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COVID-19 IN COMESA

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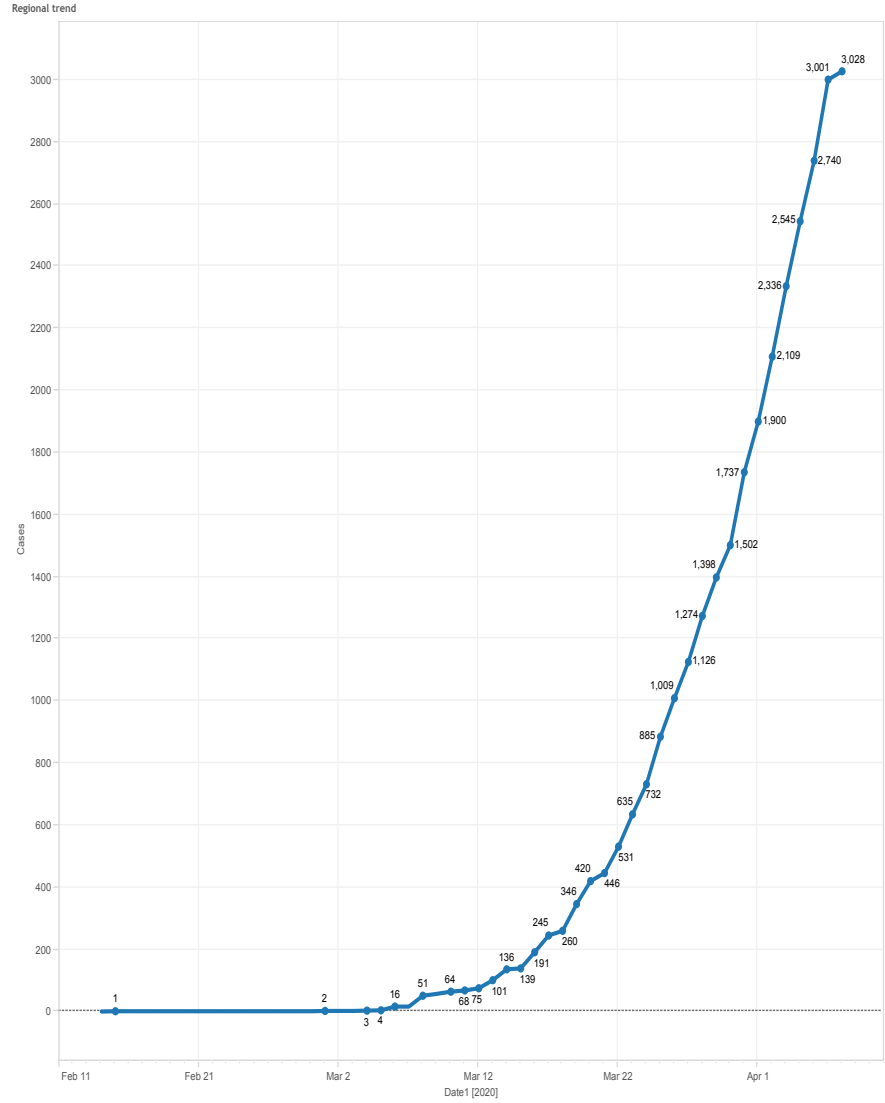
There are two distinct trends evident in the COMESA region regarding COVID 19 pandemic. Countries with comparatively low number of reported cases continue to maintain this trend, while those with the highest remain so. Burundi Somalia Malawi Eswatini, Zimbabwe, Seychelles and Sudan have the lowest numbers regionally.

Regional Perspective

Since the last situational update on 3 April 2020, there has been a 14% increase in the number of new cases. The total new cases reported for the last four days are 913 as compared to 517 reported on 3 April 2020. The countries with relatively high number of new cases include Egypt (457), Tunisia (141), Mauritius (75), Kenya (62) and Djibouti (50).

It is important to note that Zambia has not recorded any new case since the last situational update. This may be an indication that the measures put in place are bearing dividends. It will be important to monitor the trend in Zambia in the next few days.

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 keeps Confirmed. The Exclusions (Country Region,Date) filter keeps 13,927 members. The view is filtered on sum of Cases and Date1. The sum of Cases filter includes values less than or equal to 3,028. The Date1 filter ranges from 2/14/2020 to 4/7/2020.

