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# COVID-19

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## Cases in The Region

Since the last COVID-19 situational update on 6th May 2020, 4,454 new cases have been recorded in the region. The highest numbers of new cases were reported in Egypt (with 2,545 new cases), Sudan (748), Somalia (254) and DR Congo (227). The new cases recorded are related to the communal spread of the virus. Countries in the region have also intensified mass testing which has contributed to the confirmation of the new cases. The assumption is that the number of cases may be higher than the number of recorded cases.

As mass testing continues, it is expected that the number of confirmed cases in the region will rise and so will the number of recoveries. For instance, out of the 332 cases recorded in Mauritius, 322 have recovered and 10 deaths have been recorded. This implies that Mauritius has no active case of COVID-19. Djibouti has also recorded a high number of recoveries (872) as compared to 1,227 total cases recorded. Other countries in the region that have recorded high numbers of recoveries vis a vis the total cases recorded include Tunisia, Seychelles, Malawi and Libya.

Country	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Total cases/ 1M pop	Deaths	Deaths/ 1M pop	Recoveries	Total Active Cases
Burundi	15	0	284	24	1	1	0.08	7	7
Comoros	11	8	-	-	13	1	1	0	10
Djibouti	1227	107	15790	15982	1242	3	3	872	352
DR Congo	1024	227	-	-	11	41	0.5	141	842
Egypt	9746	2545	90000	879	95	533	5	2172	7041
Eritrea	39	0	-	-	11	0	-	38	1
Eswatini	175	56	714	615	151	2	2	28	145
Ethiopia	250	105	36624	319	2	5	0.04	105	140
Kenya	700	165	32938	613	13	33	0.6	251	416
Libya	64	1	3253	473	9	3	0.4	28	33
Madagascar	186	35	3968	143	7	0	-	101	85
Malawi	57	16	1337	70	3	3	0.2	24	30
Mauritius	332	0	69773	54863	261	10	8	322	0
Rwanda	285	24	42805	3305	22	0	-	150	135
Seychelles	11	0	-	-	112	0	-	10	1
Somalia	1089	254	-	-	69	52	3	121	916
Sudan	1526	748	-	-	35	74	2	162	1290
Tunisia	1032	10	33266	2815	87	45	4	727	260
Uganda	121	23	58606	1281	3	0	-	55	66
Zambia	267	128	10270	559	15	7	0.4	117	143
Zimbabwe	36	2	20537	1382	2	4	0.3	9	23
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18193</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>419,881</b>			<b>817</b>		<b>5,440</b>	<b>11,936</b>

