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

The situation as of Sunday, February 21, 2021

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## Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Africa as of February 21, 2021<sup>2</sup>

#### Vaccinations: Status Update

- Over 30.8 million new Covid-19 vaccinations were administered globally in the review week, bringing the total, as of February 21, 2021, to 204,156,990. In terms of the geographical distribution, the USA accounted for 30.5% of the Covid-19 vaccinations administered to date, followed by China at 19.8% and the UK at 8.9%
- Only seven countries in Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Guinea, Mauritius, Morocco, Seychelles and South Africa) have reported rolling out Covid-19 vaccinations to date. As of February 21, 2021, 2,538,019 vaccinations have been administered in Africa, which represents just 1.2% of total global vaccinations. Morocco accounts for 97.0% of the vaccinations carried out in Africa to date. In respect of vaccines proportionate to population size, Seychelles administered vaccines to 66.2% of its population, taking second place globally after Israel (78.8%).

#### Covid-19 Testing in Africa

- As of Sunday, February 21, 2021, more than 34.2 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 (26.0%) of these tests were conducted in South Africa, followed by Morocco (16.3%), Ethiopia (6.1%), Nigeria (4.2%), Kenya (3.7%), Zambia (3.1%), Egypt (2.9%), Rwanda (2.9%), Tunisia (2.8%) and Cameroon (2.8%). These ten countries collectively accounted for 70.8% of the tests conducted in Africa.
- The number of average tests per 1 million people in Africa as of February 21, 2021 stands at 25,568, which is an increase of 2.3% over the previous week. Botswana is the best performer on this indicator with 313,133 tests per 1 million people, followed by Mauritius (236,950), Gabon (225,073), Cabo Verde (223,820), Seychelles (218,654), Morocco (151,397), South Africa (149,936) and Eswatini (129,308).

#### Confirmed, New and Active Global Covid-19 Cases

- Globally, the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases since the start of the pandemic reached 111,351,199: the majority of which (29.8%) occurred in Europe, followed by North America (29.0%), Asia (22.0%) and South America (15.6%). To date, 70,678,742 cases have recovered globally, representing 63.5% of confirmed global Covid-19 cases.
- The number of new cases reported globally in the review week amounted to 2,547,245, marking a 4.5% decline compared to the new cases recorded in the preceding week.
- The number of global deaths due to Coronavirus reached 2,466,155, of which 66,578 were recorded in the past week, which is a decline of 19.6% over the previous week. The number of

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

global active cases showed an increment of 717,970 cases in the review week, to reach 38,206,302.

• Africa accounted for 3.4% of the total global cases, 4.1% of deaths, 4.8% of recovered cases and 0.9% of active cases as of February 21, 2021, as detailed below.

#### Confirmed, New and Active Covid-19 Cases in Africa

- As of February 21, 2021, the total number of confirmed cases in Africa reached 3,829,402, 79.4% of which were in nine countries, namely South Africa (39.3%), Morocco (12.6%), Tunisia (6.0%), Egypt (4.7%), Ethiopia (4.0%), Nigeria (4.0%), Libya (3.4%), Algeria (2.9%) and Kenya (2.7%). The five countries with the lowest number of cases were Mauritius, São Tomé & Príncipe, Liberia, Burundi and Seychelles, with cases ranging between 603 in Mauritius and 2,401 in Seychelles, thus collectively accounting for 0.2% of the confirmed cases in Africa. Considering population size, Cabo Verde, South Africa, Seychelles, Tunisia and Libya are the five countries with the highest number of confirmed cases per million people; rates ranging from 27,360 in Cabo Verde to 19,153 in Libya. The average cases per million, for Africa, stands at 2,928, which is much lower than the global average of 14,511.
- In the week under review, a total of 76,228 new cases were reported in Africa, which is an 8.1% decline compared to the previous week. These new cases in Africa account for 3.0% of the weekly new cases recorded globally. The Southern Africa region accounted for 38.3% of the weekly new cases in Africa, followed by North Africa (20.9%), West Africa (20.8%), East Africa (14.9%) and Central Africa (5.2%).
- The total number of active cases in Africa declined by 18,656 cases in the review week to reach 345,890. Active cases in Africa have been on a continuous decline over the past five weeks. Currently, just six countries account for 53.0% of the active cases in Africa, namely South Africa (42,728), Tunisia (31,962), Algeria (31,880), Egypt (29,961), Uganda (25,302) and Nigeria (21,616).
- From a regional perspective, North Africa accounts for 33.1% of active cases in Africa, followed by Southern Africa (29.1%), East Africa (21.8%), West Africa (12.2%) and Central Africa (3.9%). North and Southern Africa jointly account for about 62.1% of all active cases in Africa.

