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# Weekly Data Flash on Covid-19 in Africa<sup>1</sup>:

The situation as of Sunday, December 20, 2020

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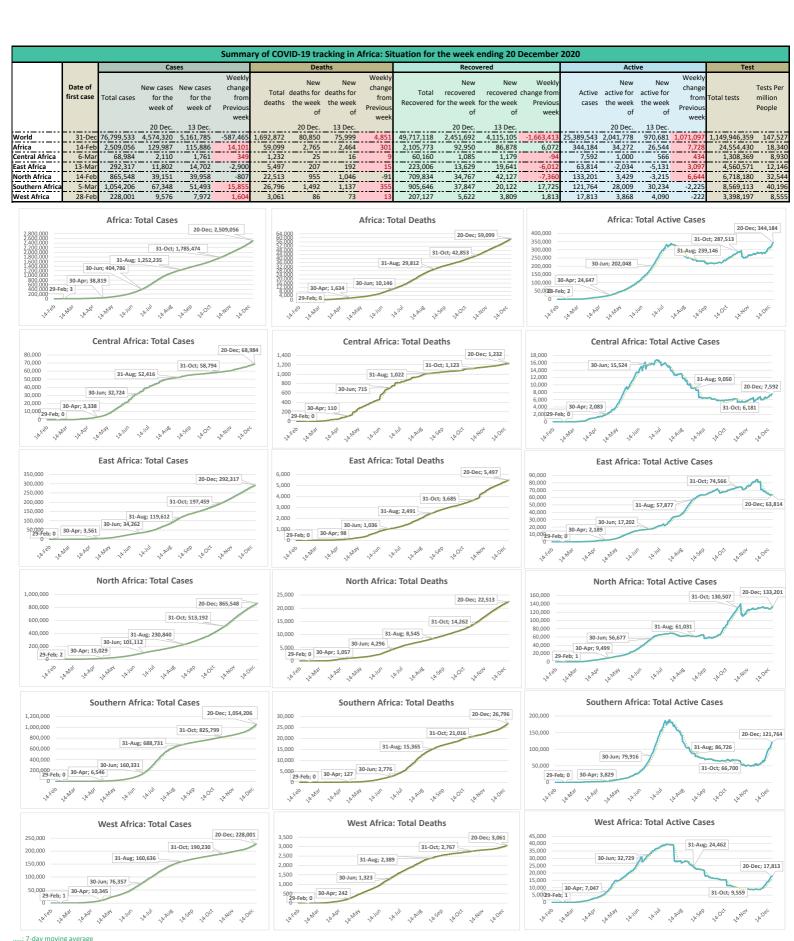
## Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Africa as of December 20, 2020<sup>2</sup>

- Globally, the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases reached 76,799,533 as of December 20, 2020, the majority of which (27.9%) were in Europe, followed by North America (26.7%), Asia (25.9%) and South America (16.3%). The number of new cases reported globally in the review week amounted to 4,574,320. To date, 49,717,118 cases have recovered, representing 64.7% of confirmed global Covid-19 cases. The number of global deaths reached 1,692,872, of which 80,850 were recorded in the past week. The number of global active cases stands at 25,389,543.
- Africa accounted for 3.3% of the total global cases, 3.5% of deaths, 4.2% of recovered cases and 1.4% of active cases as of December 20, 2020.
- As of Sunday, December 20, 2020, more than 24.5 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 (25.0%) of these tests were conducted in South Africa, followed by Morocco (17.5%), Ethiopia (7.1%), Kenya (4.1%), Egypt (4.1%), Nigeria (3.6%), Uganda (2.9%), Rwanda (2.8%), Cameroon (2.7%) and Ghana (2.6%), which collectively accounted for 72.4% of the tests conducted in Africa.
- Considering tests in relation to population size, Mauritius leads with 236,950 tests per 1 million people, followed by Botswana (210,789), Cabo Verde (193,177), Seychelles (166,767) Gabon (152,764), Morocco (116,525), South Africa (103,540) and Djibouti (98,560). The average tests per 1 million people in Africa, stands at 18,340, which is an increase of 3.6% over the past week.
- As of December 20, 2020, the total number of confirmed cases in Africa reached 2,509,056. The majority of these cases (42.0%) were reported in Southern Africa, followed by North Africa at 34.5%, East Africa at 11.7%, West Africa at 9.1% and Central Africa at 2.7%. Southern Africa accounted for the highest number of cases, with 87.5% of those cases reported in the nation of South Africa. On the other hand, the rest of Southern African countries are among the least affected in Africa collectively accounting for 5.3% of the confirmed cases in Africa.
- South Africa (36.7%), Morocco (16.6%), Egypt (5.0%), Tunisia (4.8%), Ethiopia (4.8%), Algeria (3.8%), Libya (3.8%), Kenya (3.8%), Nigeria (3.1%) and Ghana (2.1%) together account for 84.5% of the total cases in Africa, as of December 20, 2020. Five countries with the lowest number of cases are Seychelles, Mauritius, Comoros, Eritrea and Burundi; cases ranging between 202 in Seychelles and 761 in Burundi and collectively accounting for 0.1% of the confirmed cases in Africa. Considering population size, Cabo Verde, South Africa, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia are the five countries with the highest number of confirmed cases per million people; rates ranging from 21,031 in Cabo Verde to 10,188 in Tunisia.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tanzania has not released data on Covid-19 since May 08, 2020.

