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Weekly Data Flash on Covid-19 in Africa¹:

The situation as of Sunday, May 23, 2021

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Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Africa as of May 23, 2021²

Vaccinations: Status Update

- In the week ending May 23, 2021, over 196.9 million new Covid-19 vaccinations were administered globally, bringing the total given since the start of the pandemic to 1,655,693,174. In terms of the geographical distribution, China accounts for 30.0% of the total number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to date, followed by the USA at 17.3% and India at 11.8%.
- The number of African countries that have released data on rolling out Covid-19 vaccinations stands 44, though the number of countries that have just started their vaccination roll-out could be higher. As of May 23, 2021, a total of 27,084,594 vaccinations had been administered in Africa, which represents 1.6% of total global vaccinations. Morocco accounts for 46.0% of the vaccinations carried out in Africa to date, followed by Ethiopia at 5.8%, Nigeria (5.7%) and Egypt (5.1%).

Covid-19 Testing in Africa

- As of Sunday, May 23, 2021, more than 47.0 million tests for Covid-19 had been administered in Africa, of which over 0.8 million were reported in the week under review. Ten countries collectively account for 70.1% of the tests conducted in Africa as of May 23, 2021: South Africa (24.1%), Morocco (13.7%), Egypt (6.0%), Ethiopia (5.7%), Nigeria (4.3%), Kenya (3.8%), Cameroon (3.3%), Zambia (3.2%), Tunisia (3.0%) and Rwanda (3.0%).
- The number of average tests per 1 million people in Africa as of May 23, 2021 stands at 35,149, which is an increase of 2.0% over the figure reported in the previous week. Botswana continues to lead on this indicator with 472,806 tests per 1 million people, followed by Cabo Verde (388,703), Gabon (352,976), Mauritius (282,029), Seychelles (218,654), and South Africa (191,455).

Confirmed, New and Active Global Covid-19 Cases

- Globally, the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases since the start of the pandemic reached 166,947,544: the majority of which (29.5%) occurred in Asia, followed by Europe (27.9%), North America (23.1%), South America (16.6%) and Africa (2.8%). To date, 111,165,313 cases have recovered globally, representing 66.6% of confirmed global Covid-19 cases.
- The number of new cases reported globally in the review week amounted to 4,168,297, indicating a decline of 13.6% compared to the new cases recorded in the preceding week.
- The number of global deaths due to Covid-19 reached 3,459,052, of which 84,276 were recorded in the week ending May 23, 2021; this shows decline of 2.0% over the previous week.

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

The number of global active cases declined by 550,317 cases in the review week, to reach 52,323,179 as of May 23, 2021.

• Africa accounted for 2.8% of the total global cases, 3.7% of deaths, 3.8% of recovered cases and 0.7% of active cases as of May 23, 2021, as detailed below.

Confirmed, New and Active Covid-19 Cases in Africa

- As of May 23, 2021, the total number of confirmed cases in Africa reached 4,755,948, 77.0% of which were in nine countries, namely South Africa (34.4%), Morocco (10.9%), Tunisia (7.1%), Ethiopia (5.7%), Egypt (5.3%), Libya (3.9%), Kenya (3.5%), Nigeria (3.5%) and Algeria (2.7%). The five countries with the lowest number of cases were Mauritius, Liberia, São Tomé & Príncipe, Guinea-Bissau and Comoros, with cases ranging between 1,293 in Mauritius and 3,872 in Comoros, collectively accounting for 0.3% of the confirmed cases in Africa. Considering population size, Seychelles, Cabo Verde, Tunisia, South Africa and Libya are the five countries with the highest number of confirmed cases per million people; rates ranging from 100,660 in Seychelles to 26,988 in Libya. The average cases per million for Africa stands at 3,622, which is much lower than the global average of 21,648.
- In the week under review, a total of 67,789 new cases were reported in Africa, which is an 21.8% increase compared to the previous week. These new cases in Africa account for 1.6% of the weekly new cases recorded globally. The Southern Africa region accounted for 43.0% of the weekly new cases in Africa, followed by North Africa (33.5%), East Africa (12.5%), Central Africa (6.6%) and West Africa (4.3%).
- The total number of active cases in Africa increased by 4,645 cases in the review week to reach 364,248. Currently, just seven countries collectively account for 77.8% of the active cases in Africa, namely Egypt (52,436), Kenya (50,836), Cameroon (41,233), South Africa (40,268), Ethiopia (36,361), Algeria (35,096) and Tunisia (27,320).
- From a regional perspective, North Africa accounts for 35.2% of active cases in Africa, followed by East Africa (29.3%), Southern Africa (16.0%), Central Africa (13.9%) and West Africa (5.6%).

