

Common Market for  
Eastern and Southern Africa



# COVID-19

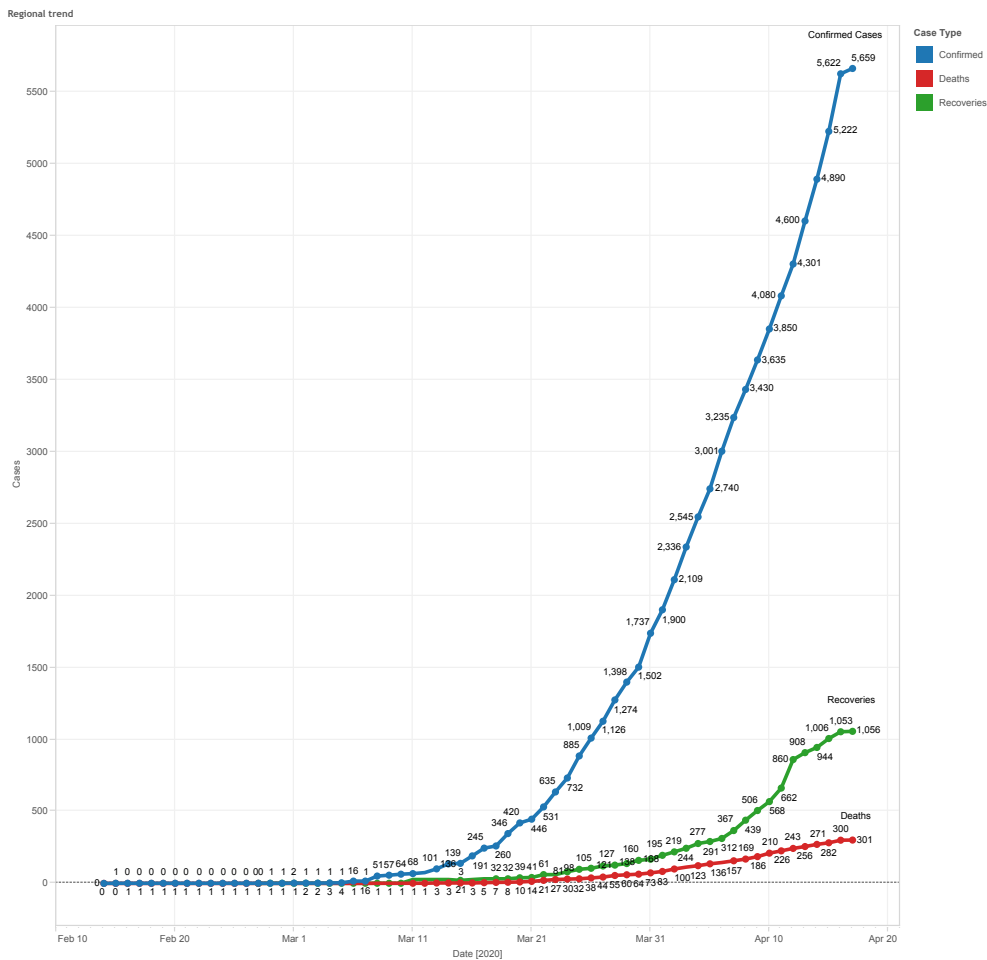
in **COMESA**  
**Situational Update N°8**

17<sup>th</sup> April 2020



Since the last situational update on 14 April 2020, 1,049 new cases have been recorded in COMESA region. While the total number of cases is now at 5,659, the active cases are currently at 3,902. It should be noted that the rate of increase in the region has been high since 21 March 2020. The increase is associated with enhanced testing by most of the Member States.

Figure 1: COMESA Regional Trend



The trend of sum of Cases for Date1. Color shows details about Case Type (COVID\_19\_Cases\_20200414). The data is filtered on Country Region and Exclusions (Country Region,Date). The Country Region filter keeps 20 of 20 members. The Exclusions (Country Region,Date) filter keeps 1,739 members. The view is filtered on sum of Cases and Date1. The sum of Cases filter includes values less than or equal to 5,659. The Date1 filter ranges from 2/14/2020 to 4/17/2020.

