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Weekly Data Flash on Covid-19 in Africa¹:

The situation as of Sunday, March 21, 2021

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Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Africa as of March 21, 2021²

Vaccinations: Status Update

- Over 70.8 million new Covid-19 vaccinations were administered globally in the review week, bringing the total, as of March 21, 2021, to 430,018,779. In terms of the geographical distribution, the USA accounted for 29.6% of the total number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to date, followed by China at 17.4% and India at 10.4%
- The number of African countries rolling out Covid-19 vaccinations is gradually increasing; to date 17 countries have reported commencing vaccination. As of March 21, 2021, 8,182,054 vaccinations had been administered in Africa, which represents 1.9% of total global vaccinations. Morocco accounts for 81.7% of the vaccinations carried out in Africa to date. In respect of vaccines proportionate to population size, Seychelles has administered vaccines to 91.7% of its population, taking second place globally after Israel who has achieved more than 100%.

Covid-19 Testing in Africa

- As of Sunday, March 21, 2021, more than 39.0 million tests for Covid-19 had been administered in Africa, of which over 0.8 million were reported in the week under review. The majority (24.6%) of the total tests as of March 21, 2021 were conducted in South Africa, followed by Morocco (15.0%), Egypt (6.4%), Ethiopia (5.8%), Nigeria (4.3%), Kenya (3.6%), Zambia (3.1%), Rwanda (2.8%), Tunisia (2.7%) and Cameroon (2.7%). These ten countries collectively account for 71.0% of the tests conducted to date in Africa.
- The number of average tests per 1 million people in Africa as of March 21, 2021 stands at 29,198, which is an increase of 2.4% over the figure reported in the previous week. Botswana is the best performer on this indicator with 378,103 tests per 1 million people, followed by Gabon (268,891), Cabo Verde (251,589), Mauritius (236,950), Seychelles (218,654), South Africa (162,460) and Morocco (158,957).

Confirmed, New and Active Global Covid-19 Cases

- Globally, the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases since the start of the pandemic reached 123,159,908: the majority of which (30.6%) occurred in Europe, followed by North America (27.9%), Asia (21.9%), South America (16.2%) and Africa (3.3%). To date, 77,627,786 cases have recovered globally, representing 63.0% of confirmed global Covid-19 cases.
- The number of new cases reported globally in the review week amounted to 3,311,987, indicating a 12.6% increase compared to the new cases recorded in the preceding week.

² Tanzania has not released data on Covid-19 since May 08, 2020. Cameroon has not released data for the week under review.

- The number of global deaths due to Coronavirus reached 2,715,040, of which 61,556 were recorded in the past week, which is an increase of 2.1% over the previous week. The number of global active cases showed an increment of 1,355,417 cases in the review week, to reach 42,817,082 as of 21 March 2021.
- Africa accounted for 3.3% of the total global cases, 4.0% of deaths, 4.7% of recovered cases and 0.7% of active cases as of March 21, 2021, as detailed below.