Deaths and the Case Fatality Rates in Africa

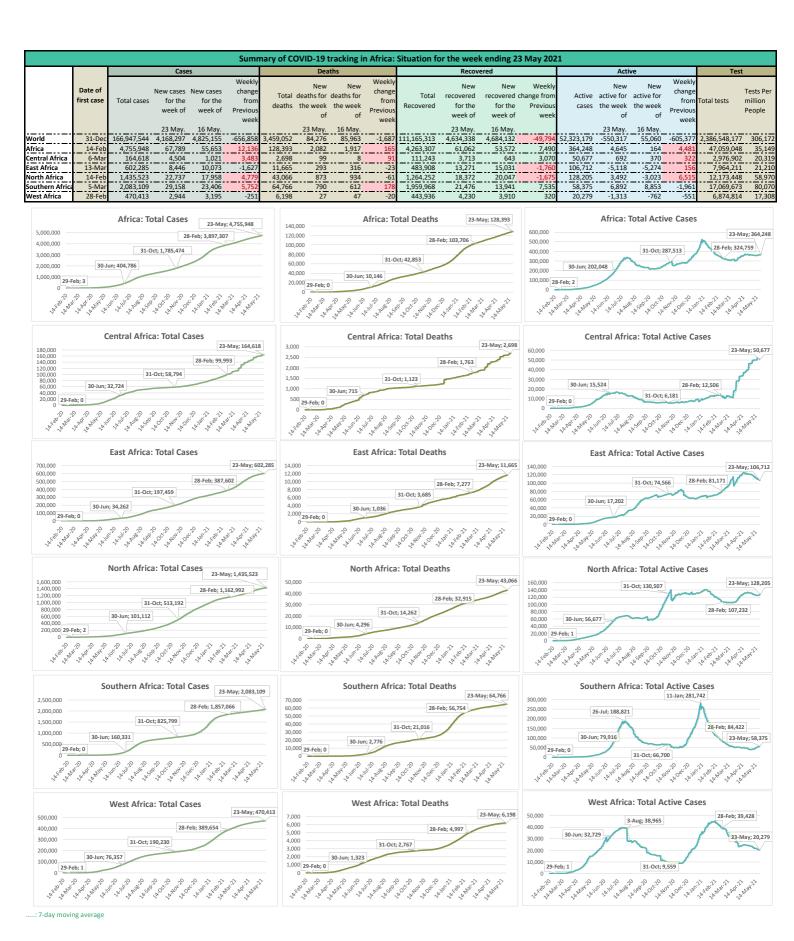
- As of May 23, 2021, a total of 128,393 deaths had been reported in Africa since the start of the pandemic, of which 50.4% were in Southern Africa, 33.5% in North Africa, 9.1% in East Africa, 4.8% in West Africa and 2.1% in Central Africa. The five countries with the highest number of reported deaths due to Covid-19 since the start of the pandemic are South Africa, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco and Ethiopia, ranging from 55,802 in South Africa to 4,076 in Ethiopia. A total of 2,082 new deaths were reported in Africa in the week under review, which is an increase of 8.6% 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 2.1%. Regionally, West Africa has the lowest

CFR at 1.3%, followed by Central Africa at 1.6%, East Africa at 1.9%, North Africa at 3.0% and Southern Africa at 3.1%. As of May 23, 2021, sixteen African countries recorded CFRs higher than the African average with the highest in Sudan at 7.4%, followed by Egypt (5.8%), Somalia (5.2%), Zimbabwe (4.1%), Liberia (4.0%), Comoros (3.8%), Eswatini (3.6%), Niger (3.6%), Tunisia (3.6%), Mali (3.6%), Chad (3.5%), South Africa (3.4%), Malawi (3.4%), Lesotho (3.0%), The Gambia (2.9%), and Senegal (2.8%).

