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COVID-19 IN COMESA

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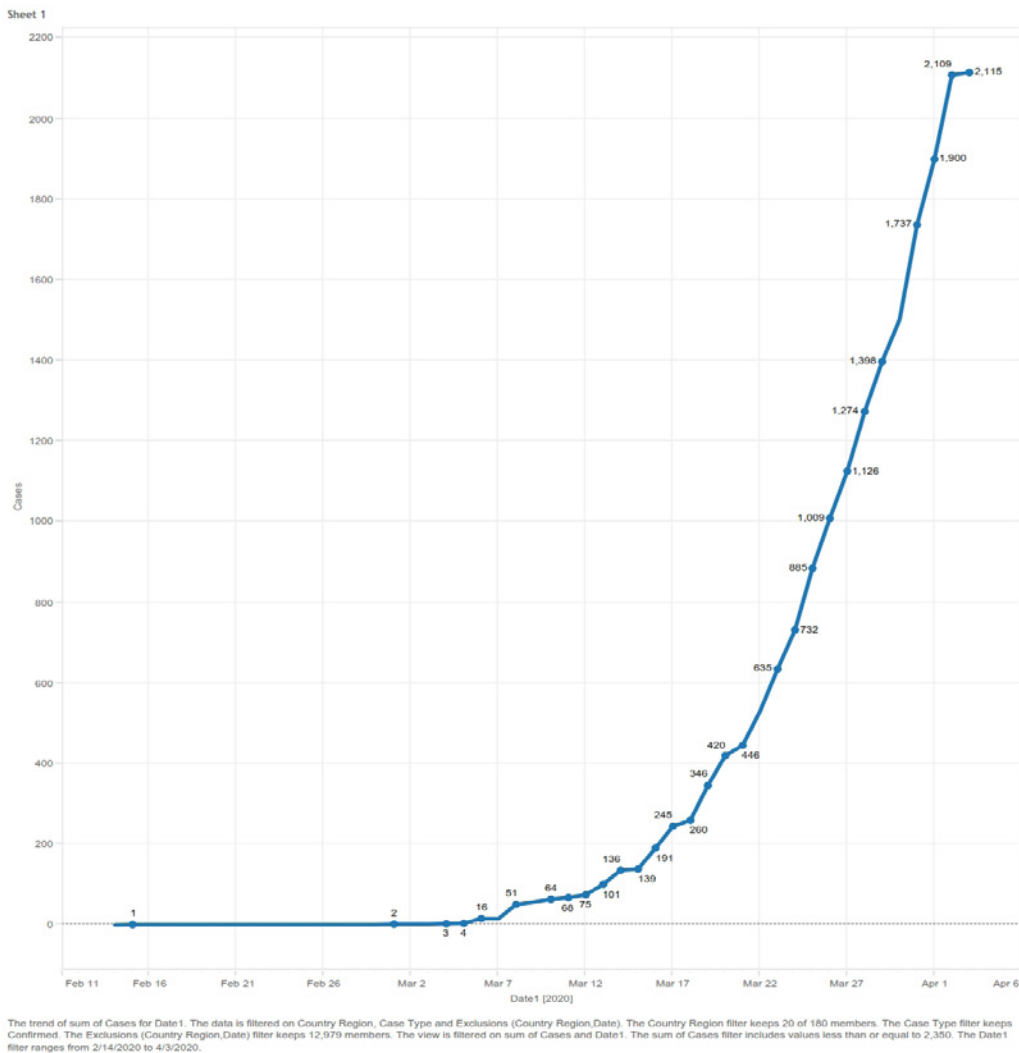
The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the COMESA region continues to spread as countries record more cases. Since the last situational update on 31 March 2020, a total of 2,115 cases have been recorded. The total new cases reported for the last three days are 517 as compared to 701 reported on 31 March 2020. The most affected countries in the COMESA Region are Egypt with 865 cases, Tunisia (455), Mauritius (169), DR Congo (134) and Kenya (110).

Whilst the region experienced a surge in the number of new cases in the last update, the data from the past three days indicate that the average daily rate of new cases has slightly reduced. The total new cases reported for the past three days are 517. The general reduction in the daily rate can be attributed to the various measures Member States have undertaken to contain the spread of the virus. It should be noted that Comoros has not recorded any cases.

The regional recovery rate is at 10.3 percent. Egypt has recorded the highest number of recoveries 23% of the cases. The recovery in Egypt is much higher than the total recovery in the region. So far, 14 countries have not recorded any cases of recoveries. The number of deaths have slightly increased by 7 percent to 100 as compared to the previous data.

