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Weekly Data Flash on Covid-19 in Africa¹:

The situation as of Sunday October 4, 2020

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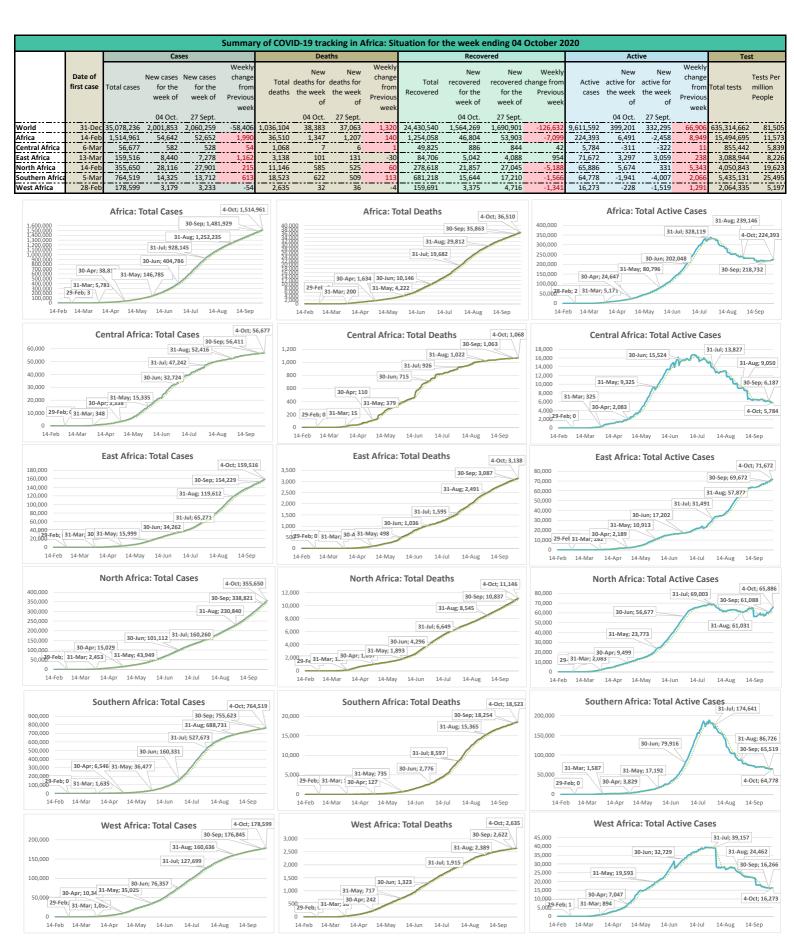
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Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Africa as of October 4, 2020²

- Globally, the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases reached 35,078,236 as of October 4, 2020, the majority of which (31.3%) were in Asia, followed by North America (25.3%), South America (23.5%) and Europe (15.6%). The number of new cases reported globally in the review week amounted to 2,001,853. To date, 24,430,540 cases have recovered, representing 69.6% of confirmed Covid-19 cases. The number of global deaths reached 1,036,104, of which 38,383 were recorded in the past week. The number of global active cases stands at 9,611,592.
- Africa accounted for 4.3% of the total global cases, 3.5% of deaths, 5.1% of recovered cases and 2.3% of active cases as of October 4, 2020.
- As of Sunday October 4, 2020, almost 15.5 million people had been tested for Covid-19 in Africa, of which over 0.6 million tests were conducted in the week under review. The majority (27.4%) of these tests were conducted in South Africa, followed by Morocco (17.4%), Ethiopia (8.4%), Egypt (4.1%), Kenya (3.6%), Nigeria (3.4%) and Rwanda (3.2%), which collectively accounted for 67.6% of the tests conducted in Africa.
- Considering tests in relation to population size, Mauritius leads with 193,688 tests per 1 million people, followed by Cabo Verde (152,513), Gabon (80,950), Djibouti (78,461), Botswana (78,276), Morocco (72,855) and South Africa (71,684). The average tests per 1 million people in Africa, stands at 11,573, which is an increase of 4.0% over the past week.
- Tests per case in Africa stand at 10.2 as of October 4, 2020, indicating that there is one confirmed case for every 10 tests conducted, compared to 18.1 global average. Regionally, the values for tests per case were 19.4 for East Africa, 15.1 for Central Africa, 11.4 for North Africa, 11.6 for West Africa and 7.1 for Southern Africa.
- As of October 4, 2020, the total number of confirmed cases in Africa reached 1,514,961. More than half of these cases (50.5%) were reported in Southern Africa, followed by North Africa at 23.5%, West Africa at 11.8%, East Africa at 10.5%, and Central Africa at 3.7%. Southern Africa was the region with the highest number of cases, with 89.1% of those cases reported in the nation of South Africa; the remaining countries of the region being among the least affected.
- South Africa, Morocco, Egypt, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Algeria, Ghana, Kenya and Libya together account for 81.3% of the cases in Africa, as of October 4, 2020. Five countries with the lowest number of cases are the Seychelles, Mauritius, Eritrea, Comoros and Burundi; cases ranging between 146 in Seychelles and 513 in Burundi. Considering population size, South Africa, Cabo Verde, Djibouti, Libya and Eswatini are the five countries with the highest number of confirmed cases per million people; rates ranging from 11,634 in South Africa to 4,851 in Eswatini.