Recovery Rates in Africa

• As of May 23, 2021, the number of recovered cases in Africa reached 4,263,307, which represents 89.6% of its total confirmed cases. Regionally, the recovery levels stand at 94.4% for West Africa, 94.1% for Southern Africa, 88.1% for North Africa, 80.3% for East Africa, and 67.6% for Central Africa. In the week under review 61,062 newly recovered cases were reported.

				us of Vaccina	tions Adn	ninistered Glob	ally for the	Week Endir	ng 23 May, 20	21				
			Vaccinations	Now			Total of vac	cinations		%	of populati	on vaccina	ated	
	Total	% of	New vaccinations	New vaccinations	Weekly					70	or populati	on vaccino	iteu	
	vaccinations	population	for the week	for the week	change	China			497,272,000	Seychelles			133.	.8
		vaccinated	of	of		U.S.A		285,720,	586	U.A.E.			123.9	
			23 May.	16 May.		India		194,951,603		Israel			116.6	
World	1,655,693,174	21.2	196,905,785	160,363,736	36,542,049	Brazil	62,544,957			U.K.			90.7	
Africa	27,084,594	2.0	3,438,853	2,625,547	813,306	U.K.	60,587,098			U.S.A			37.0	
Algeria	75,000	0.2	00	0	0	Germany	44,385,214			Canada		55.1	.,,0	
Angola	757,535	2.3	87,573	145,664	-58,091	-	33,512,069			Germany		53.4		
Benin Potswana	12,934	0.1 2.3	2,251	632 0	1,619		27,084,594			France		50.0		
Botswana Cabo Verde	54,620 24,027	4.3	0 2,709	2,160	549		20,717,310			Saudi Arabia	3			
Cameroon	50,106	0.2	5,715	7,281	-1,566		12,862,862			China	35			
Congo DRC	15,436	0.0	6,990	6,197	793		12,467,071			Morocco	33.			
Congo Rep	38,268	0.7	117	6,265	-6,148		12,104,525			Brazil	29.6			
Côte d'Ivoire	417,850	1.6	157,176	105,656	51,520		10,554,932			Mauritius	17.3			
Djibouti	13,042	1.3	0	0	0	Ethiopia	1,584,156			India	14.3			
Egypt	1,371,976	1.3	0	212,093	-212,093	Nigeria	1,557,051			Equatorial Guinea	12.5			
Equatorial Guinea	175,770	12.5	100,252	0	100,252	Egypt	1,371,976			Tunisia	8.6			
Ethiopia Eswatini	1,584,156 34,897	1.4	186,509 0	181,713 0	4,796	Tunisia	1,019,392			Zimbabwe	6.1			
Gabon	17,272	3.0 0.8	3,634	2,560	1,074	Kenya	942,344			Cabo Verde	4.3			
Gambia	26,893	1.1	1,448	1,529	-81	Zimbabwe					3.3			
Ghana	847,871	2.7	0	0	0	Ghana	904,073 847,871			Togo Rwanda	3.3			
Guinea	236,721	1.8	33,937	55,568	-21,631	Angola								
Guinea Bissau	5,889	0.3	0	0	0	South Africa	757,535 642,946			Senegal	3.0			
Kenya	942,344	1.8	16,308	25,050	-8,742					Eswatini				
Liberia	52,446	1.0	16,042	11,673	4,369	Senegal	506,388			Ghana	2.7			
Libya	106,559	1.6	0	24,927	-24,927	Uganda	497,821			Namibia	2.7			
Malawi Mali	339,481	1.8	15,153	17,110	-1,957 3,594	Côte d'Ivoire	417,850			Botswana	2.3			
