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Weekly Data Flash on Covid-19 in Africa¹:

The situation as of Sunday, March 07, 2021

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Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Africa as of March 7, 2021²

Vaccinations: Status Update

- Over 56.2 million new Covid-19 vaccinations were administered globally in the review week, bringing the total, as of March 7, 2021, to 299,055,208. In terms of the geographical distribution, the USA accounted for 30.9% of the total number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to date, followed by China at 17.6% and the UK at 7.8%
- The number of African countries rolling out Covid-19 vaccinations is gradually increasing; to date 9 countries (Algeria, Egypt, Guinea, Mauritius, Morocco, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa and Zimbabwe) have reported commencing vaccination. As of March 7, 2021, 4,852,683 vaccinations have been administered in Africa, which represents 1.6% of total global vaccinations. Morocco accounts for 92.6% of the vaccinations carried out in Africa to date; Egypt, Guinea and Mauritius have not reported vaccination figures in the past two weeks. In respect of vaccines proportionate to population size, Seychelles has administered vaccines to 83.1% of its population, taking second place globally after Israel (96.0%).

Covid-19 Testing in Africa

- As of Sunday, March 7, 2021, more than 35.9 million tests for Covid-19 had been administered in Africa, of which over 0.9 million were reported in the week under review. The majority (25.8%) of the total tests as of March 7, 2021 were conducted in South Africa, followed by Morocco (16.0%), Ethiopia (6.1%), Nigeria (4.4%), Kenya (3.7%), Zambia (3.2%), Rwanda (2.9%), Tunisia (2.8%), Egypt (2.8%) and Cameroon (2.6%). These ten countries collectively account for 70.3% of the tests conducted to date in Africa.
- The number of average tests per 1 million people in Africa as of March 7, 2021 stands at 26,828, which is an increase of 2.6% over the previous week. Botswana is the best performer on this indicator with 350,926 tests per 1 million people, followed by Gabon (246,559), Mauritius (236,950), Cabo Verde (225,365), Seychelles (218,654), South Africa (156,056), Morocco (155,224) and Eswatini (133,437).

Confirmed, New and Active Global Covid-19 Cases

- Globally, the total number of confirmed Covid-19 cases since the start of the pandemic reached 116,830,061: the majority of which (30.2%) occurred in Europe, followed by North America (28.6%), Asia (21.9%) and South America (15.9%). To date, 73,986,842 cases have recovered globally, representing 63.3% of confirmed global Covid-19 cases.
- The number of new cases reported globally in the review week amounted to 2,805,266, indicating a 4.9% increase compared to the new cases recorded in the preceding week.

² Tanzania has not released data on Covid-19 since May 08, 2020. Cameroon has not released new data for the review week.

- The number of global deaths due to Coronavirus reached 2,593,210, of which 62,646 were recorded in the past week, which is a decline of 2.7% over the previous week. The number of global active cases showed an increment of 1,010,886 cases in the review week, to reach 40,250,009 as of 7 March, 2021.
- Africa accounted for 3.4% of the total global cases, 4.1% of deaths, 4.8% of recovered cases and 0.8% of active cases as of March 7, 2021, as detailed below.

