

Common Market for
Eastern and Southern Africa



COMESA Accounts for
28% of Total Covid-19
Cases in Africa

COVID-19

in **COMESA**

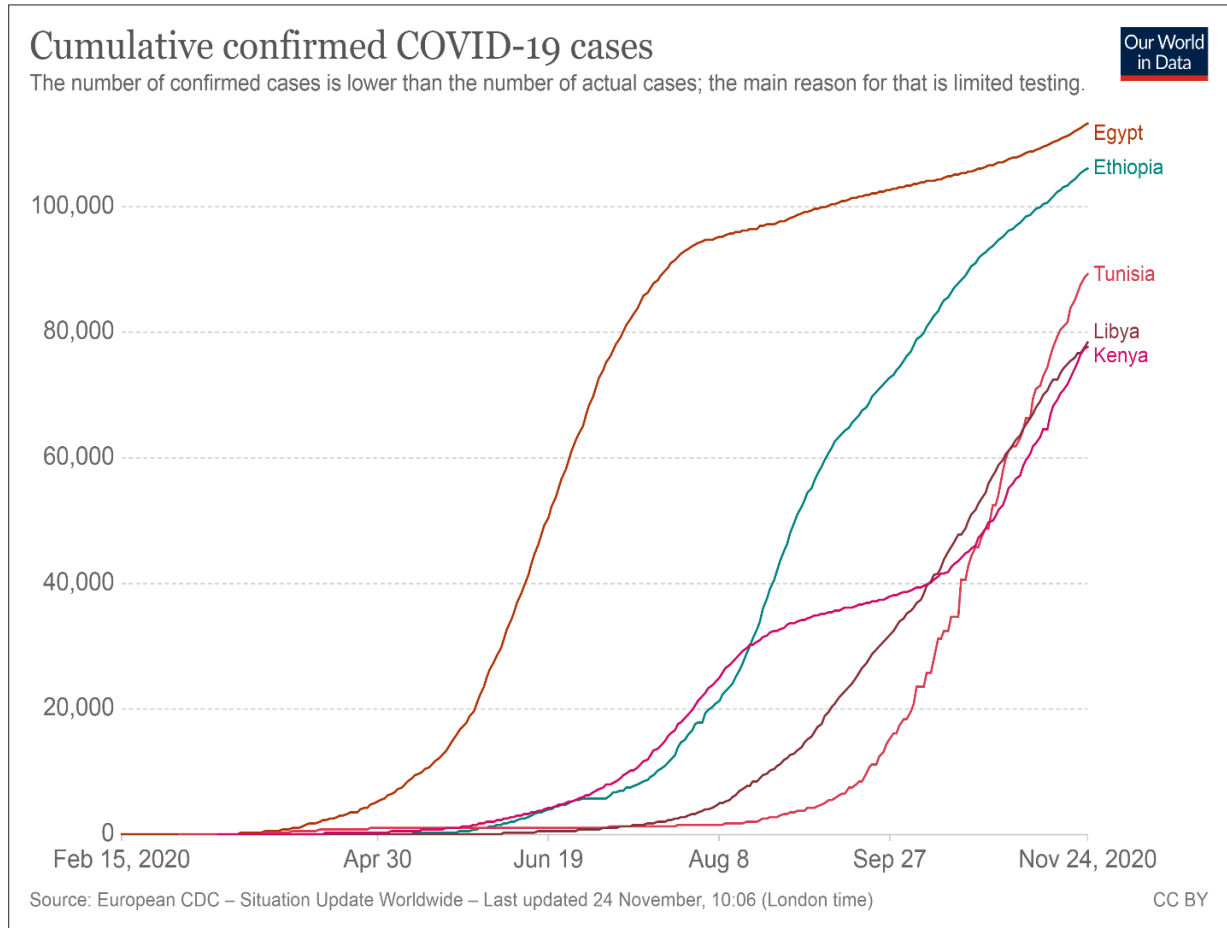
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Out of the two million cases recorded in Africa, the COMESA region accounts for 587,325 cases which represents 28 percent. The countries with the highest recorded cases in the COMESA region include Egypt (113,381), Ethiopia (106,203), Tunisia (89,196), Libya (79,180) and Kenya (77,785).