Confirmed, New and Active Covid-19 Cases in Africa

- As of March 21, 2021, the total number of confirmed cases in Africa reached 4,106,515, 78.1% of which were in nine countries, namely South Africa (37.4%), Morocco (12.0%), Tunisia (6.0%), Egypt (4.8%), Ethiopia (4.6%), Nigeria (3.9%), Libya (3.7%), Kenya (2.9%) and Algeria (2.8%). The five countries with the lowest number of cases were Mauritius, Liberia, São Tomé & Príncipe, Burundi and Eritrea, with cases ranging between 805 in Mauritius and 3,118 in Eritrea, collectively accounting for 0.3% of the confirmed cases in Africa. Considering population size, Seychelles, Cabo Verde, South Africa, Libya and Tunisia are the five countries with the highest number of confirmed cases per million people; rates ranging from 38,866 in Seychelles to 21,009 in Tunisia. The average cases per million, for Africa, stands at 3,139, which is much lower than the global average of 16,054.
- In the week under review, a total of 70,807 new cases were reported in Africa, which is a 1.2% decline compared to the previous week. These new cases in Africa account for 2.1% of the weekly new cases recorded globally. The East Africa region accounted for 32.1% of the weekly new cases in Africa, followed by North Africa (26.6%), Southern Africa (23.7%), West Africa (14.6%) and Central Africa (3.1%).
- The total number of active cases in Africa increased by 7,648 cases in the review week to reach 315,238. Active cases in Africa showed an increment, in the review week, after recording a continuous decline for the past two months. Currently, just seven countries account for 65.2% of the active cases in Africa, namely Ethiopia (37,254), Egypt (33,886), Algeria (32,441), Kenya (29,277), Uganda (25,204), Tunisia (24,856) and South Africa (22,652).
- From a regional perspective, East Africa accounts for 34.3% of active cases in Africa, followed by North Africa (33.6%), Southern Africa (18.4%), West Africa (10.1%) and Central Africa (3.6%).

Deaths and the Case Fatality Rates in Africa

• As of March 21, 2021, a total of 109,903 deaths had been reported in Africa since the start of the pandemic, of which 54.1% were in Southern Africa, 31.8% in North Africa, 7.3% in East Africa, 5.0% in West Africa and 1.7% in Central Africa. The five countries with the highest number of reported deaths due to Covid-19 since the start of the pandemic are South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, ranging from 52,111 in South Africa to 3,057 in Algeria.

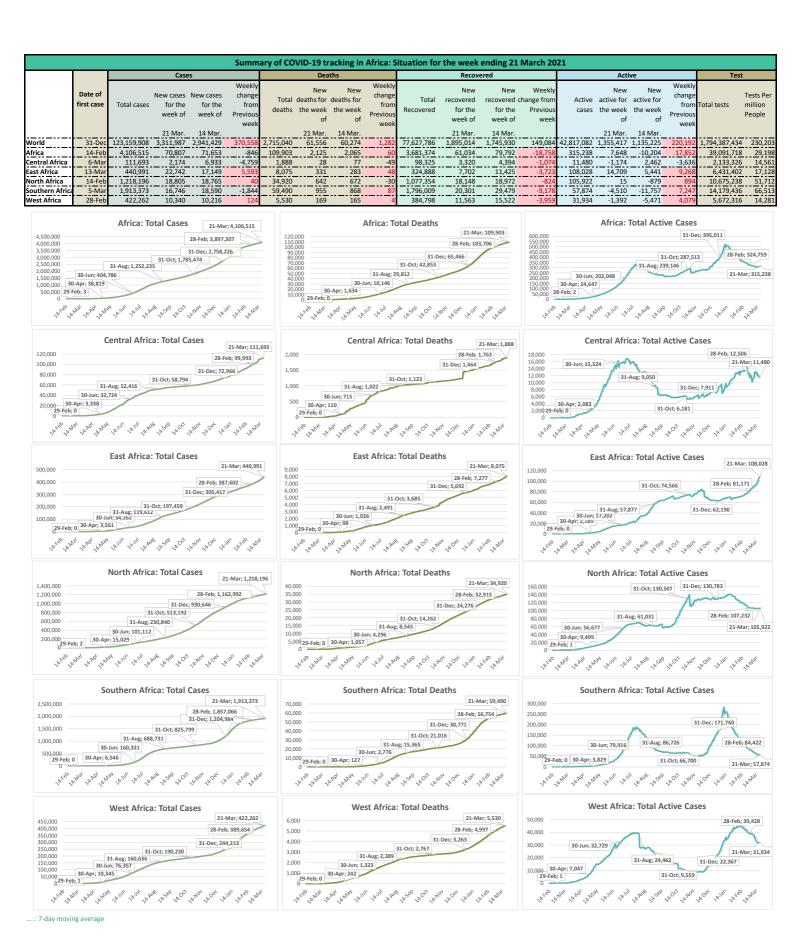
A total of 2,125 new deaths were reported in Africa in the week under review, which is an increase of 2.9% compared to the preceding week.

