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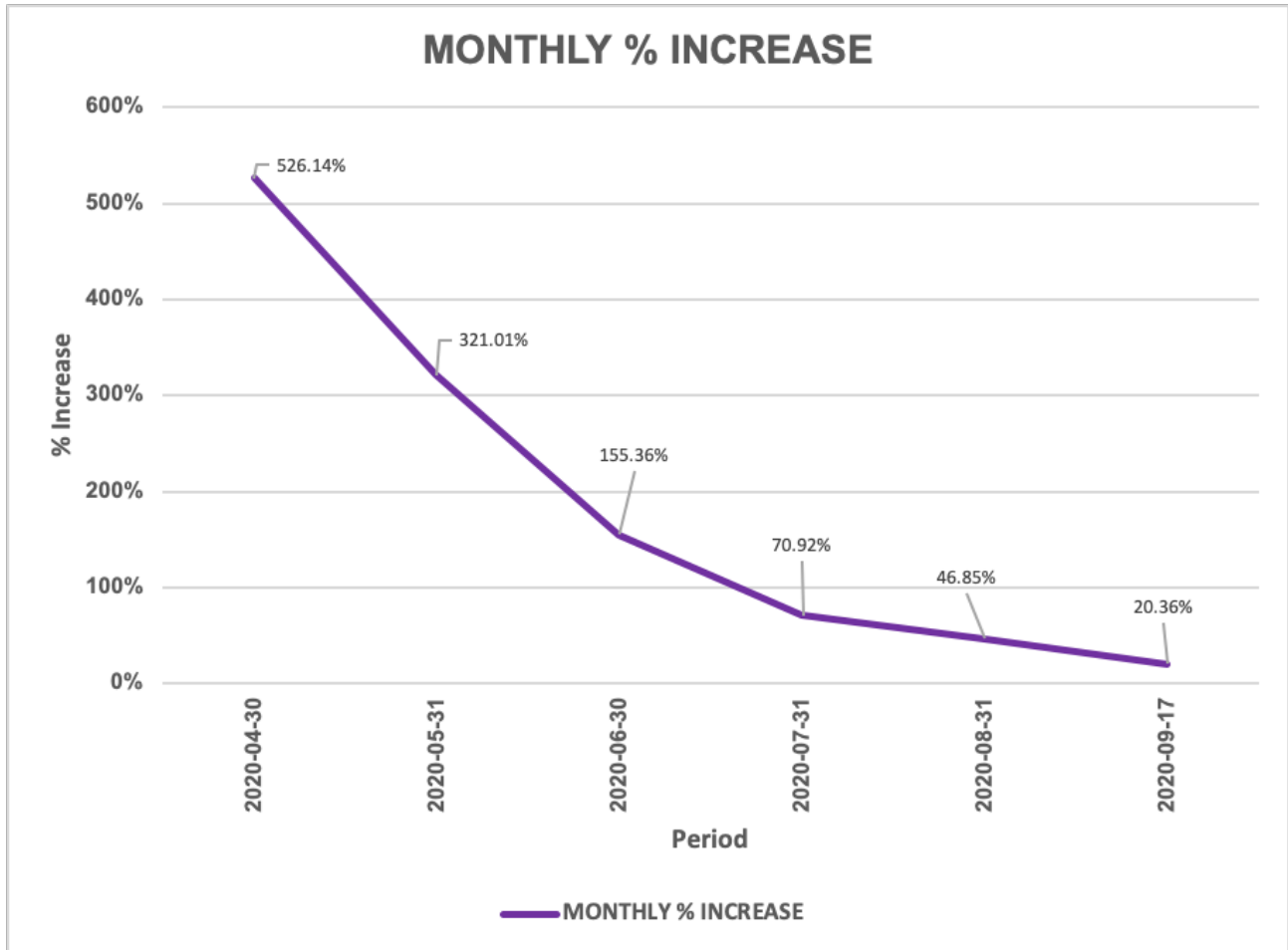
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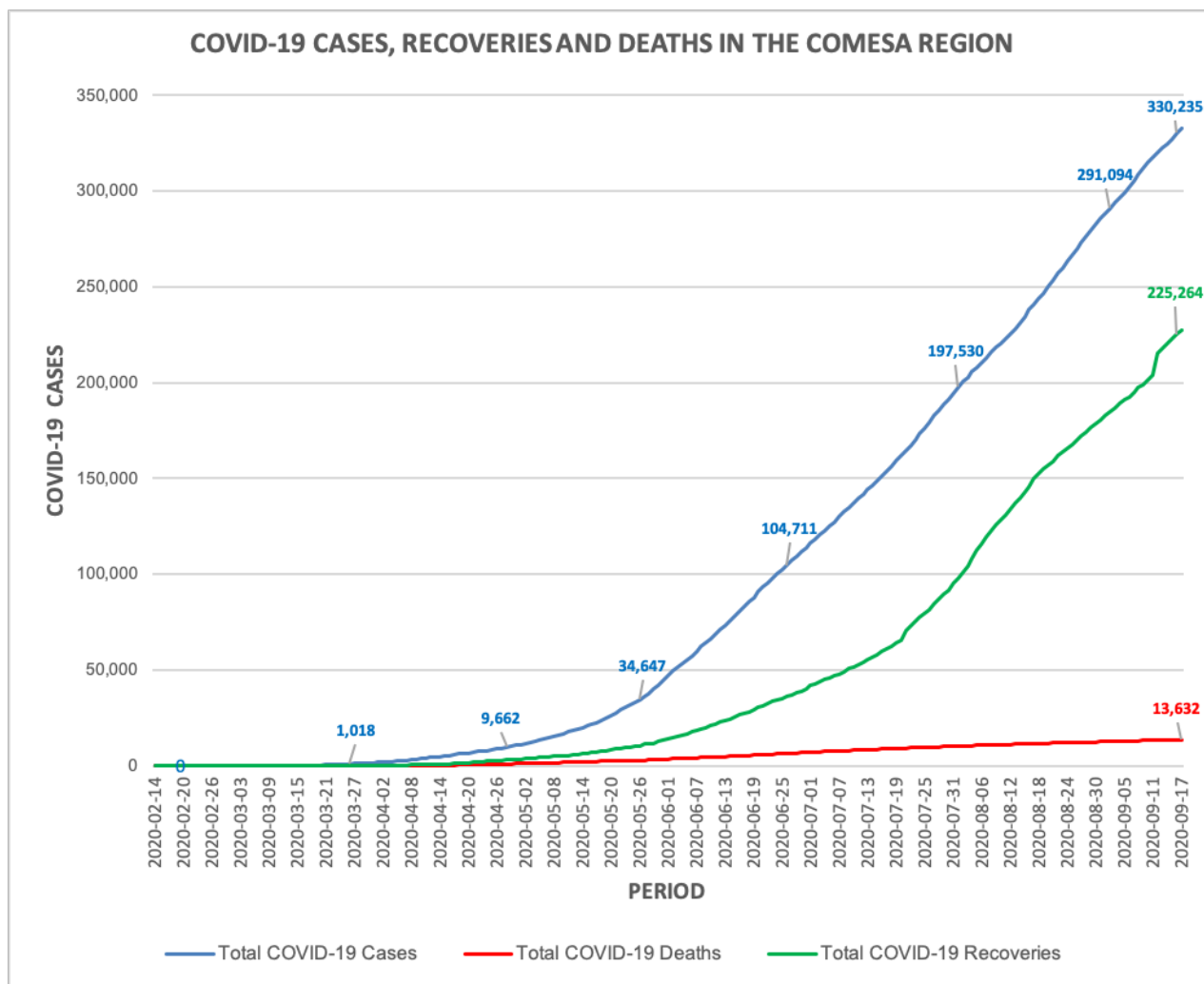
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COMESA region recorded the highest increase on COVID-19 cases in the initial months of March and April 2020. During this period, the numbers rose from around 1,000 cases by end of March to almost 10,000 by end of April representing 526.14%.

