COVID-19: SOUTH AFRICA UPDATES

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South Africa Updates

05 March 2020
First confirmed case of COVID-19.

15 March 2020
Government declares a State of Disaster.

19 March 2020
First case of community transmission.

27 March 2020
Lockdown begins for 21 days.

All non-essential activities suspended.

Anyone breaking the rules could be punished with imprisonment for up to one month or with a fine.

Companies that are essential to the production and transportation of food, basic goods and medical supplies will remain open.

SOUTH AFRICA
1 660 cases
12 deaths

CLUSTER
1 765 cases
17 deaths

AFRICA
6 986 cases
482 deaths

GLOBAL
1 214 937 cases
67 841 deaths

South Africa Red Cross Response

- Trained 1,074 volunteers from 8 provinces.
- Trained 65 volunteers in contact tracing who traced over 3,266 contacts in Bloemfontein, Free State, in 2 weeks, 120 volunteers trained in North West and 25 volunteers trained in Northern Cape.
- Reached 42,354,000 viewers and listeners with SARCS updates on activities implemented in 8 provinces.
- Distributed 72,300 flyers translated into 6 languages.
- Feeding 2,605 vulnerable (including the homeless and elderly) daily.
- Distributed 420 'social distancing' stickers and 350 posters at malls, churches, bus terminals, taxi ranks and street vendors.

The South African Ministry of Health reached out to the South African Red Cross to support them in their screening, testing and tracing in key provinces.