• The case fatality rate (CFR), i.e. deaths per confirmed cases for Africa, stands at 2.7%, which is higher than the global CFR rate of 2.2%. Regionally, West Africa has the lowest CFR at 1.3%, followed by Central Africa at 1.7% and East Africa at 1.8%, while North Africa at 2.9% and Southern Africa at 3.1% recorded higher CFRs than the African average. As of March 21, 2021, sixteen African countries, namely Sudan (6.4%), Egypt (5.9%), Somalia (4.3%), Liberia (4.2%), Zimbabwe (4.1%), Comoros (4.0%), Mali (3.9%), Eswatini (3.8%), Niger (3.8%), Chad (3.6%), Tunisia (3.5%), South Africa (3.4%), Malawi (3.3%), The Gambia (3.1%), Lesotho (2.9%) and Senegal (2.7%) recorded CRFs higher than or equal to the average for Africa.

Recovery Rates in Africa

• As of March 21, 2021, the number of recovered cases in Africa reached 3,681,374, which is 89.6% of its total confirmed cases. Regionally, the recovery rates were 93.9% for Southern Africa, 91.1% for West Africa, 88.4% for North Africa, 88.0% for Central Africa, and 73.7% for East Africa. In the week under review 61,034 newly recovered cases were reported.

		Su	mmary of Co	OVID-19 vaco	cinations t	racking in the V	Vord: Situat	ion for the we	eek ending 2	1 March 2021				
			Vaccinations											
		0/ 04	New	New			Total of vac	ccinations		%	of populat	ion vacci	nated	
	Total	% of population	vaccinations	vaccinations	Weekly				127,379,212					
	vaccinations	vaccinated	for the week	for the week	change	U.S.A				Israel				107
		vaccinateu	of	of		China		74,950,00	00	Seychelles			9	91.7
 			21 Mar.	14 Mar.		India		44,603,841		U.A.E.			75	
World	430,018,779	5.5	70,898,997	50,689,872		U.K.	29,85	59,742		U.K.		44.7		
Africa	8,182,054	0.6	1,524,174	1,879,688	-355,514	Brazil	15,465,745			Bahrain		39		
Algeria	75,000	0.2	0	74,970	-74,970									
Angola	41,632	0.1	41,632	0	41,632	Germany	10,479,936			U.S.A		38.8		
Côte d'Ivoire	24,171	0.1	10,181	13,990	-3,809	Israel	9,711,316			Morocco	18.1			
Egypt	1,315	0.0	0	0	0	France	8,573,551			Italy	13			
Equatorial Guinea	6,565	0.5	6,565	0	6,565	Africa	8,182,054			France	13			
Ghana	457,844 25,712	1.5	255,792	202,052	53,740	Indonesia	7,879,881			Spain	12.7			
Guinea	20,000	0.2	16,883 10,856	8,774	8,109	Italy	7,808,120				12.6			
Kenya Mauritius	3,843	0.3	10,830	9, <u>144</u> 0	1,712	,				·				
Morocco	6,687,548	18.1	1,005,040	1,189,951	-184,911		7,298,768							
Rwanda	333,355	2.6	75,906	257,449	-181,543	Morocco	6,687,548			Saudi Arabia	9			
Senegal	159,168	1.0	27,982	67,069	-39,087	Spain	5,993,363			Brazil	7			
Seychelles	90,150	91.7	2,044	6,391	-4,347	Mexico	5,459,014			China	5.4			
South Africa	182,983	0.3	37,439	43,703	-6,264	Canada	3,942,763			Mexico	4.3			
