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# COVID-19

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## **CASES IN THE REGION**

COVID-19 has continued to spread in countries in the region. As more countries continue to strengthen their testing capabilities, more cases have been recorded. Since the last situational update on 28 April 2020, the region has reported a total of 13,739 cases (an increase of 4,148 new cases). While Comoros had not recorded any COVID-19 case for a long period of time, a first case was recorded on 30 April 2020.

Despite the increase in the numbers of new cases, a positive trend has been observed in the numbers of total recoveries which have risen to 4,257. The positive numbers recorded in terms of recoveries is association with health care measures countries have put in place that ensure early detection and proper management of the cases, including improved treatment centres. Due to the high numbers of recoveries and the low numbers of new cases reported in some countries such as Seychelles, Uganda, Rwanda and Kenya there has been a gradual easing of some of the restrictive measures that had been put in place. As a result, some businesses have been opened primarily to allow people to sustain livelihoods.

## **COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE**

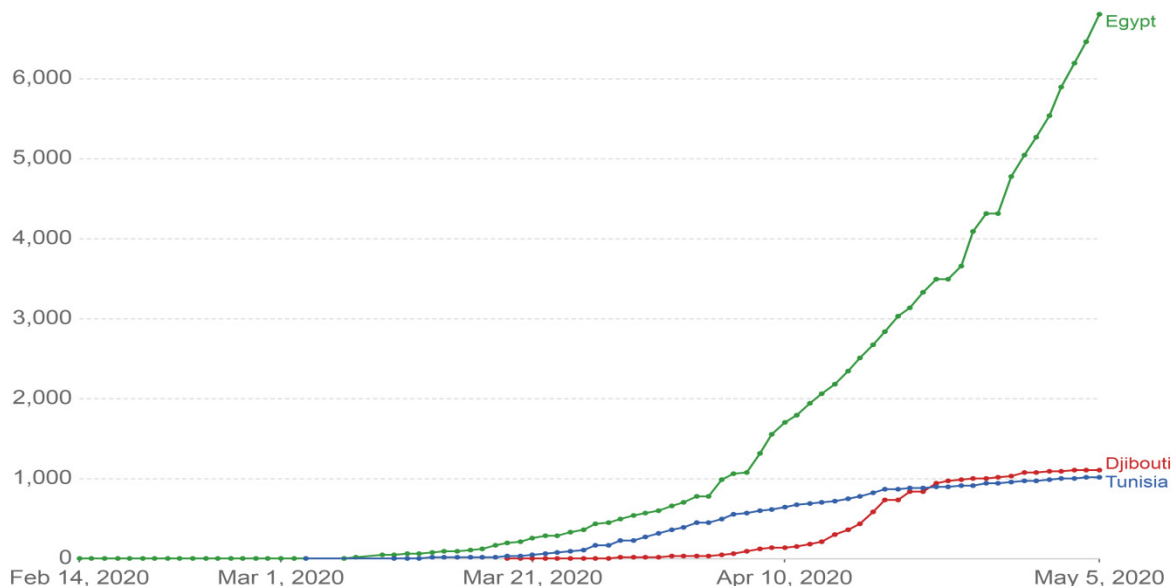
Category 1: As per the current data Egypt, Djibouti and Tunisia have recorded the highest numbers of COVID-19 cases in the region with 7,201, 1,120 and 1,022, respectively. While Djibouti and Tunisia recorded high numbers of cases in the initial stages, the current trend indicates a relatively low number of new cases as reflected in the graph below. The initial high numbers of cases in these two countries are associated with the mass testing initiatives that were aimed at testing, tracing and treatment. While Egypt continues to record high numbers of daily cases in the region, it has also recorded high numbers of recoveries (1,730). This has in turn reduced the number of active cases to 5,019. Egypt has also conducted the highest numbers of tests in the region.