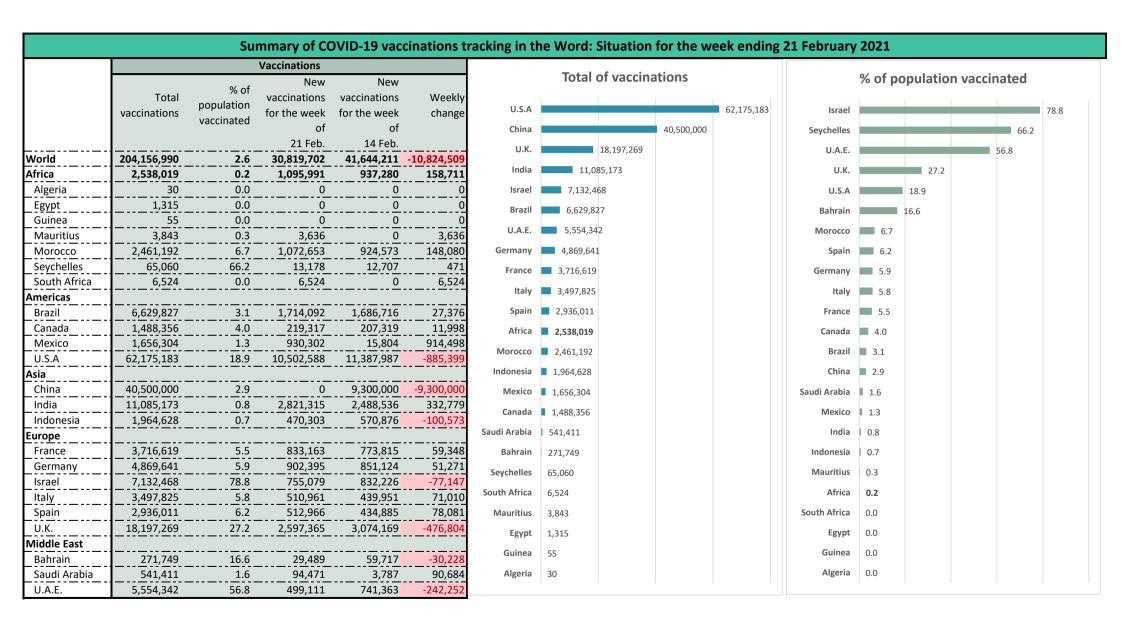
#### Deaths and the Case Fatality Rates in Africa

