



STATUS REPORT ON COVID-19 – JULY 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-July 2021.

The report shares the statistics of the period mid-June and mid-July. 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 June 2021 and July 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.

STATUS OF VACCINATION IN ESA AND AFRICA.

Vaccinations have remained comparatively low in East and Southern Africa, and Africa at large. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Africa only accounts for 1% of the vaccine doses administered globally. With a population of about 1.3 billion people, only about 2% have received at least one dose (with less than 1% receiving the second dose or being fully vaccinated). The WHO adds that *7 of Africa's 54 countries—nearly 90%—are set to miss the September target of vaccinating 10% of their people unless Africa receives 225 million more doses.*

It has been difficult to track the number of Customs officials in the region and in the continent that have been inoculated. In fact, while Customs officials are regarded as frontline officers, most have largely not been prioritised for vaccination (but for some Members), thanks to the low availability of vaccines. Most countries have focused on utilizing the limited doses to vaccinate their most vulnerable populations – based on age and preexisting health conditions.

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

While cases have continued to increase, the last month (mid-June to mid-July) there was an increase of **20.4%** in cases compared to **8.7%** the previous month.

Liberia was the hardest hit country in Africa in the period under review with **100.2%** increase in cases between mid- June 2021 & mid-July 2021, that is, from **2,651** to **5,306** cases.

The ESA region was the hardest hit by percentage increase in cases with six countries among the top ten in Africa. These countries included Zimbabwe (95.6%), Rwanda (78.6%), Namibia (63.2%), Zambia (57.2%), Botswana (40.2%) and Uganda (38.1%). Some of these countries have introduced different levels of lockdown either nationally or in the most affected cities.

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. Liberia	100.2	1. Zimbabwe	95.6
2. Zimbabwe	95.6	2. Rwanda	78.6
3. Rwanda	78.6	3. Namibia	63.2
4. Namibia	63.2	4. Zambia	57.2
5. Zambia	57.2	5. Botswana	40.2

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

During the review period, ESA had eight out of top ten countries in Africa with an increase of numbers of deaths.

Uganda was the hardest hit in the period under review with an increase of **390%**, from **459** to **2,249** deaths.

The continent registered a **16.5%** increase in deaths over the last one month (mid-June to mid-July 2021).

The table below represents the top five countries with the highest increase of deaths for both Africa and East and Southern Africa over the comparative period.

AFRICA		ESA	
Country	% increase	Country	% increase
1. Uganda	390.0	1. Uganda	390.0
2. Namibia	118.3	2. Namibia	118.3
3. Zambia	107.1	3. Zambia	107.1
4. Eritrea	76.5	4. Eritrea	76.5
5. Rwanda	65.6	5. Rwanda	65.6

4. COVID-19 numbers in Africa

Reported new cases in Africa have increased by **20.4%** whereas in the deaths have increased by **16.5%**. Cases in Africa stand at **6,115,400** from **5,077,536** and deaths at **155,456** from **135,480** over the last one month; from mid-June 2021 to mid-July 2021.

The table below outlines the COVID-19 statistics.

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

No.	Country	Cases mid-July	Cases mid-June	% Change	Deaths mid-July	Deaths mid-June	% Change	Total Recovered	Active Cases	Serious Critical
1.	South Africa	2,253,240	1,761,066	27.9	65,972	58,087	13.6	1,982,122	205,146	546
2.	Morocco	549,844	524,475	4.8	9,418	9,217	2.2	528,645	11,781	253
3.	Tunisia	526,487	372,221	41.4	17,009	13,656	24.6	419,641	89,837	630
4.	Egypt	283,490	274,404	3.3	16,425	13,656	20.3	221,516	45,549	90
5.	Ethiopia	277,443	274,480	1.1	4,350	4,257	2.2	262,206	10,887	127
6.	Libya	214,568	189,558	13.2	3,249	3,166	2.6	182,359	28,960	
7.	Kenya	191,020	176,137	8.4	3,746	3,428	9.3	180,624	6,650	120
8.	Zambia	182,129	115,824	57.2	2,991	1,444	107.1	166,388	12,750	881
9.	Nigeria	169,074	167,095	1.2	2,126	2,117	0.4	164,662	2,286	11
10.	Algeria	149,906	134,115	11.8	3,895	3,588	8.6	103,809	42,202	49
11.	Namibia	109,356	67,021	63.2	2,270	1,040	118.3	82,405	24,681	111
12.	Ghana	98,114	94,699	3.6	806	790	2.0	94,796	2,512	12
13.	Mozambique	94,733	71,651	32.2	1,057	842	25.5	74,918	18,758	32
14.	Uganda	89,080	64,521	38.1	2,249	459	390.0	64,096	22,735	853
15.	Botswana	86,133	61,457	40.2	1,274	926	37.6	73,380	11,479	1
16.	Cameroon	80,858	80,090	1.0	1,324	1,310	1.1	78,224	1,310	152
17.	Zimbabwe	78,872	40,318	95.6	2,418	1,637	47.7	49,774	26,680	33
18.	Rwanda	51,625	28,912	78.6	616	372	65.6	36,478	14,531	74
19.	Ivory Coast	48,999	47,909	2.3	319	306	4.2	48,350	330	

