

# Risk Assessment for International Dissemination of COVID-19 to the ASEAN Region

*As of March 18, 2020 (2:00 PM GMT+8)*



# COVID-19: Highlights and Situation Overview

- The **WHO COVID-19 Incident Management Team** is working closely with partners across all levels to provide support to countries, strengthen technical and operational networking and collaboration, and support operational coordination of the global response. The core elements of health operations include clinical care and management, laboratory capacity strengthening, surveillance, case and contact tracing, infection prevention and control, risk communications and community engagement. These core elements are supported by technical networks worldwide, which draw on and support capacities in GOARN, GHC, and EMTs. In the area of risk communications and community engagement, IFRC, UNICEF and WHO have established a dedicated tripartite group to scale up and implement activities globally.
- **Thailand's** government has enacted stronger measures to combat the spread of the coronavirus, including postponing the country's biggest holiday, shutting down schools and closing bars. These include: a) postponing Songkran — the annual three-day traditional New Year's holiday in April; b) all public and private educational institutions will be closed starting Wednesday (March 18) until further notice; c) gathering places such as bars, karaoke parlors, movie theaters, gymnasiums, boxing stadiums and other sports venues will be subject to closure as ordered by provincial governors. Such venues in Bangkok will also close for two weeks beginning March 18; d) closing of restaurants and malls in Bangkok will be at the discretion of its governor. Meanwhile, restaurants are required to implement strict disinfection procedures and health safety measures.
- On late of March 16, **Philippines'** President put the entire Philippine island of Luzon under an "enhanced community quarantine" until April 12 to stop the spread of COVID-19, effective midnight Tuesday (April 17, 2020). Under an enhanced community quarantine, strict home quarantine shall be implemented in all households, transportation shall be suspended, provision of food and essential services shall be regulated, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures will be implemented.
- **New country with COVID-19 case/s**
  - Benin: 1 case
    - The first case of COVID-19 was reported in Benin on March 16. The affected individual is a 49-year-old man who arrived in Benin after travelling to Belgium and Burkina-Faso on March 12. Further travel details are not available.
  - Greenland: 1 case
    - The first case of COVID-19 was reported in Greenland on March 16. There are no details provided about the source of the infection. The affected individual resides in Nuuk, the capital and largest city of Greenland.
  - Liberia: 1 case
    - The first case of COVID-19 was reported in Liberia on March 16. There are limited details available, but a media report indicates

that the affected individual is the head of Liberia's environmental agency who had recently returned from Switzerland.

- Somalia: 1 case
  - The first case of COVID-19 was reported in Somalia on March 16. The affected individual is a Somali citizen who arrived from an unspecified location in China a week ago. In addition, the report indicates that the confirmed case is one individual among 4 who were held under quarantine upon their arrival from China. Local health authorities have suspended all international flights for 15 days, effective March 18.
- Tanzania: 1 case
  - The first case of COVID-19 was reported in Tanzania on March 16. The affected individual is a 46-year-old-woman who departed on March 3 to Belgium, Sweden, and Denmark before returning to Tanzania on March 15. The individual is isolated at a local hospital in Arusha, a city in north-eastern Tanzania and the capital of the Arusha Region.
- Equatorial Guinea: 1 case
  - The first case of COVID-19 was reported in Equatorial Guinea on March 15. A media report indicates that the affected individual is a 42-year-old female who returned to Malabo, Equatorial Guinea's capital from an unspecified location in Spain on March 13.
- The Bahamas: 1 case
  - The first case and first probable case of community-acquired transmission of COVID-19 was reported in the Bahamas on March 15. The affected individual is a 61-year-old female from New Providence, the most populous island in the Bahamas. The Ministry of Health stated that the source of the infection for this individual is still under investigation, as she has no travel history in the past 20 days nor close contact with any previously confirmed COVID-19 case. The affected woman has been placed under isolation at a local hospital in Nassau. The report indicates that this case was found as the MH expanded the criteria for COVID-19 testing to include all individuals with flu-like symptoms. This represents a significant event and suggests some level of community-based transmission.
- **Travel Advisories**
  - Cambodia: The country's health department on March 14 announced a 30-day suspension of "foreigners" traveling into the country from the United States, France, Germany, Italy and Spain, effective March 17.
  - Malaysia: As of March 16, all foreign nationals, "with very limited exceptions," are prohibited from entering or transiting through Malaysia until March 31. The date could be extended at the discretion of the Malaysian government. All passengers arriving from international destinations — including Malaysian citizens — must undergo 14 days of quarantine and a health inspection. Foreign nationals are allowed to leave the country, but flight options are limited.
  - Vietnam: From March 18, Vietnam will stop issuing new visas to all foreign nationals for 30 days in a bid to curb the spread of COVID-19. Travelers

