

A Global Resurgence of COVID-19 is On

COVID-19

in COMESA

Situational Update No. 37

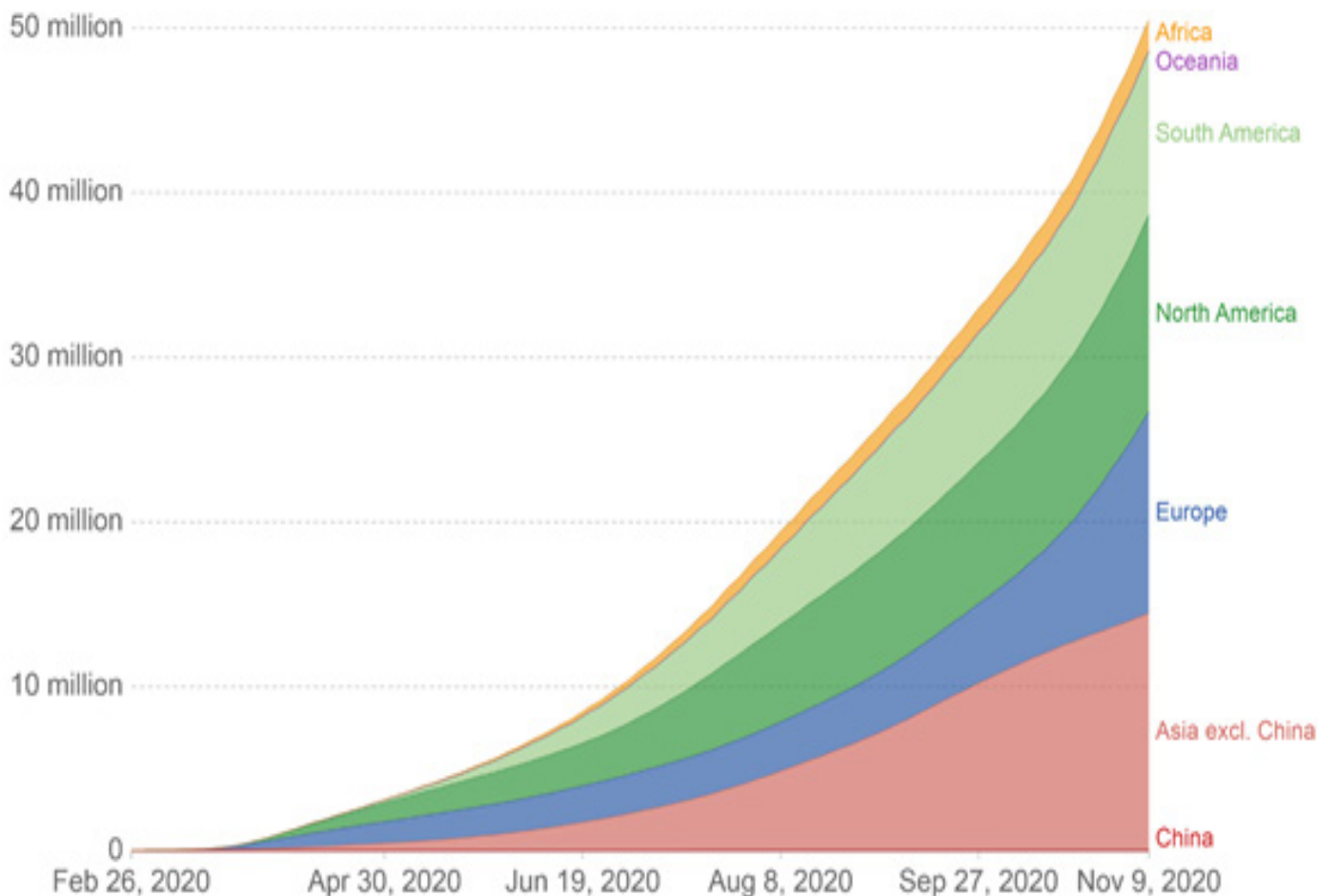
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In the recent past, the world has experienced a resurgence in COVID-19 cases. This is mainly attributed to the opening up of economies that had been closed at the height of the pandemic early this year. Globally, confirmed COVID-19 cases to date are at 51,894,610. Out of these figures the numbers of recoveries are 36,446,357 while deaths are at 1,281,097 constituting 70.23% and 2.46%, respectively. The most affected regions are Asia with 14,620,406 cases, Europe 12,708,980, North America 12,530,777, South America 10,076,226, Africa 1,916,173 and Oceania 41,327.