20.	Senegal	48,270	42,050	14.8	1,209	1,156	4.6	42,843	4,218	23
21.	DRC	45,211	35,918	25.9	984	854	15.2	28,801	15,426	
22.	Madagascar	42,479	41,966	1.2	934	891	4.8	40,862	683	36
23.	Malawi	41,498	34,588	20.0	1,301	1,162	12.0	34,583	5,614	220
24.	Angola	40,530	36,921	9.8	951	842	12.9	34,620	4,959	8
25.	Sudan	36,986	36,328	1.8	2,774	2,733	1.5	30,756	3,456	
26.	Cabo Verde	33,180	31,704	4.7	294	276	6.5	32,310	576	23
27.	Gabon	25,245	24,755	2.0	162	157	3.2	24,964	119	7
28.	Guinea	24,298	23,398	3.8	184	167	10.2	23,478	636	24
29.	Mauritania	22,187	20,151	10.1	503	477	5.5	20,521	1,163	16
30.	Eswatini	20,693	18,754	10.3	698	676	3.3	18,585	1,410	10
31.	Seychelles	17,005	13,630	24.8	77	50	54.0	16,072	856	
32.	Somalia	15,081	14,823	1.7	781	775	0.8	7,268	7,032	
33.	Mali	14,496	14,356	1.0	529	523	1.1	11,167	2,800	
34.	Togo	14,426	13,651	5.7	134	126	6.3	13,766	526	
35.	Burkina Faso	13,530	13,459	0.5	169	167	1.2	13,335	26	
36.	Congo	12,933	12,121	6.7	172	160	7.5	11,759	1,002	
37.	Lesotho	12,153	10,937	11.1	338	326	3.7	6,601	5,214	
38.	Djibouti	11,622	11,575	0.4	155	154	0.6	11,457	10	
39.	South Sudan	10,917	10,753	1.5	117	115	1.7	10,514	286	
40.	Equatorial Guinea	8,828	8,662	1.9	123	120	2.5	8,591	114	1
41.	Benin	8,244	8,140	1.3	107	103	3.9	8,081	56	5
42.	CAR	7,142	7,101	0.6	98	98	0.0	6,859	185	2
43.	Gambia	6,610	6,016	9.9	188	180	4.4	5,991	431	3
44.	Eritrea	6,382	5,012	27.3	30	17	76.5	6,020	332	
45.	Sierra Leone	6,122	4,449	37.6	113	82	37.8	4,075	1,934	
46.	Burundi	5,764	5,037	14.4	8	8	0.0	773	4,983	
47.	Niger	5,555	5,452	1.9	194	192	1.0	5,267	94	2

48.	Liberia	5,306	2,651	100.2	148	94	57.4	2,652	2,506	2
49.	Chad	4,959	4,943	0.3	174	174	0.0	4,777	8	
50.	Comoros	4,002	3,901	2.6	146	146	0.0	3,812	44	
51.	Guinea-Bissau	3,998	3,803	5.1	70	69	1.4	3,664	264	4
52.	Sao Tome and Principe	2,400	2,358	1.8	37	37	0.0	2,332	31	
53.	Mauritius	1,858	1,701	9.2	18	18	0.0	1,534	306	
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	6,115,400	5,077,536	20.4	155,456	133,445	16.5	5,313,274	646,670	4368

5. COVID-19 numbers in ESA

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

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	TOTAL	3,644,124	2,871,494	26.9	92,518	77,693	19.1	3,165,275	386,331	3059

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