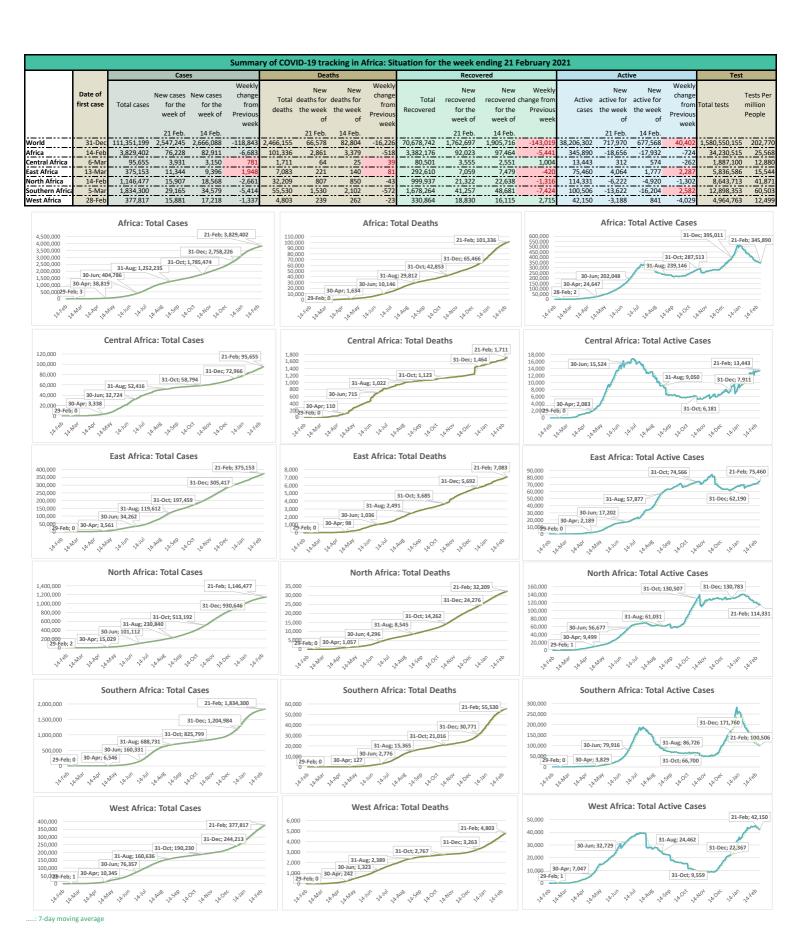
• As of February 21, 2021, a total of 101,336 deaths had been reported in Africa since the start of the pandemic, of which 54.8% were in Southern Africa, 31.8% in North Africa, 7.0% in East Africa, 4.7% in West Africa and 1.7% in Central Africa. The five countries with the highest number of reported deaths due to Covid-19 since the start of the pandemic, were South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, ranging from 49,053 in South Africa to 2,961 in Algeria. A total of 2,861 new deaths were reported in Africa in the week under review, which is a decline of 15.3% compared to the preceding week.

• The case fatality rate (CFR), i.e. deaths per confirmed cases for Africa, stands at 2.6% in the review period, which is higher than the global CFR rate of 2.2%. 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 2.8% and Southern Africa at 3.0% recorded higher CFRs than the African average. As of February 21, 2021, seventeen African countries, namely Sudan (6.2%), Egypt (5.8%), Liberia (4.3%), Mali (4.2%), Comoros (4.1%), Zimbabwe (4.0%), Eswatini (3.8%), Niger (3.6%), Chad (3.5%), Tunisia (3.4%), Somalia (3.4%), Malawi (3.3%), South Africa (3.3%), The Gambia (3.2%), DRC (2.8%), Lesotho (2.7%) and Algeria (2.6%) recorded CRFs higher than or equal to the average for Africa.

#### Recovery Rates in Africa

• As of February 21, 2021, the number of recovered cases in Africa reached 3,382,176, which is 88.3% of its total confirmed cases. Regionally, the recovery rates were 91.5% for Southern Africa, 87.2% for North Africa, 87.6% for West Africa, 84.2% for Central Africa and 78.0% for East Africa. In the week under review 92,023 newly recovered cases were reported.



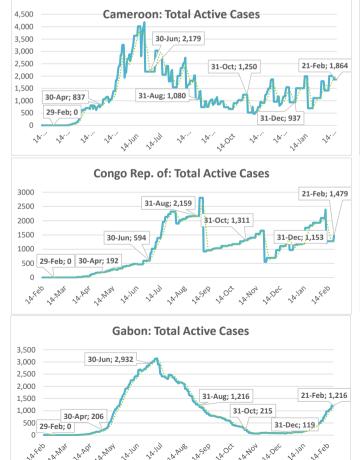


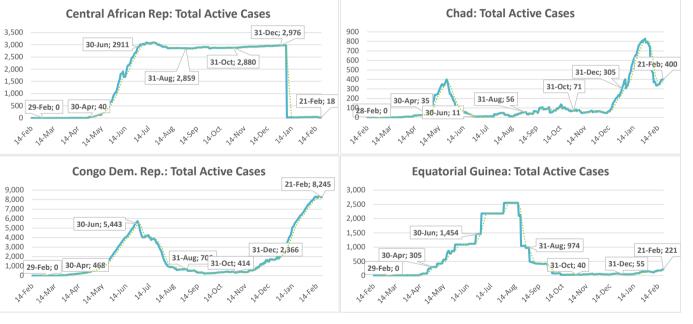
Central Africa	

## Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Central Africa as of February 21, 2021