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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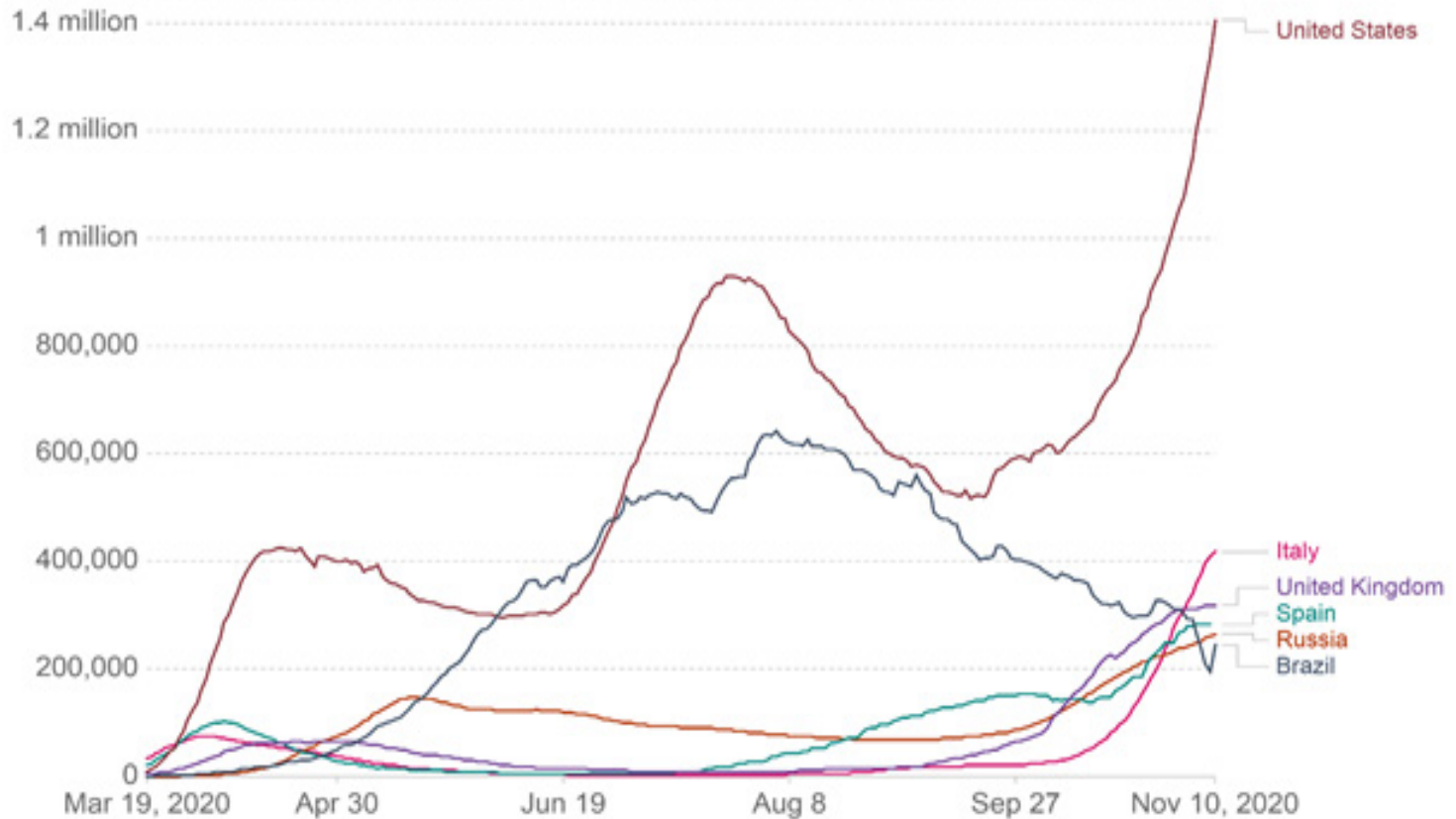
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Major resurgence of COVID-19 cases has been recorded in the US, Italy, UK, Spain, Russia and Brazil in the recent past as indicated in the graph below. This has prompted governments to consider reinstating stringent containment measures.

