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to the CSTD call for information sharing on initiatives against COVID-19

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Since the pandemic is a global news and before cases are reported in our country, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (MoSHE) is conducting various science and research affiliated activities both at national and HEIs levels. Few of the activities include the following:

- Together our global Advisory Council, we established 5 task forces that work on the pandemics (Research, Community Service & Social Support, Educational Delivery, Resource Mobilization, and Public Awareness)
- A National COVID-19 Multidisciplinary Research Taskforce was established, survey research conducted, and its findings to be forwarded to science Orgs, HEIs and the government
- A national high-level webinar conference was conducted with speakers from Ethiopian renowned scholars, namely Prof Tilahun Yuilma (USA), Prof Sossena Haile (USA), Prof Damtew Tefera (S. Africa), Prof Wondwossen Gebreyes (USA), and Dr Teshome Yizengaw (USA)
- A weekly intellectual discourse organized by MoSHE and together with other Gov Science Orgs is being held every Wednesday. Aim is to conduct scientific discussions on past and present pandemics, and address way forwards

HEIs actively participating in containing the pandemic, almost all produced several hand sanitizers, provide community services in various ways and media, as well as conduct various action research. In this case, resource mobilization, especially financial assistance by International organizations is highly recommended and we would much appreciate to hear if there is any kind of support by UNCTAD.