



## **STATUS REPORT ON COVID-19 – APRIL 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 mid-April 2021.

The report shares the statistics of the period mid-March and mid-April. 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 February 2021 and March 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.

**COVID VACCINE: The rollout of the vaccine kicked off in a number of ESA countries, with most countries, so far, using the AstraZeneca vaccine. We only have scanty reports of vaccinations among Customs offices, so far. In the coming weeks, we shall seek to provide a status report on the vaccinations of Customs officers in the region.**

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

While cases have continued to increase, the last month (mid-March to mid April) was an increase of **9.5%** in cases compared to 6.7% the previous month.

Cameroon was the hardest hit country in Africa in the period under review with **92.3%** increase in cases between mid- March 2021 & mid-April 2021, that is, from **32,098** to **61,7318** cases

Djibouti, Mauritius and Madagascar were the hardest hit nations in the region by percentage increase in cases. South Africa registered a **4.6% increase** in cases, from **1,492,909** to **1,561,559**, 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. Cameroon	92.3	1. Djibouti	61.0
2. Djibouti	61.0	2. Mauritius	58.4
3. Mauritius	58.4	3. Madagascar	39.3
4. Togo	46.8	4. Seychelles	38.1
5. Madagascar	39.3	5. Somalia	36.0

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

Four ESA countries were among the top five most hit by number of deaths over the comparative period were ESA Region members. The continent registered a **10.2%** increase in deaths over the last one month (mid-March to mid-April 2021). This represents a increase compared to the previous month which recorded **6.4%** increase in deaths.

Burundi recorded the highest rate increase of **50%** in deaths over the comparative period; that is from **3** to **6** deaths in one month. South Africa had the highest actual numbers increase in deaths from **48,094** to **53,498** deaths.

AFRICA		ESA	
Country	% increase	Country	% increase
1. Burundi	50.0	1. Burundi	50.0
2. Cameroon	47.9	2. Somalia	41.3
3. Somalia	41.3	3. Djibouti	40.6
4. Djibouti	40.6	4. Madagascar	36.43
5. Madagascar	36.4	5. Seychelles	36.0

### 4. COVID-19 numbers in Africa

Reported new cases in Africa have increased by **9.5%** whereas in the deaths have increased by **10.2%**. Cases in Africa stand at **4,384,003** from **4,004,678** and deaths at **116,755** from **104,807** over the last one month; from mid-March 2021 to mid-April 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-March	Cases mid-April	% Change	Deaths mid-March	Deaths mid-April	% Change	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious Critical
1.	South Africa	1,561,559	1,492,909	4.60	53,498	48,094	10.10	1,486,873	21,188	546
2	Morocco	503,664	489,622	2.87	8,920	8,737	2.05	489,928	4,816	245
3.	Tunisia	276,727	242,673	14.03	9,480	8,429	11.09	229,754	37,493	446

4.	Ethiopia	234,405	178,108	31.61	3,252	2,573	20.88	174,591	56,562	995
5.	Egypt	212,961	192,195	10.80	12,570	11,384	9.44	161,031	39,360	90
6.	Libya	170,045	147,121	15.58	2,834	2,406	15.10	155,117	12,094	
7.	Nigeria	164,000	161,074	1.82	2,061	2,018	2.09	154,270	7,669	11
8.	Kenya	148,128	115,031	28.77	2,420	1,925	20.45	99,580	46,128	269
9.	Algeria	118,975	115,540	2.97	3,141	3,045	3.06	82,929	32,905	19
10.	Ghana	91,477	88,228	3.68	763	698	8.52	89,301	1,413	10
11.	Zambia	90,389	85,240	6.04	1,229	1,167	5.04	88,241	919	49
12.	Mozambique	68,927	64,929	6.16	794	732	7.81	59,972	8,161	68
13.	Cameroon	61,731	32,098	92.32	919	479	47.88	56,926	3,886	385
14.	Namibia	46,051	41,466	11.06	592	474	19.93	44,162	1,297	32
15.	Cote d'Ivoire	45,388	38,120	19.07	271	214	21.03	44,833	284	
16.	Botswana	43,444	34,999	24.13	663	447	32.58	38,923	3,858	1
17.	Uganda	41,237	40,593	1.59	338	334	1.18	40,779	120	24
18.	Senegal	39,606	37,062	6.86	1,085	981	9.59	38,343	178	17
19.	Zimbabwe	37,369	36,535	2.28	1,548	1,507	2.65	34,946	875	12
20.	Malawi	33,891	32,894	3.03	1,134	1,088	4.06	31,675	1,082	20
21.	Sudan	31,790	29,135	9.11	2,208	1,959	11.28	25,539	4,043	
22.	Madagascar	30,207	21,688	39.28	527	335	36.43	24,893	4,787	301
23.	DRC	28,714	27,100	5.96	745	722	3.09	25,841	2,128	
24.	Angola	23,841	21,446	11.17	557	522	6.28	22,144	1,140	17
25.	Rwanda	23,672	20,412	15.97	317	282	11.04	21,594	1,761	7
26.	Gabon	21,566	16,945	27.27	132	101	23.48	18,219	3,215	20
27.	Guinea	21,299	17,982	18.45	136	104	23.53	18,815	2,348	24
28.	Cabo Verde	19,525	16,154	20.87	188	157	16.49	17,645	1,692	23
29.	Eswatini	18,407	17,243	6.75	670	663	1.04	17,682	55	3
30.	Mauritania	18,066	17,487	3.31	452	444	1.77	17,428	186	14
31.	Burkina Faso	13,050	12,378	5.43	154	144	6.49	12,689	207	
32.	Somalia	12,837	9,437	36.03	656	385	41.31	5,346	6,835	

