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Weekly Data Flash on Covid-19 in Africa¹:

The situation as of Sunday, January 24, 2021

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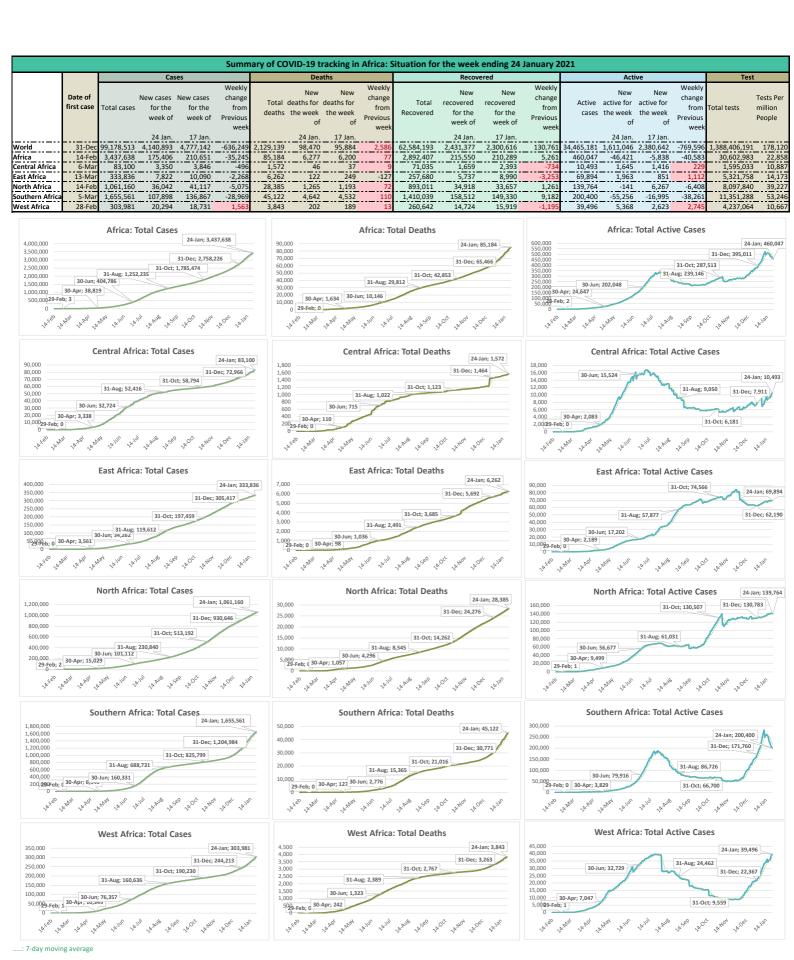
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Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Africa as of January 24, 2021²

- Globally, the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases reached 99,178,513 as of January 24, 2021, the majority of which (29.3%) were in Europe, followed by North America (29.0%), Asia (22.8%) and South America (15.4%). The number of new cases reported globally in the review week amounted to 4,140,893. To date, 62,584,193 cases have recovered, representing 63.1% of confirmed global Covid-19 cases. The number of global deaths reached 2,129,139, of which 98,470 were recorded in the past week. The number of global active cases stands at 34,465,181.
- Africa accounted for 3.5% of the total global cases, 4.0% of deaths, 4.6% of recovered cases and 1.3% of active cases as of January 24, 2021.
- As of Sunday, January 24, 2021, more than 30.6 million tests for Covid-19 had been administered in Africa, of which over 1.2 million were reported in the week under review. The majority (26.1%) of these tests were conducted in South Africa, followed by Morocco (17.3%), Ethiopia (6.3%), Nigeria (4.1%), Kenya (3.8%), Egypt (3.3%), Zambia (2.7%), Rwanda (2.7%), Uganda (2.7%) and Tunisia (2.7%), which collectively accounted for 71.6% of the tests conducted in Africa.
- Considering tests in relation to population size, Botswana leads with 261,072 tests per 1 million people, followed by Mauritius (236,950), Seychelles (218,654), Cabo Verde (200,346), Gabon (189,641), Morocco (143,290), South Africa (134,772) and Eswatini (107,886). The average tests per 1 million people in Africa stands at 22,858, which is an increase of 3.9% over the past week.
- As of January 24, 2021, the total number of confirmed cases in Africa reached 3,437,638. The majority of these cases (48.2%) were reported in Southern Africa, followed by North Africa at 30.9%, East Africa at 9.7%, West Africa at 8.8% and Central Africa at 2.4%. Southern Africa accounted for the highest number of cases, with 85.3% 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 7.1% of the confirmed cases in Africa.
- South Africa (41.1%), Morocco (13.6%), Tunisia (5.7%), Egypt (4.7%), Ethiopia (3.9%), Nigeria (3.5%), Libya (3.3%), Algeria (3.1%) and Kenya (2.9%) together account for 81.8% of the total cases in Africa, as of January 24, 2021. The five countries with the lowest number of cases are Mauritius, Seychelles, São Tomé & Príncipe, Burundi and Liberia; cases range between 556 in Mauritius and 1,914 in Liberia, thus collectively accounting for 0.2% of the confirmed cases in Africa. Considering population size, Cabo Verde, South Africa, Tunisia, Libya and Namibia are the five countries with the highest number of confirmed cases per million people; rates ranging from 24,525 in Cabo Verde to 12,996 in Namibia.