from countries with visa exemptions will only be allowed if they can show medical documents certifying they are free of the virus. The suspension also does not apply to diplomats and those entering on government business, however, they will be required to follow quarantine protocols. In addition, all travelers from the US, Europe, and ASEAN countries will be required to undergo medical checks and a 14-day quarantine when entering Vietnam. Vietnam Airlines will temporarily suspend flights between Vietnam and Malaysia until the end of March from March 18. In addition, flights between Vietnam and France have been indefinitely suspended.

- Laos: The border crossing to Laos in Phu Sang district of this northern province has been closed from both sides due to the COVID-19 threat. Pang Mone international border checkpoint had been closed until the COVID-19 situation improves. Ban Huak checkpoint on the Thailand side will be closed effective March 17.
- Philippines: In Luzon, the archipelago's largest island, all mass public transportation has been suspended.
- Thailand: The Airports of Thailand (AOT) has launched an application to enable travelers arriving from the Disease Infected Zones to submit the T8 form as required by the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT). All travelers from the Disease Infected Zones must complete the T8 form, via the AOT application or on paper, and submit it to the communicable disease control officials at the control post at the airport of disembarkation. Travelers are required to complete the T8 with their personal information including name, nationality, passport number, active mobile phone number and active e-mail address. The data will be stored for 14 days from the arrival date. This is to allow Thai health officials to contact the travelers in case of an emergency

#### Cases and Deaths as of 18 March 2020

- As of March 18 (2PM, GMT+8), worldwide, there were **194,479** confirmed cases, including **7,886** deaths.
- In **China**, there were **81,387** confirmed cases with **3,230** deaths, including deaths in Hong Kong (4) and Taiwan (1). Confirmed cases in China include confirmed cases in Hong Kong (162), Macau (13), and Taiwan (77).
- **113,092 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in **157 countries** (other than China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau):

REGION	COUNTRY	FIRST CONFIRMED CASE(S)	LATEST CONFIRMED CASE(S)	CONFIRMED CASES/(Deaths)
ASIA PACIFIC	Thailand	13 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	212 (1)
	Vietnam	23 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	67
	Singapore	23 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	266
	Malaysia	25 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	673 (2)
	Cambodia	27 Jan 2020	16 Mar 2020	24
	Philippines	30 Jan 2020	18 Mar 2020	193 (14)
	Indonesia	02 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	172 (5)
	Brunei	10 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	56