- In the week under review, a total of 129,987 new cases were reported in Africa, which is a 12.2% increase compared to the new cases recorded in the previous week. These new cases in Africa account for 2.8% of the weekly new cases recorded globally. The Southern Africa region accounted for 51.8% of the weekly new cases in Africa, followed by North Africa (30.1%), East Africa (9.1%), West Africa (7.4%), and Central Africa (1.6%).
- As of December 20, 2020, a total of 59,099 deaths had been reported in Africa since the start of the pandemic, of which 45.3% were in Southern Africa, 38.1% in North Africa, 9.3% in East Africa, 5.2% in West Africa and 2.1% in Central Africa. South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria are the five countries with the highest reported deaths due to Covid-19; deaths ranging between 24,691 in South Africa and 2,666 in Algeria. A total of 2,765 new deaths were reported in Africa in the week under review, which is an increase of 12.2% compared to the preceding week. As of December 20, 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, slightly higher than the global average of 2.2%. The CFR in Africa has stayed unchanged at 2.4% since August 2020, while the global average CFR has been on a continuous decline. Regionally, West Africa has the lowest CFR at 1.3%, followed by Central Africa at 1.8% and East Africa at 1.9%, while North Africa at 2.6% and Southern Africa at 2.5% recorded higher CFR than the African average. As of December 20, 2020, higher than or equal to Africa average CFRs were recorded in fifteen African countries, namely Sudan (6.3%), Egypt (5.7%), Chad (5.4%), Liberia (4.7%), Mali (3.6%), Tunisia (3.4%), Niger (3.3%), The Gambia (3.2%), Sierra Leone (3.0%), Malawi (3.0%), Algeria (2.8%), South Africa (2.7%), Somalia (2.7%), Zimbabwe (2.6%) and DRC (2.4%).
- As of December 20, 2020, the number of recovered cases in Africa reached 2,105,773, which is 83.9% of its total confirmed cases. West Africa (90.8%), Central Africa (87.2%) and Southern Africa (85.9%) have recorded higher recovery rates than the average for Africa, while North Africa (82.0%) and East Africa (76.3%) showed relatively lower recovery rates. In the week under review, 92,950 newly recovered cases were reported.
- As of December 20, 2020, the total number of active cases in Africa stands at 344,184, which is an increase of 34,272 cases over the previous week. Eight countries, namely South Africa (103,317), Morocco (32,014), Algeria (29,277), Tunisia (28,645), Libya (28,397), Uganda (20,487), Kenya (17,126) and Ethiopia (15,118) jointly accounted for 79.7% of the active cases as of December 20, 2020.
- From a regional perspective, North Africa accounts for 38.7% of active cases in Africa, Southern Africa (35.4%), East Africa (18.5%), West Africa (5.2%) and Central Africa (2.2%). Taken together North and Southern Africa account for about 74.1% of all active cases in Africa.

