COVID-19: LESOTHO UPDATES

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Lesotho Updates

18 March 2020
Government declares a State of Emergency.

Schools and universities close from 19 March - 17 April 2020.

Moratorium on all public gatherings and internal movements. No more than 50 people to attend funerals.

30 March 2020
State of Emergency and lockdown declared for 28 days.

Only essential services to continue operating.

All sports and recreation activities suspended.

Limited trips outside the country by civil servants allowed.

Limited public transport around towns/city allowed.

LESOTHO
0 cases
0 deaths

CLUSTER
1 765 cases
17 deaths

AFRICA
6 986 cases
482 deaths

GLOBAL
1 214 937 cases
67 841 deaths

Lesotho Red Cross Response

- LRCS supported 10 Divisional Secretaries to prepare for COVID-19 rollout of activities.
- Volunteers and easy-to-reach communities trained on creation of tippy taps for handwashing.
- Red Cross Divisional Secretaries met with key government ministers to discuss preparedness plans.
- All divisions introduced to Risk Communications and Community Engagement (RCCE) and its role in slowing down the pandemic.
- LRCS Communications Manager invited to be part of Risk Communications Sector of the government's Command Centre.

- **Divisions across country said many people don't knowabout COVID-19 and continue to interact with people coming from South Africa without the necessary precautions.**
- **Isolation centres still to be identified in some districts.**