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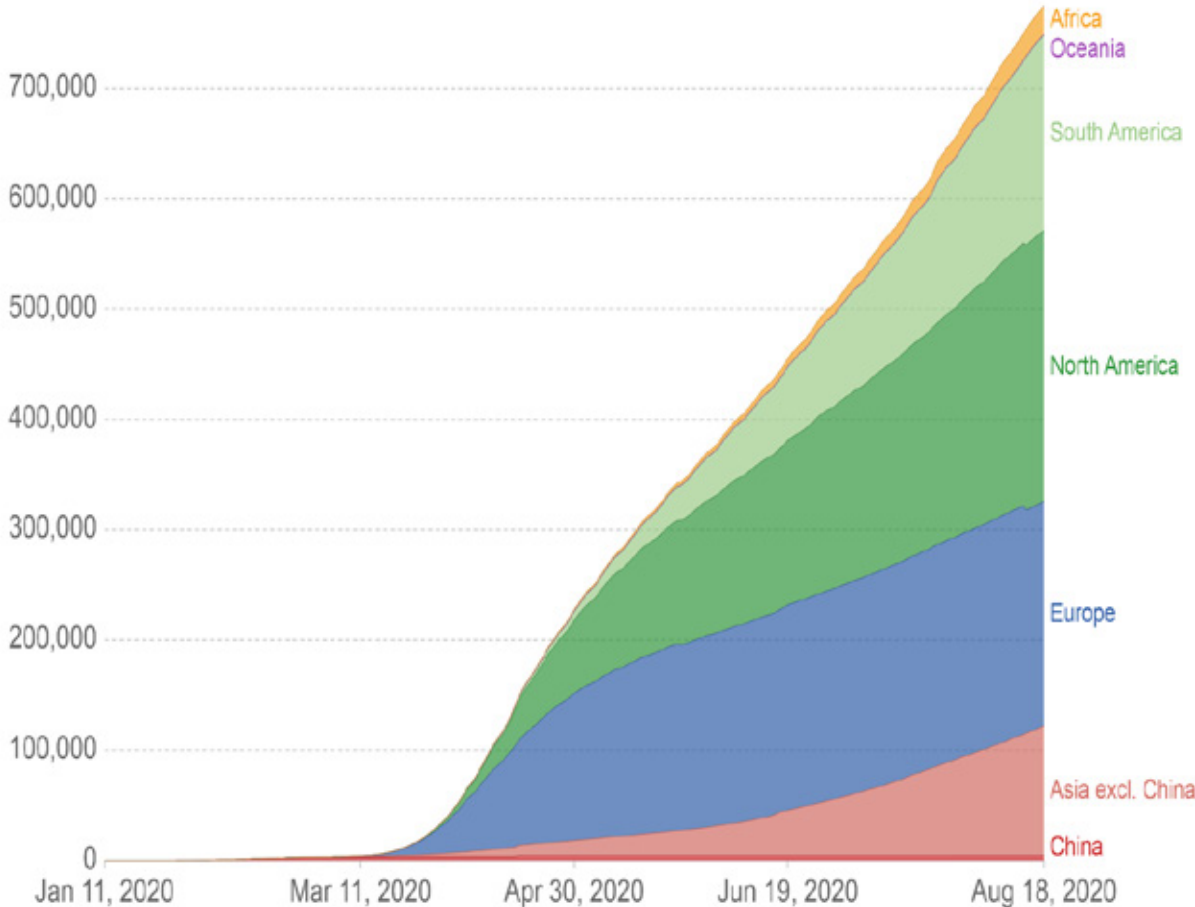


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The number of deaths due to COVID-19 in Africa has crossed the 25,000 mark, a situation which Early Warning Experts at COMESA Secretariat have described as low considering that the continent had recorded over one million positive cases by mid-August. As of Tuesday 18th August 2020, COVID-19 deaths in Africa were at 25,946 compared to other regions, including Europe which is at 203,612, North America 248,539, South America 177,637 and Asia 122,006) deaths. The countries that have recorded a relatively high number of deaths in Africa include South Africa (11,982), Egypt (5,173), Algeria (1,379), Nigeria (977) and Sudan (805). Most of deaths in these countries are mainly associated with underlying ailments that affect the 60+ age group.