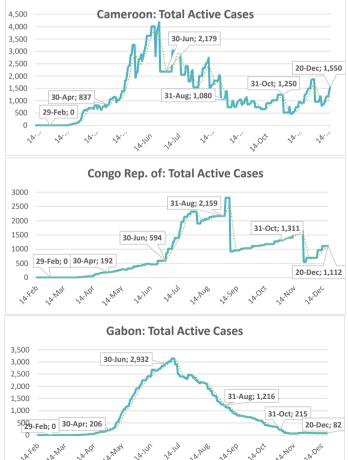


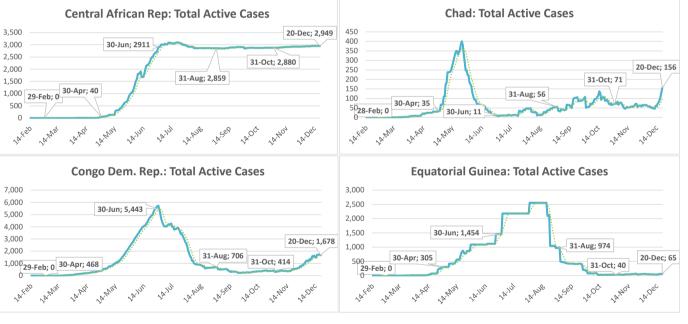
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### Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Central Africa as of December 20, 2020

- As of Sunday, December 20, 2020, the number of total cases in the Central Africa region reached 68,984. The region reported 2,110 new cases in the review week, which is 19.8% higher compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 1,232, recording 25 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 60,160, of which 1,085 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 7,592, which is an increase of 1,000 cases in the review week.
- Cameroon accounted for 37.5% of the total cases, while DRC accounted for 49.0% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Chad has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 1,890.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.8%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Chad at 5.4% and the lowest in Gabon at 0.7%.

Summary of COVID-19 tracking in Central Africa: Situation for the week ending 20 December 2020																			
		Cases					Deaths				Recovered				Active				st
	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 for the week f	New recovered of or the week of	Weekly hange from Previous week	Active			Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
			20 Dec.	13 Dec.			20 Dec.	13 Dec.			20 Dec.	13 Dec.			20 Dec.	13 Dec.			
Central Africa	6-Mar	68,984	2,110	1,761	349	1,232	25	16	9	60,160	1,085	1,179	-94	7,592	1,000	566	434	1,308,369	8,930
Cameroon	6-Mar	25,849	706	391	315	448	5	0	5	23,851	0	507	-507	1,550	701	-116	817	659,314	24,837
Central African Rep.	15-Mar	4,936	0	14	-14	63	0	0	0	1,924	0	0	0	2,949	0	14	-14	34,679	7,180
Chad	19-Mar	1,890	120	45	75	102	0	0	0	1,632	25	43	-18	156	95	2	93	63,040	3,838
Congo Rep. of	15-Mar	6,200	151	275	-124	100	1	5	-4	4,988	0	0	0	1,112	150	270	-120	48,174	8,730
Congo Dem. Rep.	10-Mar	15,495	1,034	934	100	370	18	8	10	13,447	982	518	464	1,678	34	408	-374	89,274	997
Equatorial Guinea	14-Mar	5,214	29	26	3	85	0	0	0	5,064	6	35	-29	65	23	-9	32	73,875	52,656
Gabon	12-Mar	9,400	70	76	-6	64	1	3	-2	9,254	72	76	-4	82	-3	-3	0	340,013	152,764

