



STATUS REPORT ON COVID-19 – JANUARY 2021

FOCUS: AFRICA AND EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. Executive Summary

This is a synopsis analysis of the COVID-19 statistics in Africa and East and Southern Africa region as at 14th January 2021. It includes the statistics of the comparative period of mid-December and mid-January. It also summarizes the total number of cases, deaths, recoveries in the region and also the whole of Africa. It further gives the percentage increases in cases and deaths, active cases and critical cases between the months of December 2020 and January 2021.

(see tables).

We have always brought forth updates and conducted research, which are available on our website (<https://www.wcoesarocb.org/covid-19/>) and social media platforms.

2. Highest hit countries by cases in Africa and East and Southern Africa (ESA)

In mid-December 2020 we had an increase in cases of **21.0%** from mid-November in Africa. This has now risen to **32.8%** in mid-January 2021 from mid-December 2020.

Seychelles was the hardest hit country in both Africa and ESA over the last month with **235.3%** increase in cases between mid-December & mid-January. The country more than tripled its cases from **187** to **627** cases.

The table below shows the top five countries with the highest increase of cases for both Africa and East and Southern Africa over the comparative period. The ESA region was the hardest hit with the highest increase of cases as shown in the table below.

AFRICA		ESA	
Country	% increase	Country	% increase
1. Seychelles	235.3	1. Seychelles	235.3
2. Lesotho	179.1	2. Lesotho	179.1
3. Eritrea	153.9	3. Eritrea	153.9
4. Zimbabwe	123.4	4. Comoros	123.4
5. Burkina Faso	109.3	5. Zimbabwe	123.4

3. Highest hit countries by deaths in Africa and East and Southern Africa (ESA)

In mid-December 2020 we had an increase in deaths of **9.5%** as from mid-November. This has now risen to **35.5%** in mid-January 2021 from mid-December 2020 in Africa.

The most hit countries by deaths in Africa, sadly, all came ESA. Comoros recorded **442.9%** in deaths over the comparative period; that is from **7** to **38** deaths in one month.

AFRICA		ESA	
Country	% increase	Country	% increase
1. Comoros	442.9	1. Comoros	442.9
2. Eswatini	157.7	2. Eswatini	157.7
3. Rwanda	137.5	3. Rwanda	137.5
4. Zimbabwe	105.8	4. Zimbabwe	105.8
5. Lesotho	102.3	5. Lesotho	102.3

4. COVID-19 numbers in Africa

Reported new cases in Africa have increased by **32.8%** whereas in the deaths have increased by **35.5%**. Cases in Africa stand at **3,176,245** and deaths at **76,742** over the last one month; from mid-December 2020 to mid-January 2021.

The table below outlines the COVID-19 statistics.

Take note of the percentage change in cases and deaths recorded over the last month. Notice that the ESA countries are shaded light blue.

No.	Country	Cases mid Jan	Cases mid Dec	% Change	Deaths mid Jan	Deaths mid Dec	% Change	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious Critical
1.	South Africa	1,296,806	866,127	49.72	35,852	23,451	52.88	693,467	37,316	546
2	Morocco	456,334	400,826	13.85	7,854	6,659	17.95	238,598	49,800	1,051
3.	Tunisia	170,895	111,361	53.46	5,478	3,894	40.68	54,362	23,697	282
4.	Egypt	153,741	122,086	25.93	8,421	6,943	21.29	101,046	3,268	46
5.	Ethiopia	129,922	117,242	10.82	2,008	1,809	11.00	63,866	37,285	319
6.	Libya	107,434	92,017	16.75	1,645	1,319	24.72	44,733	28,566	
7.	Nigeria	105,478	73,374	43.75	1,405	1,197	17.38	61,073	2,912	10
8.	Algeria	103,127	92,597	11.37	2,822	2,609	8.16	44,633	20,892	44
9.	Kenya	98,693	92,055	7.21	1,723	1,593	8.16	45,766	23,210	59
10.	Ghana	56,981	53,014	7.48	341	327	4.28	48,328	1,473	16
11.	Uganda	38,085	27,766	37.16	304	224	35.71	8,038	7,837	
12.	Zambia	32,800	18,322	79.02	514	367	40.05	16,400	434	
13.	Namibia	29,570	16,726	76.79	275	163	68.71	12,680	690	6