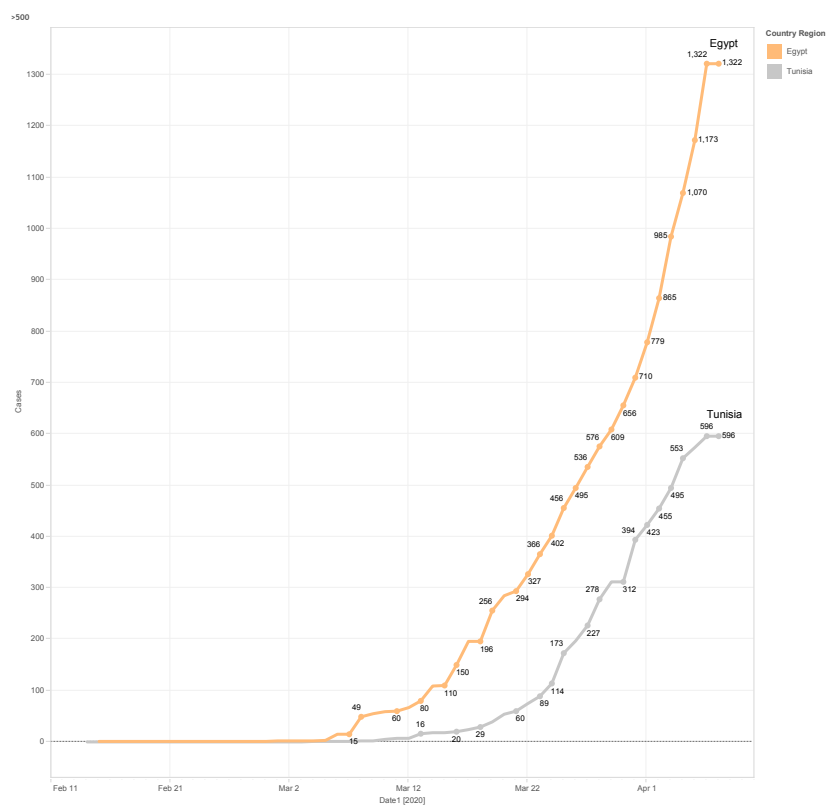
Regional Trend

Country	Total Cases	New Cases	%New Cases	Deaths	Recoveries
Comoros	0	0		0	0
Burundi	3	0	0%	0	0
Somalia	7	2	29%	0	1
Malawi	8	5	63%	1	0
Eswatini	10	1	10%	0	4
Zimbabwe	10	1	3%	1	0
Seychelles	11	1	9%	0	0
Sudan	14	6	43%	2	2
Libya	19	8	42%	1	1
Eritrea	31	9	29%	0	0
Zambia	39	0		1	5
Ethiopia	52	17	33%	2	4
Uganda	52	7	13%	0	0
Madagascar	82	23	28%	0	2
Djibouti	90	50	56%	0	9
Rwanda	105	21	20%	0	4
DR Congo	161	27	17%	18	5
Kenya	172	62	36%	6	4
Mauritius	244	75	31%	7	7
Tunisia	596	141	24%	22	5
Egypt	1322	457	35%	85	259
	3028	913	30%	146	312

Country Perspective

Egypt and Tunisia have so far recorded the highest numbers of COVID-19 cases in the region (63.34%). These two countries have also intensified measures to contain the pandemic. Specifically screening and testing, enforcement measures including curfews, restrictions on social gatherings have been intensified. These countries are expected to continue recording a high number of cases in the coming days.

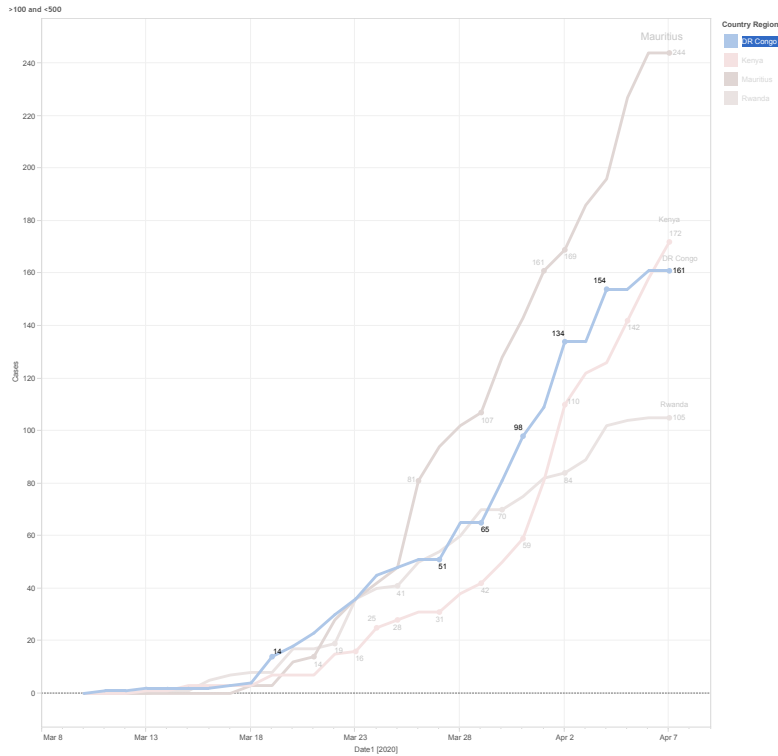
Category 1



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 4/7/2020. The Exclusions (Country Region>Date) filter keeps 13,927 members.