² Tanzania has not released data on Covid-19 since May 08, 2020. Sudan has not released data on Covid-19 since January 16, 2021.

- In the week under review, a total of 175,406 new cases were reported in Africa, which is a 16.7% decline compared to the new cases recorded in the previous week. These new cases in Africa account for 4.2% of the weekly new cases recorded globally. The Southern Africa region accounted for 61.5% of the weekly new cases in Africa, followed by North Africa (20.5%), West Africa (11.6%), East Africa (4.5%) and Central Africa (1.9%).
- As of January 24, 2021, a total of 85,184 deaths have been reported in Africa since the start of the pandemic, of which 53.0% were in Southern Africa, 33.3% in North Africa, 7.4% in East Africa, 4.5% in West Africa and 1.8% in Central Africa. South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria are the five countries with the highest reported deaths due to Covid-19, with deaths ranging from 40,874 in South Africa to 2,863 in Algeria. A total of 6,277 new deaths were reported in Africa in the week under review, which is an increase of 1.2% compared to the preceding week.
- The case fatality rate (CFR), deaths per confirmed cases for Africa stands at 2.5% in the review period, higher than the global average of 2.1%, which is an increment from its level of 2.4% since August 2020. Regionally, West Africa has the lowest CFR at 1.3%, followed by East Africa and Central Africa at 1.9%, while North Africa and Southern Africa at 2.7% recorded higher CFR than the African average. As of January 24, 2021, higher than or equal to Africa average CFRs were recorded in 18 African countries, namely Sudan (6.1%), Egypt (5.5%), Liberia (4.4%), Mali (4.0%), Chad (3.7%), Niger (3.5%), Eswatini (3.3%), Tunisia (3.2%), The Gambia (3.2%), Zimbabwe (3.2%), Comoros (3.1%), DRC (3.0%), South Africa (2.9%), Somalia (2.7%), Algeria (2.7%), Malawi (2.6%), Sierra Leone (2.5%) and Mauritania (2.5%).
- As of January 24, 2021, the number of recovered cases in Africa reached 2,892,407, which is 84.1% of its total confirmed cases. West Africa (85.7%), Central Africa (85.5%), Southern Africa (85.2%) and North Africa (84.2%) have recorded higher recovery rates than the average for Africa, while East Africa (77.2%) showed relatively lower recovery rates. In the week under review, 215,550 newly recovered cases were reported.
- As of January 24, 2021, the total number of active cases in Africa stands at 460,047, which is a decline of 46,421 cases over the previous week. Six countries, namely South Africa (141,592), Tunisia (46,482), Algeria (30,788), Egypt (26,361), Uganda (24,971) and Nigeria (22,834) jointly accounted for 63.7% of the active cases as of January 24, 2021.
- From a regional perspective, Southern Africa accounts for 43.6% of active cases in Africa, North Africa (30.4%), East Africa (15.2%), West Africa (8.6%) and Central Africa (2.3%). Southern and North Africa jointly account for about 74.0% of all active cases in Africa.