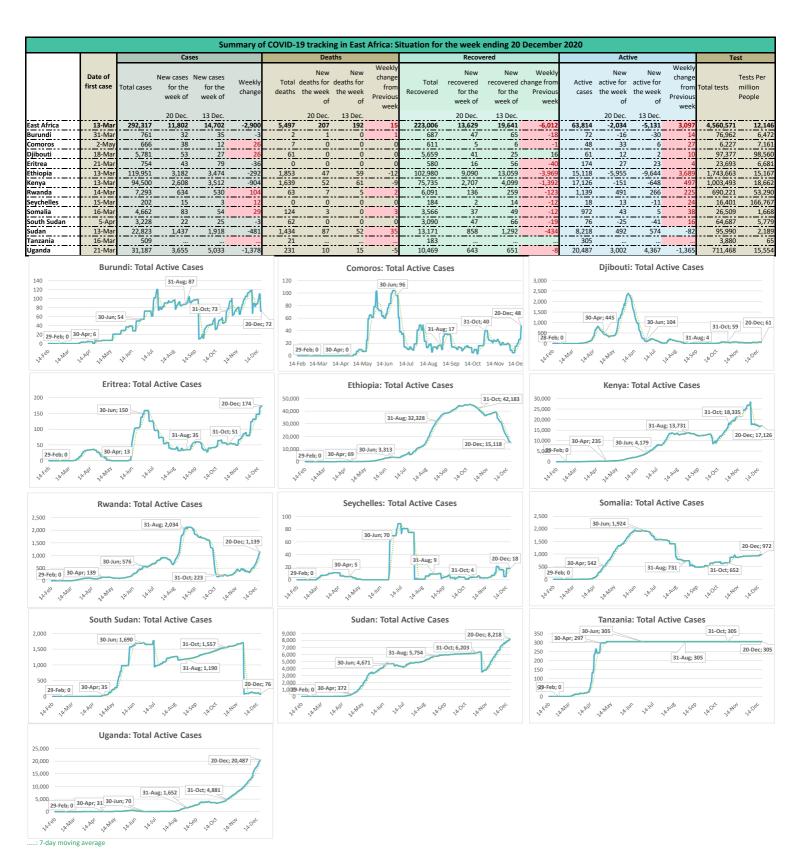




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### Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in East Africa as of December 20, 2020

- As of Sunday, December 20, 2020, the number of total cases in the East Africa region reached 292,317. The region reported 11,802 new cases in the review week, which is a 19.7% decline compared to the number of new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 5,497, recording 207 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 223,006, of which 13,629 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 63,814, which is a decline of 2,034 cases in the review week.
- Ethiopia accounted for 41.0% of the total cases, while Uganda accounted for 31.0% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Seychelles has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 202.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.9%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Sudan at 6.3% and the lowest in Eritrea and Seychelles, where no deaths have been reported to date.

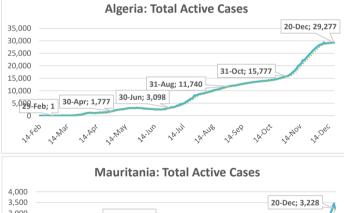


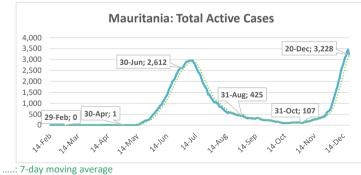
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### Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in North Africa as of December 20, 2020

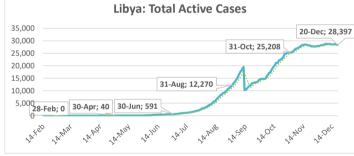
- As of Sunday, December 20, 2020, the number of total cases in the North Africa region reached 865,548. The region reported 39,151 new cases in the review week, which is a 2.0% decline compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 22,513, recording 955 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 709,834, of which 34,767 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 133,201, which is an increase of 3,429 cases in the review week.
- Morocco accounted for 48.2% of the total cases and 44.7% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritania has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 12,418.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.6%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Egypt at 5.7% and the lowest in Libya at 1.4%.

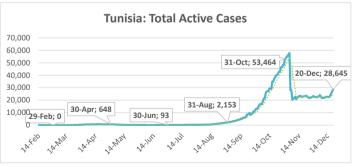
Summary of COVID-19 tracking in North Africa: Situation for the week ending 20 December 2020																			
			Cas		Deaths				Recovered				Active				Test		
	Date of first case	Total cases	New cases for the week of	New cases for the week of	Weekly change		New deaths for the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Total Recovered f	New recovered or the week f of		Weekly change from Previous week	Active		New active for the week of	Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
L		l	20 Dec.	13 Dec.			20 Dec.	13 Dec.			20 Dec.	13 Dec.			20 Dec.	13 Dec.			
North Africa	14-Feb	865,548	39,151	39,958	-807	22,513	955	1,046	-91	709,834	34,767	42,127	-7,360	133,201	3,429	-3,215	6,644	6,718,180	32,544
Algeria	26-Feb	95,203	3,101	3,850	-749	2,666	70	80	-10	63,260	2,803	3,311	-508	29,277	228	459	-231	230,553	5,258
Egypt	14-Feb	125,555	3,980	3,143	837	7,098	178	149	29	106,817	1,942	1,374	568	11,640	1,860	1,620	240	1,000,000	9,772
Libya	25-Mar	94,560	3,781	4,199	-418	1,353	54	68	-14	64,810	3,915	4,193	-278	28,397	-188	-62	-126	508,907	74,063
Mauritania	14-Mar	12,418	1,447	1,455	-8	281	56	37	19	8,909	833	227	606	3,228	558	1,191	-633	131,180	28,213
Morocco	5-Mar	417,125	17,516	19,952	-2,436	6,957	333	379	-46	378,154	22,131	24,722	-2,591	32,014	-4,948	-5,149	201	4,300,996	116,525
Tunisia	5-Mar	120,687	9,326	7,359	1,967	4,158	264	333	-69	87,884	3,143	8,300	-5,157	28,645	5,919	-1,274	7,193	546,544	46,244







