



Countering misinformation about COVID-19 in Somaliland

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Press Release

Hargeisa, 17 May, 2020 – At this difficult moment, the National Preparedness committee for COVID19 is engaged in the fight of the COVID19 pandemic to save the lives of the people of Somaliland and also the phony information which can marginalize the efforts to curb the spreading of COVID19 in the Republic of Somaliland. We are dealing with another common enemy: the “infodemic.” For instance, Somalia Ministry of Health is disseminating false and misleading information about Covid-19 situation in Somaliland. We invalidate the claim that Somalia brought Preventive equipment to Sool and Sanaag regions of Somaliland, and nullify the incorrect number of cases they irresponsibly report from Somaliland.

The Ministry of Health Development of Somaliland has confirmed 16 new cases of COVID19 in Somaliland earlier today, which is making the total number of cases 103, the Ministry of Health Development of Somaliland is authorized to provide any information to public, media and International partner to avoid counterfeit information which can harm the whole efforts and process to combat COVID19.

The NPCCOVID19 is grateful to World Health Organization and Media outlets in Somaliland for their role and we argue Somalia to stop the misleading and misinterpretation of COVID19 data from the Somaliland Ministry of Health.

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