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COVID-19

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Is Mauritius about to flatten its curve?

Data indicates that while the numbers of daily new cases have reduced to less than 10, in the island State, the recoveries have increased significantly to 256. The implication is that the numbers of active cases have also been steadily reducing on a daily basis. If this trend holds then Mauritius is likely to flatten its curve soon.

Meanwhile, COMESA region makes up 29.75% of all reported cases in Africa, which are to date at 27,221. The region has recorded a significant number of recoveries, now at 2,176, which has an impact on the number of active cases now at 5,498. The combined number of fatalities has gone up to 424.

So far, a total of 8,098 cases have been reported in the region which indicates a 14.9% increase since the last situational update on 21 April 2020. An average of 350 cases have been recorded per day in the same period bringing the total of new cases to 1,052.

Regional cases on COVID-19 are summarized below.

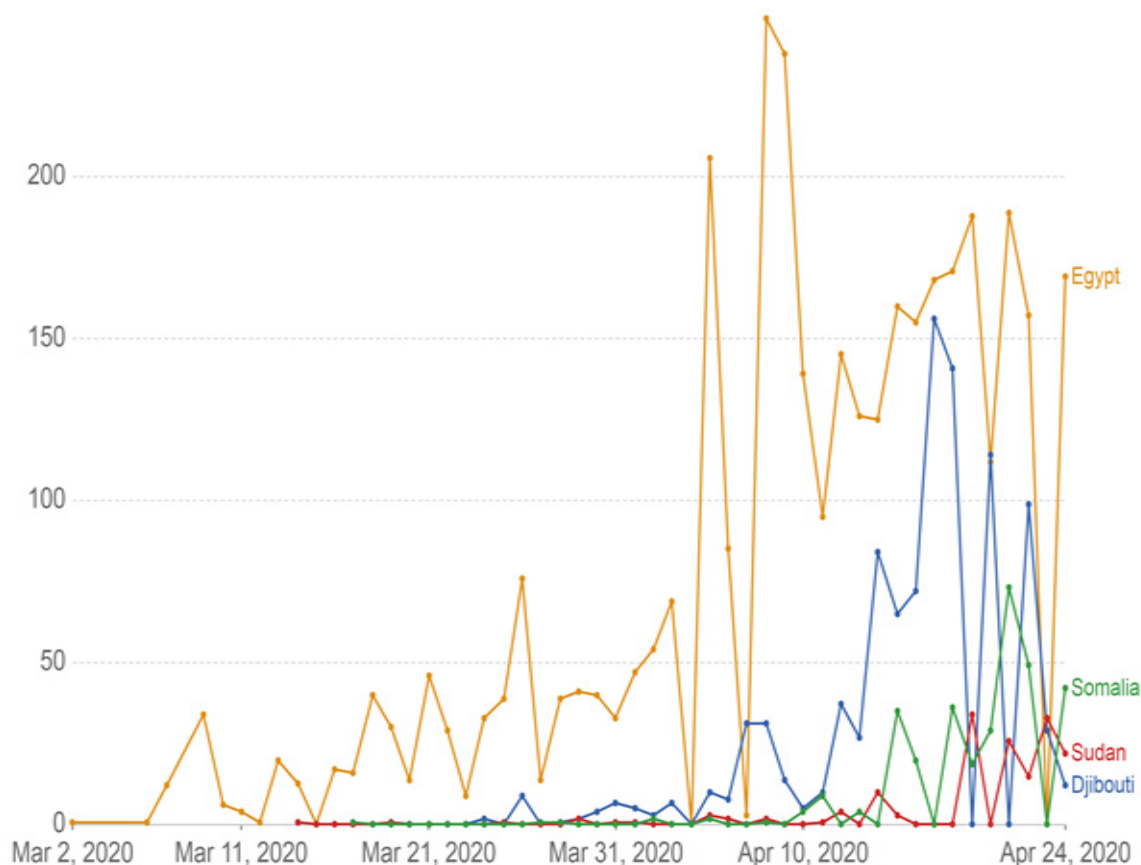