### Summary of regional figures

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

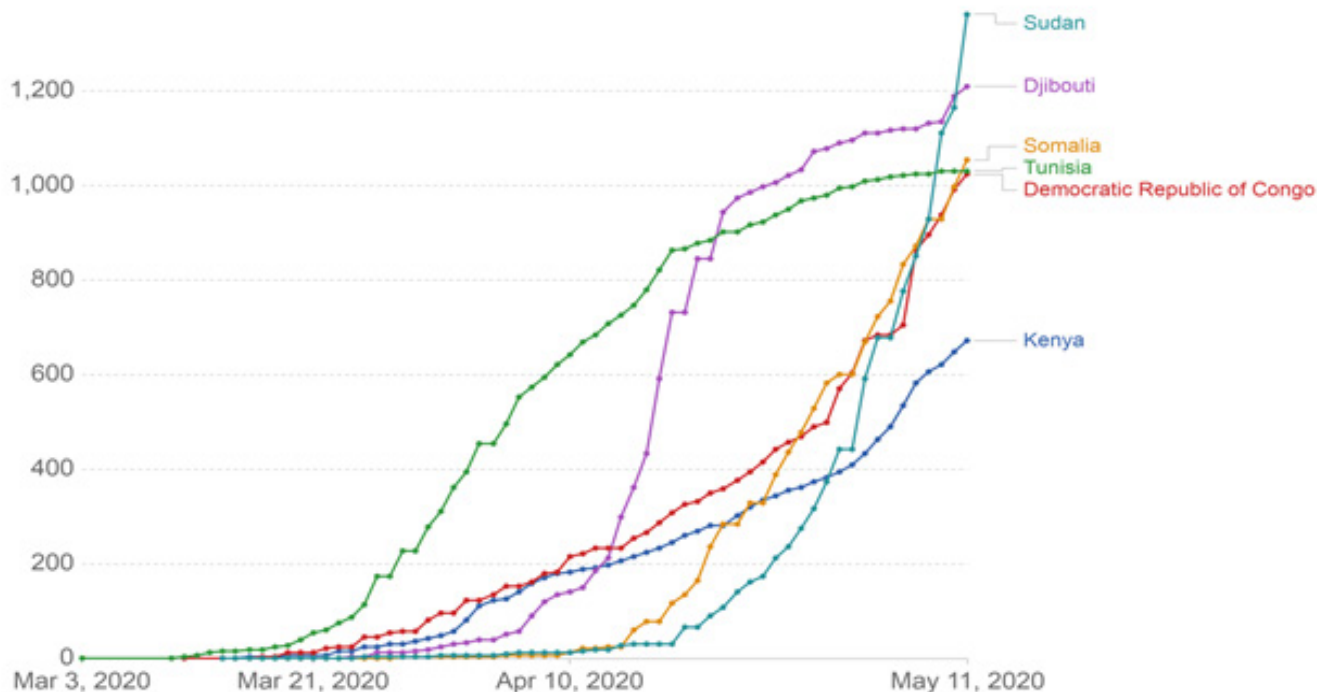
Country Perspectives

Category 1: Over 500 Confirmed Cases

As per the current data Egypt, Sudan, Djibouti, Somalia, Tunisia and DR Congo have recorded the highest numbers of total cases in the region with 9,746, 1,526, 1,227, 1,089, 1,032 and 1,024 respectively. While Tunisia recorded a high number of cases in the initial stages, the current trend indicates a low number of new cases as reflected in the graph below. If this trend continues, Tunisia is likely to join Mauritius and Seychelles that have not recorded any new case for about a month.

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.