- As of Sunday, February 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the Central Africa region reached 95,655. The region reported 3,931 new cases in the review week, which is an increase of 24.8% compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 1,711, recording 64 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 80,501, of which 3,555 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 13,443, which is an increase of 312 cases in the review week.
- Cameroon accounted for 35.3% of the total cases and 42.0% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Chad has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 3,849.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.8%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Chad at 3.5% and the lowest in Gabon at 0.6%.

				Summ	ary of CO	OVID-19 t	racking i	n Central	Africa: S	ituation fo	r the week	ending 21	February	2021					
			Case	es			Dea	ths			Recov	ered			Act	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		New recovered for the week f		Weekly change from Previous week	Active		New active for the week of	Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
			21 Feb.	14 Feb.			21 Feb.	14 Feb.			21 Feb.	14 Feb.			21 Feb.	14 Feb.			
Central Africa	6-Mar	95,655	3,931	3,150	781	1,711	64	25	39	80,501	3,555	2,551	1,004	13,443	312	574	-262	1,887,100	12,880
Cameroon	6-Mar	33,749	1,651	704	947	523	44	5	39	31,362	1,753	108	1,645	1,864	-146	591	-737	942,685	35,512
Central African Rep.	15-Mar	5,001	5	7	-2	63	0	0	0	4,920	35	0	35	18	-30	7	-37	37,076	7,677
Chad	19-Mar	3,849	204	148	56	134	5	4	1	3,315	140	280	-140	400	59	-136	195	94,365	5,745
Congo Rep. of	15-Mar	8,625	206	359	-153	127	4	1	3	7,019	0	1,173	-1,173	1,479	202	-815	1,017	93,962	17,028
Congo Dem. Rep.	10-Mar	25,080	785	696	89	700	7	12	-5	16,135	837	185	652	8,245	-59	499	-558	121,822	1,360
<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	14-Mar	5,798	104	116	-12	89	2	1	1	5,488	62	68	-6	221	40	47	-7	96,237	68,594
Gabon	12-Mar	13,553	976	1,120	-144	75	2	2	0	12,262	728	737	-9	1,216	246	381	-135	500,953	225,073