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

- In the week under review, a total of 54,642 new cases were reported in Africa, which is a 3.8% increase compared to the new cases recorded in the previous week. These new cases in Africa account for 2.7% of the weekly new cases recorded globally. The North Africa region accounted for 51.5% of the weekly new cases in Africa, followed by Southern Africa (26.2%), East Africa (15.4%), West Africa (5.8%), and Central Africa (1.1%).
- As of October 4, 2020, a total of 36,510 deaths had been reported in Africa since the start of the pandemic, of which 50.7% were in Southern Africa, 30.5% in North Africa, 8.6% in East Africa, 7.2% in West Africa and 2.9% in Central Africa. South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Ethiopia and Nigeria are the six countries with the highest reported deaths due to Covid-19. A total of 1,347 new deaths were reported in the week under review, which is an increase of 11.6% compared to the preceding week. As of October 4, 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), deaths per confirmed cases, for Africa stands at 2.4% in the review period, which is lower than the global average of 3.0%. However, the CFR in Africa has increased since August 2020, compared with its level of 2.1% in July 2020, mainly reflecting the trend in the Southern Africa region, while the global average CFR is on a continuous decline. Regionally, West Africa has the lowest CFR at 1.5%, followed by Central Africa at 1.9%, East Africa at 2.0% and Southern Africa at 2.4%, while North Africa at 3.1% recorded higher CFR than the African average. Higher than or equal to the global average CFRs have been recorded in eleven African countries, namely Chad (7.1%), Sudan (6.1%), Liberia (6.1%), Niger (5.8%), Egypt (5.8%), Mali (4.1%), Angola (3.6%), Algeria (3.4%), Sierra Leone (3.2%), Gambia (3.2%), and Malawi (3.1%)
- As of October 4, 2020, the number of recovered cases in Africa reached 1,254,058, which is 82.8% of its total confirmed cases. West Africa (89.4%), Southern Africa (89.1%), and Central Africa (87.9%) have recorded higher recovery rates than the average for Africa, while North Africa (78.3%) and East Africa (53.1%) showed relatively lower recovery rates. In the week under review, 46,804 newly recovered cases were reported.
- As of October 4, 2020, the total number of active cases in Africa stands at 224,393, which is a reduction of 6,491 cases over the previous week. Africa saw an increase in active cases this week, after experiencing a decline over the past seven consecutive weeks. The previous decline was due to a higher number of recoveries compared to newly recorded cases within the period. Four countries, namely South Africa (49,532 cases), Ethiopia (44,537), Morocco (19,906), and Tunisia (16,877), jointly accounted for 58.3% of the active cases as of October 4, 2020.

