



## **COVID-19 and International Cooperation**

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# What are the International Consequences of COVID-19?



COVID-19 Dashboard by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

Total Confirmed  
**3,269,667**

Confirmed Cases by Country/Region /Sovereignty

- 1,079,032 US
- 818,435 Spain
- 808,663 Italy
- 772,481 United Kingdom
- 767,299 France
- 743,009 Germany
- 720,204 Turkey
- 714,431 Russia
- 64,640 Iran
- 67,187 Brazil
- 63,956 China
- 64,457 Canada
- 69,032 Belgium
- 59,512 Netherlands
- 56,976 Peru
- 55,043 India
- 57,586 Switzerland



Cumulative Confirmed Cases Active Cases Incidence Rate Case-Fatality Ratio Testing Rate Hospitalization Rate

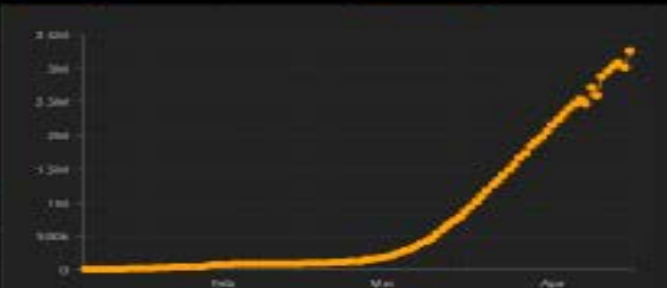
Total Deaths  
**233,688**

- 27,967 deaths Italy
- 26,771 deaths United Kingdom
- 24,545 deaths Spain
- 24,376 deaths France
- 18,069 deaths New York City New York US
- 7,703 deaths Belgium
- 6,423 deaths Germany
- 6,028 deaths Iran

Total Test Results in US  
**6,231,182**

- 900,636 tested New York US
- 625,337 tested California US
- 382,405 tested Florida US
- 314,790 tested Texas US
- 275,647 tested Massachusetts US
- 269,867 tested Illinois US
- 247,958 tested New Jersey US
- 221,360 tested Pennsylvania US

Deaths Recovered US total tests Hospitalization



Confirmed Logarithmic Daily Cases

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Only a global victory can end this pandemic, not a temporary rich countries' win

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Ethiopia's PM Abiy Ahmed: 'The WHO must be empowered and resourced sufficiently to co-ordinate responses globally and directly to assist governments in developing countries' © AFP

Abiy Ahmed MARCH 25 2020



*“Momentary victory by a rich country in controlling the virus at a national level, coupled with travel bans and border closures, may give a semblance of accomplishment. But we all know this is a stopgap. Only global victory can bring this pandemic to an end.”*

- Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed



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## Only victory in Africa can end the pandemic everywhere

World leaders call for an urgent debt moratorium and unprecedented health and economic aid packages



A medic teaches doctors how to use ventilators to treat coronavirus patients in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. If the disease is not beaten in Africa, it will return to haunt us all © Michael Tewelde/AFP/Getty

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COVID-19 has presented new opportunities for cooperation between South Korea and Africa.

By R. Maxwell Bone & Matthew Mirsoo Kim

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In December 2019, the Korea-Africa Foundation, an arm of the South Korean Foreign Ministry, [convened the second Seoul Dialogue on Africa](#). This dialogue was the first major initiative in President Moon Jae-in's approach toward Africa. It built upon the initiatives of his predecessors, each of whom had [their own unique policies toward the continent](#). The theme of the dialogue was "African Integration: Legacies and New Horizons" and led to promises of further cooperation between South Korea and the continent in the fields of entrepreneurship and infrastructure.



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*The "high-water mark of contemporary globalization is now behind us"*

- Stephen Walt



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