Table 1: Regional Figures

Country	Total Cases	New Cases	% Increase	Deaths	Recoveries	Total Active Cases
Burundi	11	6	120.00%	1	4	6
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0
Djibouti	986	140	16.55%	2	252	732
DR Congo	394	44	12.57%	25	48	321
Egypt	3891	558	16.74%	287	1004	2600
Eritrea	39	0	0.00%	0	11	28
Eswatini	31	7	29.17%	1	8	22
Ethiopia	117	3	2.63%	3	25	89
Kenya	320	39	13.88%	14	89	217
Libya	60	9	17.65%	2	18	40
Madagascar	121	0	0.00%	0	58	63
Malawi	33	16	94.12%	3	3	27
Mauritius	331	3	0.91%	9	266	56
Rwanda	154	7	4.76%	0	87	67
Seychelles	11	0	0.00%	0	6	5
Somalia	328	91	38.40%	16	8	304
Sudan	174	67	62.62%	16	14	144
Tunisia	918	34	3.85%	38	190	690
Uganda	74	18	32.14%	0	46	28
Zambia	76	6	8.57%	3	37	36
Zimbabwe	29	4	16.00%	4	2	23
Total	8098	1052	14.93%	424	2176	5498

High numbers of daily COVID-19 cases have been recorded in Egypt, Somalia, Sudan and Djibouti. The daily trends are shown in the graph below.

Daily 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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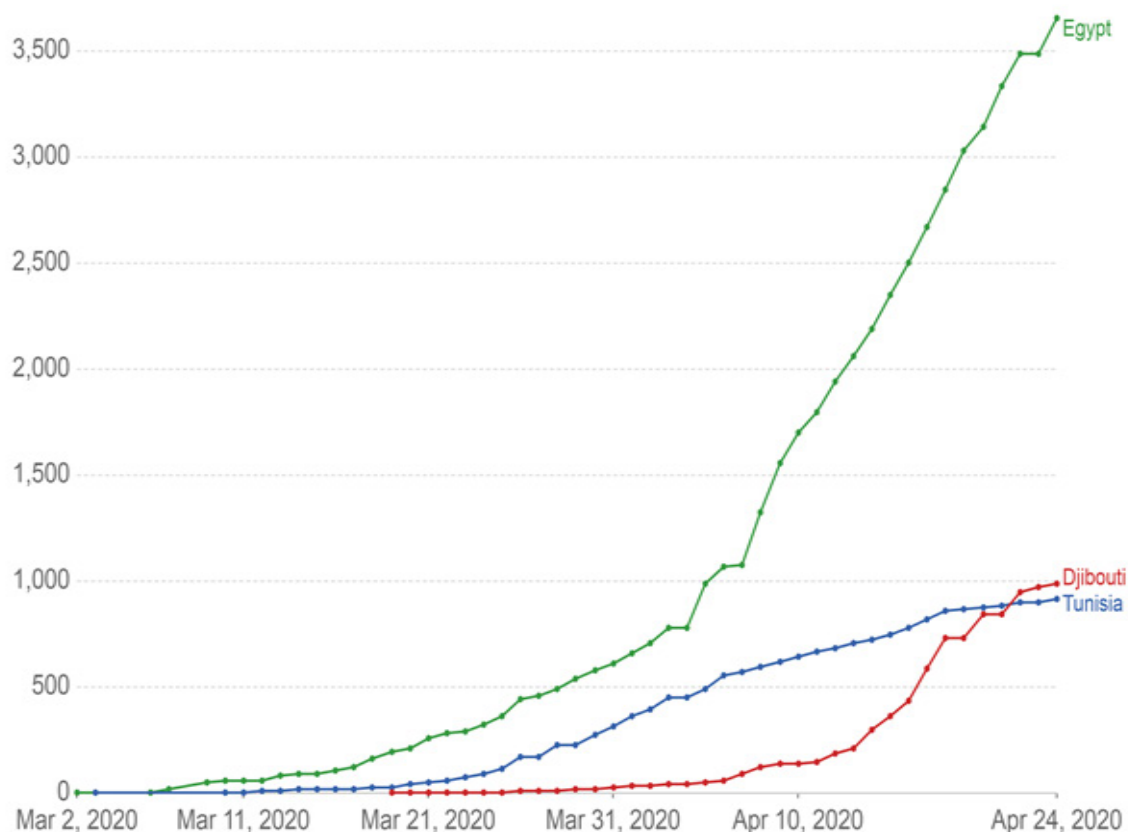
Country Perspective