Biweekly confirmed COVID-19 cases, Mar 19, 2020 to Nov 10, 2020

Biweekly confirmed cases refer to the cumulative number of confirmed cases over the previous two weeks.

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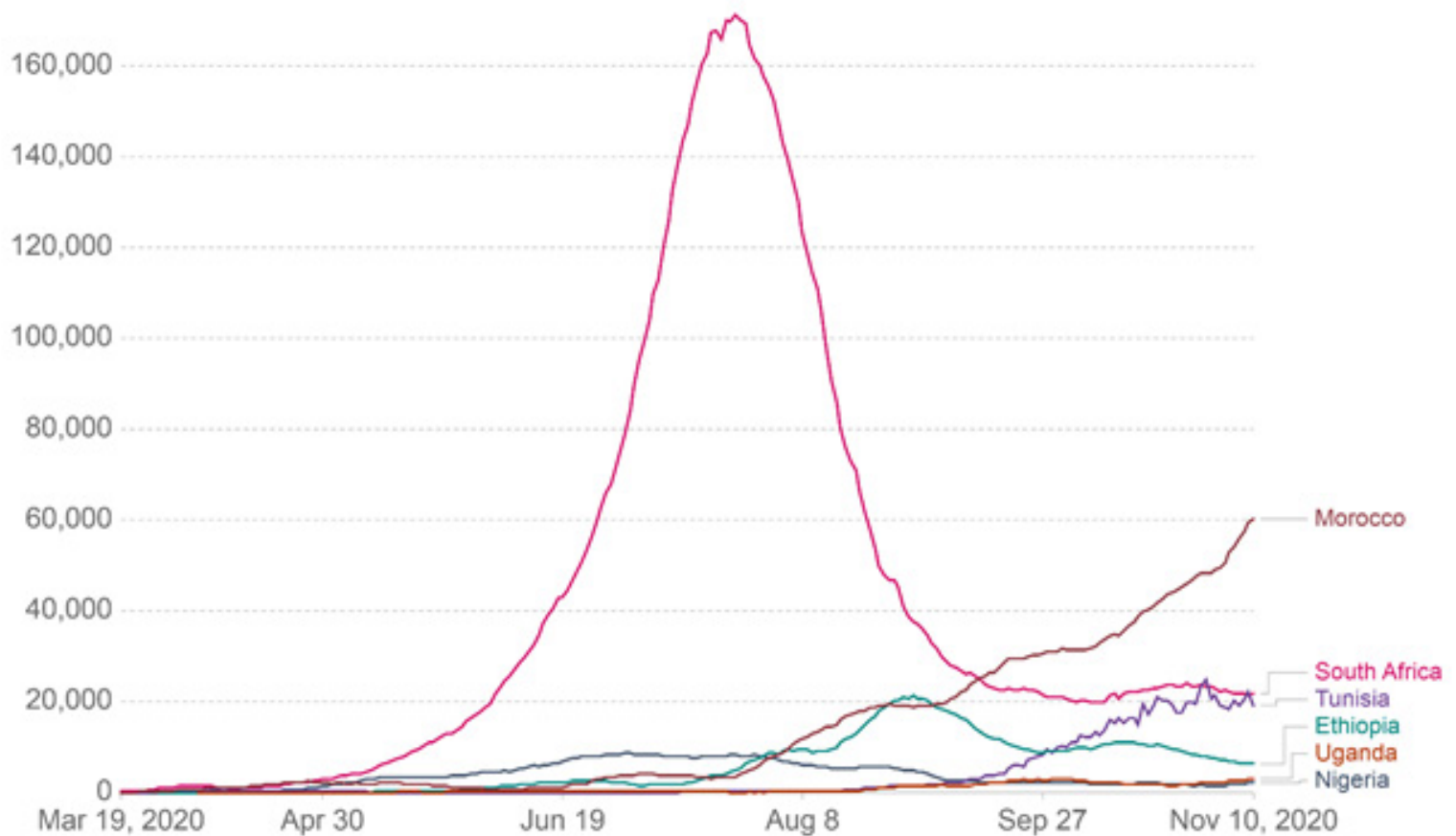
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The Situation In Africa

