

Common Market for
Eastern and Southern Africa



COVID-19

in **COMESA**

Situational Update N°18

16 June 2020



Numbers Rise, as Region Ramps-up Testing

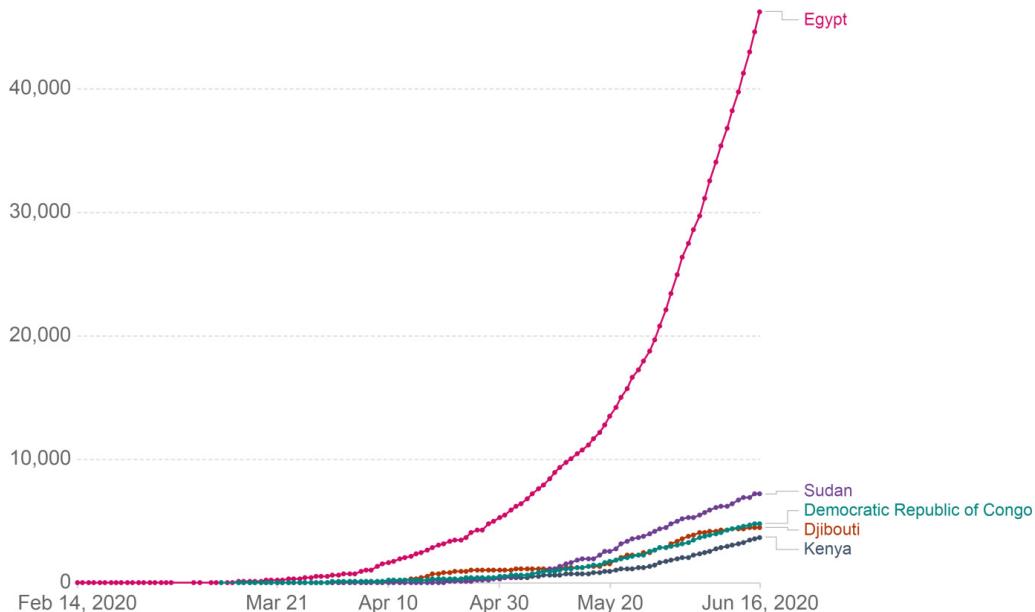
Over the last seven days, the numbers of COVID-19 cases in the region have experienced a surge as countries conduct mass testing. To date, the total number of cases in the region has risen from 64,111 last week to 80,703. The total number of recoveries are 25,541 and 2,656 deaths. From the available data, it is projected that the numbers of new cases will continue to increase as testing intensifies in different member States. The number of recoveries are also expected to increase based on the observation by experts that 80% of COVID-19 infected people exhibit mild symptoms which are easy to manage.

Member States that have recorded high numbers of cases include Egypt (46,289), Sudan (7,435), DR Congo (4,837), Djibouti (4,501) and Kenya (3,727) as indicated below.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases

The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of total cases. The main reason for this is limited testing.

Our World
in Data



Source: European CDC – Situation Update Worldwide – Last updated 16th June, 11:00 (London time) OurWorldInData.org/coronavirus • CC BY

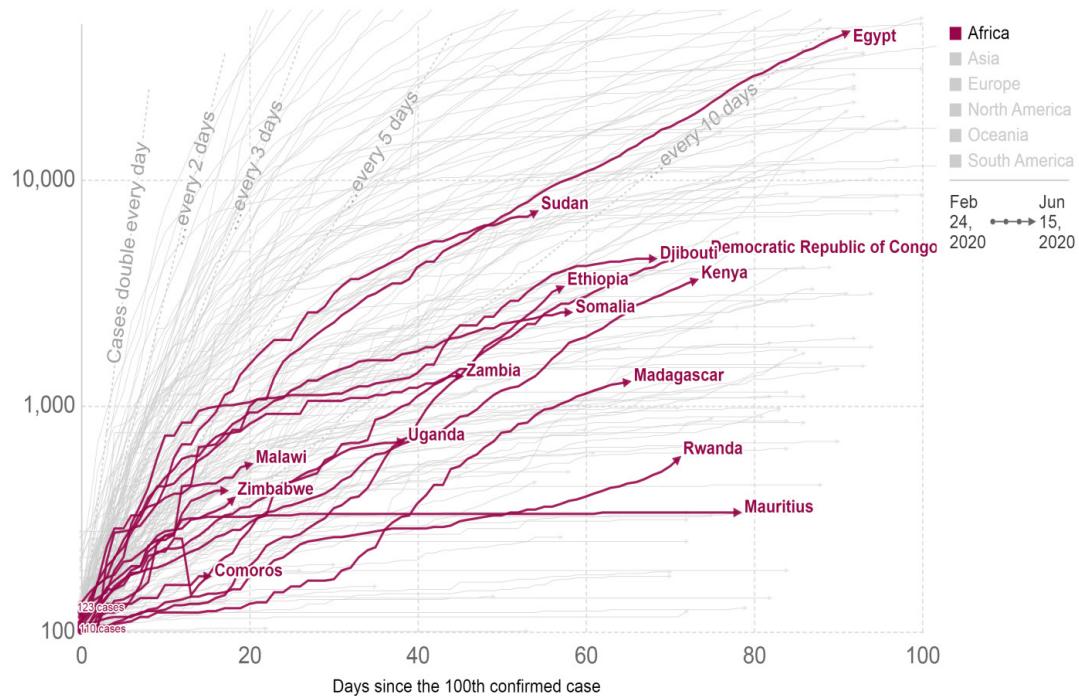
Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan Leads in the Surge