	<b>Japan</b>	16 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	878 (36) 696 from quarantined ship
	<b>South Korea</b>	20 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	8,320 (81)
	<b>Nepal</b>	24 Jan 2020	24 Jan 2020	1
	<b>Australia</b>	25 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	452 (5)
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	27 Jan 2020	16 Mar 2020	44
	<b>India</b>	30 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	137 (3)
	<b>Afghanistan</b>	24 Feb 2020	16 Mar 2020	22
	<b>Pakistan</b>	26 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	194 (1)
	<b>New Zealand</b>	28 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	12
	<b>Bhutan</b>	05 Mar 2020	05 Mar 2020	1
	<b>Maldives</b>	07 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	13
	<b>Bangladesh</b>	08 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	10
	<b>Mongolia</b>	10 Mar 2020	10 Mar 2020	1
	<b>Turkey</b>	10 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	47
	<b>French Polynesia</b>	12 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	3
	<b>Guam</b>	15 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	5
<b>AMERICAS</b>	<b>USA</b>	21 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	5,723 (106)
	<b>Canada</b>	25 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	440 (5)
	<b>Brazil</b>	26 Feb 2020	14 Mar 2020	301 (1)
	<b>Mexico</b>	28 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	82
	<b>Saint Martin</b>	01 Mar 2020	01 Mar 2020	2
	<b>Ecuador</b>	01 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	111 (6)
	<b>Dominican Republic</b>	01 Mar 2020	09 Mar 2020	5
	<b>Chile</b>	03 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	201
	<b>Argentina</b>	03 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	65 (2)
	<b>Peru</b>	05 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	86
	<b>Costa Rica</b>	06 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	41
	<b>Colombia</b>	06 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	65
	<b>French Guiana</b>	06 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	6 (1)
	<b>Martinique</b>	06 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	19
	<b>Paraguay</b>	07 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	9
	<b>Panama</b>	10 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	69 (1)
	<b>Bolivia</b>	10 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	11
	<b>Honduras</b>	11 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	8
	<b>Cuba</b>	11 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	5
	<b>Guyana</b>	11 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	11 (1)
	<b>Jamaica</b>	12 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	12

<b>St Vincent and the Grenadines</b>	12 Mar 2020	12 Mar 2020	1	
<b>Saint Lucia</b>	13 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	2	
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	13 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	5	
<b>Venezuela</b>	13 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	33	
<b>Guatemala</b>	13 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	8 (1)	
<b>Uruguay</b>	13 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	29	
<b>Curacao</b>	13 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	1	
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	13 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	3	
<b>Suriname</b>	13 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	1	
<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	13 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	1	
<b>Guadeloupe</b>	13 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	27	
<b>Cayman Islands</b>	13 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	1 (1)	
<b>Aruba</b>	14 Mar 2020	17 mar 2020	3	
<b>Bahamas</b>	15 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	1	
<b>US Virgin Islands</b>	16 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	1	
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>France</b>	24 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	7,652 (175)
	<b>Germany</b>	27 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	7,974 (20)
	<b>Finland</b>	29 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	321
	<b>Italy</b>	30 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	31,506 (2,503)
	<b>Russian Federation</b>	31 Jan 2020	16 Mar 2020	93
	<b>Spain</b>	31 Jan 2020	15 Mar 2020	11,409 (510)
	<b>Sweden</b>	31 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	1,191 (8)
	<b>United Kingdom of Great Britain</b>	31 Jan 2020	17 Mar 2020	1,950 (56)
	<b>Belgium</b>	05 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	1,243 (10)
	<b>Switzerland</b>	25 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	2,742 (27)
	<b>Austria</b>	25 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	1,332 (4)
	<b>Croatia</b>	25 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	65
	<b>Norway</b>	26 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	1,419 (3)
	<b>Romania</b>	26 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	184
	<b>Estonia</b>	26 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	225
	<b>Georgia</b>	26 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	34
	<b>North Macedonia</b>	26 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	26
	<b>Greece</b>	26 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	352 (4)
	<b>Denmark</b>	27 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	960 (4)
	<b>San Marino</b>	27 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	102 (9)
<b>Lithuania</b>	27 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	22	
<b>Netherlands</b>	27 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	1,413 (24)	

