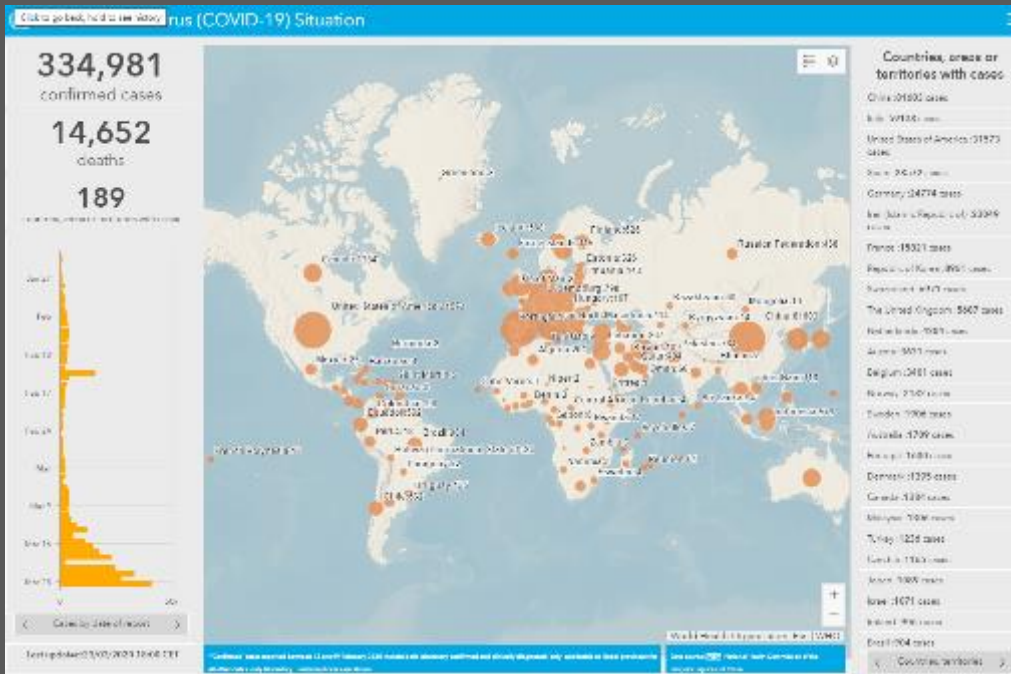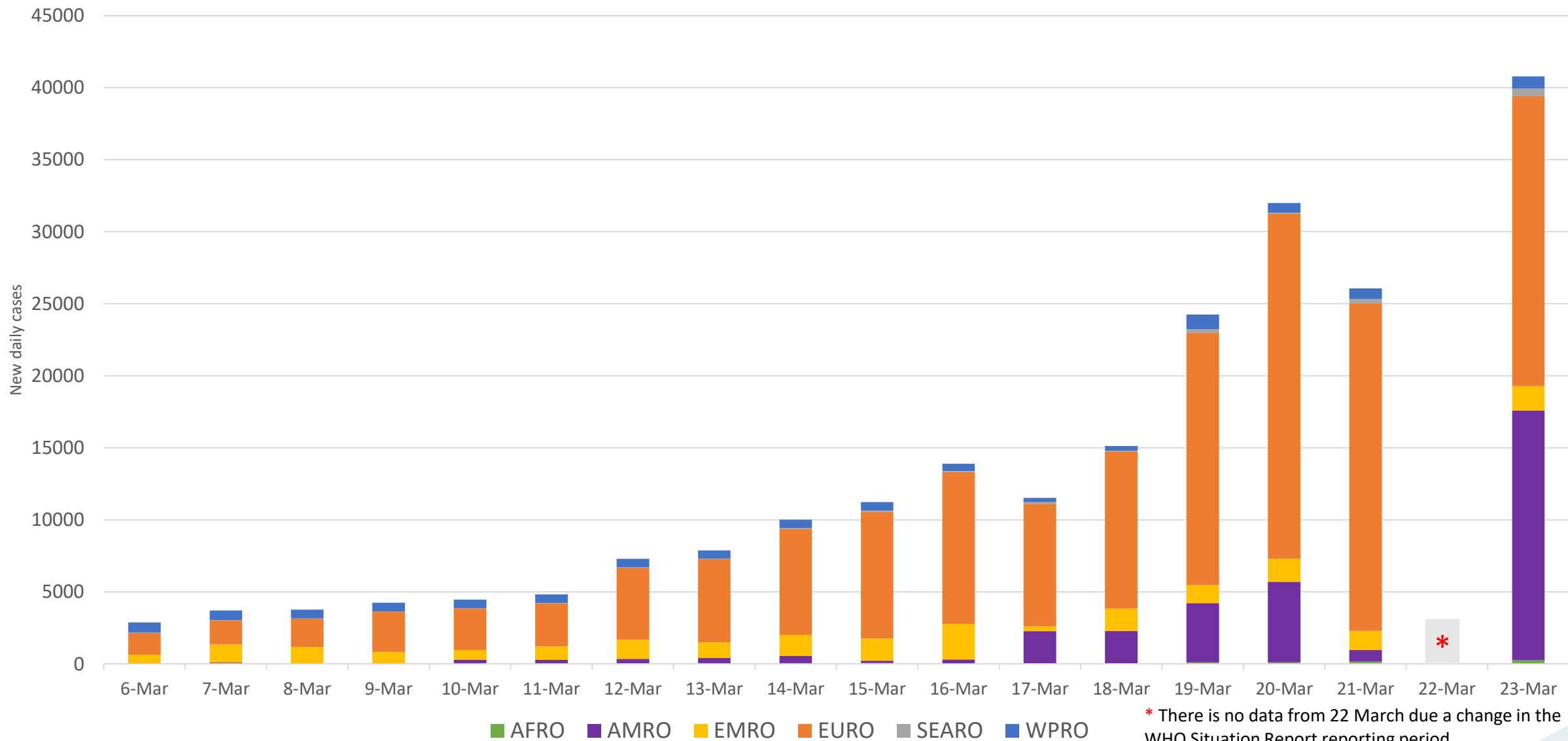# Current Situation

