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# Central Asia COVID-19 Crisis Response Programme (CACCR)

Strengthening public health emergency preparedness, coordination, detection and response to COVID-19 with focus on Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan



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## Strengthening responders' skills

- Health-care professionals trained in the latest methods in clinical management, treating suspected cases of COVID-19 at the primary health care level, managing patients in intensive-care, and in routing suspected COVID-19 cases.
- National COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures reviewed to ensure they are in line with WHO recommendations. The assessment was conducted through a working group set up under the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan.
- New standard operating procedures (SOPs) developed on infection prevention and control, contact tracing, management of COVID-19 clinical treatment protocols at the primary health care level, management of patients in intensive care, on triaging, and on screening and routing of patients.
- A national working group established to develop the national case management strategy, and to keep updated COVID-19 clinical treatment protocols and guidelines according to the latest WHO recommendations.

## Increasing public compliance with health measures

- Developed 14 types of infographic materials in Russian and Turkmen languages, 14,000 copies of materials have been speeded out to the population.
- Ensured access of the population to the health care system at the regions and provinces outside of Ashgabat, as well as review of the COVID-19 care system at all levels of the health system to ensure that all patients receive safe care, basic medical services, and IPC is implemented from the community level to the hospital's needs.