**Table 1: Summary of reported COVID-19 Cases, Recoveries and Deaths in COMESA, 17 April 2020**

Country	Total Cases	New Cases	Deaths	Recoveries	Total Active Cases
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0
Burundi	5	0	1	4	0
Djibouti	591	293	2	73	516
DR Congo	287	52	23	25	239
Egypt	2673	483	196	596	1881
Eritrea	35	1	0	0	35
Eswatini	16	1	1	8	7
Ethiopia	96	14	3	15	78
Kenya	246	38	11	53	182
Libya	49	23	1	11	37
Madagascar	111	3	0	33	78
Malawi	16	0	2	0	14
Mauritius	324	0	9	81	234
Rwanda	138	11	0	60	78
Seychelles	11	0	0	5	6
Somalia	80	20	5	2	73
Sudan	32	3	5	4	23
Tunisia	822	96	37	43	742
Uganda	55	1	0	20	35
Zambia	48	3	2	30	16
Zimbabwe	24	7	3	2	19
	<b>5659</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1065</b>	<b>4293</b>

**Source:** World Health Organisation, Worldometer, Johns Hopkins University

## Continental Perspective

The African continent has so far recorded 18,329 COVID-19 cases. The highest numbers of cases have been recorded in Egypt (2,673), South Africa (2,605), Morocco (2,538) and Algeria (2,268). In response to the increasing numbers of cases at the continental level, the Africa Centre for Disease Control (CDC) in collaboration with other partners has been supporting the African Member States in four intervention areas namely:

1. Regional coordination and building of synergies
2. Socio-economic, health, governance and political impact assessments
3. Capacity building and knowledge sharing
4. Risk communication strategies and sensitization campaigns.

## Global Perspective

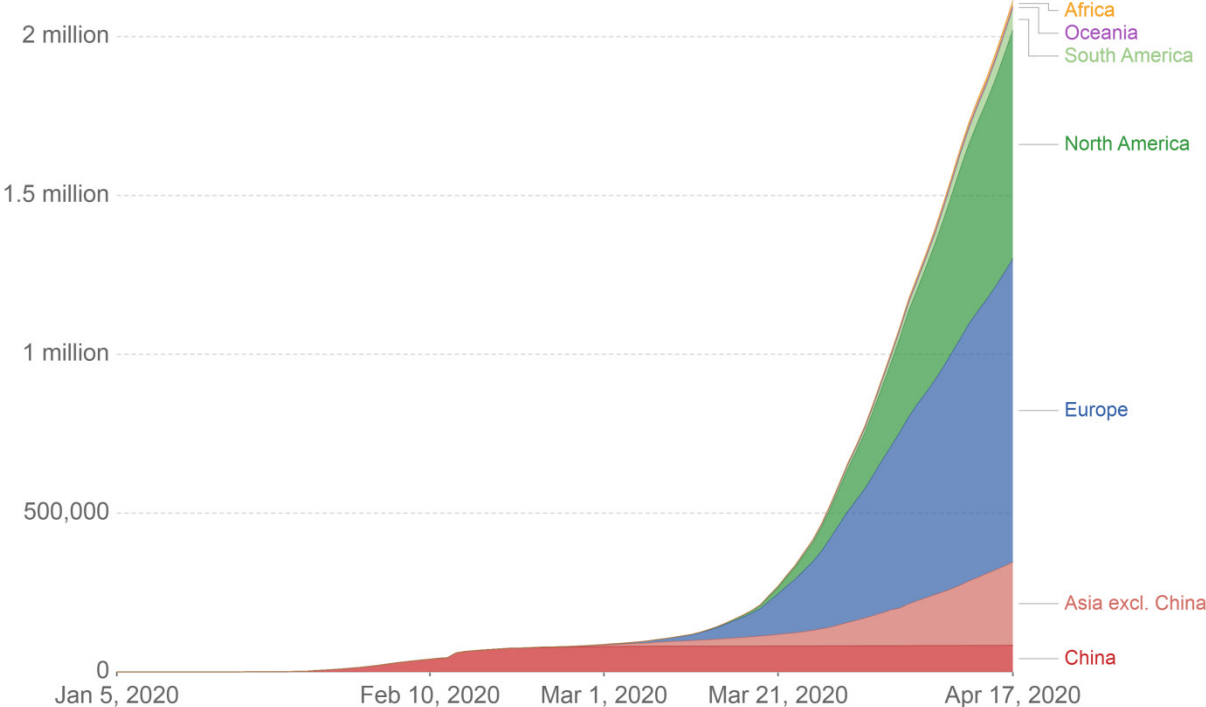
The numbers of COVID-19 cases have continued to rise. Currently the total number of confirmed cases stands at 2.11 million. The highest numbers of cases have been recorded in Europe with 954,719, followed by North America (719,804), Asia (345,674), South America (67,214), Africa (18,329) and Oceania (7,828). Globally, 555,590 recoveries and 147,384 deaths have been recorded. Africa's total share of the reported cases stands at 0.87%. the graph below shows the global distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by region.

Figure 1: Global Distribution of COVID-19 Cases

### 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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