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Weekly Data Flash on Covid-19 in Africa¹:

The situation as of Sunday August 23, 2020

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Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Africa as of August 23, 2020²

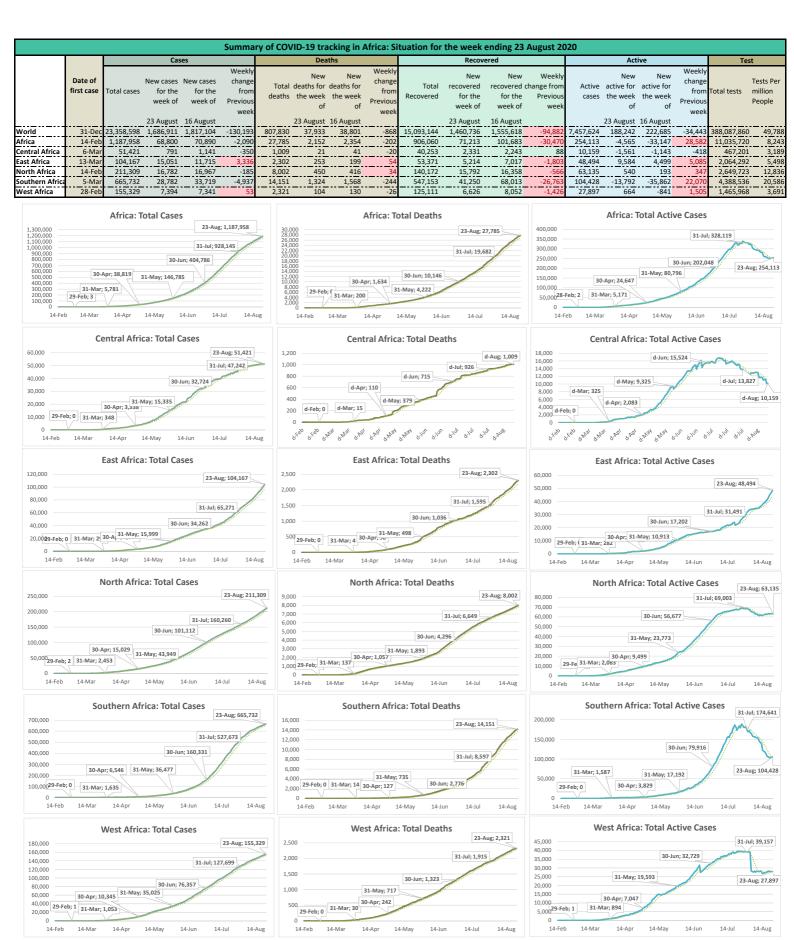
- Globally, the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases reached 23,358,598 as of August 23, 2020, the majority of which (53.3%) were in the Americas, followed by Asia (26.8%) and Europe (14.7%). The number of new cases reported, in the review week, totaled 1,686,911, which is a 7.2% decline compared to the previous week. The number of deaths reached 807,830 while 15,093,144 cases have recovered so far, representing 64.6% of confirmed Covid-19 cases. The number of active cases stands at 7,457,624, which is an increase of 188,242 cases over the week.
- Africa accounted for 5.1% of the global cases, 3.4% of deaths, 6.0% of recovered cases and 3.4% of active cases, as of August 23, 2020. The numbers of cases and deaths in Africa have been steadily increasing, while the number of active cases and its global share started to fall in the past three weeks, owing to increased recovery rates.
- As of Sunday August 23, 2020, over 11 million people had been tested for Covid-19 in Africa. Nearly one third of these tests were conducted in South Africa followed by Morocco (15.9%), Ethiopia (6.9%), Egypt (4.3%) and Ghana (3.9%); these five countries collectively accounted for 63.3% of the tests conducted in Africa. Over 0.7 million tests were conducted in the week under review.
- Considering tests in relation to population size, Mauritius leads with 173,958 tests per 1 million people, followed by Cabo Verde (132,917), Djibouti (65,455), South Africa (59,914), Gabon (48,255), Morocco (47,652), and Botswana (39,726). The average tests per 1 million people in Africa, stands at 8,243, which is an increase of 6.9% over the past week.
- Tests per case in Africa stand at 9.3 as of August 23, 2020, which means there is one confirmed case for every 9 tests conducted, compared to 16.6 for the world. Regionally, tests per case were relatively higher for East Africa at 19.8, followed by North Africa at 12.5, West Africa at 9.4, Central Africa at 9.1 and Southern Africa at 6.6.
- As of August 23, 2020, the total number of confirmed cases in Africa reached 1,187,958. Southern Africa is the most affected region, with 56.0% of the cases reported, followed by North Africa at 17.8% and West Africa at 13.1%. The least affected region is Central Africa, with 4.3% of reported cases, followed by East Africa, representing 8.8% of the total cases in Africa. Southern Africa was the region with the highest number of cases, with 91.6% of those cases reported in the nation of South Africa; the remaining countries of the region are among the least affected.
- More than half (51.3%) of the total cases in Africa were reported in South Africa, followed by Egypt which accounted for 8.2%, as of August 23, 2020. South Africa, Egypt, Morocco Nigeria, Ghana, Algeria, Ethiopia and Kenya together account for 81.6% of the cases in