## Countries with more than 1,000 confirmed cases

### 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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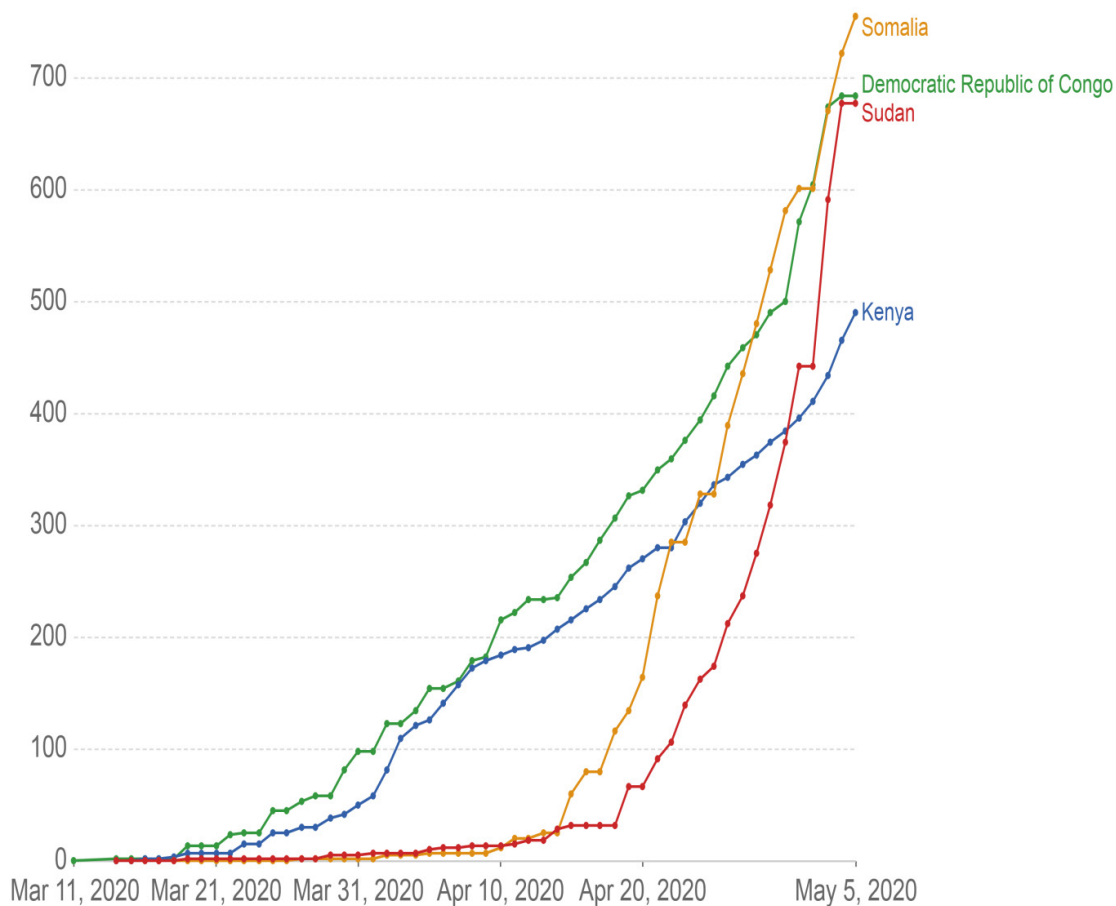
**Category 2:** Four countries in the region have so far recorded between 500 and 1,000 cases. These include Somalia (835), DR Congo (795), Sudan (778) and Kenya (535). In this category, three countries have shown a steady increase in the numbers of new cases. These include Somalia, DR Congo and Sudan with 355, 326, 503 new cases, respectively, within the last seven days. The increase in the numbers of new cases in Somalia and Sudan is attributed to the communal lifestyle that has increased local transmission. The daily increase in the numbers of new cases in Kenya, especially in Mombasa County, some areas of Nairobi County is also associated with the communal lifestyle.