Confirmed, New and Active Covid-19 Cases in Africa

- As of March 7, 2021, the total number of confirmed cases in Africa reached 3,964,055, 78.7% of which were in nine countries, namely South Africa (38.4%), Morocco (12.3%), Tunisia (6.0%), Egypt (4.7%), Ethiopia (4.2%), Nigeria (4.0%), Libya (3.5%), Algeria (2.9%) and Kenya (2.7%). The five countries with the lowest number of cases were Mauritius, São Tomé & Príncipe, Liberia, Burundi and Eritrea, with cases ranging between 641 in Mauritius and 2,944 in Eritrea, thus collectively accounting for 0.2% of the confirmed cases in Africa. Considering population size, Seychelles, Cabo Verde, South Africa, Libya and Tunisia are the five countries with the highest number of confirmed cases per million people; rates ranging from 30,711 in Seychelles to 20,325 in Tunisia. The average cases per million, for Africa, stands at 3,030, which is much lower than the global average of 15,226.
- In the week under review, a total of 66,748 new cases were reported in Africa, which is a 1.7% decline compared to the previous week. These new cases in Africa account for 2.4% of the weekly new cases recorded globally. The Southern Africa region accounted for 31.4% of the weekly new cases in Africa, followed by North Africa (26.4%), East Africa (20.2%), West Africa (18.1%) and Central Africa (3.9%).
- The total number of active cases in Africa declined by 6,965 cases in the review week to reach 317,794. Active cases in Africa have been on a continuous decline over the past seven weeks. Currently, just six countries account for 53.7% of the active cases in Africa, namely Algeria (32,157), Egypt (31,489), South Africa (29,516), Tunisia (27,104), Ethiopia (25,209) and Uganda (25,065).
- From a regional perspective, North Africa accounts for 33.6% of active cases in Africa, followed by East Africa (27.7%), Southern Africa (23.3%), West Africa (12.2%) and Central Africa (3.2%).

Deaths and the Case Fatality Rates in Africa

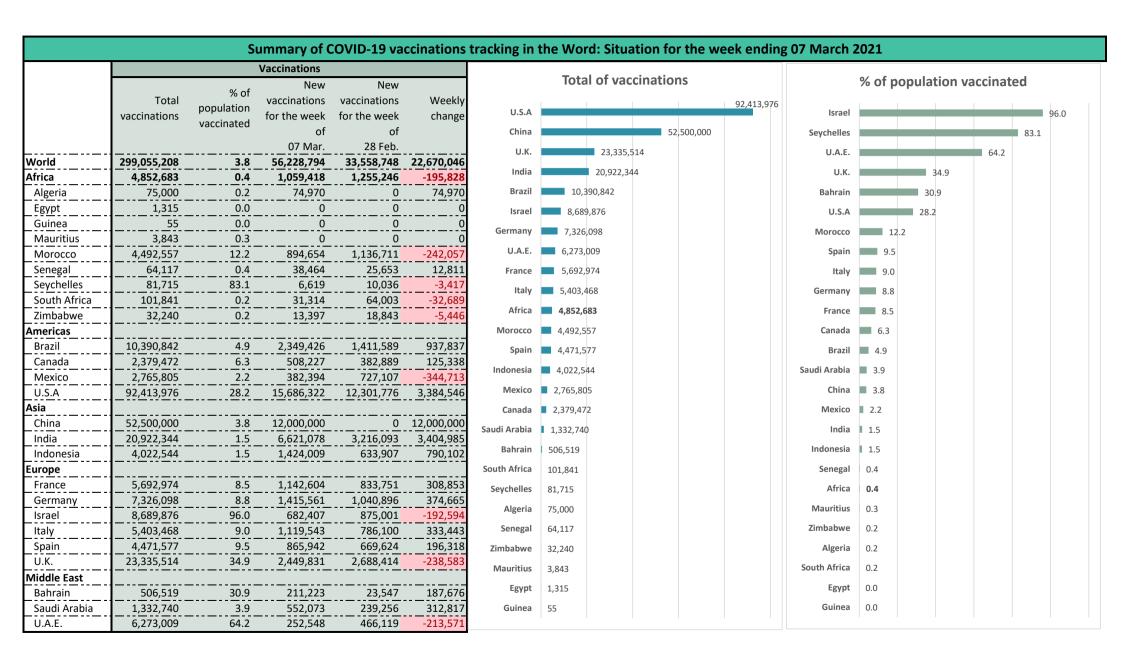
• As of March 7, 2021, a total of 105,713 deaths had been reported in Africa since the start of the pandemic, of which 54.6% were in Southern Africa, 31.8% in North Africa, 7.1% in East Africa, 4.9% in West Africa and 1.7% in Central Africa. The five countries with the highest number of reported deaths due to Covid-19 since the start of the pandemic, were South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, ranging from 50,678 in South Africa to 3,013 in Algeria.