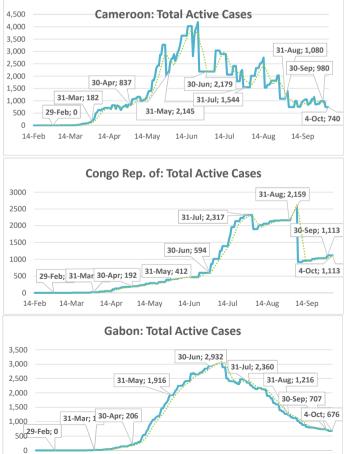


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Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Central Africa as of October 4, 2020

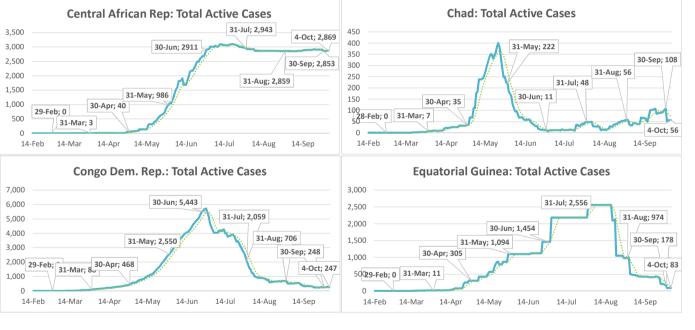
- As of Sunday, October 4, 2020, the number of total cases in the Central Africa region reached 56,677. The region reported 582 new cases in the review week, which is a 10.2% increase compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 1,068, recording 7 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 49,825, of which 886 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 5,784, which is a decline of 311 cases in the review week.
- Cameroon accounted for 36.9% of the total cases and 32.5% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Chad has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 1,217.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.9%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Chad at 7.1% and the lowest in Gabon at 0.6%.

Summary of COVID-19 tracking in Central Africa: Situation for the week ending 04 October 2020																			
			Case	es			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		New recovered or the week f of	New recovered of or the week of	Weekly change from Previous week	Active	New active for the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
			04 Oct.	27 Sept.			04 Oct.	27 Sept.			04 Oct.	27 Sept.			04 Oct.	27 Sept.			
Central Africa	6-Mar	56,677	582	528	54	1,068	7	6	1	49,825	886	844	42	5,784	-311	-322	11	855,442	5,839
Cameroon	6-Mar	20,924	189	304	-115	420	2	2	0	19,764	324	316	8	740	-137	-14	-123	453,441	17,081
Central African Rep.	15-Mar	4,845	39	20	19	62	0	0	0	1,914	74	10	64	2,869	-35	10	-45	32,263	6,680
Chad	19-Mar	1,217	39	27	12	86	2	3	-1	1,075	70	38	32	56	-33	-14	-19	31,692	1,929
Congo Rep. of	15-Mar	5,089	81	22	59	89	0	0	0	3,887	0	0	0	1,113	81	22	59	35,932	6,512
Congo Dem. Rep.	10-Mar	10,760	148	97	51	274	3	0	3	10,239	146	163	-17	247	-1	-66	65	61,025	681
Equatorial Guinea	14-Mar	5,045	17	26	-9	83	0	0	0	4,879	139	231	-92	83	-122	-205	83	60,916	43,419
Gabon	12-Mar	8,797	69	32	37	54	0	1	-1	8,067	133	86	47	676	-64	-55	-9	180,173	80,950



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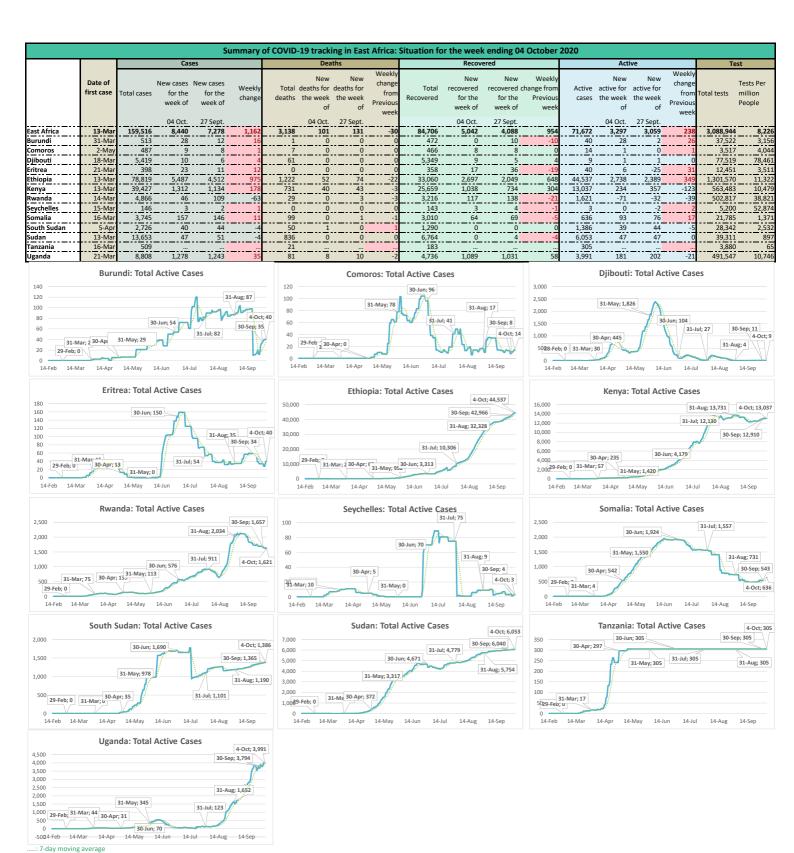
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East Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in East Africa as of October 4, 2020

