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COVID-19 IN COMESA

Situational Update #6

Friday, April 10, 2020



The status of Corona Virus in the COMESA region remains a mixed bag of fortunes. Comoros still holds out as the only country without any reported case. Burundi and Zambia have gone through more than seven days without recording any new case of Corona Virus, while Kenya and Rwanda's upward trajectory slowed down. On the flip side, Djibouti and Ethiopia reported a quick escalation, which has triggered enhancement of containment measures.

Regional Perspective

Since Tuesday, 7 April 2020, the number of reported cases in the COMESA region has continued to rise reaching 3,688 (10 April 2020). This notwithstanding the consistent tightening of preventive and economic measures to contain both the spread and the impact of COVID-19. The current numbers represent an additional 660 new cases.

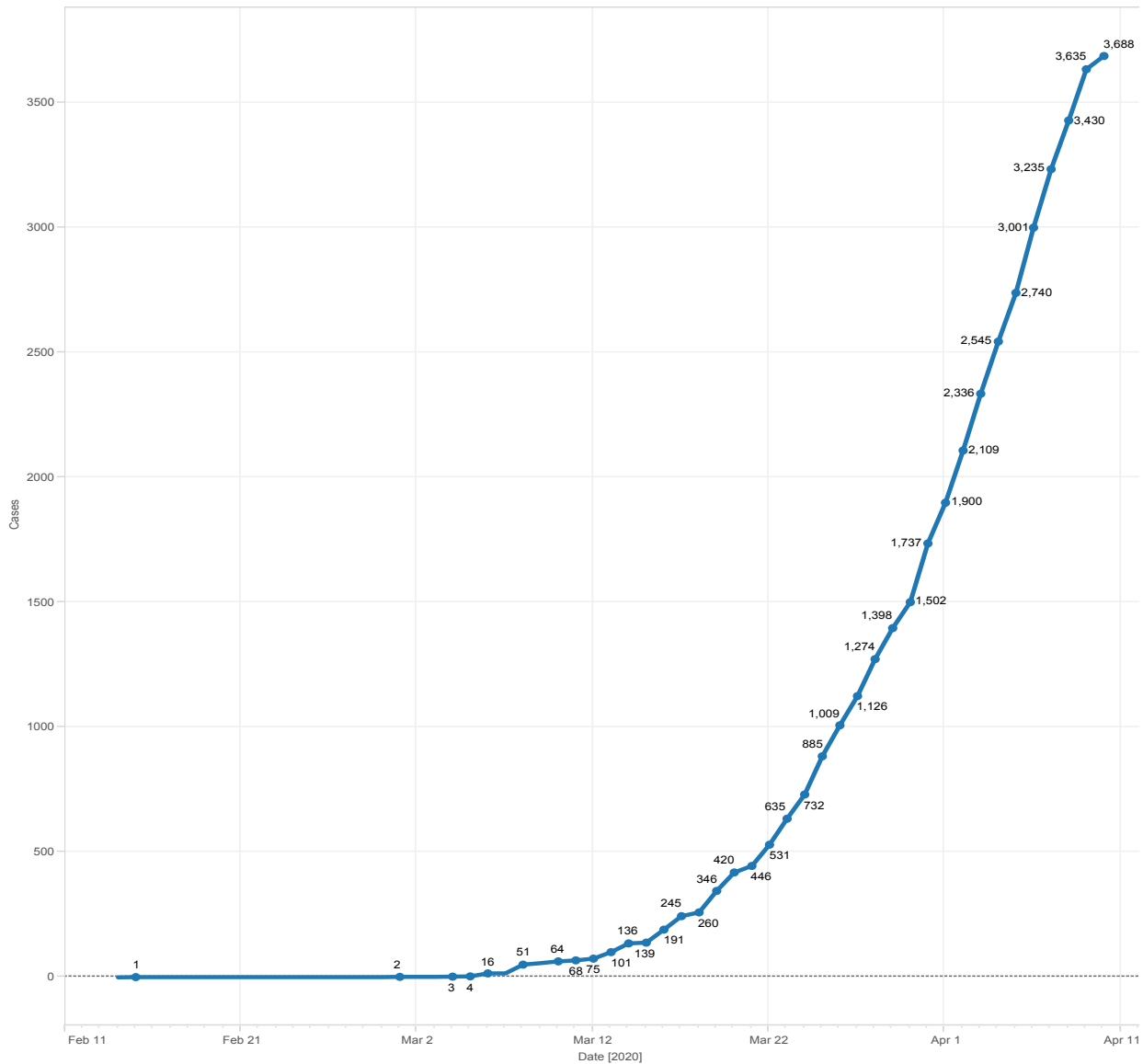
The number of active cases has however, steadily reduced by 18.89% to 2,991. The reduction is attributable to the increase in the number of new recoveries since April 7, 2020. Egypt leads with 8 recoveries, Djibouti 19, Zambia 19, Mauritius 16 and Tunisia 15 are some of the Member States that have recorded a high number of recoveries in the last three days.

