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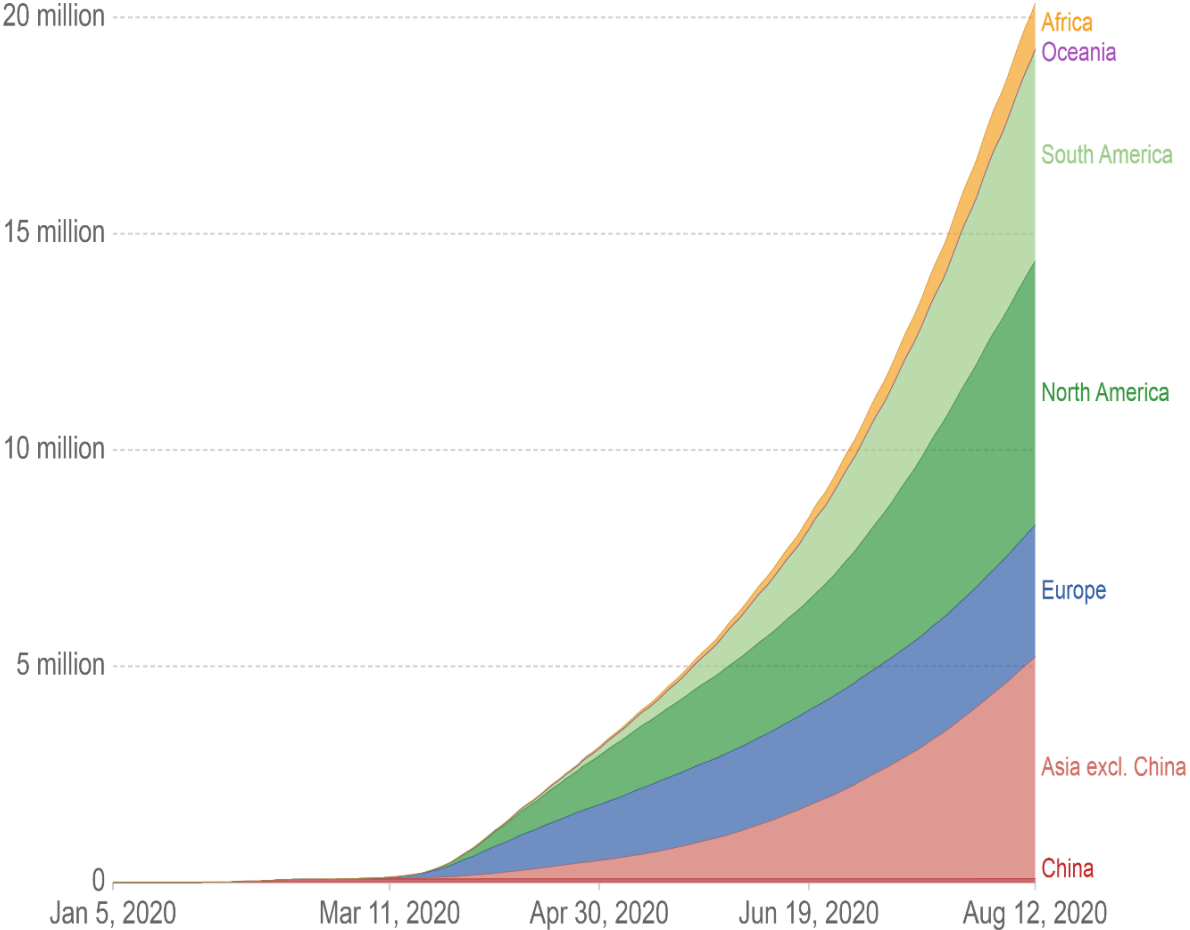
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Africa has now crossed the one million mark in terms of COVID-19 cases since the first case was recorded in February 2020. As of 12th August 2020, the total cases recorded on the continent were at 1,069,438. The countries with the highest numbers of cases include South Africa (566,109), Egypt (95,834), Nigeria (47,290), Ghana (41,404), Algeria (36,204), Morocco (35,195), Kenya (27,425) and Ethiopia (24,175). While Africa has crossed the one million mark, the percentage of cases on the continent is still very low at 5.2% in comparison to the global figure of over 20 million infections.