14.	Cameroon	27,336	25,214	8.42	451	443	1.81	21,510	749	41
15.	Sudan	25,730	21,591	19.17	1,576	1,355	16.31	9,571	3,939	
16.	Zimbabwe	25,368	11,358	123.35	636	309	105.83	8,096	476	
17.	Cote d'Ivoire	24,578	21,705	13.24	140	133	5.26	20,647	201	
18.	Mozambique	24,269	17,002	42.74	211	143	47.55	12,505	1,830	
19.	Senegal	22,178	17,146	29.35	496	350	41.71	15,421	51	3
20.	DRC	20,479	14,513	41.11	626	356	75.84	11,086	355	
21.	Angola	18,613	16,277	14.35	425	372	14.25	6,444	6,685	28
22.	Madagascar	18,001	17,587	2.35	267	259	3.09	16,592	468	16
23.	Botswana	17,365	12,873	34.89	71	38	86.84	5,559	2,639	1
24.	Mauritania	15,893	11,135	42.73	396	228	73.68	7,524	263	4
25.	Guinea	14,051	13,457	4.41	81	80	1.25	11,270	1,279	24
26.	Cabo Verde	12,664	11,361	11.47	115	110	4.55	9,220	499	23
27.	Eswatini	12,327	6,825	80.62	335	130	157.69	5,779	197	11
28.	Rwanda	10,316	6,747	52.90	133	56	137.50	4,995	415	
29.	Malawi	9,991	6,070	64.60	275	187	47.06	5,399	381	4
30.	Gabon	9,819	9,351	5.00	66	63	4.76	8,939	65	7
31.	Burkina Faso	8,809	4,209	109.29	97	71	36.62	2,445	128	
32.	Mali	7,759	5,836	32.95	305	201	51.74	2,949	810	
33.	Congo	7,160	6,200	15.48	112	100	12.00	3,887	1,536	
34.	Lesotho	6,356	2,277	179.14	89	44	102.27	1,056	941	
35.	Djibouti	5,900	5,733	2.91	61	61	0.00	5,525	63	
36.	Equatorial Guinea	5,316	5,185	2.53	86	85	1.18	4,973	46	1
37.	CAR	4,973	4,936	0.75	63	63	0.00	1,924	2,913	2
38.	Somalia	4,744	4,579	3.60	130	121	7.44	3,330	864	2
39.	Togo	4,165	3,266	27.53	73	66	10.61	1,920	694	
40.	Niger	4,058	2,322	74.76	137	82	67.07	1,148	89	9
41.	Gambia	3,893	3,782	2.93	126	123	2.44	3,571	9	

42.	South Sudan	3,670	3,206	14.47	63	62	1.61	1,290	1,654	
43.	Benin	3,413	3,090	10.45	46	44	4.55	2,579	262	
44.	Sierra Leone	2,933	2,445	19.96	77	75	2.67	1,820	497	
45.	Chad	2,773	1,771	56.58	110	102	7.84	1,443	53	
46.	Guinea-Bissau	2,478	2,444	1.39	45	44	2.27	2,255	121	5
47.	Liberia	1,878	1,676	12.05	84	83	1.20	1,314	111	2
48.	Eritrea	1,805	711	153.87	6			444	49	
49.	Comoros	1,403	628	123.41	38	7	442.86	549	23	
50.	Sao Tome and Principe	1,119	1,010	10.79	17	17	0.00	917	32	
51.	Burundi	1,103	729	51.30	2	1	100.00	549	78	
52.	Seychelles	627	187	235.29	1			157	3	
53.	Mauritius	547	523	4.59	10	10	0.00	431	37	
54.	Tanzania	509	509	0.00	21	21	0.00	183	305	7
55.	Western Sahara	10	10	0.00	1	1	0.00	8	1	
	TOTAL	3,176,245	2,390,989	32.84	76,742	56,651	35.46	1,660,214	269,191	50

5. COVID-19 numbers in ESA

The table below highlights the status of ESA as at mid-January 2021 compared to December 2020.

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24.	Tanzania	509	509	0.0	21	21	0.0	183	305	7
	TOTAL	1,788,790	1,252,059	42.9	43,450	29,428	47.6	919,100	123,880	999

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