Mauritania	87,525 27,044	0.6	13,596 3,068	10,002 3,603	-535	Rwanda	400,096			Angola	2.3			
Mauritius	220,646	17.3	0	23,000	-23,000	Mozambique	393,105			Africa	■ 2.0			
Morocco	12,467,071	33.8	1,794,996	807,514	987,482	Malawi -	339,481			Guinea	1.8			
Mozambique	393,105	1.3	37,110	214,355	-177,245	Togo	271,466			Malawi	1.8			
Namibia	67,659	2.7	14,496	13,043	1,453	Sudan	239,400			Kenya	▮ 1.8			
Niger	134,315	0.6	60,209	58,025	2,184	Guinea	236,721			Côte d'Ivoire	1.6			
Nigeria	1,557,051	0.8	138,602	151,707	-13,105	Mauritius	220,646			Libya	1.6			
Rwanda	400,096	3.1	0 0 0 0	13 300	4 951	Equatorial Guinea	175,770			Ethiopia	1 1.4			
Senegal Seychelles	506,388 131,546	3.0 133.8	8,548 478	13,399 3,347	-4,851 -2,869	Niger	134,315			Egypt	1.3			
Sierra Leone	59,780	0.7	0	3,347	-2,803	Seychelles	- 131,546			Djibouti	1.3			
Somalia	124,471	0.8	123,570	123,570		Somalia	124,471			Mozambique	1.3			
South Africa	642,946	1.1	164,494	95,972	68,522	Zambia	124,206			Gambia	1.1			
South Sudan	7,500	0.1	2,041	310	1,731	Libya	106,559			Uganda	1.1			
Sudan	239,400	0.5	-51,100	0	-51,100	Mali	87,525			South Africa	1.1			
Togo	271,466	3.3	27,880	26,889	991	Algeria	75,000			Liberia	1.0			
Tunisia	1,019,392	8.6	270,353	100,727	169,626	Namibia	67,659			Somalia	0.8			
Uganda Zambia	497,821	1.1	67,520	34,496	33,024	Sierra Leone	59,780			Gabon	0.8			
Zambia Zimbabwe	124,206 904,073	0.7 6.1	16,416 110,762	30,442 109,068	-14,026 1 694	Botswana	54,620			Nigeria	0.8			
Americas	304,073		110,702	109,068	1,694	Liberia	52,446			Sierra Leone	0.7			
Brazil	62,544,957	29.6	5,436,746	4,727,869	708,877	Cameroon	50,106			Congo Rep	0.7			
Canada	20,717,310	55.1	2,618,743	2,446,521	172,222	Congo Rep	38,268			Zambia	0.7			
U.S.A	285,720,586	87.0	12,175,379	13,828,218	-1,652,839	Eswatini	34,897			Mauritania	0.6			
Asia China						Mauritania	27,044			Niger	0.6			
	497,272,000	35.6	104,285,000		28,884,000	Gambia	26,893			Sudan	0.5			
India	194,951,603	14.3	12,731,439	12,066,732	664,707	Cabo Verde	24,027			Mali	0.4			
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Germany Israel	10,554,932	116.6	4,892,006 25,702	5,084,368 33,184	-192,362 -7,482	Djibouti	13,042			Algeria	0.2			
U.K.	60,587,098	90.7	3,910,086	3,635,964	274,122	Benin	12,934			Benin	0.1			
Middle East	22,20.,033		2,220,000	-,,		South Sudan	7,500			South Sudan	0.1			
Saudi Arabia	12,862,862	37.5	1,219,432	1,129,282	90,150	Guinea Bissau	5,889			Congo DRC	0.0			
U.A.E.	12,104,525	123.9	653,756	304,835	348,921									