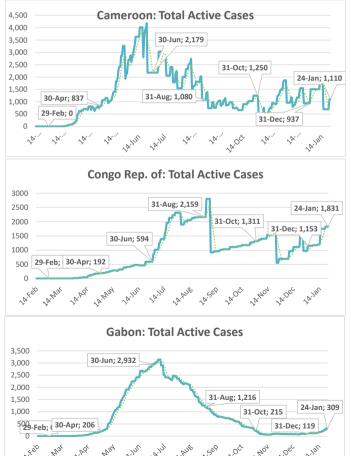


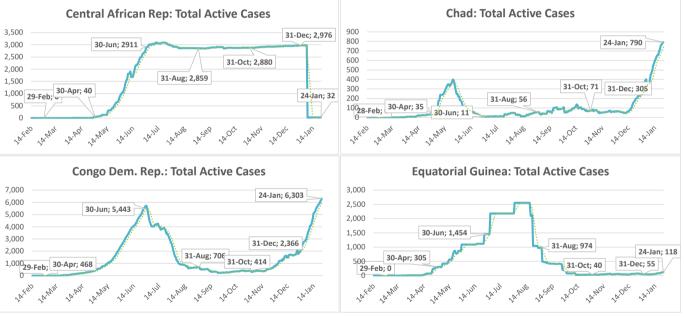
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Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Central Africa as of January 24, 2021

- As of Sunday, January 24, 2021, the number of total cases in the Central Africa region reached 83,100. The region reported 3,350 new cases in the review week, which is a 12.9% decline compared to the number of new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 1,572, recording 46 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 71,035, of which 1,659 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 10,493, which is an increase of 1,645 cases in the review week.
- Cameroon accounted for 35.6% of the total cases and 48.0% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Chad has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 3,161.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.9%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Chad at 3.7% and the lowest in Gabon at 0.7%.

Summary of COVID-19 tracking in Central Africa: Situation for the week ending 24 January 2021																			
			Case	es			Deaths				Recovered					ive		Test	
	Date of first case	Total cases	New cases for the week of	New cases for the week of	Weekly change		New eaths for o the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Total Recovered	New recovered for the week of	New recovered for the week of	Weekly change from Previous week	Active cases	New active for the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
			24 Jan.	17 Jan.			24 Jan.	17 Jan.			24 Jan.	17 Jan.			24 Jan.	17 Jan.			
Central Africa	6-Mar	83,100	3,350	3,846	-496	1,572	46	37	9	71,035	1,659	2,393	-734	10,493	1,645	1,416	229	1,595,033	10,887
Cameroon	6-Mar	29,617	1,607	1,162	445	462	7	7	0	28,045	1,184	1,969	-785	1,110	416	-814	1,230	781,009	29,421
Central African Rep.	15-Mar	4,980	7	0	7	63	0	0	0	4,885	0	0	0	32	7	0	7	36,008	7,455
Chad	19-Mar	3,161	266	358	-92	116	5	4	1	2,255	125	165	-40	790	136	189	-53	81,231	4,945
Congo Rep. of	15-Mar	7,794	85	582	-497	117	3	6	-3	5,846	0	0	0	1,831	82	576	-494	81,168	14,709
Congo Dem. Rep.	10-Mar	21,869	961	1,472	-511	661	30	20	10	14,905	98	64	34	6,303	833	1,388	-555	109,336	1,221
Equatorial Guinea	14-Mar	5,401	45	67	-22	86	0	0	0	5,197	8	35	-27	118	37	32	5	84,190	60,008
Gabon	12-Mar	10,278	379	205	174	67	1	0	1	9,902	244	160	84	309	134	45	89	422,091	189,641