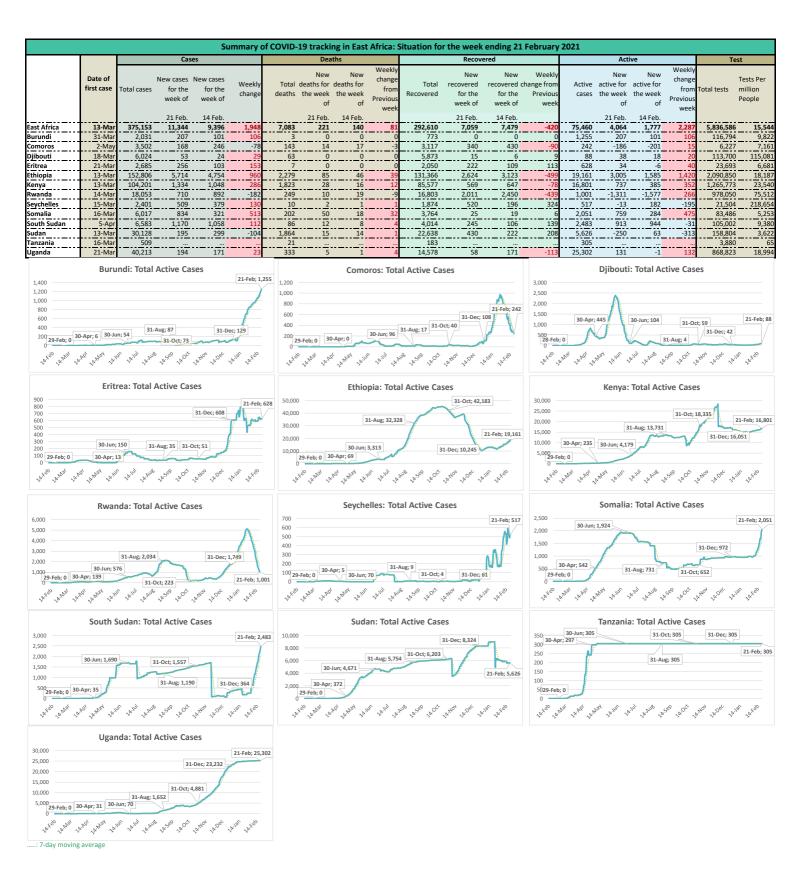




# **East Africa**

#### Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in East Africa as of February 21, 2021

- As of Sunday, February 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the East Africa region reached 375,153. The region reported 11,344 new cases in the review week, which is a 20.7% increase compared to the number of new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 7,083, recording 221 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 292,610, of which 7,059 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 75,460, which is an increase of 4,064 cases in the review week.
- Ethiopia accounted for 40.7% of the total cases and 50.4% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Burundi has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 2,031.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.9%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Sudan at 6.2% and the lowest in Burundi at 0.1%.

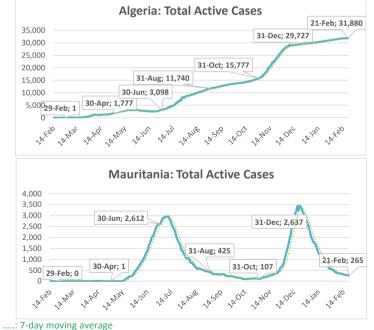


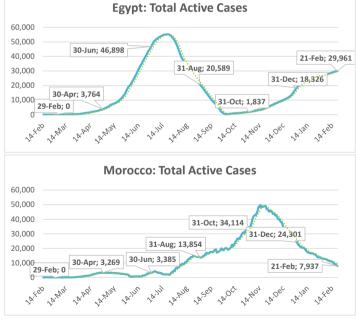
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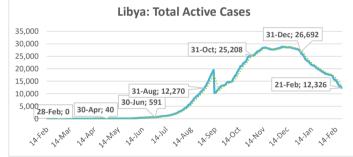
#### Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in North Africa as of February 21, 2021

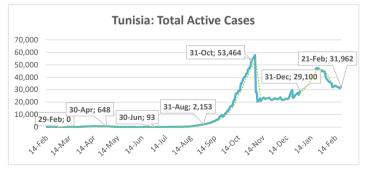
- As of Sunday, February 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the North Africa region reached 1,146,477. The region reported 15,907 new cases in the review week, which is a 14.3% decline compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 32,209, recording 807 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 999,937, of which 21,322 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 114,331, which is a decline of 6,222 cases in the review week.
- Morocco accounted for 42.0% of the total cases, while Tunisia accounted for 32.2% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritania has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 17,095.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 2.8%, in the review week. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Egypt at 5.8% and the lowest in Libya at 1.6%.

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			Case		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 fo	New recovered of 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
			21 Feb.	14 Feb.			21 Feb.	14 Feb.			21 Feb.	14 Feb.			21 Feb.	14 Feb.			
North Africa	14-Feb	1,146,477	15,907	18,568	-2,661	32,209	807	850	-43	999,937	21,322	22,638	-1,316	114,331	-6,222	-4,920	-1,302	8,643,713	41,871
Algeria	26-Feb	111,917	1,206	1,623	-417	2,961	22	25	-3	77,076	1,077	1,307	-230	31,880	107	291	-184	230,553	5,258
Egypt	14-Feb	178,151	4,338	4,173	165	10,353	359	343	16	137,837	2,877	2,585	292	29,961	1,102	1,245	-143	1,000,000	9,772
Libya	25-Mar	129,797	2,443	3,328	-885	2,114	96	65	31	115,357	5,214	5,604	-390	12,326	-2,867	-2,341	-526	706,693	102,847
Mauritania	14-Mar	17,095	121	167	-46	434	4	4	0	16,396	156	235	-79	265	-39	-72	33	164,705	35,423
Morocco	5-Mar	481,155	2,681	3,119	-438	8,554	77	83	-6	464,664	5,812	4,348	1,464	7,937	-3,208	-1,312	-1,896	5,588,138	151,397
Tunisia	5-Mar	228,362	5,118	6,158	-1,040	7,793	249	330	-81	188,607	6,186	8,559	-2,373	31,962	-1,317	-2,731	1,414	953,624	80,688