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² Tanzania has not released data on Covid-19 since May 08, 2020.

Africa. Five countries with the least number of cases are the Seychelles, Eritrea, Mauritius, Comoros and Burundi, which collectively account for less than 0.2% of the cases in Africa. Considering population size, South Africa, Cabo Verde, Djibouti, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Gabon are the five countries with the highest number of confirmed cases per million people. Rates in these countries range from 10,413 in South Africa to 3,860 in Gabon.

- In the week under review, a total of 68,800 new cases were reported in Africa, which is 2.9% lower compared to the previous week. These new cases in Africa account for 4.1% of the weekly new cases recorded globally. The Southern Africa region, principally South Africa, accounted for 41.8% of the weekly new cases, followed by North Africa (24.4%), East Africa (21.9%), West Africa (10.7%), and Central Africa (1.1%).
- As of August 23, 2020, a total of 27,785 deaths were reported in Africa, of which 50.9% were in Southern Africa, 28.8% in North Africa, 8.4% in West Africa, 8.3% in East Africa, and 3.6% in Central Africa. South Africa, Egypt, Algeria, Nigeria, and Morocco are the five countries with the highest reported deaths due to Covid-19. A total of 2,152 new deaths were reported in the week under review, which is a decline of 8.6% compared to the preceding week. As of August 23, 2020, Eritrea and the Seychelles are the only countries in Africa not to have reported any deaths since the onset of the pandemic.
- The case fatality rate (CFR) for Africa stands at 2.3% in the review period, which is lower compared to the global average of 3.5%. Regionally, West Africa has the lowest CFR at 1.5%, followed by Central Africa at 2.0%, Southern Africa at 2.1% and East Africa at 2.2%, while North Africa at 3.8% recorded higher CFR than the African average. Higher than or equal to global average CFRs have been recorded in ten African countries, namely Chad at 7.7%, Liberia at 6.4%, Sudan at 6.3%, Niger at 5.9%, Egypt 5.4%, Mali at 4.6%, Angola at 4.4%, Burkina Faso at 4.2%, Algeria at 3.5% and Sierra Leone at 3.5%.
- As of August 23, 2020, Africa reported 906,060 recovered cases, which is 76.3% of total confirmed cases. The recovery rate is higher than the African average in West Africa (80.5%), Southern Africa (82.2%) and Central Africa (78.3%), while North Africa (66.3%) and East Africa (51.2%) showed relatively lower recovery rates. In the week under review, 71,213 newly recovered cases were reported.
- As of August 23, 2020, the total number of active cases in Africa stands at 254,113, which is a reduction of 4,565 cases over the previous week. Regionally, Southern Africa and Central Africa have seen reductions in the number of active cases, in the past four consecutive weeks, as the numbers of recovered cases were higher than the number of newly recorded with in the period. Active cases are still on the rise in East Africa, while North and West Africa saw a rise in active cases after recording a relative decline at the beginning of the month.

