



STATUS REPORT ON COVID-19 – MAY 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-May 2021.

The report shares the statistics of the period mid-April and mid-May. 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 April 2021 and May 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)

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

Seychelles was the hardest hit country in Africa in the period under review with **98.2%** increase in cases between mid- April 2021 & mid-May 2021, that is, from **4,633** to **9184** cases.

Seychelles, Burundi and Angola were the hardest hit nations in the region by percentage increase in cases. Tunisia registered a **17.6.0% increase** in cases, from **276,727** to **325,280**, and becoming the hardest hit country in Africa with actual number increase of cases followed by South Africa, **3.0%** increase, from **1,561,559** to **1,608,393** 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 it by the pandemic in Africa over the comparative period.

AFRICA		ESA	
Country	% increase	Country	% increase
1. Seychelles	98.2	1. Seychelles	98.2
2. Cabo Verde	43.2	2. Burundi	28.7
3. Burundi	28.7	3. Angola	26.0
4. Guinea	26.5	4. Botswana	14.3
5. Angola	26.0	5. Ethiopia	13.4

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 **7.5%** increase in deaths over the last one month (mid-April to mid-May 2021). This represents an increase compared to the previous month which recorded **10.2%** increase in deaths.

Mozambique recorded the highest rate increase of **31.1%** in deaths over the comparative period; that is from **794** to **1,152** deaths in one month. Tunisia had the highest actual numbers increase in deaths from **9,480** to **11,727** deaths.

AFRICA		ESA	
Country	% increase	Country	% increase
1. Mozambique	31.1	1. Mozambique	31.1
2. Madagascar	30.1	2. Madagascar	30.1
3. Djibouti	29.8	3. Djibouti	29.8
4. Cabo Verde	23.6	4. Seychelles	21.9
5. Seychelles	21.9	5. Kenya	19.4

4. COVID-19 numbers in Africa

Reported new cases in Africa have increased by **6.7%** whereas in the deaths have increased by **7.5%**. Cases in Africa stand at **4,674,438** from **4,384,003** and deaths at **126,238** from **116,755** over the last one month; from mid-April 2021 to mid-May 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	1,608,393	1,561,559	3.0	55,124	53,498	3.0	1,522,165	31,104	546
2	Morocco	514,817	503,664	2.2	9,098	8,920	2.0	502,884	2,835	98
3.	Tunisia	325,280	276,727	17.6	11,727	9,480	19.2	286,230	27,323	445
4.	Ethiopia	265,832	234,405	13.4	3,976	3,252	18.2	218,866	42,990	596
5.	Egypt	243,317	212,961	14.3	14,206	12,570	11.5	179,817	49,294	90
6.	Libya	181,179	170,045	6.6	3,085	2,834	8.1	167,629	10,465	
7.	Nigeria	165,661	164,000	1.0	2,066	2,061	0.2	156,399	7,196	11
8.	Kenya	165,379	148,128	11.7	3,001	2,420	19.4	113,489	48,889	117
9.	Algeria	125,194	118,975	5.2	3,366	3,141	6.7	87,251	34,577	28
10.	Ghana	93,243	91,477	1.9	783	763	2.6	91,146	1,314	7