Total confirmed COVID-19 deaths

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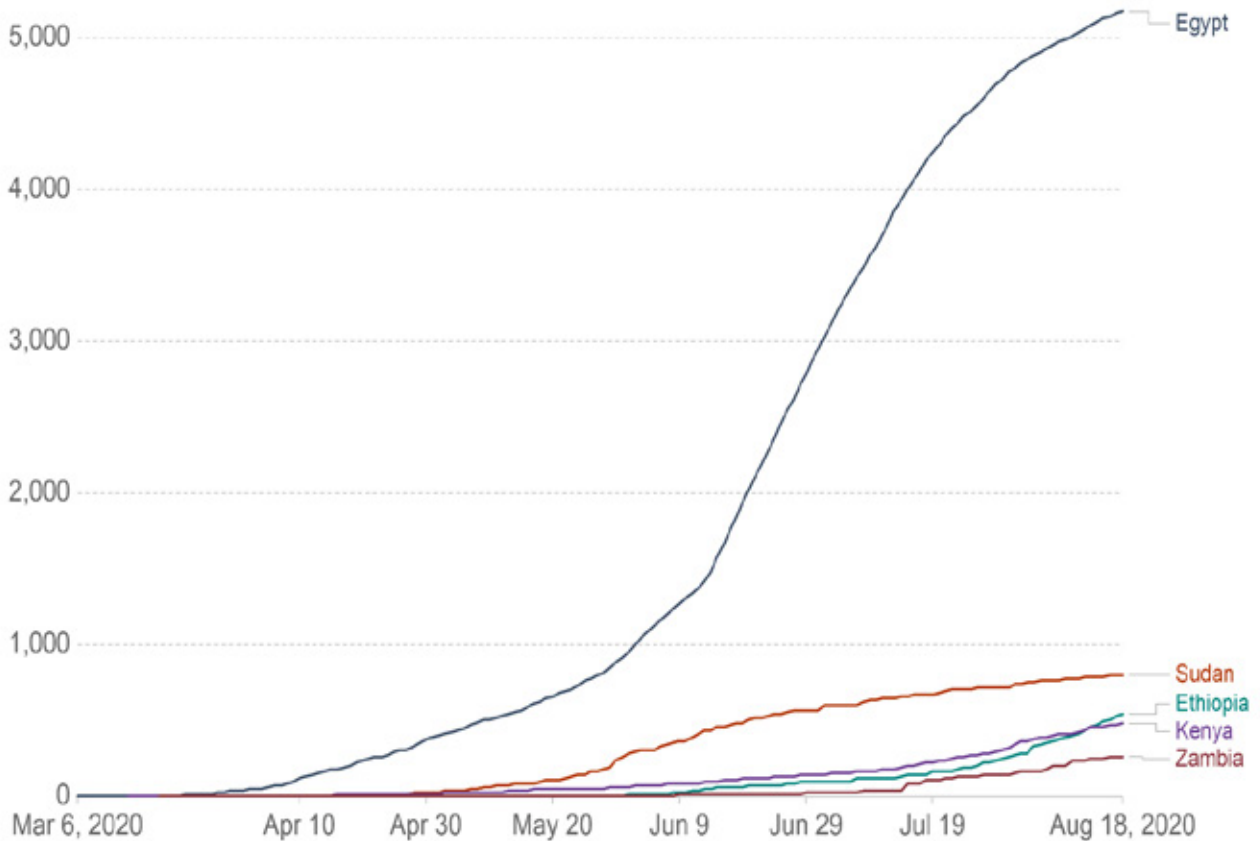
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The low numbers of COVID-19 deaths in Africa are also reflected at the regional level. In the COMESA region, a total of 8,460 COVID-19 deaths (which is 32.6% of the continental figures) have been recorded. Egypt (5,173), Sudan (805), Ethiopia (544), Kenya (482) and Zambia are some of the countries in the COMESA region with high COVID-19 deaths.

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 deaths

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The low numbers of COVID-19 deaths in the COMESA region can be attributed to improved management of the identified cases. This has also led to the high numbers of recoveries at the continental, regional and country levels. If this trend continues, it is likely that the region will continue to record increased numbers of recoveries, thus, significantly reducing the numbers of active cases as is the case in Mauritius and Seychelles. The current effort to develop a vaccine, that has gained momentum in the recent past, will also contribute significantly to the reduction of active cases in the future.

Summary of Regional Figures as of 18th 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	413	5	19,993	35	1,675	336	1	0.08	81.4%	76
Comoros	405	6		465		379	7	8	93.58%	19
Djibouti	5,372	24	63,299	5,427	63,950	5,211	59	60	97.00%	102
DR Congo	9,706	168		108		8,705	243	3	89.69%	758
Egypt	96,590	756	135,000	942	1,316	60,651	5,173	50	62.79%	30,766
Eritrea	285	0		80		248			87.02%	37
Eswatini	3,894	484	28,380	3,352	24,430	2,371	73	63	60.89%	1,450
Ethiopia	31,336	7,161	629,210	272	5,457	12,524	544	5	39.97%	18,268
Kenya	30,365	2,940	394,566	563	7,318	17,160	482	9	56.51%	12,723
Libya	8,579	2,277	82,057	1,246	11,921	969	157	23	11.30%	7,453
Madagascar	14,009	612	53,278	504	1,918	12,767	173	6	91.13%	1,069
Malawi	5,125	411	39,764	267	2,072	2,690	162	8	52.49%	2,273
Mauritius	346	2	205,285	272	161,381	334	10	8	96.53%	2
Rwanda	2,540	369	338,288	196	26,040	1,661	8	0.6	65.39%	871
Seychelles	127	0		1,290		126			99.21%	1
Somalia	3,257	30		204		2,374	93	6	72.89%	790
Sudan	12,485	452	401	284	9	6,398	805	18	51.25%	5,282
Tunisia	2,185	447	113,972	185	9,630	1,362	56	5	62.33%	767
Uganda	1,560	228	325,637	34	7,093	1,165	15	0.3	74.68%	380
Zambia	9,839	1,564	99,835	533	5,412	8,575	264	14	87.15%	1,000
Zimbabwe	5,308	490	149,748	356	10,057	3,848	135	9	72.49%	1,325
TOTALS	243,726	18,426	2,678,713			149,854	8,460			85,412

Source: World Health Organisation, Worldometer, Johns Hopkins University (compiled by COMWARN)



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