Regional Trend

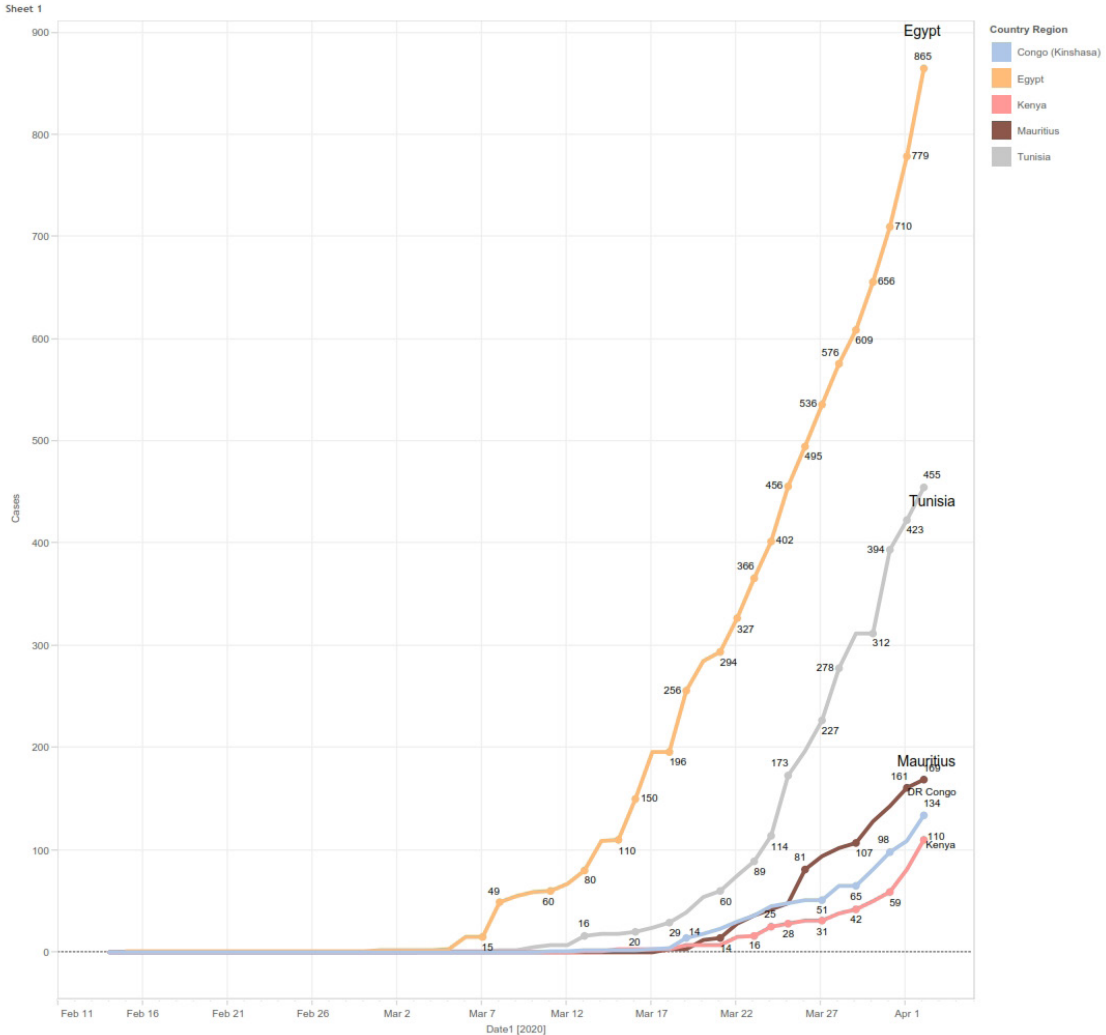
Country	Total Cases	New Cases	%New Cases	Deaths	Recoveries
Burundi	3	1	33%	0	0
DR Congo	134	36	27%	13	3
Comoros	0	0		0	0
Djibouti	40	22	55%	0	0
Egypt	865	209	24%	58	201
Eritrea	22	7	32%	0	0
Ethiopia	35	12	34%	0	3
Kenya	110	60	55%	3	4
Libya	11	3	27%	1	0
Madagascar	59	13	22%	0	0
Mauritius	169	26	15%	7	0
Malawi	3	3		0	0
Rwanda	84	14	17%	0	0
Sudan	8	2	25%	2	2
Somalia	5	2	40%	0	1
Eswatini	9	0		0	0
Seychelles	10	0		0	0
Tunisia	455	93	20%	14	5
Uganda	45	12	27%	0	0
Zambia	39	1	3%	1	0
Zimbabwe	9	1	3%	1	0
Total	2115	517	24%	100	219