33.	Mali	12,467	9,018	38.25	419	364	13.13	7,238	4,810	
34.	Togo	12,214	8,322	46.77	117	97	17.09	9,543	2,554	
35.	Lesotho	10,709	10,530	1.70	315	309	1.90	5,028	5,366	
36.	South Sudan	10,416	9,613	8.35	114	106	7.02	10,148	154	
37.	Djibouti	10,202	6,336	61.02	106	63	40.57	8,591	1,505	
38.	Congo	10,084	9,329	8.09	139	131	5.76	8,208	1,737	
39.	Benin	7,611	6,501	17.07	95	81	14.74	6,728	788	35
40.	Equatorial Guinea	7,259	6,603	9.93	106	100	5.66	6,885	268	11
41.	CAR	5,682	5,025	13.07	75	63	16.00	5,112	495	2
42.	Gambia	5,682	5,019	13.21	170	153	10.00	5,165	347	3
43.	Niger	5,081	4,870	4.33	189	183	3.17	4,760	132	1
44.	Chad	4,662	4,344	7.32	167	155	7.19	4,312	183	
45.	Seychelles	4,633	3,354	38.13	25	16	36.00	4,310	298	
46.	Sierra Leone	4,013	3,939	1.88	79	79	0.00	2,832	1,102	
47.	Comoros	3,803	3,647	4.28	146	146	0.00	3,582	75	
48.	Guinea-Bissau	3,694	3,469	6.49	66	52	21.21	3,093	535	11
49.	Eritrea	3,479	3,062	13.62	10	7	30.00	3,273	196	
50.	Burundi	3,333	2,461	35.43	6	3	50.00	773	2,554	
51.	Sao Tome and Principe	2,269	2,085	8.82	35	32	8.57	2,196	38	
52.	Liberia	2,042	2,030	0.59	85	85	0.00	1,899	58	2
53.	Mauritius	1,201	758	58.44	15	10	33.33	841	345	
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	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,384,003</b>	<b>4,004,678</b>	<b>9.47</b>	<b>116,755</b>	<b>104,807</b>	<b>10.23</b>	<b>3,934,717</b>	<b>332,531</b>	<b>3720</b>

## 5. COVID-19 numbers in ESA

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

No	Country	Cases mid Mar	Cases mid Feb	% Change	Deaths mid Jan	Deaths mid Dec	% Change	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious Critical
1.	Djibouti	10,202	6,336	61.02	106	63	40.57	8,591	1,505	
2.	Mauritius	1,201	758	58.44	15	10	33.33	841	345	
3.	Madagascar	30,207	21,688	39.28	527	335	36.43	24,893	4,787	301
4.	Seychelles	4,633	3,354	38.13	25	16	36.00	4,310	298	
5.	Somalia	12,837	9,437	36.03	656	385	41.31	5,346	6,835	
6.	Burundi	3,333	2,461	35.43	6	3	50.00	773	2,554	
7.	Ethiopia	234,405	178,108	31.61	3,252	2,573	20.88	174,591	56,562	995
8.	Kenya	148,128	115,031	28.77	2,420	1,925	20.45	99,580	46,128	269
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14.	South Sudan	10,416	9,613	8.35	114	106	7.02	10,148	154	
15.	Eswatini	18,407	17,243	6.75	670	663	1.04	17,682	55	3
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17.	Zambia	90,389	85,240	6.04	1,229	1,167	5.04	88,241	919	49
18.	South Africa	1,561,559	1,492,909	4.60	53,498	48,094	10.10	1,486,873	21,188	546
19.	Comoros	3,803	3,647	4.28	146	146	0.00	3,582	75	
20.	Malawi	33,891	32,894	3.03	1,134	1,088	4.06	31,675	1,082	20
21.	Zimbabwe	37,369	36,535	2.28	1,548	1,507	2.65	34,946	875	12
22.	Lesotho	10,709	10,530	1.70	315	309	1.90	5,028	5,366	
23.	Uganda	41,237	40,593	1.59	338	334	1.18	40,779	120	24
24.	Tanzania	509	509	0.00	21	21	0.00	183	305	7
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,462,649</b>	<b>2,253,200</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>68,953</b>	<b>61,209</b>	<b>12.65</b>	<b>2,228,130</b>	<b>165,566</b>	<b>2351</b>

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