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# COVID-19

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# Numbers Rise, as Region Ramps-up Testing

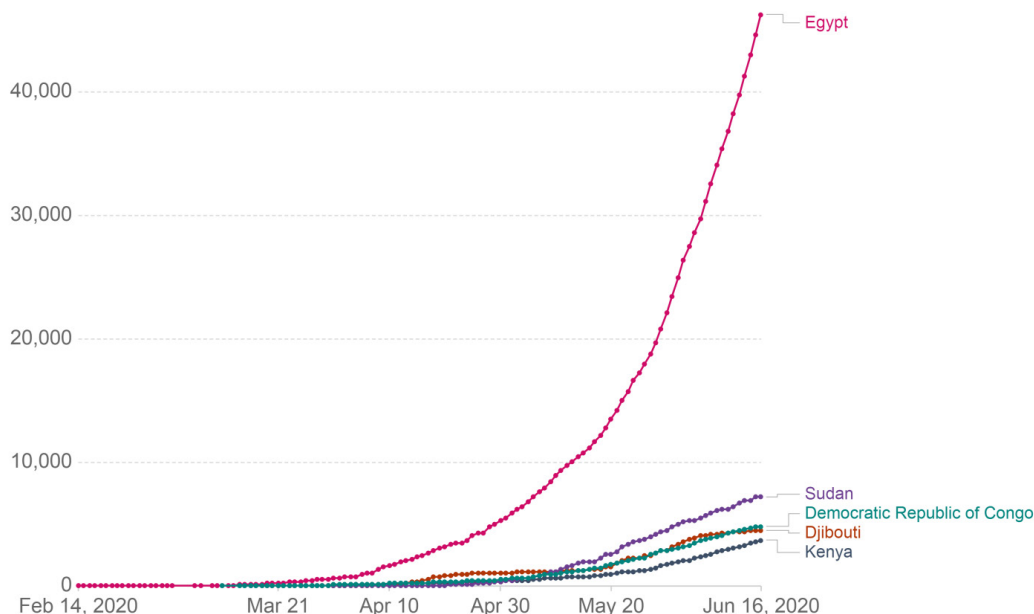
Over the last seven days, the numbers of COVID-19 cases in the region have experienced a surge as countries conduct mass testing. To date, the total number of cases in the region has risen from 64,111 last week to 80,703. The total number of recoveries are 25,541 and 2,656 deaths. From the available data, it is projected that the numbers of new cases will continue to increase as testing intensifies in different member States. The number of recoveries are also expected to increase based on the observation by experts that 80% of COVID-19 infected people exhibit mild symptoms which are easy to manage.

Member States that have recorded high numbers of cases include Egypt (46,289), Sudan (7,435), DR Congo (4,837), Djibouti (4,501) and Kenya (3,727) as indicated below.

## 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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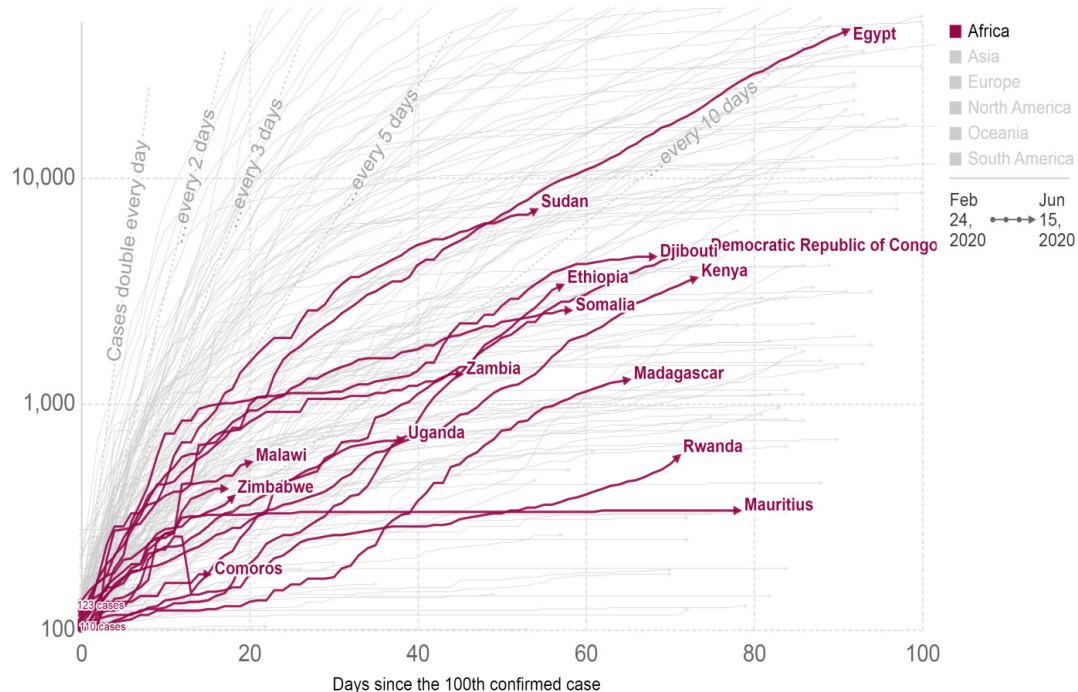
## Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan Leads in the Surge