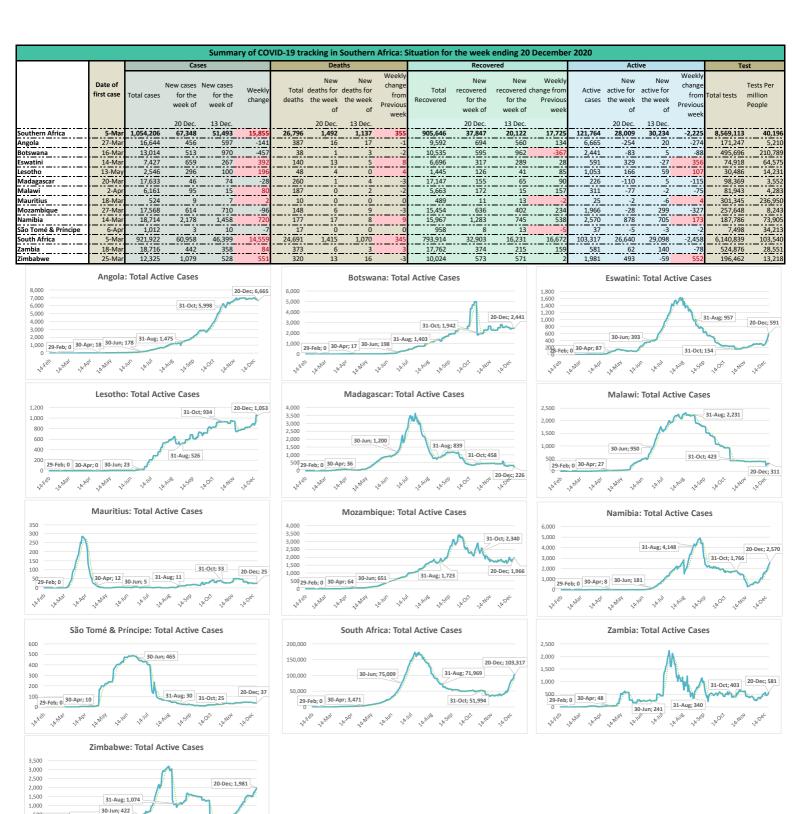




# **Southern Africa**

### Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Southern Africa as of December 20, 2020

- As of Sunday, December 20, 2020, the number of total cases in the Southern Africa region reached 1,054,206. The region reported 67,348 new cases in the review week, which is a 30.8% increase compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 26,796, recording 1,492 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 905,646, of which 37,847 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 121,764, which is an increase of 28,009 cases in the review week.
- South Africa accounted for 87.5% of the total cases and 90.5% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritius has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 524.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.5%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Malawi at 3.0% and the lowest in Botswana at 0.3%.



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# West Africa

### Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in West Africa as of December 20, 2020

- As of Sunday, December 20, 2020, the number of total cases in the West Africa region reached 228,001. The region reported 9,576 new cases in the review week, which is a 20.1% increase compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 3,061, recording 86 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 207,127, of which 5,622 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 17,813, which is an increase of 3,868 cases in the review week.
- Nigeria accounted for 34.4% of the total cases and 54.9% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Liberia has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 1,779.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.3%. The highest CFR in the region is reported in Liberia at 4.7% and the lowest in Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Ghana at 0.6%.