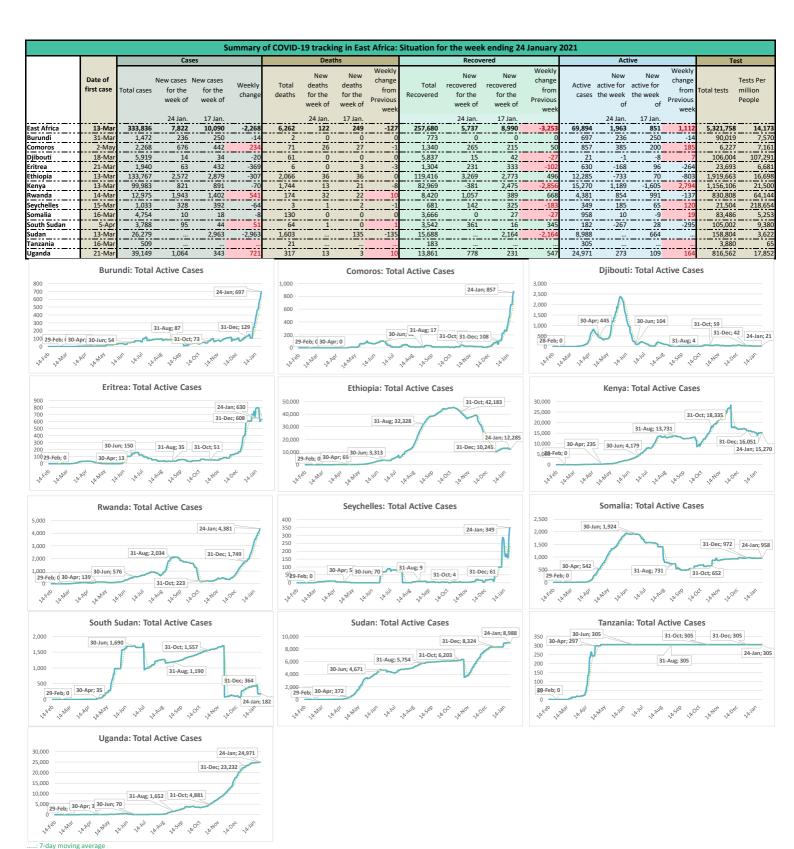




East Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in East Africa as of January 24, 2021

- As of Sunday, January 24, 2021, the number of total cases in the East Africa region reached 333,836. The region reported 7,822 new cases in the review week, which is a 22.5% decline compared to the number of new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 6,262, recording 122 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 257,680, of which 5,737 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 69,894, which is an increase of 1,963 cases in the review week.
- Ethiopia accounted for 40.1% of the total cases and 32.9% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Seychelles has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 1,033.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.9%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Sudan at 6.1% and the lowest in Burundi at 0.1%.

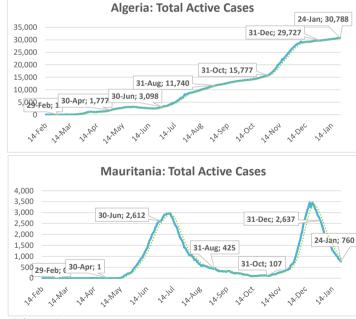


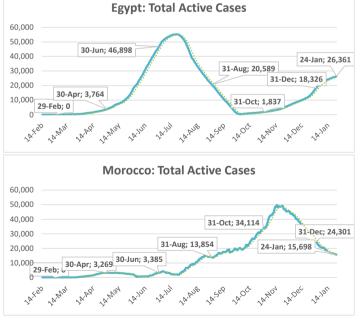
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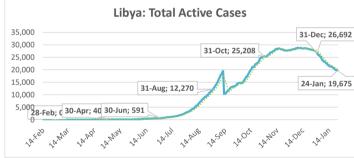
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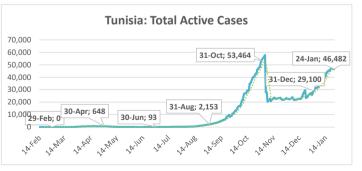
- As of Sunday, January 24, 2021, the number of total cases in the North Africa region reached 1,061,160. The region reported 36,042 new cases in the review week, which is a 12.3% decline compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 28,385, recording 1,265 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 893,011, of which 34,918 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 139,764, which is a decline of 141 cases in the review week.
- Morocco accounted for 43.9% of the total cases, while Tunisia accounted for 48.0% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritania has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 16,397.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.7%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Egypt at 5.5% and the lowest in Libya at 1.6%.