Total confirmed COVID-19 cases

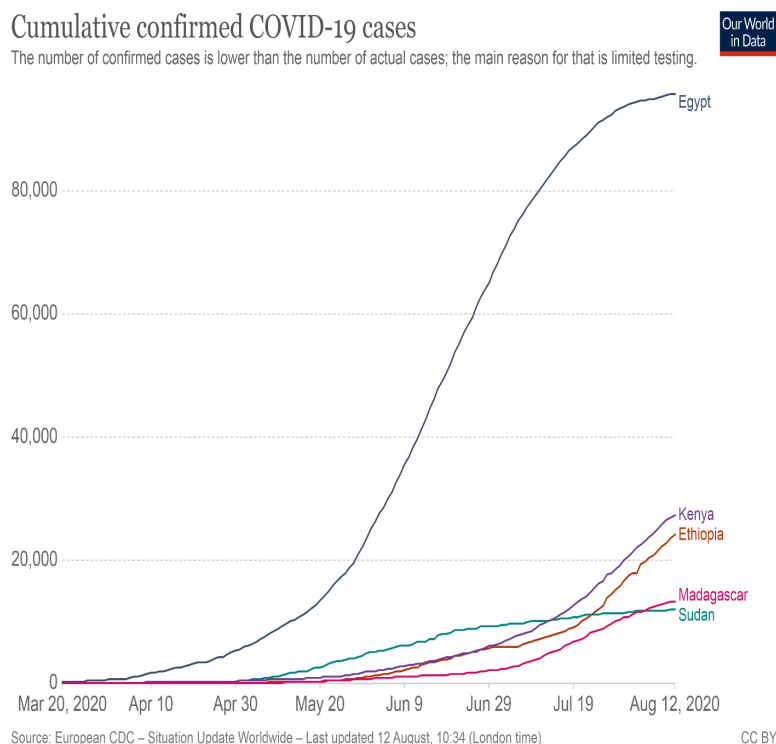
The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of total cases. The main reason for this is limited testing.



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Also noticeable is that the trend of recoveries has been increasing. As of 12th August the continent had recorded 762,013 total recoveries. This number of recoveries represents 71.25% of the total number of COVID-19 cases recorded. These high numbers of recoveries in Africa can be attributed to enhanced testing, tracing, isolation and treatment, experience in handling earlier cases which has provided key lessons in terms of managing newly detected infections. In addition, the lessons from dealing with earlier epidemics has provided best practices for handling COVID-19 cases. Equally, the total numbers of COVID-19 related deaths have been very low (23,920) which constitutes 0.2% of the total recorded cases in the continent.

The cases in the COMESA region constitute 21.06% of the total infections recorded in the continent. Currently, the region has recorded a total of 225,300 cases, 131,320 recoveries and 8,034 deaths. The countries with the highest numbers of cases include Egypt (95,834), Kenya (27,425), Ethiopia (24,175), Madagascar (13,397) and Sudan (12,033).



Summary of Regional Figures as of 12th August 2020

Country	Total Cases	New Cases	Total Tests	Total Cases/ 1M pop	Tests/ 1M pop	Total Recovered	Total Deaths	Deaths/ 1M pop	Recovery Rate	Total Active Cases
Burundi	408	13	17,306	34	1,451	315	1	0.08	77.2%	92
Comoros	399	11		458		379	7	8	94.99%	13
Djibouti	5,348	100	61,199	5,404	61,843	5,133	59	60	95.98%	156
DR Congo	9,538	360		106		8,421	225	3	88.29%	892
Egypt	95,834	1,082	135,000	935	1,317	54,888	5,059	49	57.27%	35,887
Eritrea	285	3		80		248			87.02%	37
Eswatini	3,410	554	27,837	2,936	23,966	1,720	63	54	50.44%	1,627
Ethiopia	24,175	4,298	520,891	210	4,519	10,696	440	4	44.24%	13,039
Kenya	27,425	4,223	362,501	509	6,726	13,867	438	8	50.56%	13,120
Libya	6,302	2,078	68,201	916	9,911	740	132	19	11.74%	5,430
Madagascar	13,397	1,502	49,957	483	1,799	11,529	156	6	86.06%	1,712
Malawi	4,714	353	35,337	246	1,842	2,477	152	8	52.55%	2,085
Mauritius	344	0	205,285	270	161,386	334	10	8	97.09%	0
Rwanda	2,171	72	309,653	167	23,845	1,478	7	0.5	68.08%	686
Seychelles	127	13		1,290		126			99.21%	1
Somalia	3,227	7		202		1,728	93	6	53.55%	1,406
Sudan	12,033	253	401	274	9	6,282	786	18	52.21%	4,965
Tunisia	1,738	154	106,332	147	8,986	1,272	52	4	73.19%	414
Uganda	1,332	129	304,485	29	6,635	1,139	9	0.2	85.51%	184
Zambia	8,275	1,482	94,811	449	5,142	7,004	241	13	84.64%	1,030
Zimbabwe	4,818	597	149,748	324	10,059	1,544	104	7	32.05%	3,170
TOTALS	225,300	17,284	2,448,944			131,320	8,034			85,946

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