Central Africa	

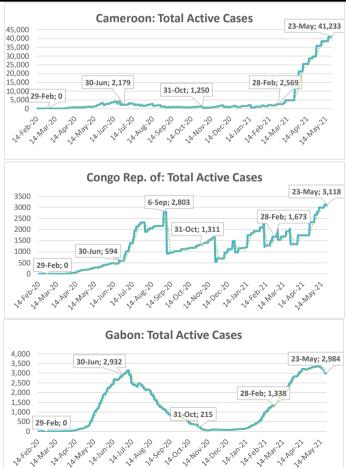
Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Central Africa as of May 23, 2021

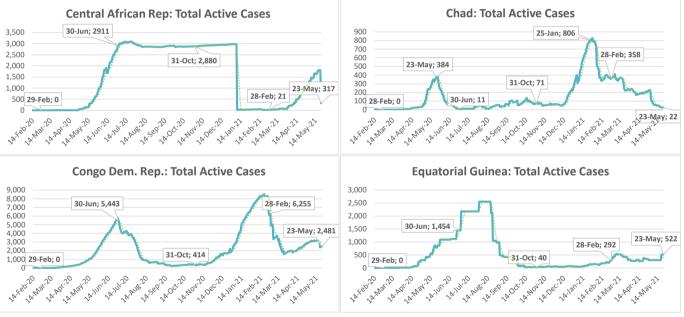
- As of Sunday, May 23, 2021, the number of reported total cases in the Central Africa region reached 164,618. The region reported 4,504 new cases in the review week, which is more than four times higher¹ than the number recorded in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported since the start of the pandemic reached 2,698, recording 99 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 111,243, of which 3.3% were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 50,677, which is an increase of 692 cases in the review week. The increase in the number of active cases in the region during the review week is mainly attributable to Cameroon.
- Cameroon accounted for 47.2% of the total cases reported in the region since the start of the pandemic and 61.9% of the new cases during the week under review. Chad has recorded the lowest number of total cases in the Central region since the onset of the pandemic at 4,924.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.6%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Chad at 3.5% and the lowest in Gabon at 0.6%.

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¹ The figures in this section are affected by Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea reporting cumulative data covering the past two weeks.

	Summary of COVID-19 tracking in Central Africa: Situation for the week ending 23 May 2021																		
			Case	es		Deaths				Recovered				Active				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		Weekly change from Previous week	Total Recovered f	New recovered or the week f of	New recovered cl or the week of	Weekly hange from Previous week	Active cases	New active for the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
			23 May.	16 May.			23 May.	16 May.			23 May.	16 May.			23 May.	16 May.			
Central Africa	6-Mar	164,618	4,504	1,021	3,483	2,698	99	8	91	111,243	3,713	643	3,070	50,677	692	370	322	2,976,902	20,319
Cameroon	6-Mar	77,733	2,787	0	2,787	1,239	87	0	87	35,261	0	0	0	41,233	2,700	0	2,700	1,573,417	59,272
Central African Rep.	15-Mar	7,079	213	192	21	97	2	2	0	6,665	1,553	0	1,553	317	-1,342	190	-1,532	54,319	11,247
Chad	19-Mar	4,924	20	27	-7	173	0	2	-2	4,729	41	39	2	22	-21	-14	-7	124,388	7,573
Congo Rep. of	15-Mar	11,476	133	196	-63	150	2	0	2	8,208	0	0	0	3,118	131	196	-65	145,215	26,316
Congo Dem. Rep.	10-Mar	30,863	301	239	62	779	3	4	-1	27,603	1,000	169	831	2,481	-702	66	-768	157,353	1,757
Equatorial Guinea	14-Mar	8,436	742	0	742	113	1	0	1	7,801	522	0	522	522	219	0	219	136,579	97,349
Gabon	12-Mar	24,107	308	367	-59	147	4	0	4	20,976	597	435	162	2,984	-293	-68	-225	785,631	352,976