## Countries with > 500 cases and <1,000 confirmed cases

### Total confirmed COVID-19 cases

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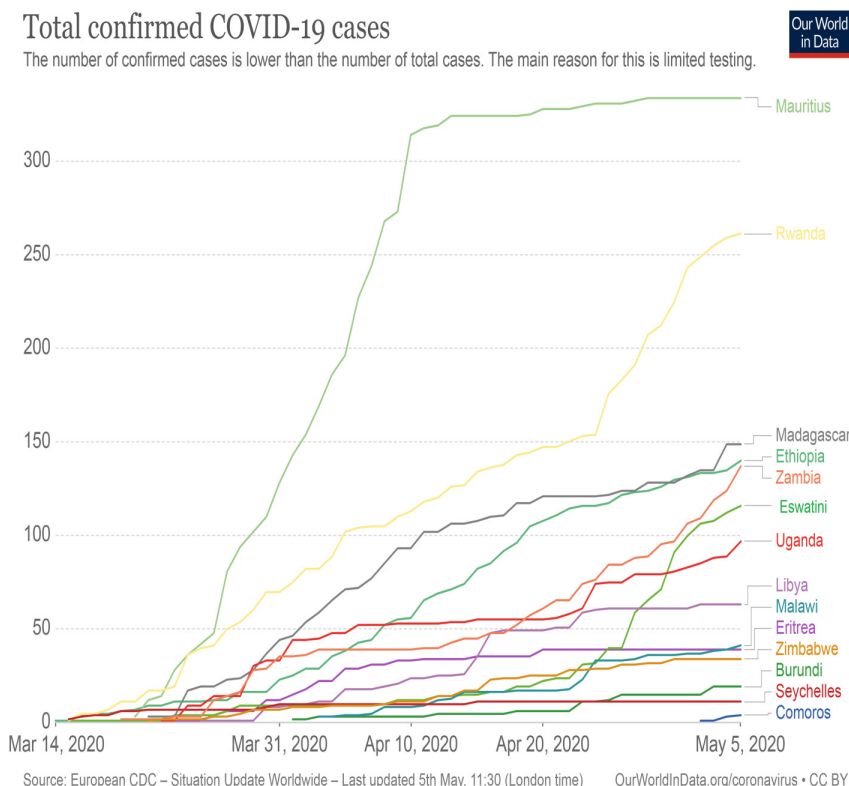


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**Category 3:** In this category, Eswatini (54 new cases), Rwanda (54) and Zambia (50) have a recorded a steady increase in new cases in the last 7 days. The high rates of increase in the recorded cases in the three countries are associated with mass testing that was rolled out. Comoros is the newest entrant in this category with a total of three cases. The majority of countries in this category have recorded relatively low numbers of new cases in the last 7 days. These include Libya (2), Zimbabwe (2), Burundi (4), Malawi (5), Ethiopia (19), Uganda (19), Madagascar (23). On the other hand Eritrea, Mauritius and Seychelles have not recorded any new cases in the last 7 days. The Mauritius and Seychelles trends as shown in the graph below indicate a flattening of their curves.

### Countries with > 500 confirmed cases



## Summary of regional figures

Country	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Total cases/ 1M pop	Deaths	Deaths/ 1M pop	Recoveries	Total Active Cases
Burundi	15	4	284	24	1	1	0.08	7	7
Comoros	3	3	-	-	3	0	0	0	3
Djibouti	1120	85	14378	14553	1134	2	2	745	373
DR Congo	797	326	-	-	9	35	0.4	92	670
Egypt	7201	2419	90000	879	70	452	4	1730	5019
Eritrea	39	0	-	-	11	0	-	30	9
Eswatini	119	54	714	615	103	1	0.9	12	106
Ethiopia	145	19	25135	219	1	4	0.03	91	50
Kenya	535	172	25861	481	10	24	0.4	182	329
Libya	63	2	2338	340	9	3	0.4	23	37
Madagascar	151	23	3861	139	5	0	-	101	50
Malawi	41	5	907	47	2	3	0.2	9	29
Mauritius	332	0	18959	14908	261	10	8	319	3
Rwanda	261	54	35992	2779	20	0	-	129	132
Seychelles	11	0	-	-	112	0	-	8	3
Somalia	835	355	-	-	53	38	2	75	722
Sudan	778	503	-	-	18	45	1	70	663
Tunisia	1022	55	25165	2129	86	43	4	482	497
Uganda	98	19	44110	964	2	0	-	55	43
Zambia	139	50	7277	396	8	4	0.2	92	43
Zimbabwe	34	2	7642	514	2	4	0.3	5	25
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13,739</b>	<b>4,148</b>	<b>302,623</b>			<b>669</b>		<b>4,257</b>	<b>8,813</b>

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