Regional Trend

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Country	Total Cases	New Cases	Deaths	Recoveries	Total Active Cases
Burundi	3	0	0	0	3
DR Congo	215	54	20	13	182
Comoros	0	0		0	0
Djibouti	140	50	1	28	111
Egypt	1699	377	118	348	1233
Eritrea	33	2	0	0	33
Ethiopia	65	13	2	4	59
Kenya	184	12	7	12	165
Libya	24	5	1	8	15
Madagascar	93	11	0	11	82
Mauritius	314	70	7	23	284
Malawi	9	1	1	0	8
Rwanda	113	8	0	7	106
Sudan	15	1	2	2	11
Somalia	12	5	1	1	10
Eswatini	12	2	0	7	5
Seychelles	11	0	0	0	11
Tunisia	643	47	25	20	598
Uganda	53	1	0	0	53
Zambia	39	0	1	24	14
Zimbabwe	11	1	3	0	8
Total	3688	660	189	508	2991

Regional trend



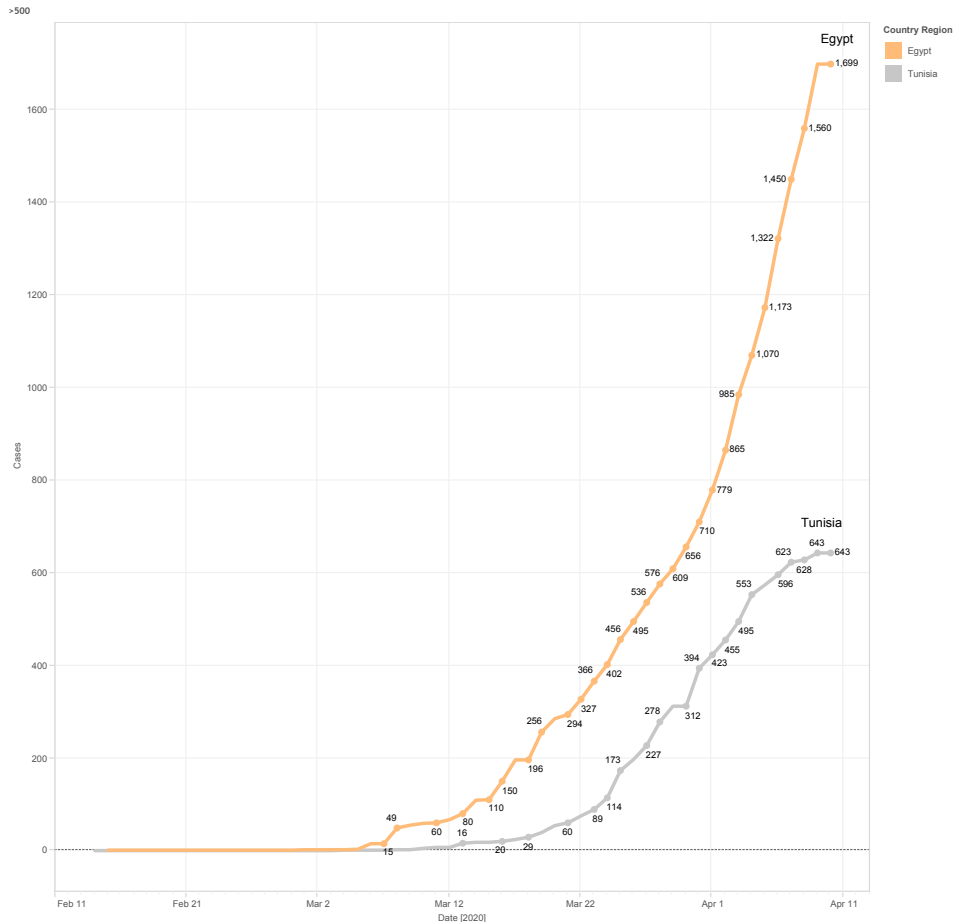
The trend of sum of Cases for Date1. The data is filtered on Country Region, Case Type and Exclusions (Country Region,Date). The Country Region filter keeps 20 of 183 members. The Case Type filter keep Confirmed. The Exclusions (Country Region,Date) filter keeps 14,476 members. The view is filtered on sum of Cases and Date1. The sum of Cases filter includes values less than or equal to 3,688. The Date1 filter ranges from 2/14/2020 to 4/10/2020.

