

# COVID-19 DIGEST

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## Highlights

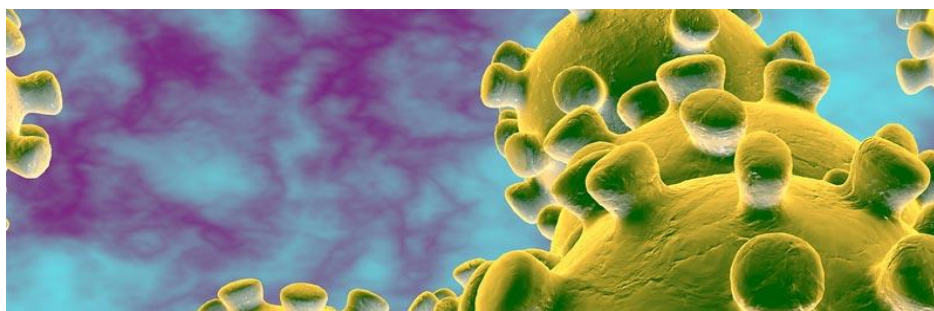
**Fake Medicine Alert!** | The World Health Organization has warned against the growing numbers of fake medicines linked to coronavirus that are on sale in developing countries. The WHO said taking these drugs could have "serious side effects" This is because of the lock-down of the world's two largest producers of medical supplies - China and India.

[BBC](#)

### Not Yet time to Relax Measures

Not yet Uhuru! Uganda is registering a slow transmission rate of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) since its outbreak in Wuhan, China, in late 2019. Thanks to the unprecedented public health interventions. Ministry of Health statistics show a slow rate of cases positive reported. However, given the multiple countries across the globe currently experiencing the first wave of the epidemic, researchers led by Kathy Leung in their publication first published online April 8 by Lancet warns against premature relaxation of strict interventions. Urges governments to act and prepare immediately to ensure that the health-care system has adequate labour, resources, and facilities to minimise the mortality risk of COVID-19.

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## SPOTLIGHT



**RAN-MakSPH team spearheading the Covid-19 innovations includes Prof. William Bazeyo, Chief of Party, Dr. Roy William Mayega, Deputy Chief of Party, Mr. Nathan Tumuhamy, Director Eastern Africa RILab and Dr. Dorothy Okello, the Director Innovations.**

RAN, a project under the School of Public Health has participated in brainstorming session with a team from the UPDF Science and Technology Office to agree on minimum specifications that local manufacturers need to meet to mass produce some key Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) items specifically N95 masks, Hazmat Suits and Face Shields. In order to implement the outcomes of this discussion, RAN has engaged a team from College of Engineering to explore different materials to use to develop a low-cost Hazmat suit. **Get full story on our website ([www.sph.mak.ac.ug](http://www.sph.mak.ac.ug)) and social media platforms including Facebook and Twitter platforms @MakSPH**

## Uganda Numbers

- 53 cases
- 0 deaths
- 3,524 Tested

## Global Numbers

- WHO: 1,395,136 cases | 81,580 deaths
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- JHU: 1,490,790 cases | 88,982 deaths

## LESSONS FROM COVID 19 RESPONSE TO THE UGANDAN ANIMAL FARMERS

The advantages of quarantine in humans and animals are the same. Do not mix sick animals with others (isolation and social distance must be observed). Asymptomatic animals can still spread the virus just like asymptomatic humans in COVID 19.

So, if you have one symptomatic animal most likely others (contact) also have the infection; they are just asymptomatic so do not take them to the market because you are unknowingly spreading the disease.

"The political will displayed in COVID 19 response is what we need in animal disease control as well. Security for enforcement, ministry of health for health risk communication, Ministry of Trade because animal traders fall here, communication for risk communication. Remember Animal health contribution to the current pandemics is up to 80%," **Dr. Gloria Tamale, Veterinary Doctor MakSPH**

More details in this blog <https://bit.ly/2UTgVbb>