11.	Zambia	92,409	90,389	2.2	1,260	1,229	2.5	90,777	372	39
12.	Mozambique	74,946	68,927	8.7	1,152	794	31.1	70,497	3,297	385
13.	Cameroon	74,946	61,731	21.4	1,152	919	20.2	70,497	3,297	385
14.	Namibia	50,949	46,051	10.7	705	592	16.0	47,946	2,298	71
15.	Botswana	49,656	43,444	14.3	761	663	12.9	46,640	2,255	1
16.	Ivory Coast	46,535	45,388	2.5	295	271	8.1	46,006	234	
17.	Uganda	42,674	41,237	3.5	347	338	2.6	41,971	356	24
18.	Senegal	40,828	39,606	3.1	1,124	1,085	3.5	39,558	146	10
19.	Zimbabwe	38,554	37,369	3.2	1582	1,548	2.2	36,318	654	12
20.	Sudan	34,272	31,790	7.8	2,446	2,208	9.7	27,949	3,877	
21.	Malawi	34,210	33,891	0.9	1,153	1,134	1.7	32,206	851	11
22.	Madagascar	34,210	30,207	13.3	754	527	30.1	37,673	1,578	309
23.	DRC	30,546	28,714	6.4	776	745	4.0	26,603	3,167	
24.	Angola	30,030	23,841	26.0	651	557	14.4	25,650	3,729	22
25.	Cabo Verde	27,951	19,525	43.2	246	188	23.6	24,683	3,022	23
26.	Rwanda	26,099	23,672	10.3	343	317	7.6	24,694	1,062	2
27.	Gabon	23,799	21,566	10.4	143	132	7.7	20,379	3,277	15
28.	Guinea	22,746	17,982	26.5	151	136	9.9	20,366	2,229	24
29.	Mauritania	18,781	18,066	4.0	457	452	1.1	17,428	186	14
30.	Eswatini	18,519	18,407	0.6	672	670	0.3	17,799	48	3
31.	Burkina Faso	13,395	13,050	2.6	164	154	6.1	13,199	32	
32.	Somalia	14,486	12,837	12.9	753	656	12.9	6,325	7,408	
33.	Mali	14,176	12,467	13.7	511	419	18.0	9,178	4,487	
34.	Togo	13,244	12,214	8.4	125	117	6.4	11,847	1,272	
35.	Lesotho	10,782	10,709	0.7	320	315	1.6	6,427	4,035	
36.	South Sudan	10,652	10,416	2.3	115	114	0.9	10,462	75	
37.	Djibouti	11,414	10,202	11.9	151	106	29.8	10,462	75	
38.	Congo	11,343	10,084	12.5	148	139	6.1	8,208	2,987	
39.	Seychelles	9,184	4,633	98.2	32	25	21.9	4,678	50	

40.	Benin	7,995	7,611	5.1	101	95	5.9	7,652	242	35
41.	Equatorial Guinea	7,694	7,259	6.0	112	106	5.4	7,279	303	7
42.	CAR	6,866	5,682	20.8	95	75	21.1	5,112	1,659	2
43.	Gambia	5,940	5,682	4.5	175	170	2.9	5,674	91	3
44.	Niger	5,326	5,081	4.8	192	189	1.6	4,936	198	2
45.	Chad	4,901	4,662	5.1	173	167	3.5	4,678	50	
46.	Burundi	4,290	3,333	28.7	6	6	0.0	773	3,511	
47.	Sierra Leone	4,103	4,013	2.2	79	79	0.0	3,101	923	
48.	Comoros	3,863	3,803	1.6	146	146	0.0	3,699	18	
49.	Eritrea	3,844	3,479	10.5	12	10	16.7	3,654	178	
50.	Guinea-Bissau	3,745	3,694	1.4	67	66	1.5	3,427	251	9
51.	Sao Tome and Principe	2,327	2,269	2.6	35	35	0.0	2,274	18	
52.	Liberia	2,114	2,042	3.5	85	85	0.0	1,962	67	2
53.	Mauritius	1,280	1,201	6.6	17	15	11.8	1,131	132	
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	4,674,438	4,380,686	6.71	126,238	116,755	7.51	4,227,845	320,290	3,355

5. COVID-19 numbers in ESA

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

No	Country	Cases mid Mar	Cases mid Feb	% Change	Deaths mid Jan	Deaths mid Dec	% Change	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious Critical
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24.	Tanzania	509	509	0.0	21	21	0.0	183	305	7
	TOTAL	2,602,164	2,462,649	5.7	73,054	68,953	6.0	2,374,485	155,270	2145

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