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

Country Perspective

Category 1: Over 500 Cases

Egypt and Tunisia continue to record the highest total number of cases in the region with 1,699 and 643, respectively. Nonetheless, a comparison with the last update, on April 7, shows that Egypt has a higher number of new cases (377) compared to Tunisia (47). The two countries have also recorded a high number of recoveries within the same period.

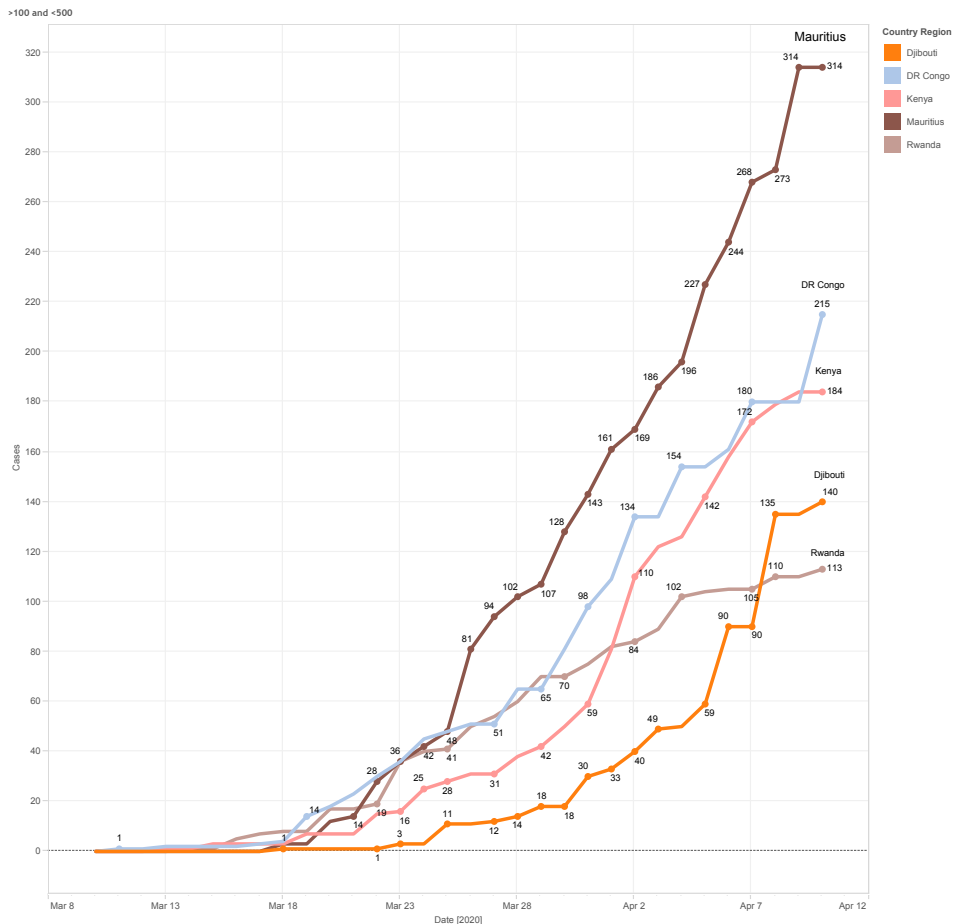


The trend of sum of Cases for Date1. Color shows details about Country Region. The data is filtered on Case Type, which keeps Confirmed. The view is filtered on Country Region, sum of Cases, Date1 and Exclusions (Country Region,Date). The Country Region filter keeps Egypt and Tunisia. The sum of Cases filter includes values less than or equal to 2,350. The Date1 filter ranges from 2/14/2020 to 4/10/2020. The Exclusions (Country Region,Date) filter keeps 14,476 members.