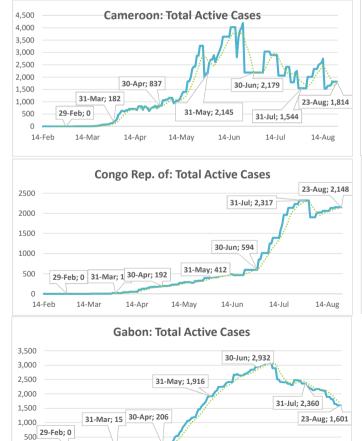


Central Africa	a

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Central Africa as of August 23, 2020

- As of Sunday, August 23, 2020, the number of total cases in the Central Africa region reached 51,421. The region reported 791 new cases in the review week, which is a 30.7% reduction compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 1,009, recording 21 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 40,253, of which 2,331 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 10,159 which is a decline of 1,561 cases in the review week.
- Cameroon accounted for 36.5% of the total cases and 37.0% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Chad has the least number of total cases in the region at 986.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.0%. The highest CFR in the region is reported in Chad at 7.7% and the lowest in Gabon at 0.6%.

	Summary of COVID-19 tracking in Central Africa: Situation for the week ending 23 August 2020																		
Cases							Deaths				Recovered					Active			
	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	Recovered 1	New recovered for the week to		Weekly change from Previous week	Active cases		New active for the week of	Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
L			23 August	16 August			23 August	16 August			23 August	16 August			23 August	16 August			
Central Africa	6-Mar	51,421	791	1,141	-350	1,009	21	41	-20	40,253	2,331	2,243	88	10,159	-1,561	-1,143	-418	467,201	3,189
Cameroon	6-Mar	18,762	293	427	-134	408	7	6	1	16,540	0	1,220	-1,220	1,814	286	-799	1,085	186,243	7,016
Central African Rep.	15-Mar	4,679	27	11	16	61	0	1	-1	1,755	27	7	20	2,863	0	3	-3	30,775	6,372
Chad	19-Mar	986	30	12	18	76	0	0	0	870	5	26	-21	40	25	-14	39	12,865	783
Congo Rep. of	15-Mar	3,850	19	167	-148	77	1	18	-17	1,625	0	36	-36	2,148	18	113	-95	25,975	4,707
Congo Dem. Rep.	10-Mar	9,830	154	222	-68	251	11	16	-5	8,934	229	381	-152	645	-86	-175	89	53,459	597
Equatorial Guinea	14-Mar	4,926	105	0	105	83	0	0	0	3,795	1,613	0	1,613	1,048	-1,508	0	-1,508	50,481	35,981
Gabon	12-Mar	8,388	163	302	-139	53	2	0	2	6,734	457	573	-116	1,601	-296	-271	-25	107,403	48,255



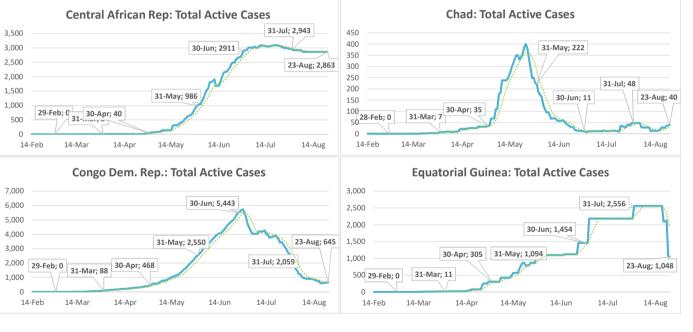
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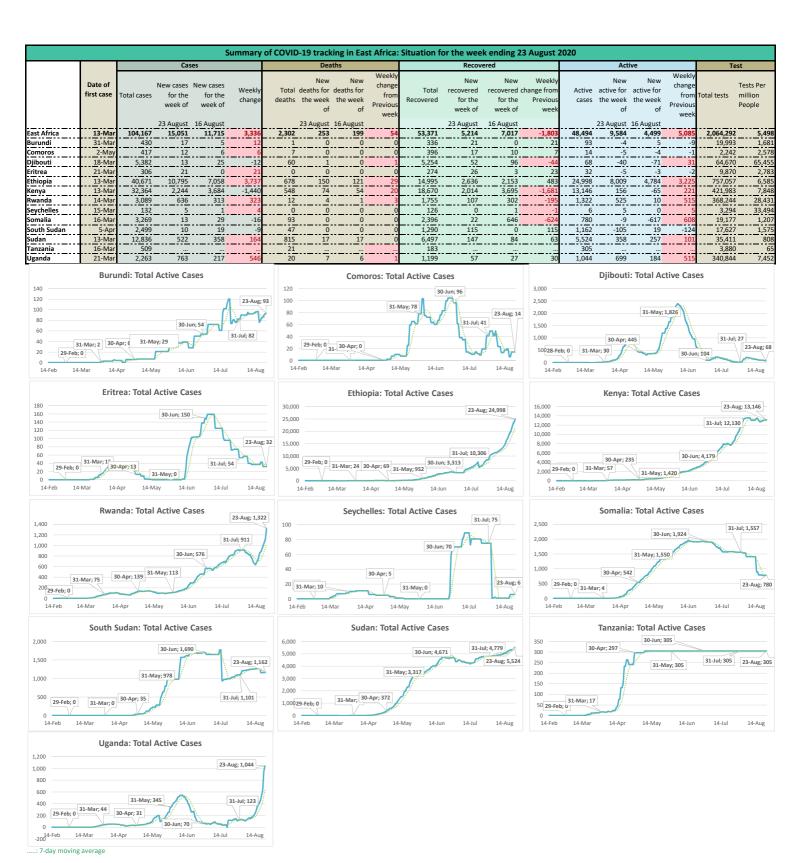


