



STATUS REPORT ON COVID-19 – FEBRUARY 2021

FOCUS: AFRICA AND EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. Executive Summary

This is our monthly analysis of the COVID-19 statistics in Africa and East and Southern Africa region as at 15th February 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 January 2021 and February 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-January 2021 we had an increase in cases of **32.8%** from mid-December 2020 in Africa. This has now gone down to **18.1%** in mid-February 2021 from mid-January 2021.

Seychelles – for the second month in a row – was the hardest hit country in Africa in the period under review. It had the highest percentage increase in cases, being **201.8%** between mid-January 2021 & mid-February 2021, that is, from **627** to **1,892** cases. Between mid-December 2020 and mid-January 2021, Seychelles had an increase of **235%** in their cases.

Malawi registered a **190.6% increase** in cases, from **9,991** to **29,030**, and becoming the hardest hit country in Africa with actual number increase of 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. Notice that the ESA region members have been hardest hit by the pandemic in Africa over the comparative period.

AFRICA		ESA	
Country	% increase	Country	% increase
1. Seychelles	201.8	1. Seychelles	201.8
2. Malawi	190.6	2. Malawi	190.6
3. Comoros	137.6	3. Comoros	137.6
4. Zambia	111.7	4. Zambia	111.7
5. Mozambique	107.1	5. Mozambique	107.1

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

ESA region, again, has its members has the most hit in Africa by number of deaths over the comparative period. The continent registered a **28.4%** increase in deaths over the last one month (mid-January to mid-February 2021). This represents a slight decrease compared to the previous month with recorded **35.5%** increase in deaths.

Seychelles recorded the highest rate increase of **700.0%** in deaths over the comparative period; that is from **1** to **8** deaths in one month. Malawi had the highest actual numbers increase in deaths from **275** to **952** deaths.

AFRICA		ESA	
Country	% increase	Country	% increase
1. Seychelles	700.0	1. Seychelles	700.0
2. Malawi	239.5	2. Malawi	239.5
3. Comoros	184.5	3. Comoros	184.5
4. Botswana	158.4	4. Botswana	158.4
5. Lesotho	153.6	5. Lesotho	153.6

4. COVID-19 numbers in Africa

Reported new cases in Africa have increased by **18.1%** whereas in the deaths have increased by **28.4%**. Cases in Africa stand at **3,751,726** from **3,176,245** and deaths at **98,506** from **76,742** over the last one month; from mid- January 2021 to mid-February 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 to the ESA countries are shaded light blue.

No.	Country	Cases mid Feb	Cases mid Jan	% Change	Deaths mid Feb	Deaths mid Jan	% Change	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious Critical
1.	South Africa	1,491,807	1,296,806	15.0	47,899	35,852	33.6	1,391,155	53,660	546
2	Morocco	478,474	456,334	4.9	8,477	7,854	7.9	459,549	10,555	303
3.	Tunisia	223,244	170,895	30.6	7,544	5,478	37.7	183,530	32,444	316
4.	Egypt	173,813	153,741	13.1	9,994	8,421	18.7	135,349	29,027	90
5.	Ethiopia	147,092	129,922	13.2	2,194	2,008	9.3	128,946	16,670	307
6.	Nigeria	146,184	105,478	38.6	1,752	1,405	24.7	123,009	22,158	10
7.	Libya	127,705	107,434	18.9	2,042	1,645	24.1	110,965	14,698	
8.	Algeria	110,711	103,127	7.4	2,939	2,822	4.1	76,168	31,783	42
9.	Kenya	102,867	98,693	4.2	1,795	1,723	4.2	85,250	15,969	34