- As of Sunday, October 4, 2020, the number of total cases in the East Africa region reached 159,516. The region reported 8,440 new cases in the review week, which is a 16.0% increase compared to the number of new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 3,138, recording 101 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 84,706, of which 5,042 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 71,672, which is an increase of 3,297 cases in the review week.
- Ethiopia accounted for 49.4% of the total cases and 65.0% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Seychelles has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 146.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.0%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Sudan at 6.1% and the lowest in Eritrea and Seychelles, where no deaths have been reported to date.

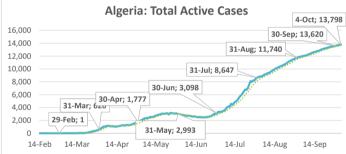


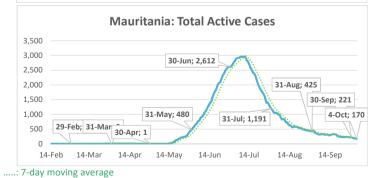
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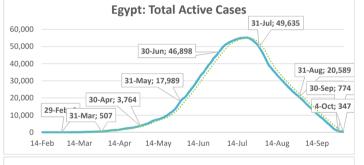
Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in North Africa as of October 4, 2020

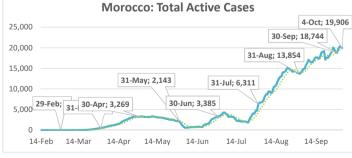
- As of Sunday, October 4, 2020, the number of total cases in the North Africa region reached 355,650. The region reported 28,116 new cases in the review week, which is 0.8% higher compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 11,146, recording 585 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 278,618, of which 21,857 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 65,886, which is an increase of 5,674 cases in the review week.
- Morocco accounted for 37.5% of the total cases and 55.4% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritania has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 7,520.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 3.1%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Egypt at 5.8% and the lowest in Tunisia at 1.4%.

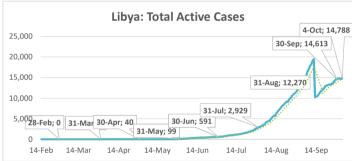
	Summary of COVID-19 tracking in North Africa: Situation for the week ending 04 October 2020																		
			Cas	es			Dea	ths			Active				Test				
	Date of first case	Total cases	New cases for the week of	New cases for the week of	Weekly change		New deaths for the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Recovered f	New recovered or the week f of		Weekly change from Previous week	Active		New active for the week of	Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
			04 Oct.	27 Sept.			04 Oct.	27 Sept.			04 Oct.	27 Sept.			04 Oct.	27 Sept.			
North Africa	14-Feb	355,650	28,116	27,901	215	11,146	585	525	60	278,618	21,857	27,045	-5,188	65,886	5,674	331	5,343	4,050,843	19,623
Algeria	26-Feb	52,136	1,069	1,241	-172	1,760	46	42	4	36,578	718	813	-95	13,798	305	386	-81	174,739	3,985
Egypt	14-Feb	103,683	843	825	18	5,981	98	113	-15	97,355	2,275	5,548	-3,273	347	-1,530	-4,836	3,306	640,444	6,258
Libya	25-Mar	36,809	4,445	4,415	30	592	72	76	-4	21,429	3,301	3,060	241	14,788	1,072	1,279	-207	215,270	31,329
Mauritania	14-Mar	7,520	56	96	-40	162	1	0	1	7,188	118	119	-1	170	-63	-23	-40	80,775	17,372
Morocco	5-Mar	133,272	15,587	15,942	-355	2,330	261	239	22	111,036	15,445	14,859	586	19,906	-119	844	-963	2,689,136	72,855
Tunisia	5-Mar	22,230	6,116	5,382	734	321	107	55	52	5,032	0	2,646	-2,646	16,877	6,009	2,681	3,328	250,479	21,194