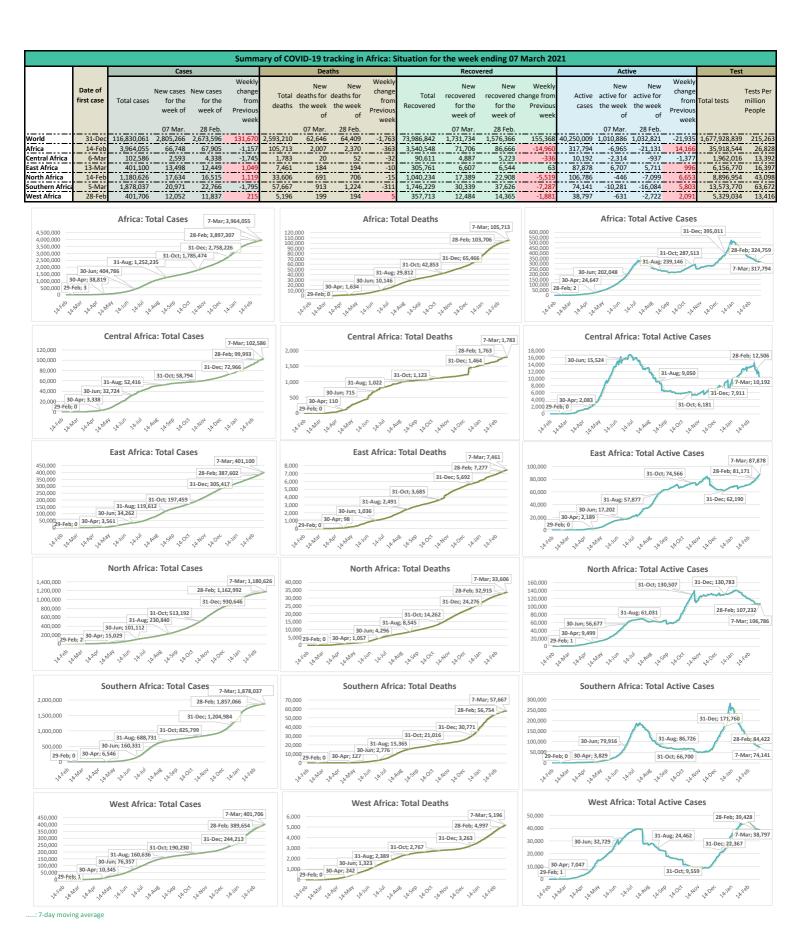
A total of 2,007 new deaths were reported in Africa in the week under review, which is a decline of 15.3% compared to the preceding week.

• The case fatality rate (CFR), i.e. deaths per confirmed cases for Africa, stands at 2.7%, 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 1.7% and East Africa at 1.9%, while North Africa at 2.8% and Southern Africa at 3.1% recorded higher CFRs than the African average. As of March 7, 2021, sixteen African countries, namely Sudan (6.2%), Egypt (5.9%), Liberia (4.2%), Mali (4.2%), Zimbabwe (4.1%), Comoros (4.1%), Eswatini (3.8%), Niger (3.7%), Somalia (3.6%), Tunisia (3.5%), Chad (3.4%), Malawi (3.3%), South Africa (3.3%), The Gambia (3.2%), Lesotho (2.9%) and DRC (2.7%), recorded CRFs higher than or equal to the average for Africa.

Recovery Rates in Africa

• As of March 7, 2021, the number of recovered cases in Africa reached 3,540,548, which is 89.3% of its total confirmed cases. Regionally, the recovery rates were 93.0% for Southern Africa, 89.0% for West Africa, 88.3% for Central Africa, 88.1% for North Africa and 76.2% for East Africa. In the week under review 71,706 newly recovered cases were reported.



