020.
- 25 responses expected from: 3 Divisional Hospitals, 20 Sub-Divisional Hospitals, 1 FPBS and 1 FCDC.
- 17 responses: 1 Divisional (CWM), 7 Sub-Divisional (Suva, Rewa, Naitasiri, Navua, Lakeba, Levuka, Kadavu, Macuata, Cakadrove, Bua and Taveuni Rotuma, Lomaloma, Sigatoka, Nadi, Lautoka, Macuata, Cakadrove, Bua, Taveuni) A Response Rate of **68%**.
- **30/03/2020:** Last flights into and out of Fiji.

	Cases	Deaths
Global	267,013	11,201
Fiji	2	0
Total countries affected	184/195= 94.36% of all countries	

CURRENT RISK ASSESMENT

- There is a reported- lack of IEC (Information, Educational and Communication) materials at most health facilities concerning: COVID-19 (e.g. highlighting the location of fever clinics, MHMS contact numbers for concerned patients to call on and inquire on).
- Health facilities are requiring PPE's and hand sanitizer's supplies. Operations pillar has been informed.
- There is a lack of back-up electricity (generator) and water services in the some health facilities.
- A shortage of ambulance services (Navua, Mokani).
- In addition to infrastructure to complete fever clinic implementation there is need for additional staffing and medical equipment planning.

STRATEGIC APPROACH TO PREVENTION, DETECTION AND CONTROL OF COVID-19

- The Incident Management Team has been activated to run 24/7. The IMT consists of six pillars: Planning & Information, Communication, Administration & Finance, Operations, Logistics, and Donor Coordination. The IMT has been established to provide operational management of the Fiji COVID-19 outbreak response.
- Strategic management of the COVID-19 response is based on actions outlined in the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.

Current Operational Guidelines Produced by IMT:

- Environment Cleaning and Decontamination (Draft) Policy.
- Public Health and Primary Care.
- Protocol for Fever Clinics.
- Guidelines for local community facility isolation.

- COVID-19 Definition of close contacts.
- Standard Operating Procedure for Nasopharyngeal Collection.
- Ambulance Services Guidelines

SITUATION UPDATE

Figure 1: Geographical Distribution of Suspected Cases

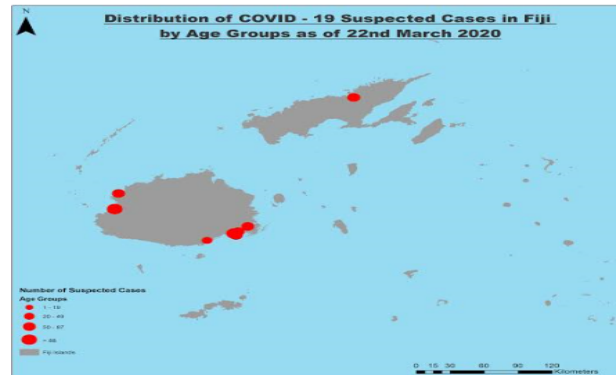


Figure 3: Location of Fever Clinics Suva-Nausori

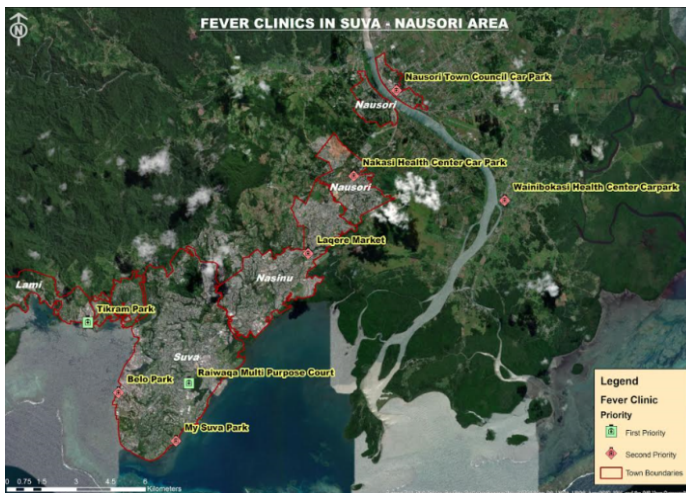


Figure 4: Location of Fever Clinics in Lautoka



ACTIONS TO DATE

Leadership and Coordination of the response:

- Daily briefings for the Minister of Health and the Permanent Secretary of Health.
- IMT Daily Meetings (8.30am and 4pm).
- Regular cabinet briefings

Surveillance, contact identification and follow-up:

- From 23/03/2020 FCDC will be generating EPI-Curves.
- 50 personnel from the Republic of the Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) have been trained in contact tracing.
- The Fiji Police Forces have offered additional security services to all health facilities as the need arises. The Fiji Police have currently arrested **11** people for attempting to breach choke points.
- The implementation of the ICT tool- Surveillance Outbreak Response Management and Analysis System (SORMAS).

Laboratory:

- COVID-19 testing currently being done at the Fiji Centre for Disease Control (FCDC).

Clinical Management and Service Delivery:

- Clinical practice guidelines from Australia have been supplied to all Intensive Care Units (ICU's) nationally.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's) training has been conducted in most health facilities and will continue to be an on-going process.

Prevention and control:

- The Fiji Coronavirus (COVID-19) Preparedness and Response Plan Draft.
- Environment Cleaning and Decontamination (Draft) Policy Ministry of Health & Medical Services, Government of Fiji.
- Public Health and Primary Care Guideline.
- Protocol for Fever Clinics.
- Guidelines for local community facility isolation.
- COVID-19 Definition for a close contact.
- Standard Operating Procedure for Nasopharyngeal Collection.
- Ambulance Services Guidelines.

Risk communication and social mobilization:

- Regular media briefings.
- Daily COVID19 advisories in newspaper released in all languages.
- Multiple social media updates.
- Information Education Communication materials.
- Poster advising of restricted visitor's movement through hospitals.
- Public messaging package to support compliance with social distancing and quarantine measures for use by all Government Agencies engaged in COVID-19 response.

Supplies and Logistics:

- A surge projection plan for equipment, medical supplies, X-Ray and Pathology has been completed and supplied to FPBS.

Point of Entry and IHR travel and trade measures:

- The last flights into and out of Fiji will be on the 30th March 2020.

Operational Partnerships

- The World Health Organization (WHO).
- Liaison Officers from (The Ministry of Education, The Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare, The Ministry of Agriculture, The Ministry of Economy, The Ministry of Defence and National Security, The Ministry of Employment and Productivity, The Ministry of Local Government, The Republic of Fiji Military Services, The Fiji Police Force, The Fiji Fire Authority, The Ministry of Lands, The Ministry of Information etc.).

KEY NEXT STEPS

- Continue 24/7 IMT operations.
- Roll out IEC material.
- Provide all the health facility around Fiji with preventive, detection and control documents once finalized and approved.
- Work with the logistics team to address the lack of PPE's, ambulance services, back up water and electricity services, sanitizers medical supplies and medical equipment to ensure the swift running of health care services.

Indicators of Community Transmission				
1. Number of confirmed COVID-19 case with no known link to a source of infection (=n (%))	2. Number of Clusters of confirmed COVID-19 cases with in the country (=n)	3. COVID-19 positivity rate (test results obtained from sentinel surveillance systems (test positive /tested))	4. An un expected increase in ILI, SARI or similar syndromic surveillance (Y or N)	5. Reports of suspected cases of COVID-19 or clusters from an event-based surveillance system (Y or N)
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