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The COMESA region has this week recorded a steady rise in the number of confirmed cases of the corona virus and recoveries. As of 14th July 2020, the total numbers of confirmed cases were at 145,810 while recorded COVID-19 deaths were at 5,525. Although, the numbers of confirmed cases are increasing, it is important to note that the number of recoveries has drastically improved. The high numbers of recoveries can be attributed to the enhanced health measures to deal with emerging cases. For example, most countries in the region have designated specific isolation centers to treat and manage new identified cases.

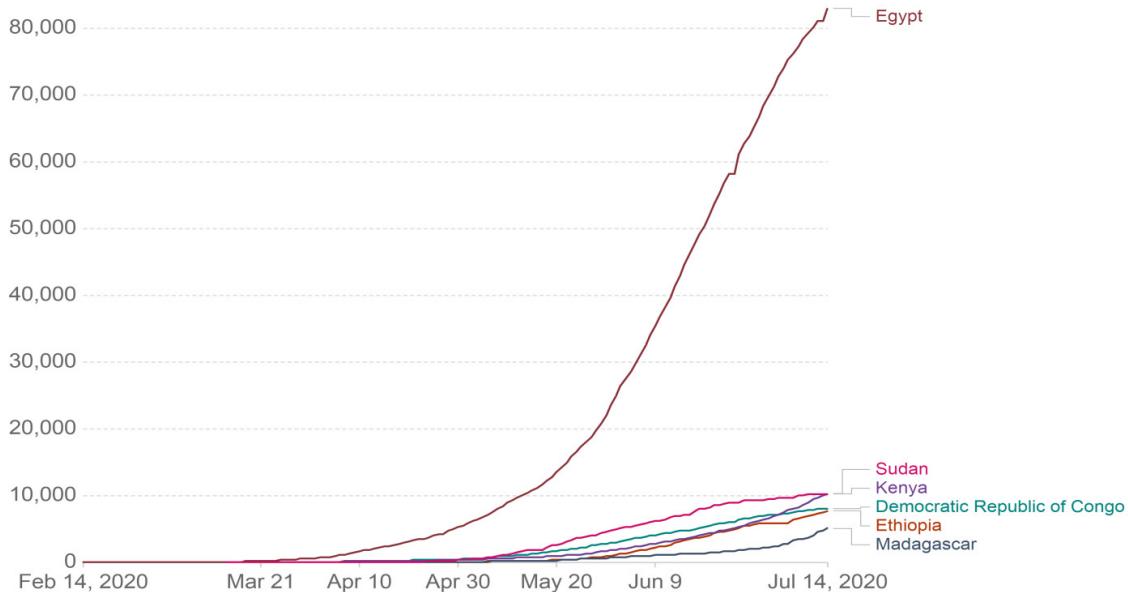
The countries in the region that have so far recorded high numbers of COVID-19 cases include Egypt (83,001), Sudan (10,316), Kenya (10,294), DR Congo (8,075), Ethiopia (7,766) and Madagascar (5,080). The high numbers in Madagascar can be attributed to the late implementation of stringent measures. The country recorded an increase in the numbers in late June and early July, a situation which prompted the Government to implement stringent measures including enforcement of lockdowns in Amalanga region which includes the capital city Antananarivo.

While countries like Djibouti, Tunisia and Somalia recorded high numbers of cases in the initial stages of the pandemic's outbreak, the numbers of new cases in these countries have remained relatively low. This scenario can be attributed to the measures that were put in place after the spikes in the cases. For instance, since the last situational update issued by COMESA on 8th July 2020, Djibouti, Tunisia, Somalia have recorded 99, 97, 57 new cases, respectively.

Cumulative 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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TOTAL RECOVERIES

The global and continental trend of COVID-19 recoveries indicates a majority of recoveries. By 14th July 2020, the total numbers of global recoveries were at 7,731,467 which represented 58.28% of the total recorded global cases (13,265,746). The trend was similar at the continental level whereby the total recoveries were at 306,832 which represented 49.9% of the total recorded continental cases (614,881).

The rate of recoveries in the COMESA region is slightly lower as compared to the global and continental recovery rates. The regional rate of COVID-19 recoveries currently stands at 37.86%. The discrepancies in the rates of recoveries at global, continental and COMESA region levels can be attributed to the late outbreak of the pandemic in Africa and the COMESA region. Globally, most of the regions, including Asia, Europe, and the Americas, which were considered epicentres have reached levels of flattening their curves, therefore, the numbers of recoveries globally will be high.

Some of the countries in the COMESA region with the highest rates of COVID-19 recoveries include Comoros (93.38%), Uganda (94.95%), Zambia (74.51%), Mauritius (96.49%), Tunisia (83.10%) and Djibouti (95.02%).

Summary of Regional Figures as of 14th July 2020

Country	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Tests	Total Cases/ 1M pop	Tests/ 1M pop	Total Deaths	Deaths/ 1M pop	Total Recovered	Recovery Rate	Total Active Cases
Burundi	269	78	6,697	23	563	1	0.08	207	77.0%	61
Comoros	317	6	-	364	-	7	8	296	93.38%	14
Djibouti	4,977	99	51,543	5,035	52,146	56	57	4,729	95.02%	192
DR Congo	8,075	643	-	90	-	190	2	3,620	44.83%	4,265
Egypt	83,001	5,722	135,000	811	1,318	3,935	38	24,975	30.09%	54,091
Eritrea	232	17	-	65	-	-	-	107	46.12%	125
Eswatini	1,389	333	17,559	1,197	15,130	20	17	688	49.53%	681
Ethiopia	7,766	1,920	250,604	68	2,178	128	1	2,430	31.29%	5,208
Kenya	10,294	2,044	216,242	191	4,019	197	4	2,946	28.62%	7,151
Libya	1,512	330	35,695	220	5,193	40	6	367	24.27%	1,105
Madagascar	5,080	1,608	29,539	183	1,066	37	1	2,494	49.09%	2,549
Malawi	2,430	612	20,974	127	1,096	39	2	747	30.74%	1,644
Mauritius	342	0	193,561	269	152,189	10	8	330	96.49%	2
Rwanda	1,378	206	186,674	106	14,403	4	0.3	710	51.52%	664
Seychelles	100	19	-	1,017	-	-	-	11	11.00%	89
Somalia	3,072	57	-	193	-	93	6	1,343	43.72%	1,636
Sudan	10,316	319	401	235	9	657	15	5,403	52.37%	4,256
Tunisia	1,302	97	79,144	110	6,694	50	4	1,082	83.10%	170
Uganda	1,029	52	228,105	22	4,983	-	-	977	94.95%	52
Zambia	1,895	0	56,825	103	3,089	42	2	1,412	74.51%	441
Zimbabwe	1,034	247	91,103	70	6,127	19	1	343	33.17%	672
TOTALS	145,810	14,409	1,599,666			5,525		55,217		85,068

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