	<b>Azerbaijan</b>	27 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	28
	<b>Belarus</b>	28 Feb 2020	10 Mar 2020	9
	<b>Iceland</b>	28 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	225
	<b>Ireland</b>	28 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	223 (2)
	<b>Monaco</b>	29 Feb 2020	29 Feb 2020	1
	<b>Czech Republic</b>	01 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	396
	<b>Luxembourg</b>	01 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	140 (1)
	<b>Armenia</b>	01 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	20
	<b>Latvia</b>	02 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	60
	<b>Portugal</b>	02 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	448 (1)
	<b>Andorra</b>	02 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	14
	<b>Liechtenstein</b>	03 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	7
	<b>Ukraine</b>	03 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	3 (1)
	<b>Slovenia</b>	04 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	273 (1)
	<b>Hungary</b>	04 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	50 (1)
	<b>Poland</b>	04 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	205 (5)
	<b>Faroe Islands</b>	04 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	47
	<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	05 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	27
	<b>Gibraltar</b>	05 Mar 2020	05 Mar 2020	1
	<b>Slovakia</b>	06 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	84
	<b>Serbia</b>	06 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	65
	<b>Vatican City</b>	06 Mar 2020	06 Mar 2020	1
	<b>Malta</b>	07 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	38
	<b>Moldova</b>	07 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	30
	<b>Bulgaria</b>	08 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	67 (2)
	<b>Albania</b>	09 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	55 (1)
	<b>Cyprus</b>	09 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	46
	<b>Channel Islands</b>	09 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	6
	<b>Kazakhstan</b>	13 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	33
	<b>Uzbekistan</b>	15 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	11
	<b>Greenland</b>	16 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	1
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>UAE</b>	29 Jan 2020	16 Mar 2020	98
	<b>Iran</b>	19 Feb 2020	16 Mar 2020	16,169 (988)
	<b>Israel</b>	21 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	304
	<b>Lebanon</b>	21 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	120 (3)
	<b>Kuwait</b>	24 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	130
	<b>Oman</b>	24 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	24
	<b>Bahrain</b>	24 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	236
	<b>Iraq</b>	24 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	154 (11)
	<b>Qatar</b>	29 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	439
	<b>Tunisia</b>	02 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	24
	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	02 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	133
	<b>Jordan</b>	02 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	35
	<b>Palestine</b>	05 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	41