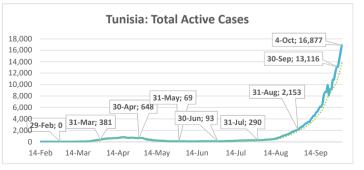








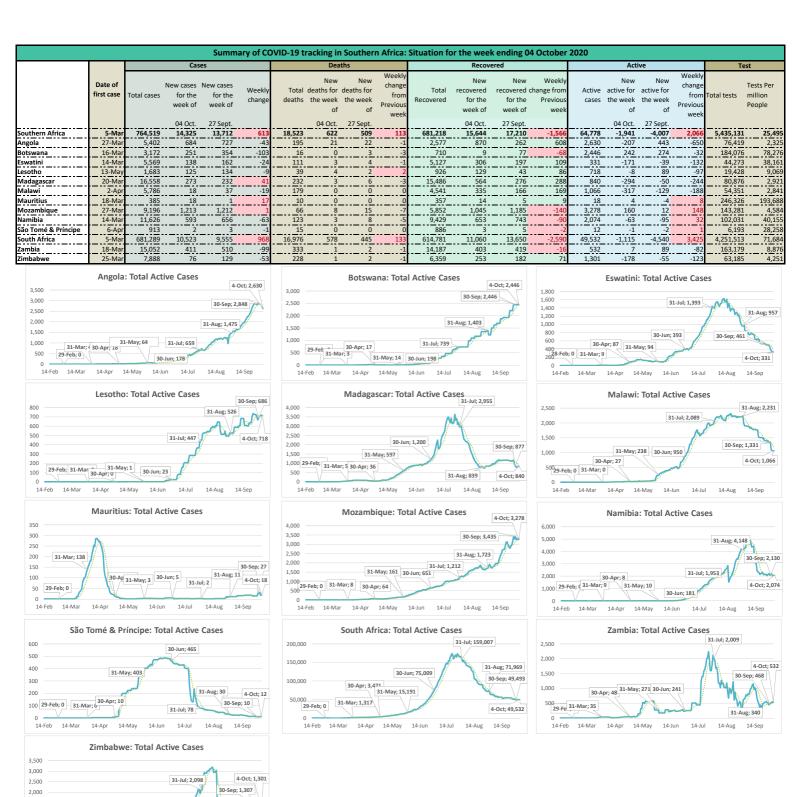




Southern Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Southern Africa as of October 4, 2020

- As of Sunday, October 4, 2020, the number of total cases in the Southern Africa region reached 764,519. The region reported 14,325 new cases in the review week, which is a 4.5% increase compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 18,523, recording 622 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 681,218, of which 15,644 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 64,778, which is a decline of 1,941 cases in the review week.
- South Africa accounted for 89.1% of the total cases and 73.5% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritius has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 385.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.4%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Angola at 3.6% and the lowest in Botswana at 0.5%.



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West Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in West Africa as of October 4, 2020

- As of Sunday, October 4, 2020, the number of total cases in the West Africa region reached 178,599. The region reported 3,179 new cases in the review week, which is 1.7% lower compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 2,635, recording 32 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 159,691, of which 3,375 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 16,273, which is a decline of 228 cases in the review week.
- Nigeria accounted for 33.2% of the total cases and 32.1% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Niger has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 1,200.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.5%. The highest CFRs in the region are reported in Liberia at 6.1% and the lowest in Guinea, Ghana, and Côte d'Ivoire at 0.6%.