Country Perspective

The countries in the region have recorded different numbers of cases as indicated in the regional trend. A look at the country-specific graphs indicates that countries in the region can be analyzed from three lenses. The first lens encompasses countries that have recorded more than 100 cases. These countries include Egypt with 865 cases, Tunisia (455), Mauritius (169), DR Congo (134) and Kenya (110). Whilst Mauritius and DR Congo recorded relatively low numbers of new cases in the past three days, Egypt, Tunisia, and Kenya recorded a high number of new cases. These countries are expected to continue recording a relatively high number of cases in the coming days given the past trends.

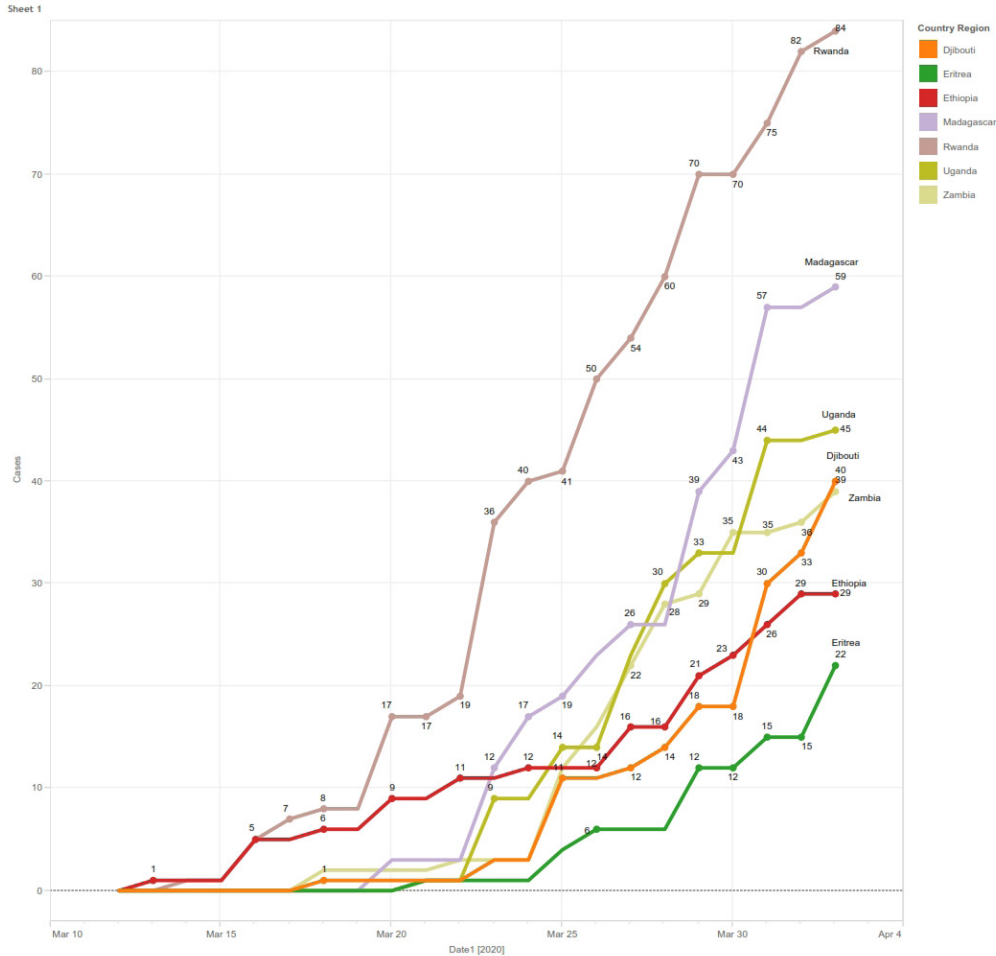
Category 1: Countries with more than 100 cases



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 Congo (Kinshasa), Egypt, Kenya, Mauritius 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 4/2/2020. The Exclusions (Country Region,Date) filter keeps 12,979 members.