While the numbers of cases and related deaths have remained low in Africa as compared to other regions as illustrated in the graph above on Total Confirmed COVID-19 cases, some countries including South Africa, Morocco, have recorded a surge in the recent past. This can be attributed mainly to the opening up of economies, non-adherence to stipulated preventive measures and fatigue over the economic and social costs caused by anti-COVID-19 measures put in place by Governments, among others. If the numbers of new cases continue to go up, it is likely to erode the gains made over the last couple of months since the onset of the pandemic.

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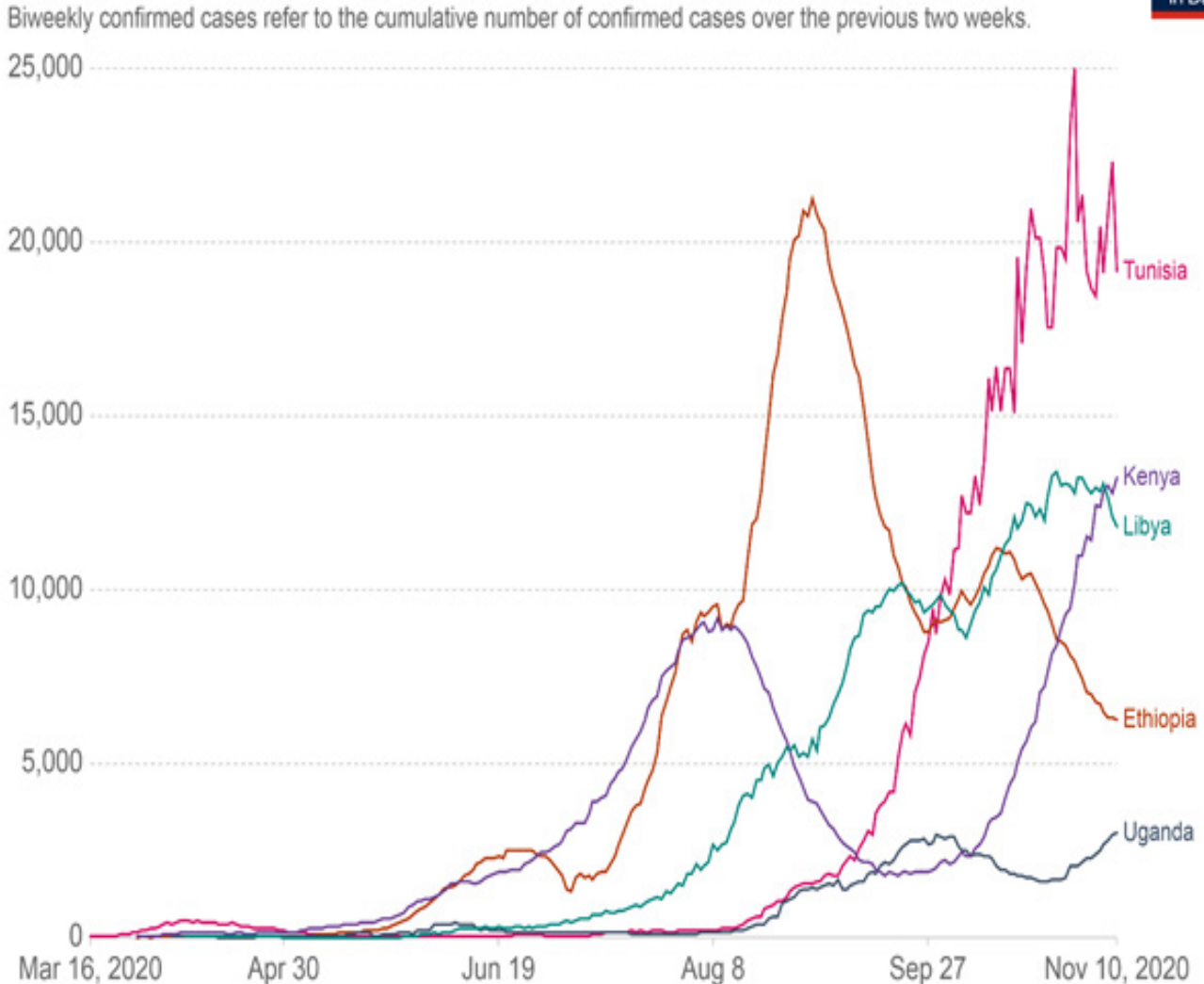
Outlook in COMESA