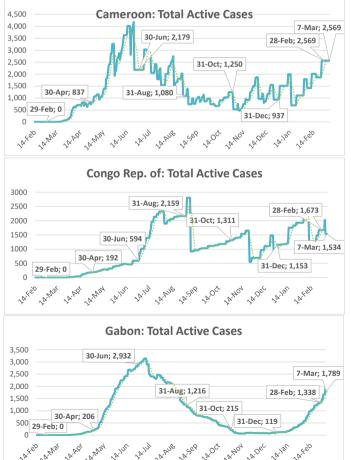


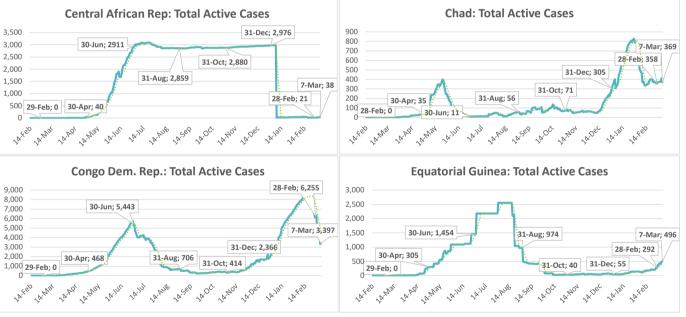
Central Africa	

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Central Africa as of March 7, 2021

- As of Sunday, March 7, 2021, the number of total cases in the Central Africa region reached 102,586. The region reported 2,593 new cases in the review week, which is a decline of 40.2% compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 1,783, recording 20 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 90,611, of which 4,887 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 10,192, which is a decline of 2,314 cases in the review week.
- Cameroon accounted for 34.8% of the total cases, while Gabon accounted for 40.9% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Chad has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 4,177.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region declined to 1.7%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Chad at 3.4% and the lowest in Gabon at 0.6%.

	Summary of COVID-19 tracking in Central Africa: Situation for the week ending 07 March 2021																		
		Cases				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 1	New recovered for the week 1 of		Weekly change from Previous week	Active			Weekly change from Previous week	Total tests	Tests Per million People
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Central Africa	6-Mar	102,586	2,593	4,338	-1,745	1,783	20	52	-32	90,611	4,887	5,223	-336	10,192	-2,314	-937	-1,377	1,962,016	13,392
Cameroon	6-Mar	35,714	0	1,965	-1,965	551	0	28	-28	32,594	0	1,232	-1,232	2,569	0	705	-705	942,685	35,512
Central African Rep.	15-Mar	5,021	17	3	14	63	0	0	0	4,920	0	0	0	38	17	3	14	37,660	7,797
Chad	19-Mar	4,177	204	124	80	140	0	6	-6	3,668	193	160	33	369	11	-42	53	100,904	6,143
Congo Rep. of	15-Mar	9,179	359	195	164	131	3	1	2	7,514	495	0	495	1,534	-139	194	-333	104,366	18,913
Congo Dem. Rep.	10-Mar	26,541	628	833	-205	712	5	7	-2	22,432	3,481	2,816	665	3,397	-2,858	-1,990	-868	126,578	1,413
Equatorial Guinea	14-Mar	6,329	324	207	117	96	5	2	3	5,737	115	134	-19	496	204	71	133	101,048	72,024
Gabon	12-Mar	15,625	1,061	1,011	50	90	7	8	-1	13,746	603	881	-278	1,789	451	122	329	548,775	246,559

