TEST, TRACE AND TREAT
Accelerating COVID-19 testing in Africa

TEST
to diagnose cases

To increase targeted testing, actions will focus on:

- **Ensuring** uninterrupted supply of test kits, reagents, and other essential testing supplies

- **Pooling** testing

- **Reinforcing** and expanding the existing workforce by training additional laboratorians to run tests

- **Decentralizing** testing to other qualified laboratories within countries

- **Considering** rapid diagnostics where this can be validated and standardized

- **Automating** streamlining, and ensuring uninterrupted laboratory processes

- **Ensuring** a rapid and reliable specimen transport system

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TRACE
to identify cases and their contacts

To accelerate case-finding for rapid isolation of cases and quarantining of contacts, actions will focus on:

- **Smart screening** in at-risk populations

- **Sensitizing** and activating local detection points like patent medicine vendors, traditional healers, and laboratories to identify cases

- **Tracing** all case contacts

- **Conducting** active case searching while investigating known cases

- **Training** and deploying community health workers to assist with contact tracing, community engagement and education

- **Facilitating** and encouraging care-seeking for symptomatic individuals

- **Engaging** and empowering community members to self-report and seek care

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TREAT
to provide supportive care in symptomatic cases

To ensure access to supportive care for symptomatic COVID-19 patients and minimize related deaths, actions should include:

- **Providing** guidance on home-based care to individuals experiencing mild symptoms

- **Implementation** of infection prevention and control practices

- **Immediate triage** and testing of symptomatic individuals at the healthcare setting

- **Ensuring** that critical equipment is in place and functioning (e.g. oxygen and oxygen-delivering interfaces)

- **Early identification** and evidence informed management of those with moderate to critical illness and the medically vulnerable (e.g. older patients, existing comorbidities)

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