Daily increases of COVID-19 cases are still low even as the overall number is on an upward trajectory. As reflected in the graph below, the majority of Member States appear to record most cases after every 10 days. The surge in cases has been reported in Egypt (10,845), Ethiopia (1,365) and Sudan (1,193). The surge in Ethiopia, which is linked to intensified testing, is an issue of concern given its past where low numbers of cases reported was the norm. Despite the intensified mass testing (186,985 total tests) in Ethiopia, the number of tests conducted are still low (1,629 per million) relative to its population size.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases: how rapidly are they increasing?

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is lower than the number of total cases. The main reason for this is limited testing.

Our World
in Data



Source: European CDC – Situation Update Worldwide – Last updated 15th June, 11:30 (London time) OurWorldInData.org/coronavirus • CC BY

Recoveries Rise

As of 16th June, 25,541 people diagnosed with COVID-19 in the COMESA region had recovered. The highest rates of recoveries have been recorded in Seychelles, Mauritius, Tunisia, Zambia, Burundi, Djibouti, Comoros and Rwanda. Whereas Egypt has the highest number of recoveries (12,329), this is low compared to the total number of COVID-19 cases recorded. The high numbers of recoveries reported in some of the countries in the region can partly be attributed to early detection and early treatment.

Summary of Regional Figures

| Country | Total Cases | New Cases | Total Tests | Tests/ 1M pop | Total Cases/ 1M pop | Deaths | Deaths/ 1M pop | Total Recovered | Total Active Cases |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Burundi | 104 | 21 | 382 | 32 | 9 | 1 | 0.08 | 75 | 28 |
| Comoros | 176 | 35 | - | - | 203 | 2 | 2.00 | 114 | 60 |
| Djibouti | 4,501 | 223 | 40,855 | 41,379 | 4,559 | 43 | 44.00 | 3,183 | 1,275 |
| DR Congo | 4,837 | 578 | - | - | 54 | 112 | 1.00 | 613 | 4,112 |
| Egypt | 46,289 | 10,845 | 135,000 | 1,320 | 453 | 1,672 | 16.00 | 12,329 | 32,288 |
| Eritrea | 109 | 70 | - | - | 31 | - | - | 39 | 70 |
| Eswatini | 506 | 166 | 6,551 | 5,649 | 436 | 4 | 3.00 | 249 | 253 |
| Ethiopia | 3,521 | 1,365 | 186,985 | 1,629 | 31 | 60 | 0.50 | 620 | 2,841 |
| Kenya | 3,727 | 865 | 118,701 | 2,210 | 69 | 104 | 2.00 | 1,286 | 2,337 |
| Libya | 467 | 135 | 14,029 | 2,043 | 68 | 10 | 1.00 | 70 | 387 |
| Madagascar | 1,290 | 196 | 15,981 | 578 | 47 | 10 | 0.40 | 384 | 896 |
| Malawi | 555 | 112 | 8,351 | 437 | 29 | 6 | 0.30 | 69 | 480 |
| Mauritius | 337 | 0 | 137,789 | 108,351 | 265 | 10 | 8.00 | 325 | 2 |
| Rwanda | 612 | 161 | 94,059 | 7,271 | 47 | 2 | 0.20 | 338 | 272 |
| Seychelles | 11 | 0 | - | - | 112 | - | - | 11 | 0 |
| Somalia | 2,642 | 274 | - | - | 166 | 88 | 6.00 | 622 | 1,932 |
| Sudan | 7,435 | 1,193 | 401 | 9 | 170 | 468 | 11.00 | 2,720 | 4,247 |
| Tunisia | 1,110 | 23 | 60,872 | 5,153 | 94 | 49 | 4.00 | 999 | 62 |
| Uganda | 705 | 48 | 148,442 | 3,251 | 15 | - | - | 299 | 406 |
| Zambia | 1,382 | 182 | 45,248 | 2,465 | 75 | 11 | 0.60 | 1,142 | 229 |
| Zimbabwe | 387 | 100 | 52,905 | 3,562 | 26 | 4 | 0.30 | 54 | 329 |
| TOTALS | 80,703 | 16,592 | 1,066,551 | | | 2,656 | | 25,541 | 52,506 |

Source: World Health Organisation, Worldometer, Johns Hopkins University (compiled by COMWARN)



COMESA SECRETARIAT
COMESA Center
Ben Bella Road
P.O. Box 30051



+260 211 229 725



www.comesa.int



info@comesa.int



facebook.com/COMESA/



[@twitter.com/comesa_lusaka](https://twitter.com/comesa_lusaka)