Summary of COVID-19 tracking in North Africa: Situation for the week ending 24 January 2021																			
			Cas	es		Deaths					Active				Test				
	Date of first case	Total cases	New cases for the week of	New cases for the week of	Weekly change	Total deaths	New deaths for the week of	New deaths for the week of	Weekly change from Previous week	Total Recovered	New recovered for the week of	New recovered for the week of	Weekly change from Previous week		New active for the week of		Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
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North Africa	14-Feb	1,061,160	36,042	41,117	-5,075	28,385	1,265	1,193	72	893,011	34,918	33,657	1,261	139,764	-141	6,267	-6,408	8,097,840	39,227
Algeria	26-Feb	105,596	1,763	1,689	74	2,863	27	29	-2	71,945	1,391	1,342	49	30,788	345	318	27	230,553	5,258
Egypt	14-Feb	161,817	5,420	6,605	-1,185	8,959	376	386	-10	126,497	3,504	4,093	-589	26,361	1,540	2,126	-586	1,000,000	9,772
Libya	25-Mar	113,688	4,600	4,343	257	1,763	98	84	14	92,250	6,125	5,833	292	19,675	-1,623	-1,574	-49	621,779	90,489
Mauritania	14-Mar	16,397	358	527	-169	416	14	18	-4	15,221	717	1,069	-352	760	-373	-560	187	140,469	30,211
Morocco	5-Mar	466,289	6,618	7,139	-521	8,150	208	199	9	442,441	7,516	10,029	-2,513	15,698	-1,106	-3,089	1,983	5,288,911	1 143,290
Tunisia	5-Mar	197,373	17,283	20,814	-3,531	6,234	542	477	65	144,657	15,665	11,291	4,374	46,482	1,076	9,046	-7,970	816,128	69,054





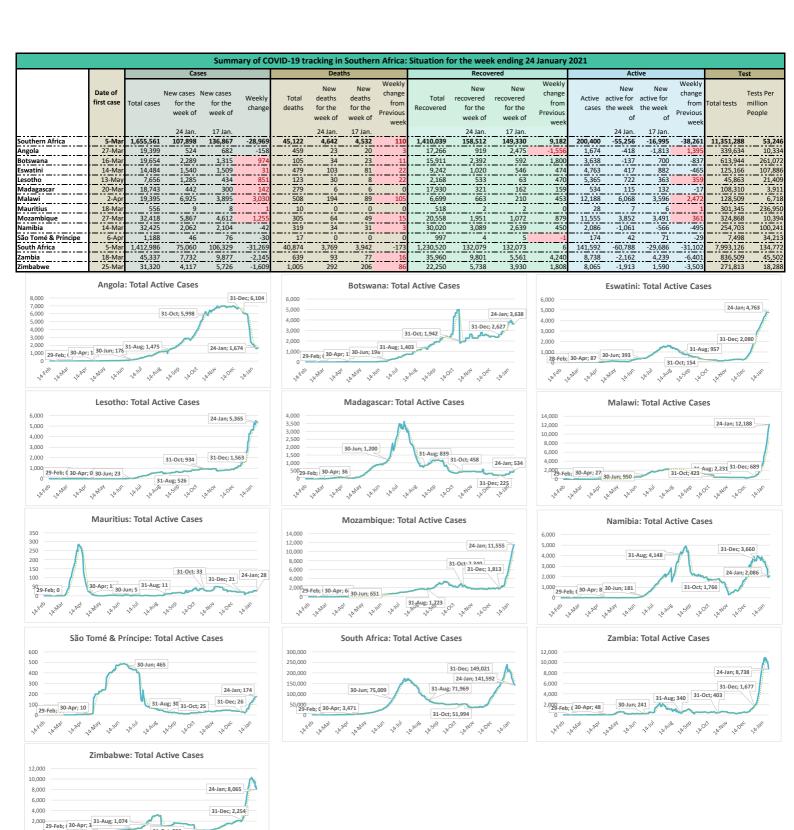




Southern Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Southern Africa as of January 24, 2021

- As of Sunday, January 24, 2021, the number of total cases in the Southern Africa region reached 1,655,561. The region reported 107,898 new cases in the review week, which is a 21.2% decline compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 45,122, recording 4,642 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 1,410,039, of which 158,512 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 200,400, which is a decline of 55,256 cases in the review week.
- South Africa accounted for 85.3% of the total cases and 69.6% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritius has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 556.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.7%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Eswatini at 3.3% 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 January 24, 2021

- As of Sunday, January 24, 2021, the number of total cases in the West Africa region reached 303,981. The region reported 20,294 new cases in the review week, which is an 8.3% increase compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 3,843, recording 202 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 260,642, of which 14,724 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 39,496, which is an increase of 5,368 cases in the review week.
- Nigeria accounted for 40.0% of the total cases and 55.1% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Liberia has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 1,914.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.3%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Liberia at 4.4% and the lowest in Côte d'Ivoire at 0.5%.