DR Congo, Kenya, Mauritius and Rwanda have continued to record a steady increase of new cases. In this category, for instance, Mauritius recorded 75 new cases and Kenya 62 new cases within four days while DR Congo, Mauritius and Rwanda recorded 27 and 21, respectively. As a result of the increase of new cases in Kenya, for example, the Government has enhanced its surveillance measures. Cessation of movements in and out of Nairobi, Mombasa, Kilifi and Kwale counties has been imposed for 21 days beginning 6th April.

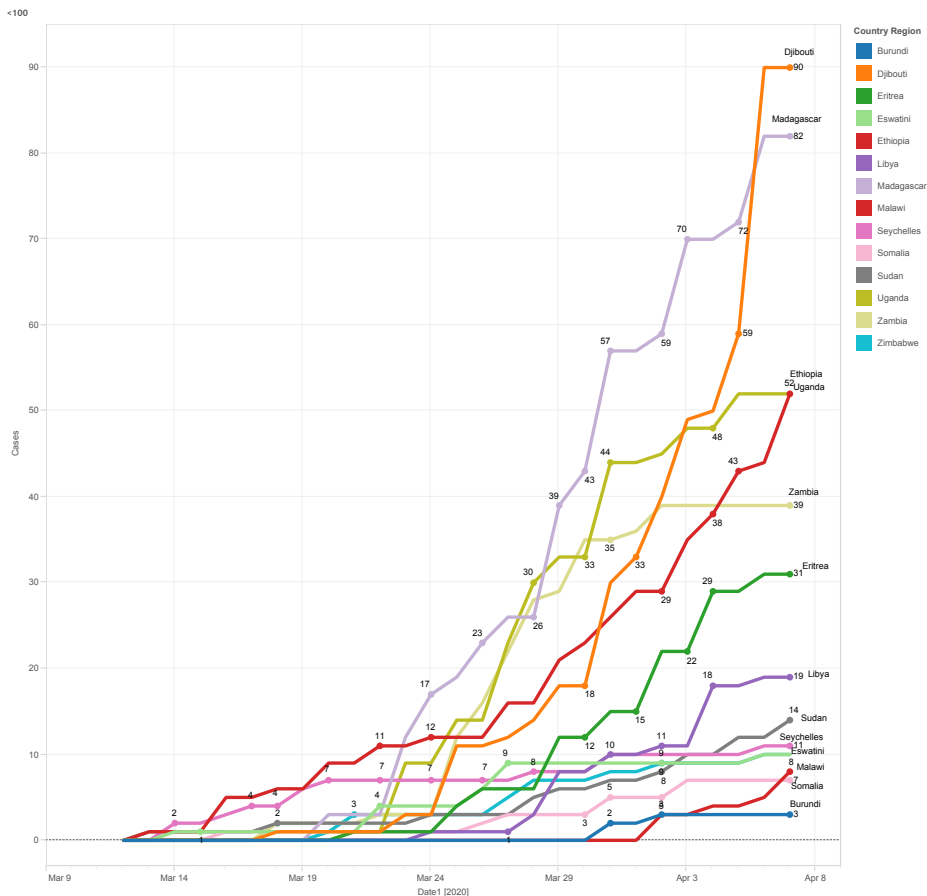
Category 2



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 DR Congo, Kenya, Mauritius and Rwanda. The sum of Cases filter includes values less than or equal to 2,350. The Date1 filter ranges from 3/10/2020 to 4/7/2020. The Exclusions (Country Region,Date) filter keeps 13,927 members.

From the graph below, it is clear that the majority of the countries continue to record generally few new cases. As a result their total numbers remain low. The countries that have continued to record low cases include Burundi (3), Somalia (7), Malawi (8), Eswatini (10), Zimbabwe (10), Seychelles (11) and Sudan (14).

Category 3



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 14 of 185 members. The sum of Cases filter includes values less than or equal to 2,350. The Date1 filter ranges from 3/12/2020 to 4/7/2020. The Exclusions (Country Region,Date) filter keeps 13,927 members.

Global Perspective

The global spread of the coronavirus continues to be of concern. Despite the many measures that have been put in place by governments to contain the spread of the virus, data from global open sources indicate that the numbers have continued to rise.

About 1.4 million cases have so far been reported. While the number of new cases continues increasing, countries have also recorded 293,733 recoveries, which is quite significant. About 76,343 deaths have been recorded.

The top five countries globally with the highest number of recorded cases include USA with 367,719 cases, Spain (140,510), Italy (132,547), Germany (103,717) and France (78,010). China that was the first to record cases of coronavirus has reported significant reduction of new cases. The number of recoveries in China is also significantly high (77,167). It is also important to note that while Germany has recorded relatively high numbers of total cases, the number of recoveries are also significantly high (36,081). The number of deaths are also significantly low (1,822) in Germany as compared to the other four countries.