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Category 2: Between 100 and 500 Cases

Since the last update, Djibouti has recorded 50 new cases. The increase has moved Djibouti from category 3 to category 2 within a short span. With this development, it is important to closely monitor Djibouti's trend in the coming days. In this category, Mauritius and DR Congo reported slightly high numbers of new cases. On the other hand, Kenya (12) and Rwanda (8) recorded fewer new cases. The containment of new cases in this category will be critical in flattening the regional and country-level graphs in the coming weeks.



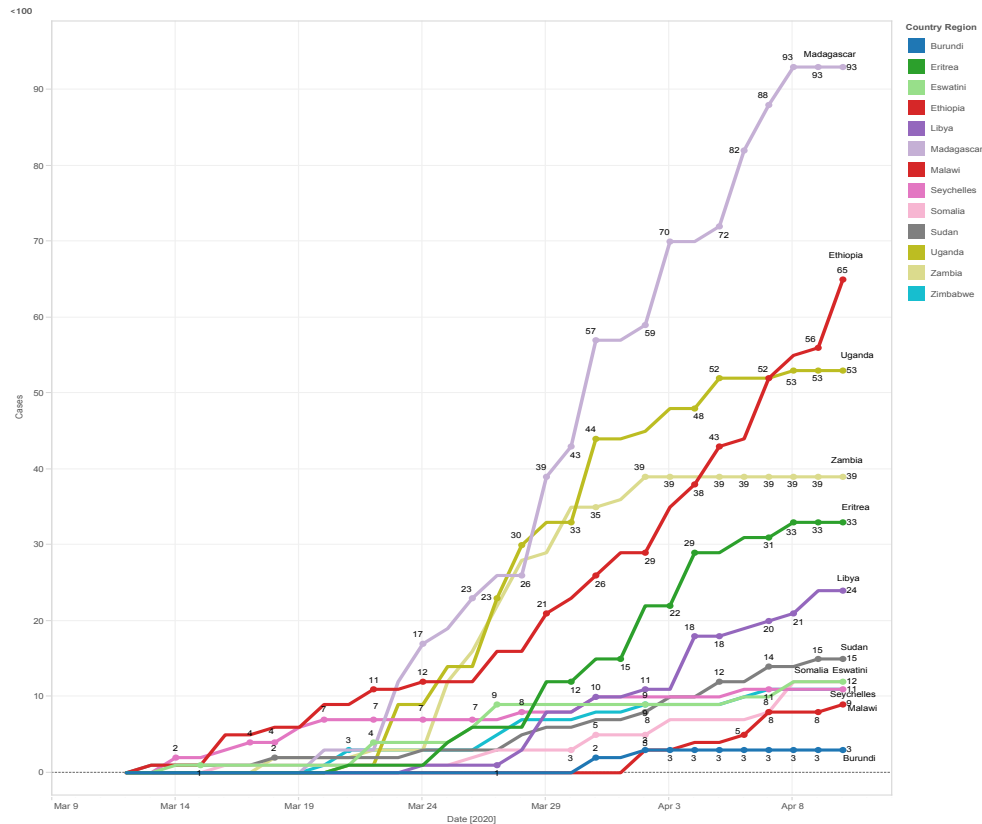
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Category 3: Below 100 Cases

A total of 13 Member States have continued to record generally few new cases. Despite this, the rise of new cases in Ethiopia and Madagascar are of concern; and if this continues the two are likely to move to category 2 within a short period of time. The increase in the number of new cases in Ethiopia, for instance, has prompted the Government to declare a state of emergency as a measure to contain the spread of the virus.

On the other hand, some of the countries under this category have not recorded any new cases. Zambia, for example has not recorded any new cases in the past seven days. Burundi has also not recorded any new case, while Zimbabwe, Uganda, Sudan, Malawi recorded only 1 new case. Eritrea and Eswatini recorded two new cases, and Libya and Somalia recorded 5 new cases.



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