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East Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in East Africa as of August 23, 2020

- As of Sunday, August 23, 2020, the number of total cases in the East Africa region reached 104,167. The region reported 15,051 new cases in the review week, which is 28.5% higher compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 2,302, recording 253 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 53,371, of which 5,214 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 48,494, which is an increase of 9,584 cases in the review week.
- Ethiopia accounted for 39.0% of the total cases and 71.7% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Seychelles has the least number of total cases in the region at 132.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.2%. The highest CFR in the region is reported in Sudan at 6.3% and the lowest in Eritrea and Seychelles, where no deaths have been reported to date.

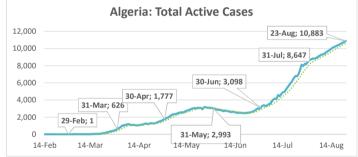


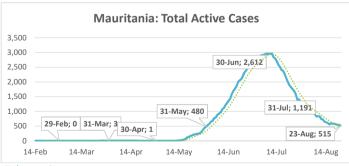
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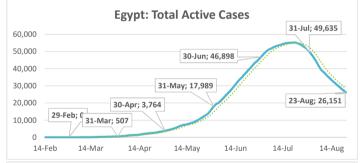
Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in North Africa as of August 23, 2020

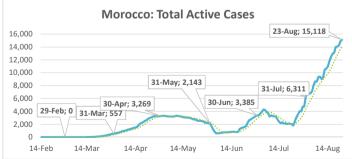
- As of Sunday, August 23, 2020, the number of total cases in the North Africa region reached 211,309. The region reported 16,782 new cases in the review week, which is 1.1% lower compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 8,002, recording 450 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 140,172, of which 15,792 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 63,135, which is an increase of 540 cases in the review week.
- Egypt accounted for 46.1% of the total cases, while Morocco accounted for 58.8% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Tunisia has the least number of total cases in the region at 2,818.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 3.8%. The highest CFR in the region is reported in Egypt at 5.4% and the lowest in Morocco at 1.7%.

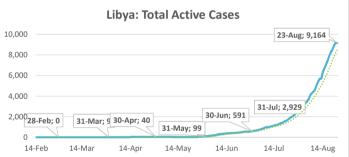
Summary of COVID-19 tracking in North Africa: Situation for the week ending 23 August 2020																			
			Cas	Deaths					Active				Test						
	Date of first case	Total cases	New cases for the week of	New cases for the week of	Weekly change		New deaths for the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Total Recovered f	New recovered or the week f of		Weekly change from Previous week				Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
L			23 August	16 August			23 August	16 August			23 August	16 August			23 August	16 August			
North Africa	14-Feb	211,309	16,782	16,967	-185	8,002	450	416	34	140,172	15,792	16,358	-566	63,135	540	193	347	2,649,723	12,836
Algeria	26-Feb	41,460	2,877	3,423	-546	1,435	65	68	-3	29,142	2,125	2,511	-386	10,883	687	844	-157	133,757	3,050
Egypt	14-Feb	97,340	865	983	-118	5,262	102	151	-49	65,927	6,184	7,065	-881	26,151	-5,421	-6,233	812	469,238	4,585
Libya	25-Mar	10,437	2,265	2,721	-456	188	35	34	1	1,085	152	232	-80	9,164	2,078	2,455	-377	93,851	13,658
Mauritania	14-Mar	6,905	204	178	26	158	1	0	1	6,232	247	458	-211	515	-44	-280	236	68,872	14,812
Morocco	5-Mar	52,349	9,860	9,252	608	888	230	160	70	36,343	6,999	5,997	1,002	15,118	2,631	3,095	-464	1,758,870	47,652
Tunisia	5-Mar	2,818	711	410	301	71	17	3	14	1,443	85	95	-10	1,304	609	312	297	125,135	10,588

