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Preparedness to COV-19, One Health Approach

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Introduction:

Dear youths am excited to join you today for a discussion on this very important global challenge that is has taken lives of many people and has paralyzed all activities in various sectors including trade, economy, Water, Health, education, Tourism.

Permit me to thank you for taking the front lead in creating awareness to the members of AYICC and the world at large through various social media platforms. Also i have read through your brochure and flier and excited about your amazing work that you are doing in Zimbabwe and am certain your efforts are highly impactful and we would love to continue sharing with you even after this presentation,

Do you mind following Africa Youth Advisory Board on Disaster risk reduction, where I sit as Deputy Secretary General (a youth-led entity under African union representing the voices of the youths like you in realization the Sendai Framework 2015-2030 and plan of Action(PoA) see more information www.preventionweb.net also our social media platforms are;

Definition of terms

Epidemic: Refers to a sudden increase in the number of cases of a disease above what is normally expected in a particular community or location.



Pandemic: Is the global outbreak of a disease. Declared by WHO on 12th March 2020

One health Approach: Is a collaborative, multisectoral, and transdisciplinary approach — working at the local, regional, national, and global levels with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes recognizing the interconnection between people, animals, plants, and their shared environment.

COVID-19 is an infectious condition, which means it can be spread, directly or indirectly, from one person to another. Involves your upper respiratory tract (nose, throat, airways, lungs). **Incubation period (2-5 days)** Caused by the newly discovered coronavirus, called as novel coronavirus, first identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. Risk of death is only higher in older people (above an age of ~60 years) and people with pre-existing health conditions

Spreads through:

The air by coughing, sneezing
Close contact like touching, shaking hands
Touching an infected object or surface

Most at risk populations

- Diabetes
- Chronic Respiratory Problems
- Cardiac Ailments
- Pregnancy
- The Young And Elderly Persons

Preparedness: Is a state of being ready for a particular occurrence

Current status of COVID-2019 spread: by 11/03/2020

Current deaths:4,368
Number of cases:121,061
Number of recovered cases:66,216
Number of active cases receiving essential medicines:57,463
Number of countries hit: 167

How to prevent COVID-19 Spread

- Hand and respiratory hygiene
- Use soap and clean water
- Avoid congested places
- Safe waste management
- Environmental conservation

Some measures which have been put in place by the Ugandan government

- Passed an ordinance/ statute specifically for COVID19
- Formed a taskforce with various department onboard

- All public transport are suspended for 14days
- All public gatherings suspended
- A scientific committee has been established to study all upcoming information and research findings about the diseases.
- Established isolation units across the country

What are the roles of AYICC ZIMBABWE

- Use your existing structures to sensitize the public
- Mobilize youths and your network of different backgrounds to sensitize groups
- Organize environmental conservation measures(face masks,)
- Donate Hand sanitizers in public places and demonstrate proper hand washing
- Organize drama and music messages

Conclusion

Abel Wilson concluded by encouraging AYICC ZIMBABWE Youths to get the facts right and spread them well so as to help our people in the communities. Through various disciplines we can make an impact in preventing the spread of COVID-19