Tunisia	12,496	0.1	9,941	2,076	7,865	Saudi Arabia	3.180.996			India	3			
Uganda	17,543	0.0	17,543	0	17,543	Bahrain	640,104			Indonesia				
Zimbabwe	42,729	0.3	6,370	4,119	2,251									
Americas						Ghana	457,844			Rwanda	2.6			
Brazil	15,465,745	7.3	2,590,471	2,484,432	106,039	Rwanda	333,355			Ghana	1.5			
Canada	3,942,763	10.5	930,166	633,125	297,041	South Africa	182,983			Senegal	1.0			
Mexico	5,459,014	4.3	1,244,520	1,448,689	-204,169	Senegal	159,168			Africa	0.6			
U.S.A	127,379,212	38.8	15,087,006	19,878,230	-4,791,224	Seychelles	90,150			Equatorial Guinea	0.5			
Asia						Algeria	75,000			South Africa	0.3			
China	74,950,000	5.4	22,450,000		22,450,000									
India	44,603,841	3.3	14,865,432	8,816,065	6,049,367	Zimbabwe	42,729			Mauritius	0.3			
Indonesia	7,879,881	2.9	2,399,535	1,457,802	941,733	Angola	41,632			Zimbabwe	0.3			
Europe	.			- —		Guinea	25,712			Guinea	0.2			
France	8,573,551	12.8	1,280,699	1,599,878	-319,179	Côte d'Ivoire	24,171			Algeria	0.2			
Germany	10,479,936	12.6	1,616,666	1,537,172	79,494	Kenya	20,000			Angola	0.1			
Israel	9,711,316	107.3	422,635	598,805	-176,170	Uganda	17,543			Tunisia	0.1			
_ Italy	7,808,120	12.9	1,106,956	1,297,696	-190,740					Côte d'Ivoire	0.1			
Spain	5,993,363	12.7	640,596	881,190	-240,594	Tunisia	12,496							
U.K. Middle Fast	29,859,742	44.7	4,078,622	2,445,606	1,633,016	Equatorial Guinea	6,565			Uganda	0.0			
Middle East	640 104	20.0	105 470	29 106	77 272	Mauritius	3,843			Kenya	0.0			
Bahrain	640,104	39.0	105,479	28,106	77,373	Egypt	1,315			Egypt	0.0			
Saudi Arabia	3,180,996 7 298 768	9.3	961,228	887,028 267 903	74,200 489 953									
U.A.E.	7,298,768	74.7	757,856	267,903	489,953									



Central Africa	

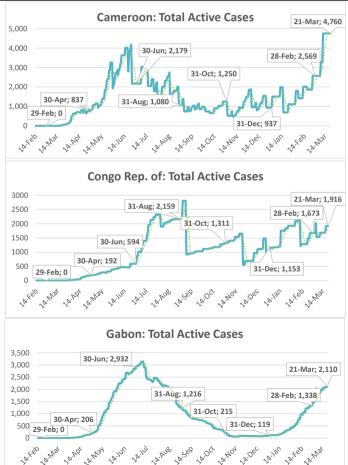
Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Central Africa as of March 21, 2021

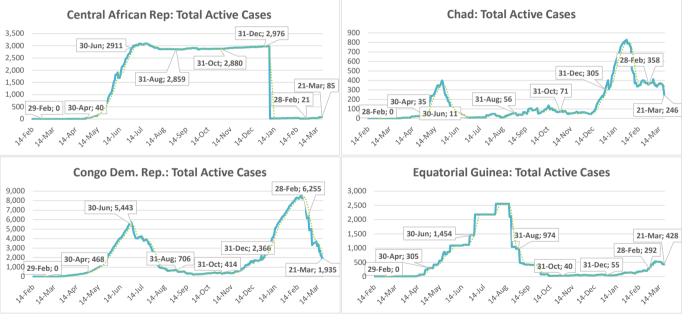
- As of Sunday, March 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the Central Africa region reached 111,693. The region reported 2,174 new cases in the review week, which is lower by 68.6% compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 1,888, recording 28 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 98,325, of which 3,320 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 11,480, which is a decline of 1,174 cases in the review week.
- Cameroon accounted for 36.4% of the total cases, while Gabon accounted for 48.3% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Chad has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 4,420.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.7%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Chad at 3.6% and the lowest in Gabon at 0.6%.