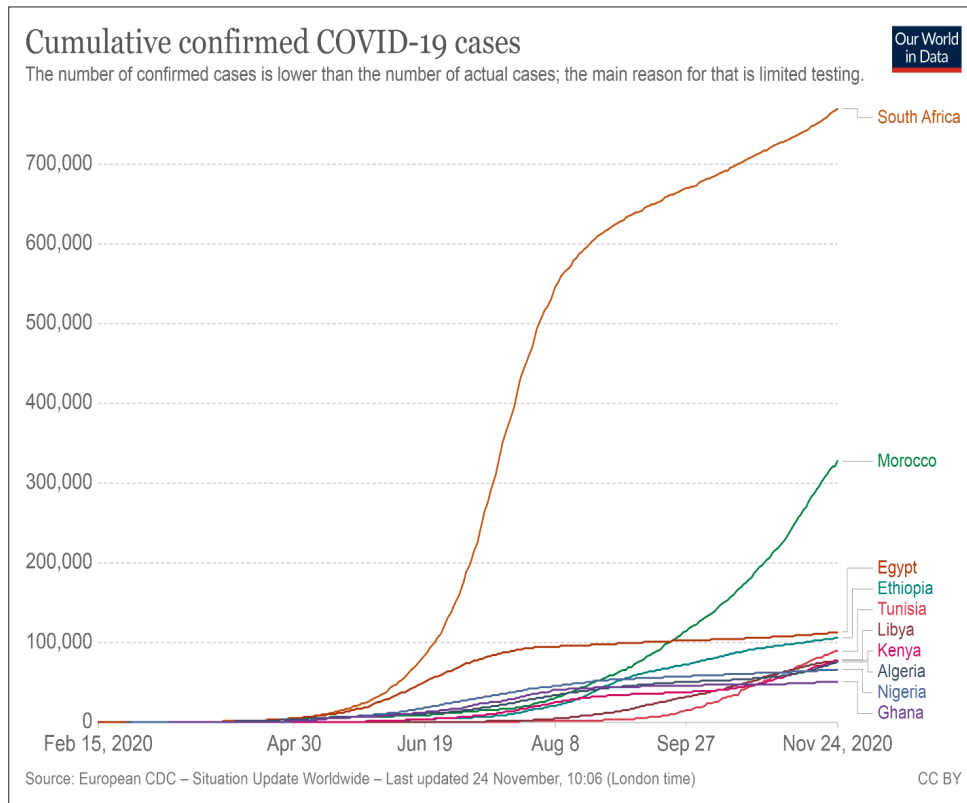
On the other hand, countries such as Seychelles, Mauritius, Eritrea, Comoros and Burundi have continued to record low COVID-19 cases. It is also notable that the rate of testing has reduced as compared to the earlier stages.



As indicated by data compiled by COMWARN, the numbers of recoveries in the region have been high. Out of a total 587,325 cases, 433,175 have recovered. This represents a 73.75 percent recovery rate. Countries with high rates of recovery include Djibouti (98.01%), Madagascar (96.06%), Comoros (95.97%), Seychelles (95.78%), Zambia (95.65%), Eswatini (94.16%), DR Congo (92.88%), Rwanda (90.76%) and Malawi (90.58%).

Continental Outlook

Currently the total numbers of COVID-19 cases in Africa stand at 2,093,996. The top ten countries with the highest numbers of COVID-19 cases in Africa are South Africa (769,759), Morocco (327,528), Egypt (113,381), Ethiopia (106,203), Tunisia (89,196), Libya (79,180), Kenya (77,785), Algeria (75,867), Nigeria (66,439) and Ghana (50,941). The number of tests conducted in these countries are equally high as compared to some of those with low numbers.



The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to spread in many countries in Africa. This has had serious socio-economic ramifications. Economies in the continent continue to struggle as unemployment continues to rise. The most affected sectors of the economy include tourism, mining, education, transport, among others. As part of efforts to contain the spread and the impact of the pandemic, countries in Africa have continued to put in place measures that include economic stimulus packages, health support.

Summary of Regional Figures as of 24th November 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	Active Cases
Burundi	664	49	7.97%	62,215	55	5,172	575	1	0.08	88
Comoros	596	27	4.75%		680		572	7	8	17
Djibouti	5,668	35	0.62%	90,600	5,704	91,177	5,555	61	61	52
DR Congo	12,310	668	5.74%		136		11,433	331	4	546
Egypt	113,381	3,727	3.40%	1,000,000	1,100	9,700	101,981	6,560	64	4,840
Eritrea	558	67	13.65%	21,655	156	6,073	473			85
Eswatini	6,233	209	3.47%	62,213	5,351	53,405	5,869	120	103	244
Ethiopia	106,203	5,876	5.86%	1,600,606	915	13,789	65,839	1,651	14	38,713
Kenya	77,785	13,197	20.43%	843,103	1,434	15,545	51,903	1,392	26	24,490
Libya	79,180	9,170	13.10%	407,972	11,462	59,056	50,304	1,110	161	27,766
Madagascar	17,341	118	0.69%	93,734	620	3,351	16,657	251	9	433
Malawi	6,009	56	0.94%	71,970	311	3,725	5,443	185	10	381
Mauritius	494	41	9.05%	289,552	388	227,526	433	10	8	51
Rwanda	5,726	464	8.82%	609,367	438	46,597	5,197	47	4	482
Seychelles	166	8	5.06%	5,200	1,684	52,744	159			7
Somalia	4,445	144	3.35%		277		3,412	113	7	920
Sudan	16,431	2,276	16.08%		371		9,854	1,202	27	5,375
Tunisia	89,196	16,203	22.20%	435,972	7,516	36,736	63,846	2,862	241	22,488
Uganda	18,165	3,461	23.54%	611,564	392	13,209	8,675	181	4	9,309
Zambia	17,466	469	2.76%	374,023	940	20,126	16,707	357	19	402
Zimbabwe	9,308	698	8.11%	172,587	623	11,546	8,288	273	18	747
AGGREGATES	587,325	56,963	10.74%	6,752,333			433,175	16,714		137,436

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



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