10.	Ghana	75,836	56,981	33.1	533	341	56.3	68,100	7,850	106
11.	Zambia	69,437	32,800	111.7	951	514	85.0	63,262	6,027	318
12.	Mozambique	50,265	24,269	107.1	535	211	153.6	31,947	18,197	
13.	Uganda	40,055	38,085	5.2	328	304	7.9	14,520	25,207	
14.	Namibia	35,952	29,570	21.6	388	275	41.1	34,261	1,575	14
15.	Zimbabwe	35,172	25,368	38.6	1,400	636	120.1	30,759	3,053	3
16.	Cameroon	32,098	27,336	17.4	479	451	6.2	29,609	2,010	25
17.	Senegal	31,275	22,178	41.0	754	496	52.0	25,635	4,886	63
18.	Ivory Coast	31,140	24,578	26.7	174	140	24.3	29,446	1,614	
19.	Malawi	29,035	9,991	190.6	952	275	246.2	14,195	14,028	4
20.	Sudan	27,820	25,730	8.1	1,849	1,576	17.3	22,485	3,613	
21.	Botswana	24,926	17,365	43.5	202	71	184.5	21,893	3,683	1
22.	DRC	24,295	20,479	18.6	693	626	10.7	15,412	8,281	
23.	Angola	20,366	18,613	9.4	492	425	15.8	18,884	1,004	7
24.	Madagascar	19,598	18,001	8.9	292	267	9.4	18,915	391	16
25.	Rwanda	17,343	10,316	68.1	239	133	79.7	15,125	2,120	10
26.	Mauritania	16,974	15,893	6.8	430	396	8.6	16,265	301	14
27.	Eswatini	16,535	12,327	34.1	630	335	88.1	12,307	3,635	67
28.	Guinea	14,967	14,051	6.5	85	81	4.9	14,502	380	24
29.	Cabo Verde	14,741	12,664	16.4	139	115	20.9	14,240	382	23
30.	Gabon	12,577	9,819	28.1	73	66	10.6	11,750	1,040	22
31.	Burkina Faso	11,588	8,809	31.5	138	97	42.3	10,979	513	
32.	Lesotho	9,965	6,356	56.8	230	89	158.4	2,990	7,021	
33.	Congo	8,419	7,160	17.6	123	112	9.8	7,019	1,277	
34.	Mali	8,229	7,759	6.1	342	305	12.1	6,200	1,693	
35.	Djibouti	5,971	5,900	1.2	63	61	3.3	5,861	56	
36.	Togo	5,874	4,165	41.0	81	73	11.0	5,007	794	
37.	Equatorial Guinea	5,694	5,316	7.1	87	86	1.2	5,426	181	1

38.	South Sudan	5,413	3,670	47.5	74	63	17.5	3,769	1,716	9
39.	Somalia	5,183	4,744	9.3	152	130	16.9	3,750	1,369	
40.	CAR	4,996	4,973	1.0	63	63	0.0	3,960	1,017	
41.	Niger	4,695	4,058	15.7	169	137	23.4	4,885	48	2
42.	Benin	4,560	3,413	33.6	56	46	21.7	4,155	378	3
43.	Gambia	4,414	3,893	13.4	138	126	9.5	3,901	375	1
44.	Sierra Leone	3,821	2,933	30.3	79	77	2.6	2,578	1,166	
45.	Chad	3,645	2,773	31.4	129	110	17.3	3,182	351	
46.	Comoros	3,334	1,403	137.6	129	38	239.5	2,911	315	
47.	Guinea-Bissau	2,924	2,478	18.0	46	45	2.2	2,464	414	3
48.	Eritrea	2,429	1,805	34.6	7	6	16.7	1,914	645	
49.	Liberia	1,956	1,878	4.2	84	84	0.0	1,770	130	2
50.	Seychelles	1,892	627	201.8	8	1	700.0	1,486	416	
51.	Burundi	1,824	1,103	65.4	3	2	50.0	773	1,073	
52.	Sao Tome and Principe	1,482	1,119	32.4	19	17	11.8	1,106	357	
53.	Mauritius	595	547	8.8	10	10	0.0	554	37	
54.	Tanzania	509	509	0.0	21	21	0.0	183	305	7
55.	Western Sahara	10	10	0.0	1	1	0.0	8	1	
	TOTAL	3,751,726	3,176,245	18.1	98,506	76,742	28.4	3,304,264	357,889	2,393

5. COVID-19 numbers in ESA

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24.	Tanzania	509	509	0.0	21	21	0.0	183	305	7
	TOTAL	303,522	176,970	71.5	5,748	2,649	117.0	237,592	63,504	426

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