Since then, the monthly rate of increase has been declining as indicated in the graph below. The monthly decline can be attributed to the measures that have been put in place by various governments to ensure containment in the spread of the virus.



For the past seven months countries in the region have been battling to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is evident that the continued spread of COVID-19 in the region has had a serious economic impact leading to business closures, disruption of agricultural production, loss of employment and revenue. As of 22nd September 2020, the COMESA region had recorded 343,881 COVID-19 cases while recoveries and deaths were at 235,940 and 10,597, respectively.



Even though the overall number of cases are still rising, the monthly rate of COVID-19 infections reported is declining and this can also be attributed to low levels of testing. This decline, and the high numbers of COVID-19 recoveries recorded so far in the region may explain the current strategies by Governments to reopen up various sectors including education, business, tourism, ports of entry and other transport services.

Below is a summary of regional Covid-19 figures in the COMESA region

Summary of Regional Figures as of 22nd September 2020

Country	Total Cases	New cases	% Increase of new cases	Total Tests	Total Cases/ 1M pop	Tests/ 1M pop	Total Recovered	Total Deaths	Deaths/ 1M pop	Recovery Rate	Total Active Cases
Burundi	474	2	0.42%	34,140	40	2,853	462	1	0.08	97.5%	11
Comoros	470	13	2.84%		538		450	7	8	95.74%	13
Djibouti	5,404	8	0.15%	74,456	5,452	75,118	5,336	61	62	98.74%	7
DR Congo	10,519	129	1.24%		117		9,952	271	3	94.61%	296
Egypt	102,141	964	0.95%	135,000	994	1,314	90,332	5,787	56	88.44%	6,022
Eritrea	364	3	0.83%		102		305			83.79%	59
Eswatini	5,282	178	3.49%	31,969	4,542	27,492	4,647	104	89	87.98%	531
Ethiopia	69,709	4,923	7.60%	1,210,933	603	10,477	28,634	1,108	10	41.08%	39,967
Kenya	37,079	874	2.41%	506,632	686	9,377	23,949	650	12	64.59%	12,480
Libya	28,796	5,281	22.46%	186,755	4,178	27,097	15,384	450	65	53.42%	12,962
Madagascar	16,073	304	1.93%	67,835	577	2,436	14,682	225	8	91.35%	1,166
Malawi	5,733	36	0.63%	50,620	298	2,631	4,053	179	9	70.70%	1,501
Mauritius	366	5	1.39%	239,204	288	188,017	338	10	8	92.35%	18
Rwanda	4,722	120	2.61%	477,379	363	36,659	2,973	27	2	62.96%	1,722
Seychelles	143	3	2.14%	5,200	1,452	52,800	136			95.10%	7
Somalia	3,465	76	2.24%		217		2,877	98	6	83.03%	490
Sudan	13,555	20	0.15%		308		6,760	836	19	49.87%	5,959
Tunisia	11,260	3,878	52.53%	203,051	951	17,140	2,386	164	14	21.19%	8,710
Uganda	6,468	1,490	29.93%	453,593	140	9,850	2,731	63	1	42.22%	3,674
Zambia	14,175	455	3.32%	141,492	766	7,650	13,629	331	18	96.15%	215
Zimbabwe	7,683	152	2.02%	157,772	515	10,581	5,924	225	15	77.11%	1,534
AGGREGATES	343,881	18,914	5.82%	3,976,031			235,940	10,597		68.61%	97,344

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



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