Category 1: Over 500 Cases

As per the current data Egypt, Djibouti and Tunisia have recorded the highest numbers of COVID-19 cases in the region with 3,891, 986 and 918, respectively. While Egypt has the highest numbers of cases, it has also recorded the highest numbers of recoveries in the region (1,004). This has in turn reduced the number of active cases to 2,600. Tunisia has also recorded significant recoveries in the last three days bringing the total number of recoveries to 190. In addition, Tunisia has continued to record low numbers of new cases as reflected in its trend below.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases

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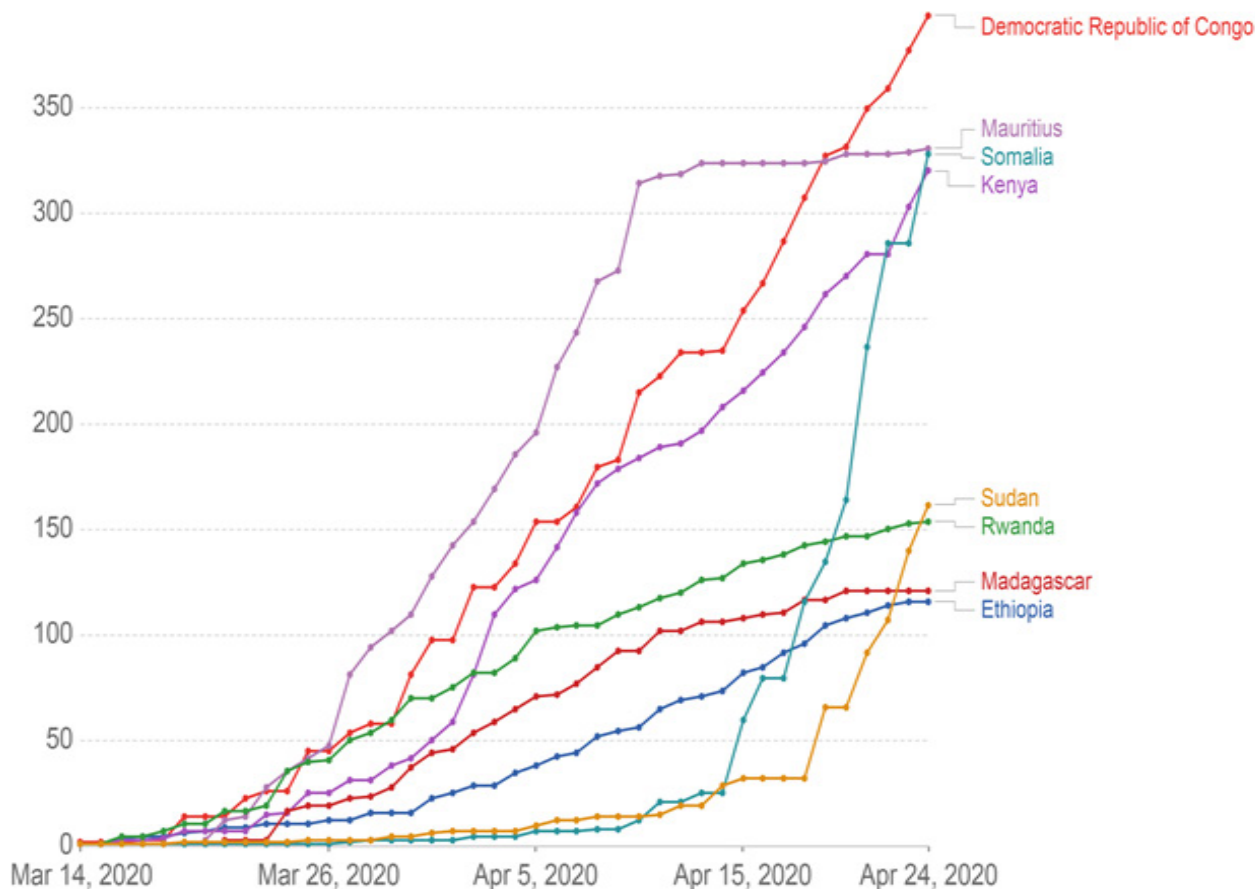
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Category 2: Between 100 and 500 Cases

In this category four Member States have continued to record a steady increase in the total number of new cases. These include DR Congo (394), Kenya (320), Somalia (328) and Sudan (174). On the other hand, Mauritius which has 331 cases has for some time now, been recording significantly low numbers of new cases with only 56 active ones and its trajectory beginning to flatten.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases

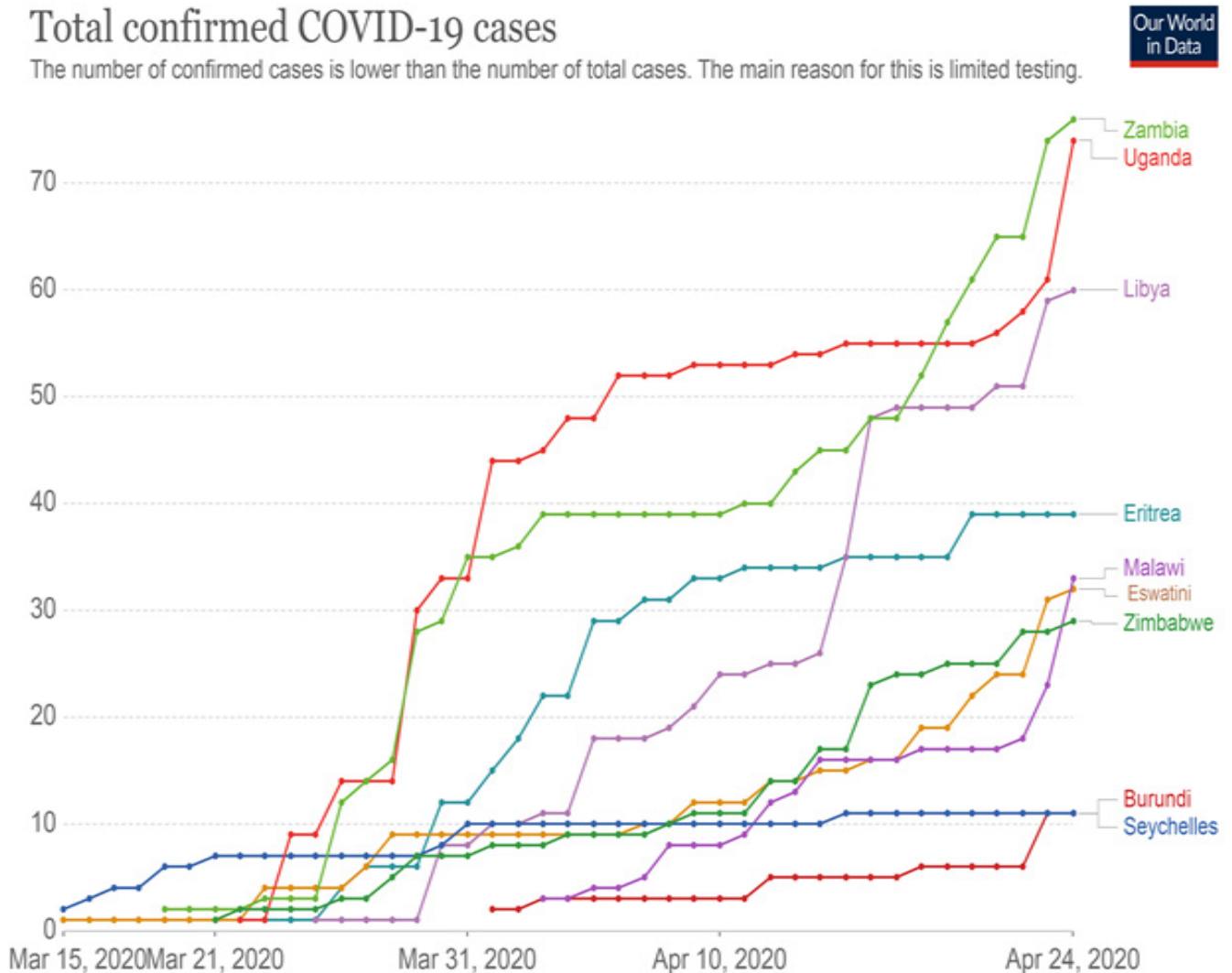
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Category 3: Below 100 Cases

Countries in this category such as Seychelles, has not recorded any new cases for the past 10 days. Uganda and Zambia have recorded high numbers of recoveries that have reduced the numbers of active cases to 28 and 36, respectively. The curves for Eritrea and Burundi have taken a flat trajectory.





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