Source: WHO

Globally, between 31 Dec 2019 - 23 Mar 2020

- **Approximately 335,000 confirmed cases (reported to WHO)**
- **190 countries, areas and territories with cases**
- **Approximately 15,000 deaths**
- **Most affected countries (#cases):**
  - **China**
  - **Italy**
  - **United States of America**
  - **Spain**
  - **Germany**
  - **Iran**
  - **France**
  - **Republic of Korea**
  - **Switzerland**
  - **The United Kingdom**

Number of new cases of COVID-19 per day, by WHO Region

The pandemic is accelerating. It took 67 days from the first reported case to reach the first 100,000 cases, 11 days for the second 100,000 and just 4 days for the third 100,000.

Over 1 billion people have been asked to stay home in over 50 countries/territories

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Public health and social distancing measures for COVID-19

Scenario	Public health and social distancing measures *May be considered for application at local or national level*	Strategies to support implementation and gain trust
1. No reported cases In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic *Prepare*	• **Testing, contact tracing, quarantine and isolation** • **Personal and family measures** - clean hands, cough into elbow, don't touch face, stay home if sick; no-contact greeting, physical distancing, protect the vulnerable • Assess risk for **mass gatherings** (sporting events, festivals, conferences , faith-based events); adapt or cancel • Consider **travel advice and border measures** (screening, restrictions...) • **Educational institutions**, **workplaces,** health settings, public transit to prepare physical distancing measures and business continuity plans. • Occupational health and safety measures in place (e.g. surge capacity, PPE, physical distancing)	• Develop a risk communications and community engagement plan. • Communicate risk and action for self-protection • Incentivize stay-at-home measures • Ensure wide-spread availability of hand hygiene measures • Strengthen access to essential medicines • Engage children in preparing • Plan iterative assessment strategies and after-action reports • Prepare for resurgence of cases as measures lifted

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2. Sporadic cases Countries with one or more cases, imported or locally acquired *Respond/Contain*	• All the above, and • Adapt or cancel public and private events • Voluntary physical distancing (>1m), at school, work, or in public transit; staying away from crowded places • **Shielding and protection for special groups**, institutions, closed settings (seniors' residences, long-term or psychiatric care, prisons); limiting visitors, stay-at-home measures for the vulnerable (older, ill or otherwise vulnerable or with underlying conditions) • Educational institutions, workplaces, public transit to implement physical distancing measures • Reduce non-essential travel	• Communicate risk, actions for community protection, avoidance of stigma • Engage community, business and religious leaders • Plan special support strategies for vulnerable groups • Plan income maintenance strategies to support adherence to public health measures • Plan special measures for schooling children of essential personnel (e.g. keeping schools open under strict physical distancing and hygiene measures) • Establish plans and residential units for migrants, for the homeless

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3. Clusters of cases Countries with cases clustered in time, location or with common exposure *Restrict*	• All the above, and
	• **Stay-at-home measures** for:
	   • schools & tele-study,
	   • workplaces & tele-working, flexible leave policies, staggered shifts
	   • public spaces, restaurants, sport and cultural events, gyms, markets, entertainment
	   • places of worship
	   • health care settings
	• Further physical distancing measures in care homes, health settings
	• Cancel public and private events, limit gathering size
	• **Restrict local movement**, stop non-essential travel, add cordon sanitaire as needed
	• Cross-border travel measures
	• Initiate tele-medicine strategies. Defer non-urgent health and medical care.
		• Enhance community engagement for understanding of public health and community social distancing measures
		• Emphasize personal and social responsibility and respect for human rights
		• Implement strong business continuity planning for essential services and businesses
		• Implement community resilience and mental health strategies
		• Test teleworking and tele-schooling plans. Acquire technology needed to implement.
		• Create family routines with children. Encourage social interaction with others by virtual means.
		• Plan for housing and support of students, visitors and tourists where needed

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4. Community transmission
Countries with wider local transmission
 	
Reverse/eliminate
	• All the above, and
	• Strict stay-at-home policies.
	• Strengthen distance workplace measures or closures, tele-schooling strategies or closure.
	• Eliminate crowding. Closure of all but essential public places and establishments (shops, businesses)
	• Wider local/regional/national movement restrictions (cordon sanitaire, 'lockdown')
	• Emphasize and strengthen telemedicine strategies
	• Reorient health system to implement surge plan
	• Legislate to support compliance as required
		• Strengthen community resilience, mental health strategies
		• Protect food supply and access to care
		• Keep food shops, pharmacies and clinics open; maintain transport options
		• Mitigate economic impact
		   • Promote employer strategies for income maintenance, flexible leave
		   • Offer economic relief packages
		• Assess carefully and withdraw measures gradually

COVID-19 response measures in France

17 March
- General lockdown
- Fines for noncompliance

12 March
Economic measures

18 March
- General recommendations
- Border closure

20 Jan   27 Jan   3 Feb   10 Feb   17 Feb   24 Feb   2 Mar   9 Mar   16 Mar   23 Mar   30 Mar

24 January
First case reported to WHO

13 February
Emergency administrative structures activated or established

29 February
Limit public gatherings

3 March
Emergency administrative structures activated or established

8 March
Limit public gatherings

16 March
- General lockdown
- Health screenings at airports and borders
- Introduction of quarantine policies
- Flights suspension
- Schools closure
- Limit public gatherings

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