The second category entails countries that are steadily moving towards recording more than 100 cases. These include Rwanda with 84 cases, Madagascar (59), Uganda (45), Zambia (39), Djibouti (40), Ethiopia (36) and Eritrea (22). Most of them started recording their first cases around 13 March 2020 and latest projections indicate a steep but steady upward trend, especially Djibouti (55% increase in new cases). If containment measures work well for the countries under this category then positive dividends on the regional graph will be evident.

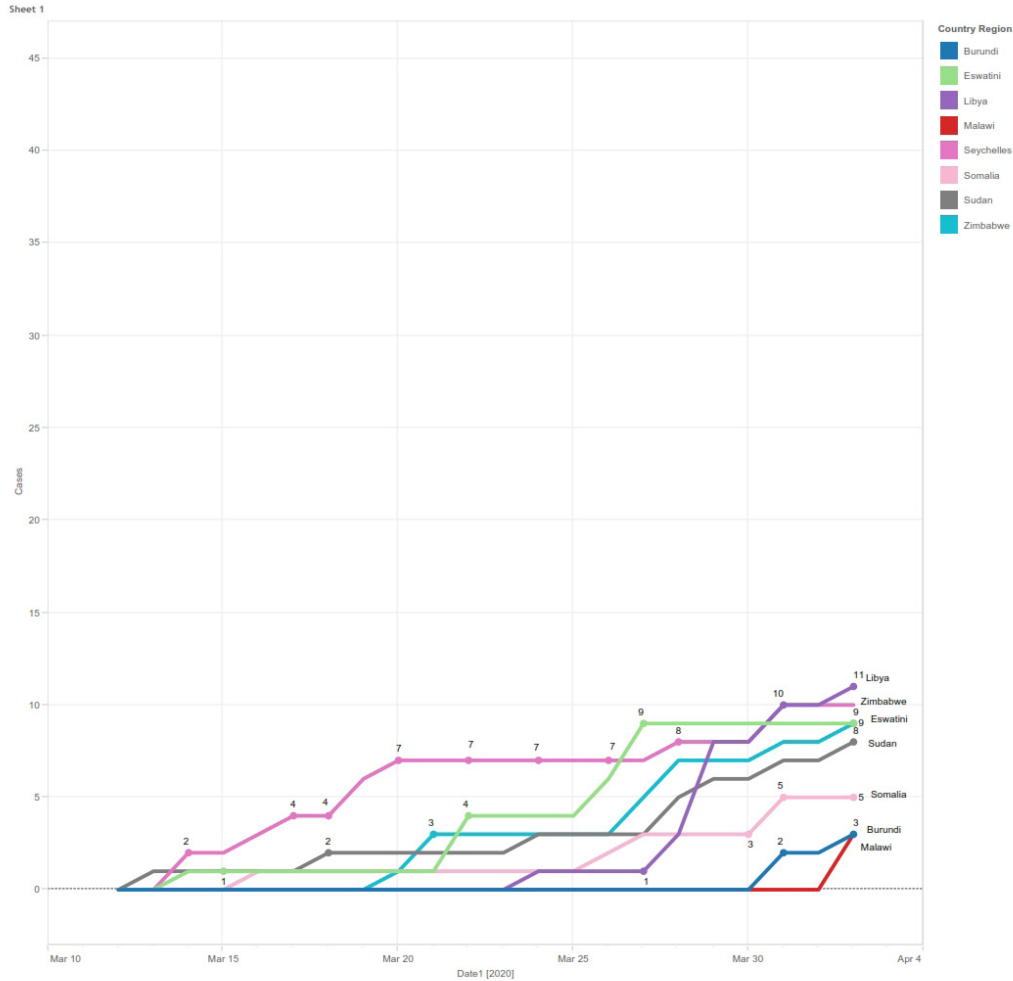
Category 2: Countries with less than 100 cases



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The last category brings together countries that have recorded low numbers that have generally remained constant since the first cases were reported. These include Eswatini with 9 cases, Zimbabwe (9), Sudan (8), Somalia (5), Burundi (3), Malawi. Whilst Libya which has 10 cases can be classified under this category, it is worth noting that the cases have risen relatively faster from 1 case to 10 cases in the first 10 days as compared to other countries in this category.

Category 3: Countries with 0-10 recorded cases



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 8 of 180 members. The sum of Cases filter includes values less than or equal to 2,350. The Date1 filter ranges from 3/12/2020 to 4/2/2020. The Exclusions (Country Region,Date) filter keeps 12,979 members.

In the coming days COMWARN will continue observing the trends to see how soon they will flatten for respective member states especially given the stringent measures that have been put in place in the recent past. Specific focus will be on countries under category 1 and 2.