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# COVID-19

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Over the last four days, Djibouti and Somalia have recorded a surge in new cases within a short span. A total of 255 new cases have been recorded in Djibouti during this period, and this is attributed to enhanced testing. On the other hand, Tunisia, which has the second highest number of cases in the region recorded relatively low new infections. This may be an indication that the various preventive measures are working.

Since the last situational update on 17 April 2020, the number of active COVID-19 cases in the region increased by 16.68% to 5,009 cases.

Regional cases on COVID-19 are summarized below.

Table 1: Regional Figures

Country	Total Cases	New Cases	Deaths	Recoveries	Total Active Cases
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0
Burundi	5	0	1	4	0
Djibouti	846	255	2	102	742
DR Congo	350	63	25	35	290
Egypt	3333	660	250	821	2262
Eritrea	39	4	0	3	36
Eswatini	24	8	1	8	15
Ethiopia	114	18	3	16	95
Kenya	281	35	14	69	198
Libya	51	2	1	16	34
Madagascar	121	10	0	44	77
Malawi	17	1	2	3	12
Mauritius	328	4	9	224	95
Rwanda	147	9	0	80	67
Seychelles	11	0	0	5	6
Somalia	237	157	8	4	225
Sudan	107	75	12	8	87
Tunisia	884	62	38	148	698
Uganda	56	1	0	38	18
Zambia	70	22	3	35	32
Zimbabwe	25	1	3	2	20
	7046	1387	372	1665	5009

Source: World Health Organisation, Worldometer, Johns Hopkins University

## COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

### Category 1: Over 500 Cases

As per the current data Egypt and Tunisia have recorded the highest numbers of COVID-19 cases in the region with 3,333 and 884, respectively. The trend in Tunisia indicates that the majority of cases were recorded in the initial stages. With the relatively low number of new cases (62), there is optimism that if this trend continues and the numbers of recoveries increase, then active cases will reduce significantly in the coming days.

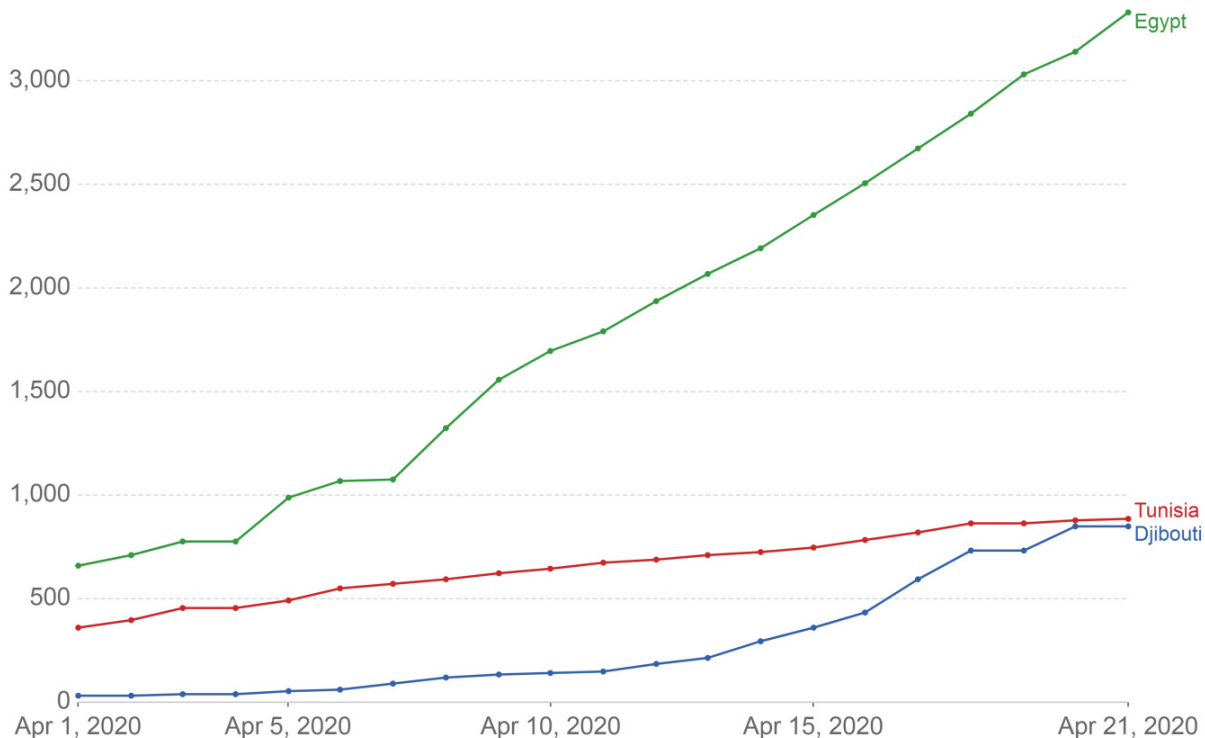
The increase of new cases in Djibouti, which is attributed to the massive testing that has been rolled out, could be a pointer of the likely trend in the region once the countries embark on massive testing.