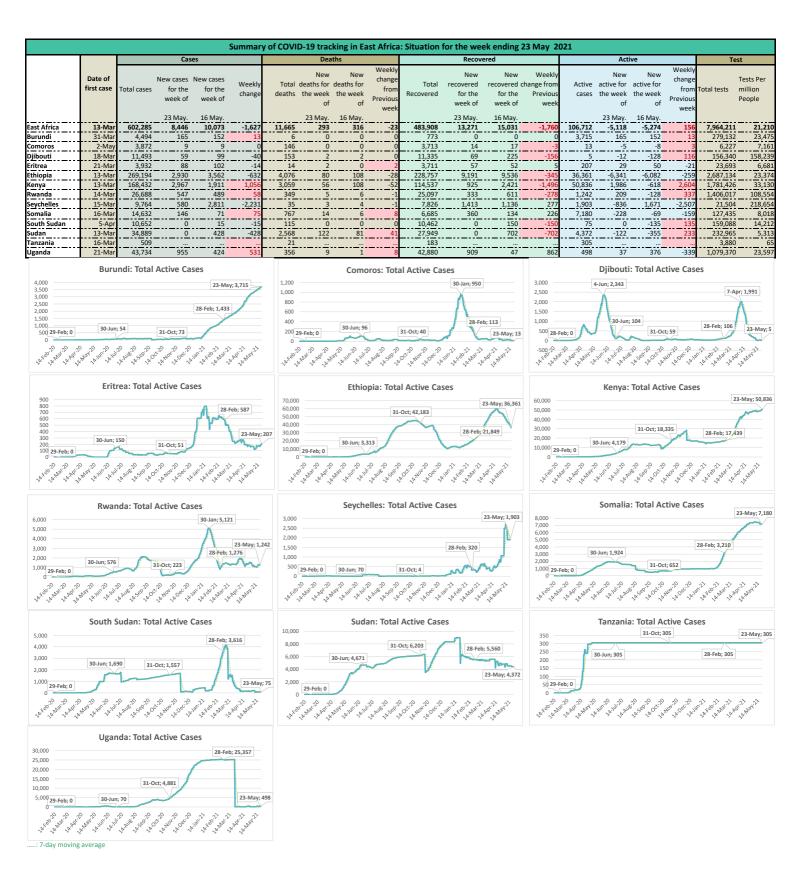


East Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in East Africa as of May 23, 2021

- As of Sunday, May 23, 2021, the number of total cases in the East Africa region reached 602,285. The region reported 8,446 new cases in the review week, which is a 16.2% decline compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 11,665, recording 293 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 483,908, of which 2.7% were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 106,712, which is a decline of 5,118 cases in the review week. The decline in the number of active cases in the region during the review week is mainly attributable to Ethiopia.
- Ethiopia accounted for 44.7% of the total cases reported in the region since the start of the pandemic, while Kenya accounted for 35.1% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Comoros has reported the lowest number of total cases in the region since the start of the pandemic at 3,872.1
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.9%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Sudan at 7.4% and the lowest in Burundi at 0.1%.

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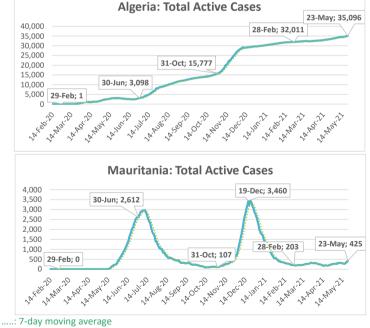


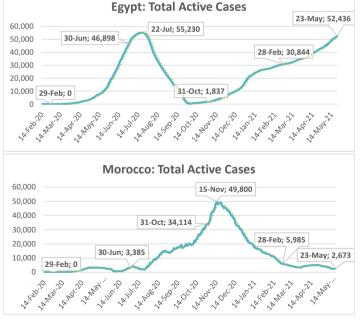
North Africa	

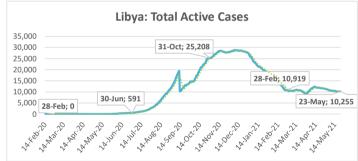
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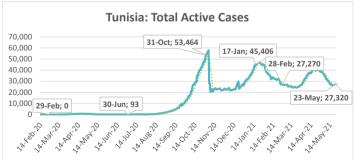
- As of Sunday, May 23, 2021, the number of total cases in the North Africa region reached 1,435,523. The region reported 22,737 new cases in the review week, which is a 26.6% increase compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 43,066, recording 873 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 1,264,252, of which 1.5% were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 128,205, which includes 3,492 new cases in the review week. The increase in the number of active cases in the region during the review week is mainly attributable to Egypt.
- Morocco accounted for 36.0% of the total cases reported in the region since the start of the pandemic, while Tunisia accounted for 38.6% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritania has recorded the lowest number of total cases in the region since the start of the pandemic at 19,149.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region currently stands at 3.0%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Egypt at 5.8% and the lowest in Libya at 1.7%.

	Summary of COVID-19 tracking in North Africa: Situation for the week ending 23 May 2021																		
		Deaths						Active				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		Weekly change from Previous week	Total Recovered f	New recovered for the week f	New recovered of for the week of	Weekly hange from Previous week	Active cases	New active for the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
			23 May.	16 May.			23 May.	16 May.			23 May.	16 May.			23 May.	16 May.			
North Africa	14-Feb	1,435,523	22,737	17,958	4,779	43,066	873	934	-61	1,264,252	18,372	20,047	-1,675	128,205	3,492	-3,023	6,515	12,173,448	58,970
Algeria	26-Feb	126,860	1,549	1,207	342	3,418	44	46	-2	88,346	987	939	48	35,096	518	222	296	230,861	5,265
Egypt	14-Feb	253,835	8,114	8,311	-197	14,721	394	423	-29	186,678	5,200	4,715	485	52,436	2,520	3,173	-653	2,812,251	27,481
Libya	25-Mar	183,311	1,901	1,440	461	3,111	23	18	5	169,945	1,817	1,788	29	10,255	61	-366	427	1,002,701	145,926
Mauritania	14-Mar	19,149	321	161	160	458	1	1	0	18,266	176	191	-15	425	144	-31	175	258,095	55,508
Morocco	5-Mar	517,023	2,079	1,080	999	9,122	24	26	-2	505,228	2,047	2,267	-220	2,673	8	-1,213	1,221	6,439,348	174,458
Tunisia	5-Mar	335,345	8,773	5,759	3,014	12,236	387	420	-33	295,789	8,145	10,147	-2,002	27,320	241	-4,808	5,049	1,430,192	2 121,012