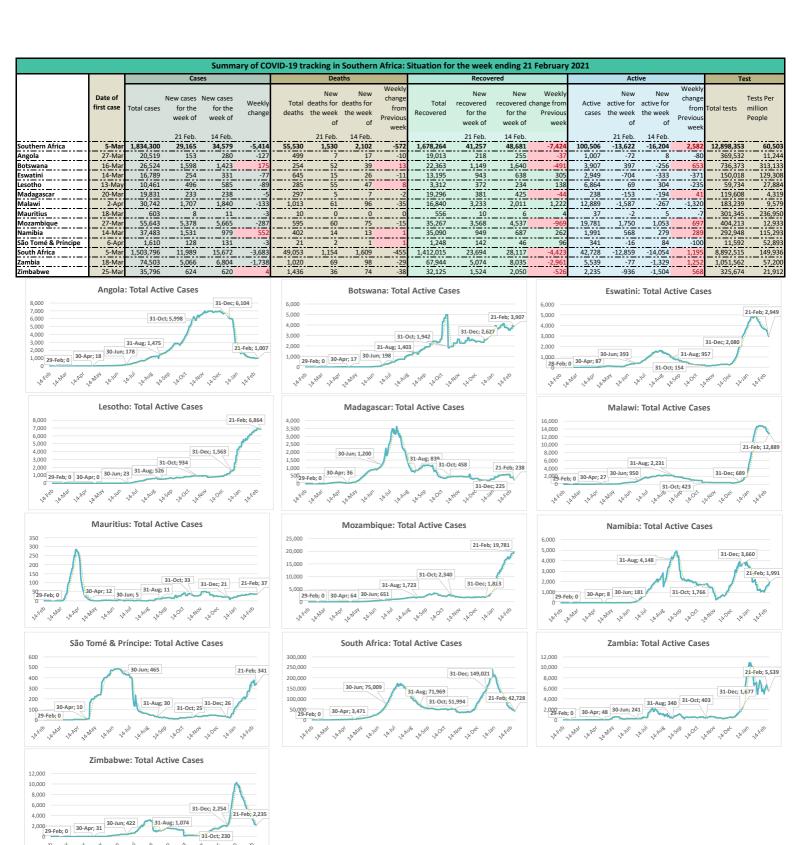




# **Southern Africa**

#### Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Southern Africa as of February 21, 2021

- As of Sunday, February 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the Southern Africa region reached 1,834,300. The region reported 29,165 new cases in the review week, which is a 15.7% decline compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 55,530, recording 1,530 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 1,678,264, of which 41,257 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 100,506, which is a decline of 13,622 cases in the review week.
- South Africa accounted for 82.0% of the total cases and 41.1% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritius has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 603.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 3.0%, in the review week. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Zimbabwe at 4.0% and the lowest in Botswana at 1.0%.



West Africa	

#### Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in West Africa as of February 21, 2021

- As of Sunday, February 21, 2021, the number of total cases in the West Africa region reached 377,817. The region reported 15,881 new cases in the review week, which is a 7.8% decline compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 4,803, recording 239 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 330,864, of which 18,830 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 42,150, which is a decline of 3,188 cases in the review week.
- Nigeria accounted for 40.3% of the total cases and 37.1% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Liberia has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 1,988.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.3%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Liberia at 4.3% and the lowest in Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea at 0.6%.