Daily increases of COVID-19 cases are still low even as the overall number is on an upward trajectory. As reflected in the graph below, the majority of Member States appear to record most cases after every 10 days. The surge in cases has been reported in Egypt (10,845), Ethiopia (1,365) and Sudan (1,193). The surge in Ethiopia, which is linked to intensified testing, is an issue of concern given its past where low numbers of cases reported was the norm. Despite the intensified mass testing (186,985 total tests) in Ethiopia, the number of tests conducted are still low (1,629 per million) relative to its population size.

### Total confirmed COVID-19 cases: how rapidly are they increasing?

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is lower than the number of total cases. The main reason for this is limited testing.

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### Recoveries Rise

As of 16<sup>th</sup> June, 25,541 people diagnosed with COVID-19 in the COMESA region had recovered. The highest rates of recoveries have been recorded in Seychelles, Mauritius, Tunisia, Zambia, Burundi, Djibouti, Comoros and Rwanda. Whereas Egypt has the highest number of recoveries (12,329), this is low compared to the total number of COVID-19 cases recorded. The high numbers of recoveries reported in some of the countries in the region can partly be attributed to early detection and early treatment.

Summary of Regional Figures

Country	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Tests	Tests/ 1M pop	Total Cases/ 1M pop	Deaths	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Recovered	Total Active Cases
Burundi	104	21	382	32	9	1	0.08	75	28
Comoros	176	35	-	-	203	2	2.00	114	60
Djibouti	4,501	223	40,855	41,379	4,559	43	44.00	3,183	1,275
DR Congo	4,837	578	-	-	54	112	1.00	613	4,112
Egypt	46,289	10,845	135,000	1,320	453	1,672	16.00	12,329	32,288
Eritrea	109	70	-	-	31	-	-	39	70
Eswatini	506	166	6,551	5,649	436	4	3.00	249	253
Ethiopia	3,521	1,365	186,985	1,629	31	60	0.50	620	2,841
Kenya	3,727	865	118,701	2,210	69	104	2.00	1,286	2,337
Libya	467	135	14,029	2,043	68	10	1.00	70	387
Madagascar	1,290	196	15,981	578	47	10	0.40	384	896
Malawi	555	112	8,351	437	29	6	0.30	69	480
Mauritius	337	0	137,789	108,351	265	10	8.00	325	2
Rwanda	612	161	94,059	7,271	47	2	0.20	338	272
Seychelles	11	0	-	-	112	-	-	11	0
Somalia	2,642	274	-	-	166	88	6.00	622	1,932
Sudan	7,435	1,193	401	9	170	468	11.00	2,720	4,247
Tunisia	1,110	23	60,872	5,153	94	49	4.00	999	62
Uganda	705	48	148,442	3,251	15	-	-	299	406
Zambia	1,382	182	45,248	2,465	75	11	0.60	1,142	229
Zimbabwe	387	100	52,905	3,562	26	4	0.30	54	329
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>80,703</b>	<b>16,592</b>	<b>1,066,551</b>			<b>2,656</b>		<b>25,541</b>	<b>52,506</b>

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