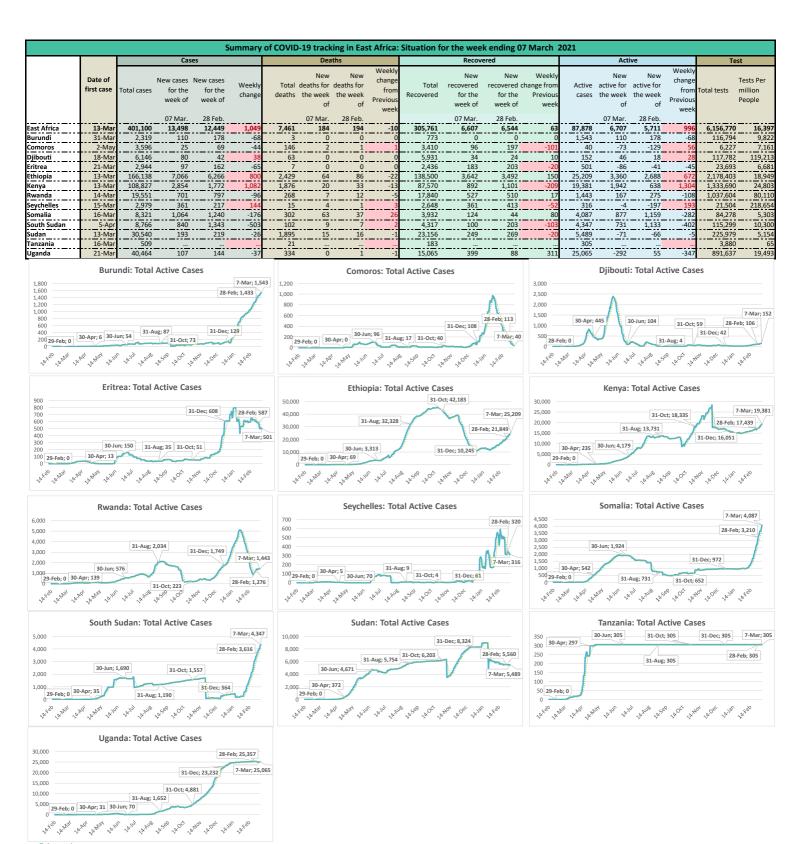




East Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in East Africa as of March 7, 2021

- As of Sunday, March 7, 2021, the number of total cases in the East Africa region reached 401,100. The region reported 13,498 new cases in the review week, which is an 8.4% increase compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 7,461, recording 184 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 305,761, of which 6,607 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 87,878, which is an increase of 6,707 cases in the review week.
- Ethiopia accounted for 41.4% of the total cases and 52.3% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Burundi has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 2,319.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region currently 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%.



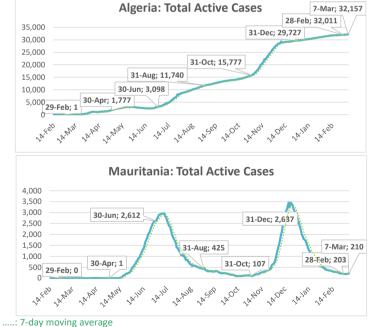
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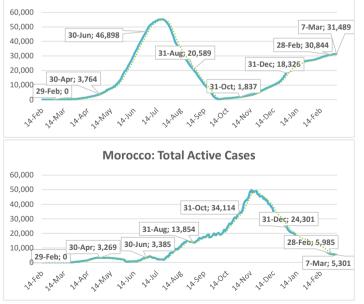
Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in North Africa as of March 7, 2021

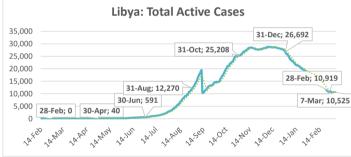
- As of Sunday, March 7, 2021, the number of total cases in the North Africa region reached 1,180,626. The region reported 17,634 new cases in the review week, which is a 6.8% increase compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 33,606, recording 691 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 1,040,234, of which 17,389 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 106,786, which is a decline of 446 cases in the review week.
- Morocco accounted for 41.2% of the total cases, while Libya accounted for 30.1% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritania has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 17,322.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region currently stands at 2.8%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Egypt at 5.9% and the lowest in Libya at 1.6%.

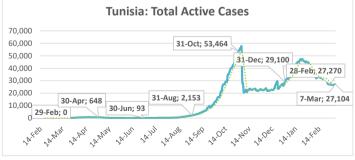
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North Africa 14-Feb 1,180,626 17,634 16	,515 1 ,119	33,606	691	706	-15	1,040,234	17,389	22,908	-5,519	106,786	-446	-7,099	6,653	8,896,954	43,098
Algeria <u>26-Feb</u> 114,234 1,142 1	,175 -33	3,013	30	22	8	79,064	966	1,022	-56	32,157	146	131	15	230,553	5,258
	,273 -194	10,995	307	335	-28	144,019	3,127	3,055	72	31,489	645	883	-238	1,000,000	9,772
Libya 25-Mar 138,640 5,302 3	,541 1,761	2,273	94	65	29	125,842	5,602	4,883	719	10,525	-394	-1,407	1,013	752,060	109,450
Mauritania 14-Mar 17,322 115	112 3	442	1	7	-6	16,670	107	167	-60	210	7	-62	69	180,041	38,721
Morocco 5-Mar 486,223 2,569 2	,499 70	8,682	59	69	-10	472,240	3,194	4,382	-1,188	5,301	-684	-1,952	1,268	5,729,423	155,224
Tunisia 5-Mar 237,704 4,427 4	,915 -488	8,201	200	208	-8	202,399	4,393	9,399	-5,006	27,104	-166	-4,692	4,526	1,004,877	85,025