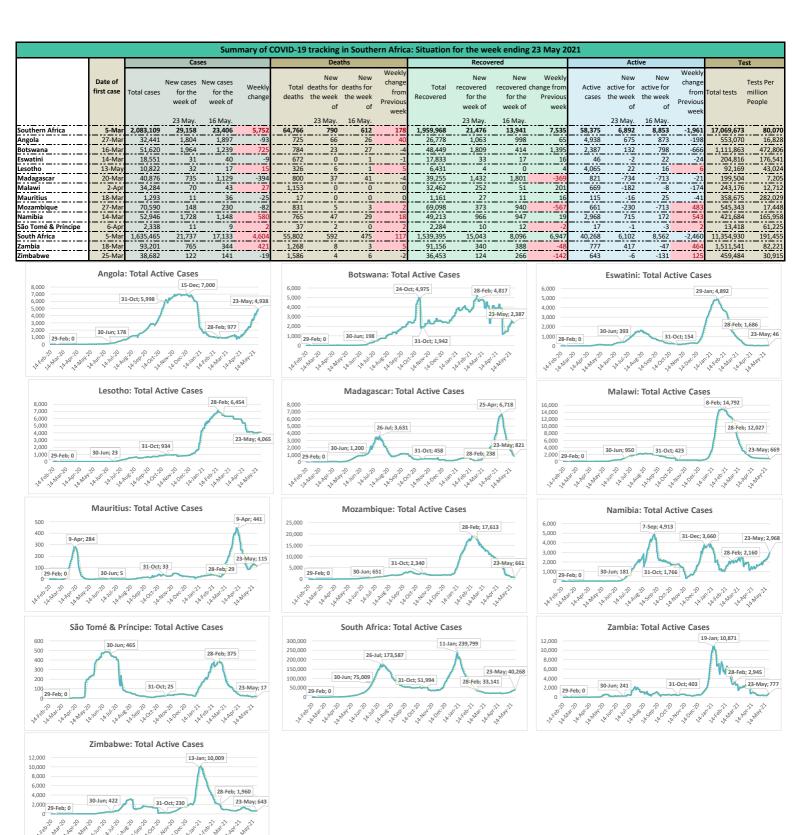




Southern Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Southern Africa as of May 23, 2021

- As of Sunday, May 23, 2021, the number of total cases in the Southern Africa region reached 2,083,109. The region reported 29,158 new cases in the review week, which is a 24.6% increase compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 64,766, recording 790 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 1,959,968, of which 1.1% were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 58,375, which is an increase of 6,892 cases in the review week. The increase in the number of active cases in the region during the review week is mainly attributable to South Africa.
- South Africa accounted for 78.5% of the total cases reported in the region since the start of the pandemic and 74.5% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritius has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 1,293.
- 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 1.2%.



West Africa	

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in West Africa as of May 23, 2021

- As of Sunday, May 23, 2021, the number of total cases in the West Africa region reached 470,413. The region reported 2,944 new cases in the review week, which is a 7.9% decline compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 6,198, recording 27 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 443,936, of which 1.0% were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 20,279, which is a decline of 1,313 cases in the review week. The decline in the number of active cases in the region during the review week is mainly attributable to Cabo Verde followed by Togo, Benin and Mali.
- Nigeria accounted for 35.3% of the total cases reported in the region since the start of the pandemic, while Cabo Verde accounted for 39.6% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Liberia has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 2,142.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.3%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Liberia at 4.0% and the lowest in Côte d'Ivoire at 0.6%.