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¹ Cameroon has not reported any new data for the review week, which has affected the weekly change_for the region in terms of total cases, deaths, active cases and recovered cases.

	Summary of COVID-19 tracking in Central Africa: Situation for the week ending 21 March 2021																		
			Cas	es		Deaths				Recovered					Act	Test			
	Date of first case	Total cases	New cases for the week of	New cases for the week of	Weekly change		New deaths for the week of	New deaths for the week of	Weekly change from Previous week	Total Recovered	New recovered for the week to	New recovered c for the week of	Weekly hange from Previous week	Active		New active for the week of	Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
			21 Mar.	14 Mar.			21 Mar.	14 Mar.			21 Mar.	14 Mar.			21 Mar.	14 Mar.			
Central Africa	6-Mar	111,693	2,174	6,933	-4,759	1,888	28	77	-49	98,325	3,320	4,394	-1,074	11,480	-1,174	2,462	-3,636	2,133,326	14,561
Cameroon	6-Mar	40,622	0	4,908	-4,908	601	0	50	-50	35,261	0	2,667	-2,667	4,760	0	2,191	-2,191	1,048,594	39,501
Central African Rep.	15-Mar	5,087	64	2	62	64	1	0	1	4,938	18	0	18	85	45	2	43	38,422	7,955
Chad	19-Mar	4,420	111	132	-21	157	3	14	-11	4,017	230	119	111	246	-122	-1	-121	106,275	6,470
Congo Rep. of	15-Mar	9,564	235	150	85	134	3	0	3	7,514	0	0	0	1,916	232	150	82	104,366	18,913
Congo Dem. Rep.	10-Mar	27,553	539	473	66	726	9	5	4	24,892	1,890	570	1,320	1,935	-1,360	-102	-1,258	130,602	1,458
Equatorial Guinea	14-Mar	6,736	174	233	-59	100	2	2	0	6,208	270	201	69	428	-98	30	-128	106,588	75,972
Gabon	12-Mar	17,711	1,051	1,035	16	106	10	6	4	15,495	912	837	75	2,110	129	192	-63	598,479	268,891