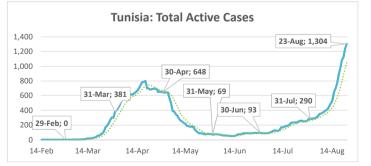








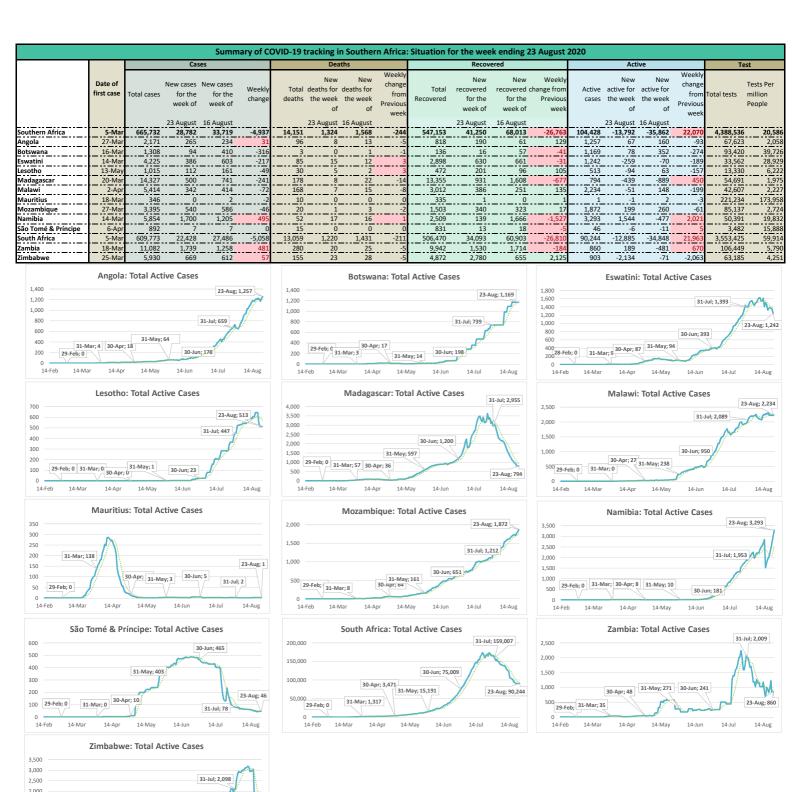




Southern Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Southern Africa as of August 23, 2020

- As of Sunday, August 23, 2020, the number of total cases in the Southern Africa region reached 665,732. The region reported 28,782 new cases in the review week, which is 14.6% lower compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 14,151, recording 1,324 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 547,153, of which 41,250 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 104,428, which is a decline of 13,792 cases in the review week.
- South Africa accounted for 91.6% of the total cases and 77.9% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritius has the least number of total cases in the region at 346.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.1%. The highest CFR in the region is reported in Angola at 4.4% and the lowest in Botswana at 0.2%.



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14-Feb

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West Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in West Africa as of August 23, 2020

- As of Sunday, August 23, 2020, the number of total cases in the West Africa region reached 155,329. The region reported 7,394 new cases in the review week, which is 0.7% higher compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 2,321, recording 104 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 125,111, of which 6,626 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 27,897 which is an increase of 664 cases in the review week.
- Nigeria accounted for 33.6% of the total cases and 42.7% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Niger has the least number of total cases in the region at 1,172.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.5%. The highest CFRs in the region are reported in Liberia at 6.4% and the lowest in, Guinea, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire at 0.6%.