While Egypt has the highest numbers of cases (3,333), it has also recorded the highest numbers of recoveries in the region (821). This has in turn reduced the number of active cases to 2,262.

## 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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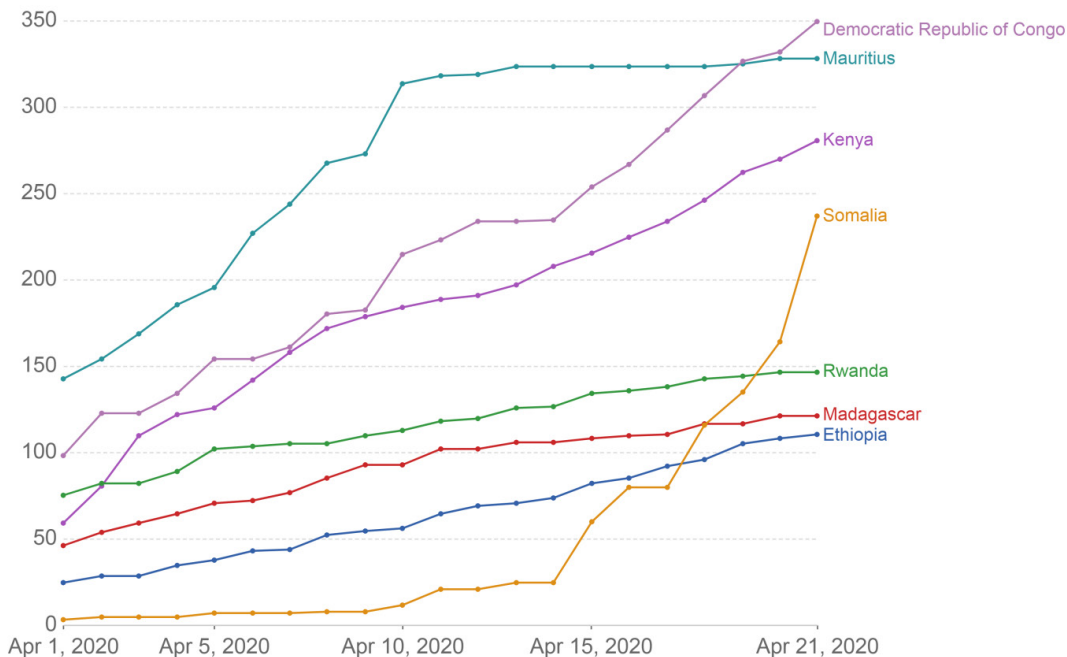
## Category 2: 100 – 500 Cases

Seven Member States in the region have so far recorded between 100 and 500 cases. These include DR Congo (350), Mauritius (328), Kenya (281), Somalia (237), Rwanda (147), Madagascar (121) and Ethiopia (114). While Mauritius has recorded a total of 328 cases, the numbers of recoveries have increased by 68.29% to 224. This has reduced significantly the total number of active cases (95). In this category, three countries have shown a steady increase in the numbers of new cases. These include DR Congo, Kenya and Somalia. Somalia has recorded a relatively high number of new cases (157) within the last four days. Rwanda, Madagascar and Ethiopia, on the other hand, have recorded few numbers of new cases in the same period.