Egypt: Total Active Cases





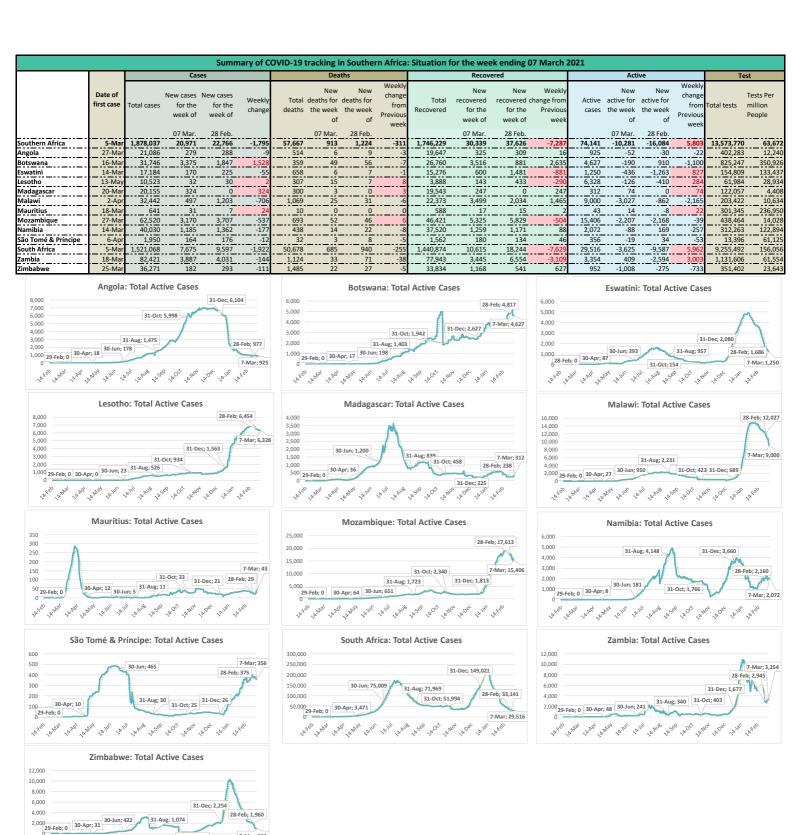




Southern Africa

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in Southern Africa as of March 7, 2021

- As of Sunday, March 7, 2021, the number of total cases in the Southern Africa region reached 1,878,037. The region reported 20,971 new cases in the review week, which is a 7.9% decline compared to the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 57,667, recording 913 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 1,746,229, of which 30,339 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 74,141, which is a decline of 10,281 cases in the review week.
- South Africa accounted for 81.0% of the total cases and 36.6% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Mauritius has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 641.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region increased to 3.1% in the review week. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Zimbabwe at 4.1% and the lowest in Botswana, Mozambique and Namibia at 1.1%.



West Africa	

Highlights of the Covid-19 Situation in West Africa as of March 7, 2021

- As of Sunday, March 7, 2021, the number of total cases in the West Africa region reached 401,706. The region reported 12,052 new cases in the review week, which is a 1.8% increase compared to the new cases reported in the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported reached 5,196, recording 199 new deaths in the review week. The number of total recovered cases reached 357,713, of which 12,484 were newly recovered cases during the review week. The total number of active cases stands at 38,797, which is a decline of 631 cases in the review week.
- Nigeria accounted for 39.5% of the total cases and 23.6% of the new cases in the region during the week under review. Liberia has the lowest number of total cases in the region at 2,024.
- The average case fatality rate (CFR) for the region stands at 1.3%. The highest CFR in the region was reported in Liberia and Mali at 4.2% and the lowest in Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea at 0.6%.