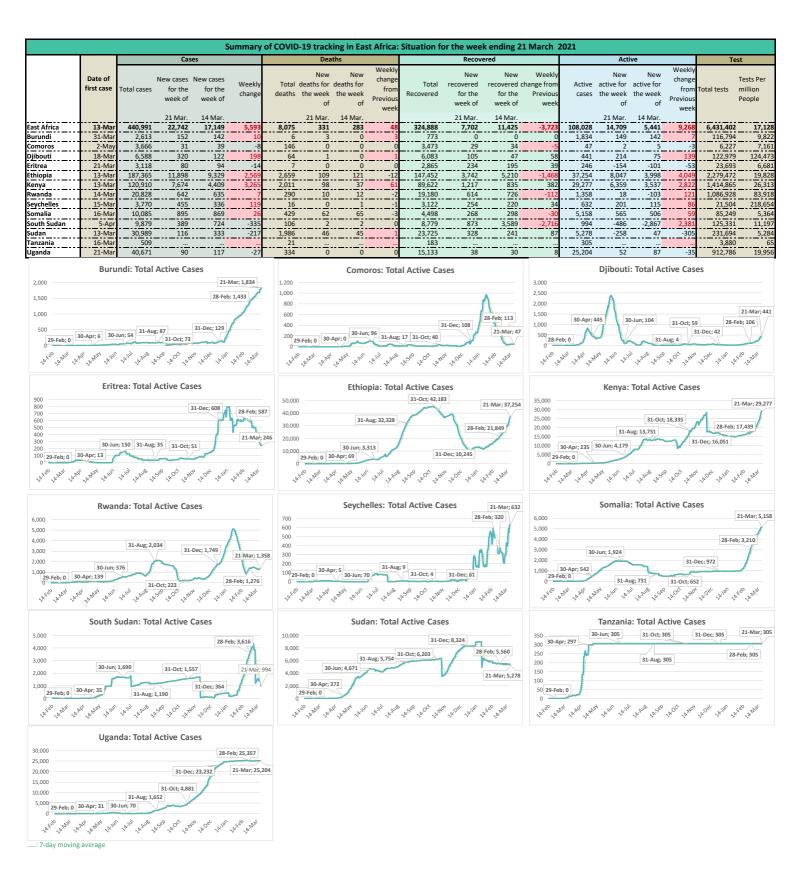




East Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in East Africa as of March 21, 2021

- As of Sunday, March 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the East Africa region reached 440,991. The region reported 22,742 new cases in the review week, which is a 32.6% increase compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 8,075, recording 331 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 324,888, of which 7,702 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 108,028, which is an increase of 14,709 cases in the review week.
- Ethiopia accounted for 42.5% of the total cases and 52.3% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Burundi has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 2,613.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region declined to 1.8%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Sudan at 6.4% and the lowest in Burundi at 0.2%.

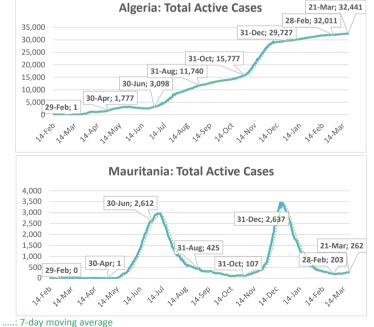


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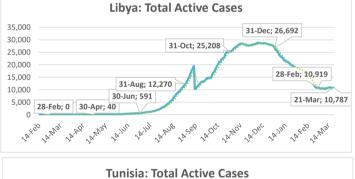
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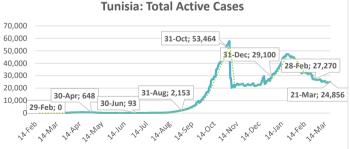
- As of Sunday, March 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the North Africa region reached 1,218,196. The region reported 18,805 new cases in the review week, which is a 0.2% increase compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 34,920, recording 642 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 1,077,354, of which 18,148 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 105,922, which is an increase of 15 cases in the review week.
- Morocco accounted for 40.4% of the total cases, while Libya accounted for 35.2% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritania has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 17,601.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region currently stands at 2.9%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Egypt at 5.9% and the lowest in Libya at 1.7%.

	Summary of COVID-19 tracking in North Africa: Situation for the week ending 21 March 2021																		
Cases							Deaths				Recovered				Active				est
	Date of first case	Total cases	New cases for the week of	New cases for the week of	Weekly change		New deaths for the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Total Recovered f	New recovered or the week f of		Weekly change from Previous week				Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
			21 Mar.	14 Mar.			21 Mar.	14 Mar.			21 Mar.	14 Mar.			21 Mar.	14 Mar.			
North Africa	14-Feb	1,218,196	18,805	18,765	40	34,920	642	672	-30	1,077,354	18,148	18,972	-824	105,922	15	-879	894	10,675,238	51,712
Algeria	26-Feb	116,157	892	1,031	-139	3,057	21	23	-2	80,659	772	823	-51	32,441	99	185	-86	230,553	
Egypt	14-Feb	195,418	4,494	4,421	73	11,598	298	305	-7	149,934	2,700	3,215	-515	33,886	1,496	901	595	2,502,936	
Libya	25-Mar	151,605	6,612	6,353	259	2,506	120	113	7	138,312	6,534	5,936	598	10,787	-42	304	-346	817,871	119,027
Mauritania	14-Mar	17,601	163	116	47	446	2	2	0	16,893	121	102	19	262	40	12	28	192,848	41,476
Morocco	5-Mar	491,709	2,772	2,714	58	8,767	44	41	3	479,252	3,403	3,609	-206	3,690	-675	-936	261	5,867,200	158,957
Tunisia	5-Mar	245,706	3,872	4,130	-258	8,546	157	188	-31	212,304	4,618	5,287	-669	24,856	-903	-1,345	442	1,063,830	90,013