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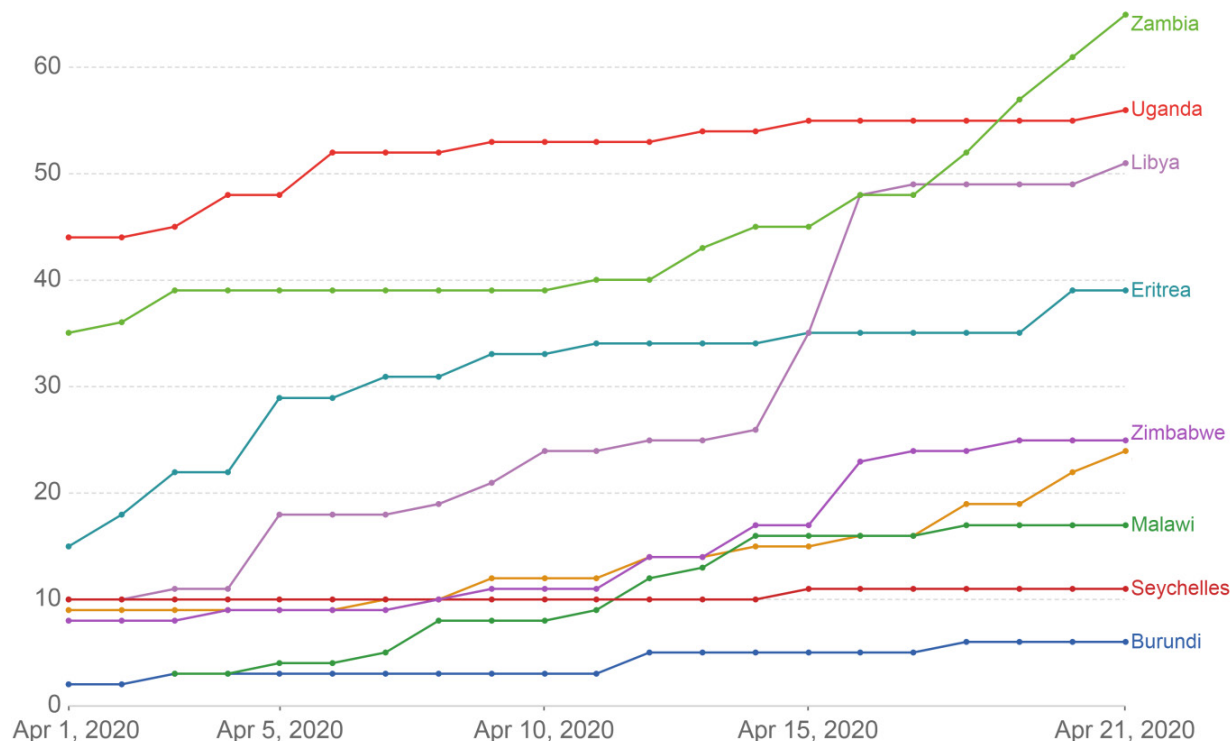
### Category 3: Below 100 Cases

In this category, Zambia has recorded a steady increase with 22 new cases. If the current trend continues, Zambia is likely to move to category 2. Uganda, Libya, Eritrea, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Seychelles and Burundi recorded less than 10 cases in the past four days. It should be noted that Burundi no longer has any active case. Comoros still holds out without having reported any case.

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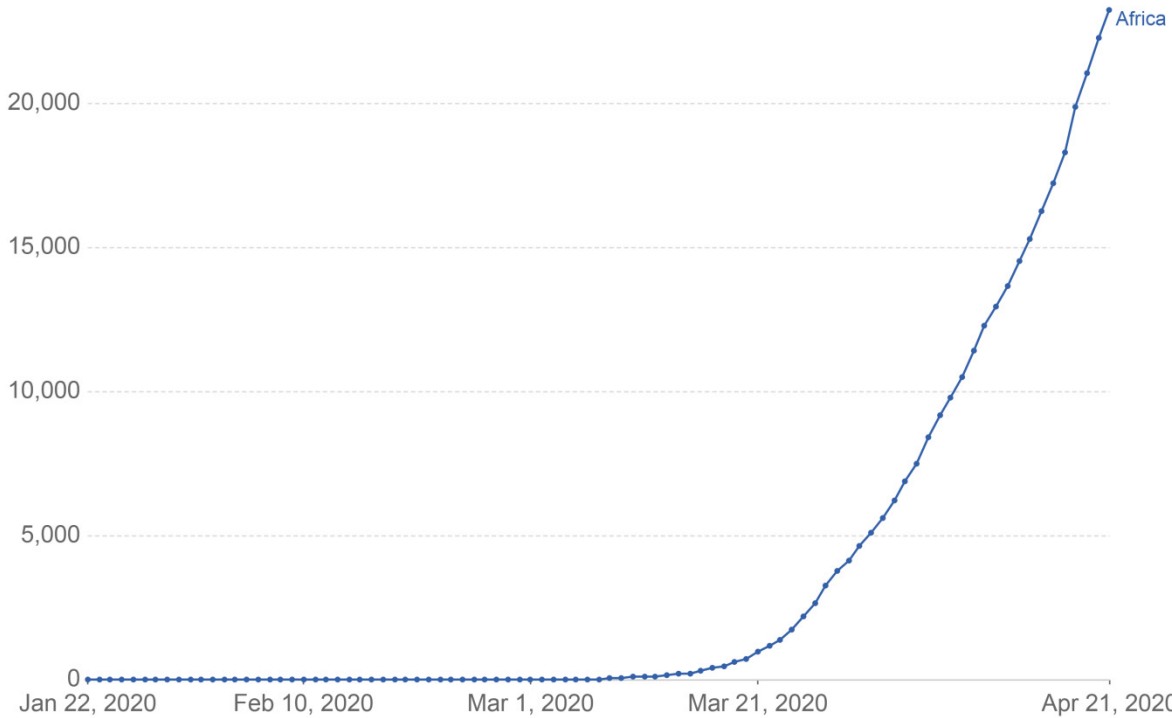
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# Continental Trend

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