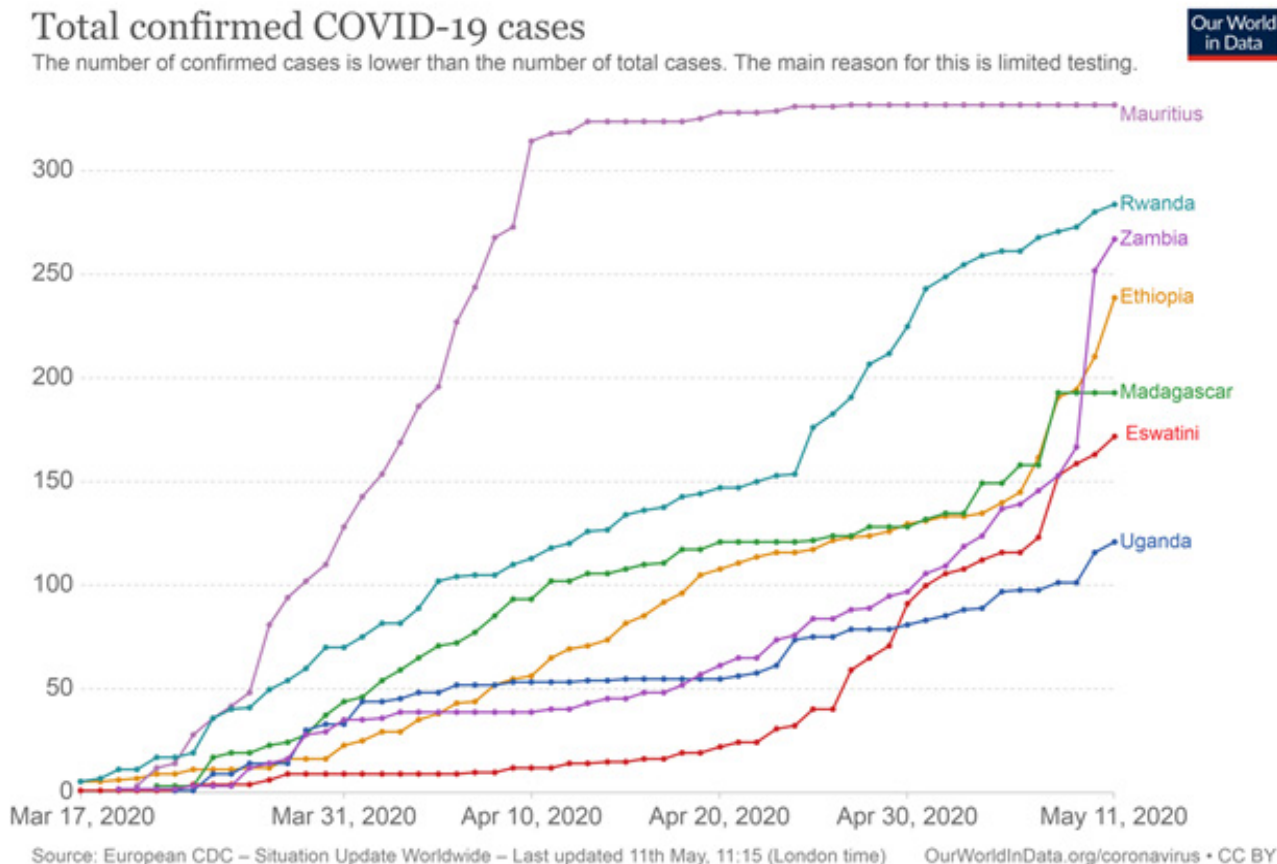


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## Category 2

### Countries with 100 to 500 Confirmed Cases

In this category, Ethiopia and Zambia have shown a steady increase of new cases with 105 and 128 new cases, respectively. The upsurge in the numbers in Zambia is a result of new cases recorded in the border district of Nakonde. The cases in this region are linked to its proximity to Tanzania, which does not have stringent measures to contain the virus. As a result of the new cases, Zambia has temporarily closed its border with Tanzania as a way of containing the spread of the virus.



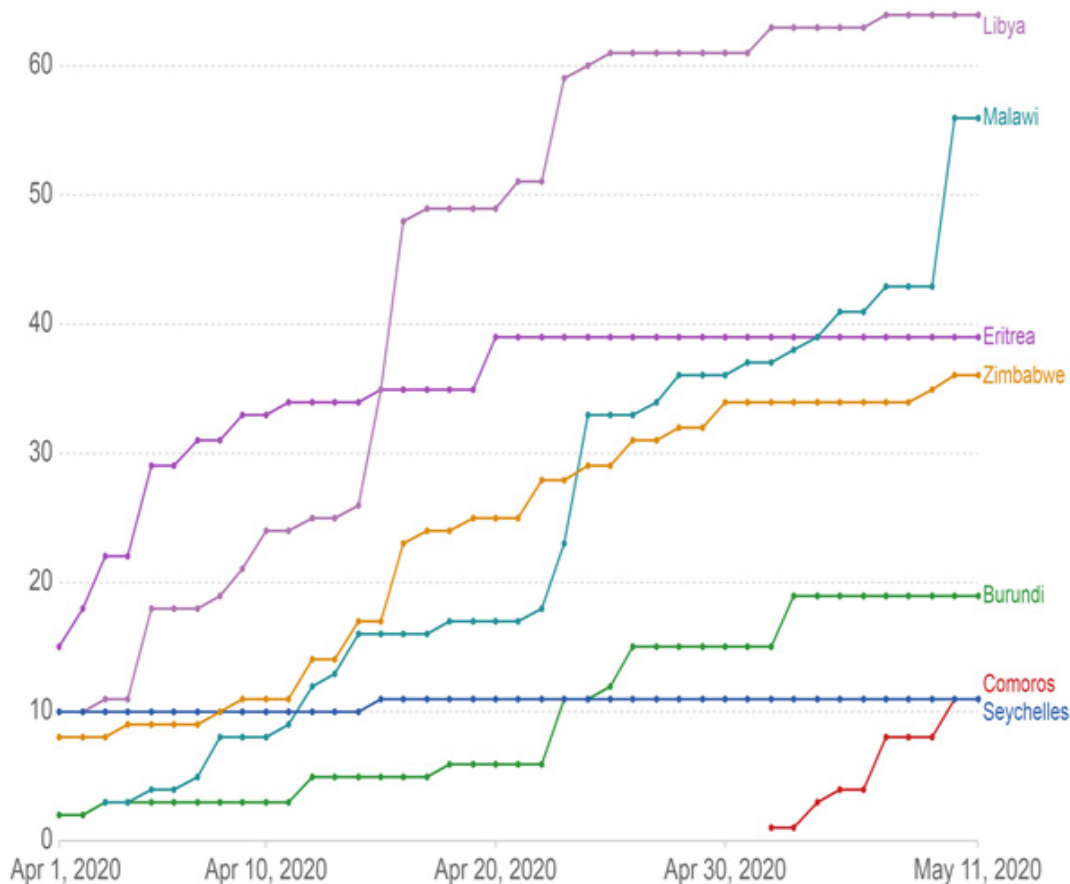
**Category 3**

**Countries with less than 100 Confirmed Cases**

In this category, Burundi, Comoros, Eritrea, Seychelles, Libya and Zimbabwe have continued to record a low number of new cases. Burundi and Eritrea have not recorded any new cases since the last situational update. On the other hand, Libya and Zimbabwe recorded one and two cases, respectively. Comoros has eight new cases.

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