

WHO's work reflects show of strength, resilience and working together to save lives, prevent fragile health system from breaking down and support recovery

Mogadishu, 16 March 2020 – One year after the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) was officially confirmed in Somalia, the Federal and State Governments of Somalia, in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO), and other United Nations partners, are reflecting on the lives lost to the disease, while taking stock of crucial lessons learned, and huge strides made as the health system prepares to recover from the devastating impact of COVID-19.

Somalia is currently experiencing a new surge of COVID-19 cases: as of 14 March 2021, 9190 COVID-19 cases, including 367 associated deaths, were reported by the country. The current wave of COVID-19 is the worst since May-June last year, when the country experienced a possible peak after the first few laboratory-confirmed cases – which were all travel-associated – triggered community transmission across all parts of the country.



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At the time of writing, the impact of COVID-19 on the Somali population is still unclear. The number of cases and deaths reported is low, but the impact on the population is still being assessed.



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