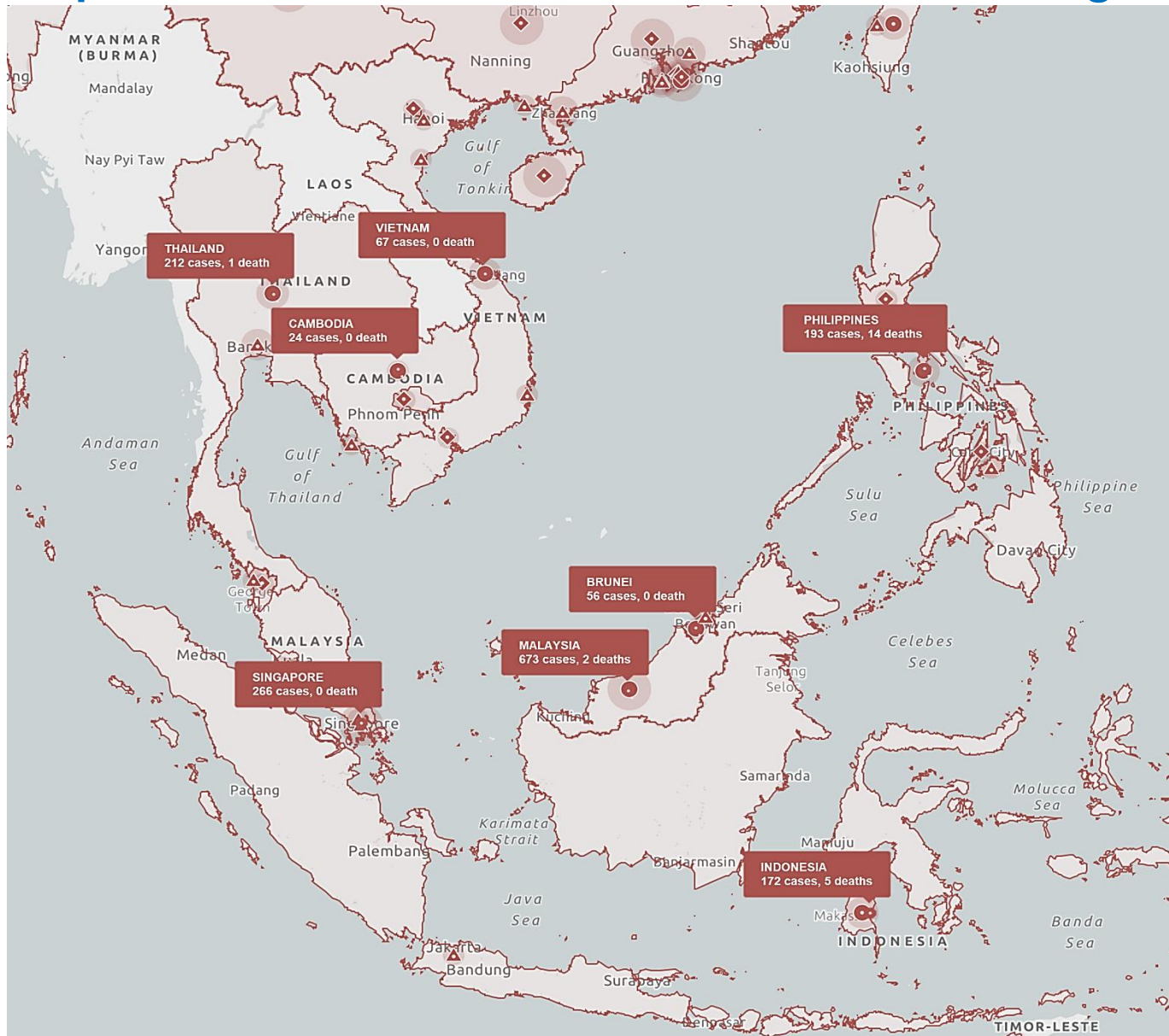
**AFRICA**

<b>Egypt</b>	14 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	166 (4)
<b>Algeria</b>	25 Feb 2020	17 Mar 2020	60 (5)
<b>Nigeria</b>	28 Feb 2020	08 Mar 2020	2
<b>Morocco</b>	02 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	38 (2)
<b>Senegal</b>	02 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	27
<b>South Africa</b>	05 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	64
<b>Cameroon</b>	06 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	33
<b>Togo</b>	06 Mar 2020	06 Mar 2020	1
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	09 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	15
<b>Democratic Republic of Congo</b>	10 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	3
<b>Ivory Coast</b>	11 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	4
<b>Reunion</b>	11 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	12
<b>Ghana</b>	13 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	6
<b>Guinea</b>	13 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	1
<b>Gabon</b>	13 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	1
<b>Sudan</b>	13 Mar 2020	13 Mar 2020	1 (1)
<b>Kenya</b>	13 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	4
<b>Ethiopia</b>	13 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	5
<b>Central African Republic</b>	14 Mar 2020	14 Mar 2020	1
<b>Seychelles</b>	14 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	4
<b>Rwanda</b>	14 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	7
<b>Namibia</b>	14 Mar 2020	14 Mar 2020	2
<b>Swaziland</b>	14 Mar 2020	14 Mar 2020	1
<b>Mauritania</b>	14 Mar 2020	14 Mar 2020	1
<b>Mayotte</b>	14 Mar 2020	17 Mar 2020	3
<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	15 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	1
<b>Republic of Congo</b>	15 Mar 2020	15 Mar 2020	1
<b>Benin</b>	16 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	1
<b>Liberia</b>	16 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	1
<b>Tanzania</b>	16 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	1
<b>Somalia</b>	16 Mar 2020	16 Mar 2020	1
			<b>113,092</b>





## Map of COVID-19 Affected Countries: ASEAN Region



**Figure 2.** ASEAN Region with COVID-19 confirmed cases as of March 18, 2020 (2 PM GMT+8)



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