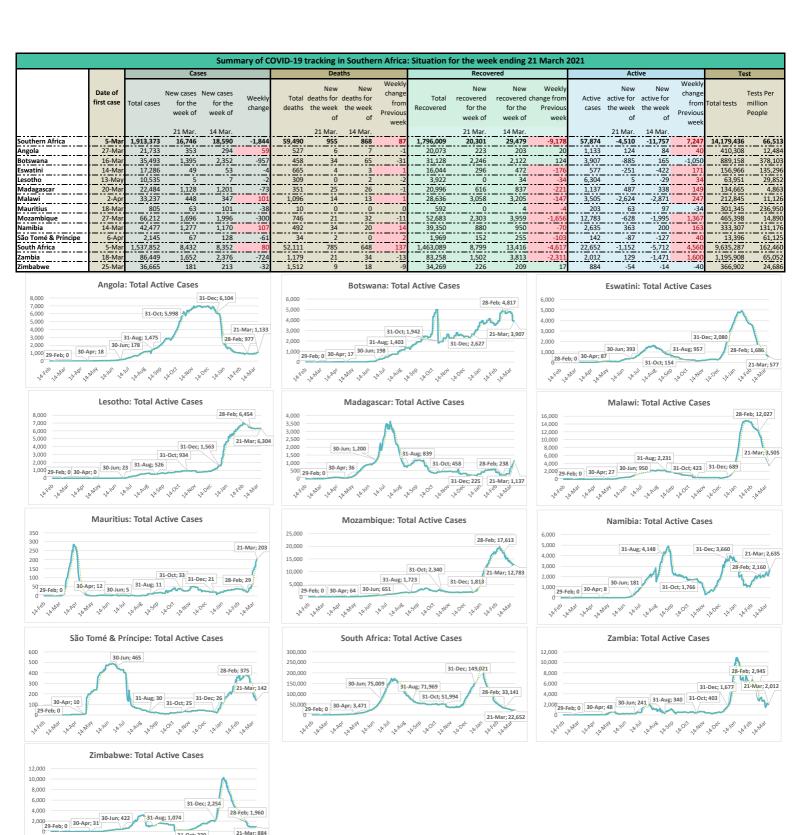




Southern Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Southern Africa as of March 21, 2021

- As of Sunday, March 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the Southern Africa region reached 1,913,373. The region reported 16,746 new cases in the review week, which is a 9.9% decline compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 59,490, recording 955 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 1,796,009, of which 20,301 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 57,874, which is a decline of 4,510 cases in the review week.
- South Africa accounted for 80.4% of the total cases and 50.4% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritius has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 805.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 3.1%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Zimbabwe at 4.1% and the lowest in Mozambique at 1.1%.



West Africa	

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in West Africa as of March 21, 2021

- As of Sunday, March 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the West Africa region reached 422,262. The region reported 10,340 new cases in the review week, which is a 1.2% increase compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 5,530, recording 169 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 384,798, of which 11,563 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 31,934, which is a decline of 1,392 cases in the review week.
- Nigeria accounted for 38.3% of the total cases, while Côte d'Ivoire accounted for 25.7% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Liberia has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 2,042.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.3%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Liberia at 4.2% and the lowest in Côte d'Ivoire at 0.5%.