Likewise, in the COMESA region there has been a surge in the numbers of new cases. According to data compiled by COMWARN, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tunisia and Libya lead in the new upsurge. The upsurge of new cases in Tunisia, for instance, prompted the Government to put in place various measures to contain the spread of the virus. The Government further requested approximately 3,000 medical doctors based abroad to return to the country to assist local health personnel to contain the spread of the various.

On 29th October 2020, Tunisia reintroduced a night-time curfew in all governorates. Other measures reintroduced include suspension of inter-regional travel, closure of universities for a period of two weeks and suspension of demonstrations until 15th November 2020. In addition, the Government has suspended lessons in schools until 8th November 2020.

In Kenya, the upsurge in the new cases and deaths prompted the Government to re-instate COVID-19 measures on 4th November 2020, which included a provision for all State and Public Officers aged 58 and above to work from home, defer reopening of schools for basic education classes until January 2021 and suspension of all political rallies for a period of 60 days, among others.

Biweekly confirmed COVID-19 cases, Mar 16, 2020 to Nov 10, 2020 Our World in Data




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Summary of Regional Figures as of 11th November 2020

Country	Total Cases	New cases	% Increase of new cases	Total Tests	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Tests/ 1M pop	Total Re-covered	Total Deaths	Deaths/ 1M pop	Recovery Rate	Active Cases
Burundi	615	9	1.49%	56,870	51	4,733	549	1	0	90.5%	65
Comoros	569	15	2.71%		649		541	7	8	96.61%	21
Djibouti	5,633	53	0.95%	87,262	5,672	87,863	5,497	61	61	98.35%	75
DR Congo	11,642	192	1.68%		129		10,928	316	3	93.71%	398
Egypt	109,654	1,325	1.22%	135,000	1,064	1,310	100,540	6,394	62	93.15%	2,720
Eritrea	491	11	2.29%		138		438			85.84%	53
Eswatini	6,024	69	1.16%	55,197	5,173	47,400	5,737	117	100	93.76%	170
Ethiopia	100,327	2,446	2.50%	1,534,470	865	13,231	61,516	1,537	13	48.02%	37,274
Kenya	64,588	6,001	10.24%	753,959	1,192	13,913	43,095	1,154	21	71.18%	20,339
Libya	70,010	5,423	8.40%	353,787	10,139	51,237	41,512	957	139	54.58%	27,541
Madagascar	17,223	112	0.65%	91,999	616	3,292	16,516	249	9	96.46%	458
Malawi	5,953	19	0.32%	66,819	308	3,461	5,361	185	10	81.18%	407
Mauritius	453	1	0.22%	278,091	356	218,533	416	10	8	90.45%	27
Rwanda	5,262	88	1.70%	574,876	403	43,998	4,967	40	3	96.09%	255
Seychelles	158	1	0.64%	5,200	1,603	52,755	155			99.33%	3
Somalia	4,301	72	1.70%		268		3,247	107	7	79.41%	947
Sudan	14,155	212	1.52%		320		9,492	1,116	25	49.29%	3,547
Tunisia	72,993	8,630	13.41%	387,457	6,153	32,660	48,103	2,006	169	11.78%	22,884
Uganda	14,704	1,353	10.13%	574,363	318	12,419	7,836	133	3	65.40%	6,735
Zambia	16,997	299	1.79%	308,005	916	16,590	16,019	350	19	94.55%	628
Zimbabwe	8,610	183	2.17%	168,232	576	11,260	8,040	255	17	94.17%	315
AGGREGATES	530,362	26,514	5.26%	5,431,587			390,505	14,995		67.24%	124,862

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

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