



## **Press Release on Corona Virus, Covid-19**

First and foremost, I would like to thank all Medias Institutions and journalist for accepting our timely and respected call for media coverage press release on the Coronavirus Covid-19 epidemic, which is causing serious impact on social, economic and human lives of the globe.

**Dear representative of different Media outlets**

**Dear Members of the Ethiopian Working Community& Leaders of Trade Union at all**

**Honorable actors of Labour Relations**

**Dear Employers and Owner of the Enterprises**

**Dear the entire Ethiopian people,**

Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions (CETUs) is always committed to protect working community safety and health. As connection to the main existence objectives CETU, we are working with many stakeholders including the government to Prevent, control and minimize the impact of the fast-spreading Corona virus epidemic, Covid-19 across our country. Similar to other countries our government has been doing a lot of work since the epidemic traced in order to prevent, control and minimize its impact. In addition to that the World Health Organization, the Ethiopian Public Health Institution, and the FDRE Ministry of Health are also providing ongoing and timely information on the prevention mechanisms, control and the use of effective treatment strategies.

In the first stage the government has been taken different measures such as closing school, partially lock down of government office and arrange the civil servant workers to work from home, stop meetings, and accessing reliable information from the World Health Organization, Ethiopian Public Health Institution, and the Ministry of Health's which in turn helps to accessing the useful and effective prevention mechanism, to

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access important, updated and timely information. In addition that the government issued a second phases statement which request to all University student to close temporarily education and dispatch by arranging transportation to go back to their families, closed the boundary, forced international travelers to stay at isolation center for 14 days, and etc.

As we all know and aware this disease is very dangerous because it's very contagious nature. Due to this reason the Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions (CETUs) respectfully demand to all pertinent stakeholder in order to take a proper attention to prevention and control of this epidemic moreover demands to take especially consideration for those employed by public enterprises and private sector employees, their families, and the community in which they live.

Furthermore the Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions (CETUs) also calls to all owners and managers of the public and private sectors to leverage their social responsibility and to take necessary measure in order to prevent and protect the workers from this epidemic.

Besides to that; the Confederation call up on the government officials to pay a great attention and historical responsibility on providing reliable information for the public and private enterprise, supply the necessary preventive material for the sector, close follow up in this regards and issued a document that support to reduce the impact on the working community and the sector.

On top of that; the Confederation calls up on all Ethiopian workers to do their part to protect their family and their community, to work hand in hand and also cooperate with the employers in prevention, control and treat impact of pandemic.

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Lastly, once again I would like to appreciate the good job done by the government, media institutions, the employers, the Workers, Basic Trade Unions and Industrial federations. Moreover; I would like to use this opportunity to request affiliated industrial federations and entire members to provide us any information on the development of epidemic in your enterprises on a regular basis in order to contribute on the fight against this epidemic.

**Thank you for attention!**

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