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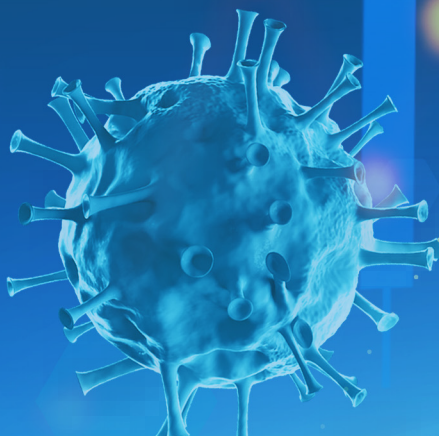


## Finally, COVID-19 Vaccinations Starts to Roll-out, Albeit on a Slow Pace

# COVID-19

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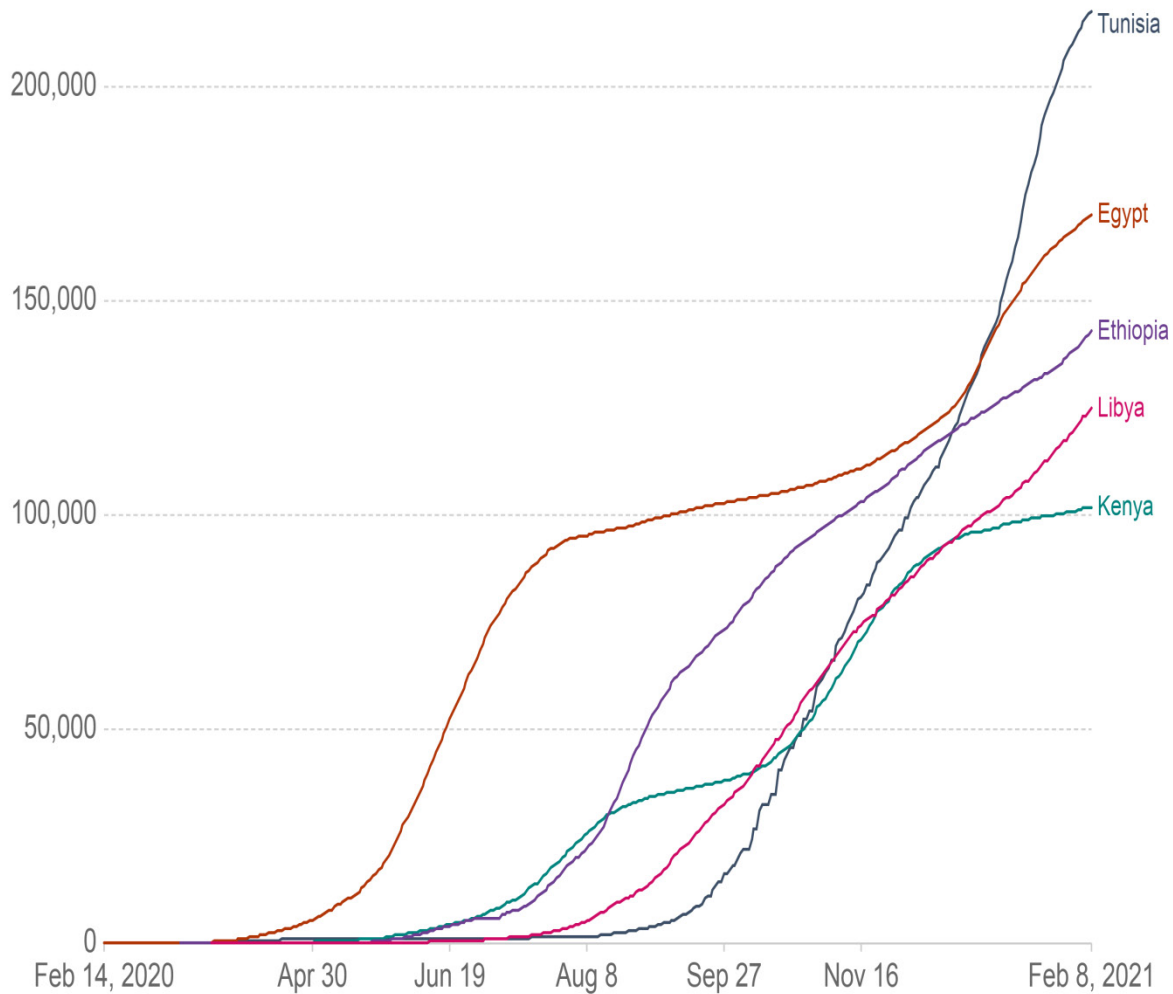
**I**n the last four months there have been concerted efforts to roll out COVID-19 vaccination. Most developed countries that had earlier procured COVID-19 vaccines from the bigger pharmaceuticals started vaccinating their citizens. Vaccination in some of these countries has been administered to frontline workers and the elderly. Just like in other regions, countries in the COMESA region have been slow in terms of rolling out COVID-19 vaccination. The slow rollout of the vaccine in Africa has been attributed to the costs of procurement, availability and safety concerns. So far only three countries, namely Egypt, Mauritius and Seychelles have rolled out COVID-19 vaccination. Data compiled by CONMWARN indicates that Seychelles has so far vaccinated 37,589 people.

Since the onset of the pandemic in the region in February 2020, the region has recorded a total of 1,047,018 COVID-19 cases. While the numbers of cases have been increasing, the region has also recorded a high number of recoveries. Currently, the cumulative number of COVID-19 deaths in the region stands at 30,248.

The countries that have so far recorded the highest numbers of cases include Tunisia (217,753), Egypt (170,207), Ethiopia (142,994), Libya (124,882) and Kenya (101,944). The high numbers in some of these countries is partly attributed to high rates of testing and non-adherence to COVID-19 measures. The number of recoveries in these countries is also very commendable. For instance Tunisia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya and Kenya have recorded 77.96%, 87.94%, 84.42%, 82.86%, 88.61% rates of recovery, respectively.

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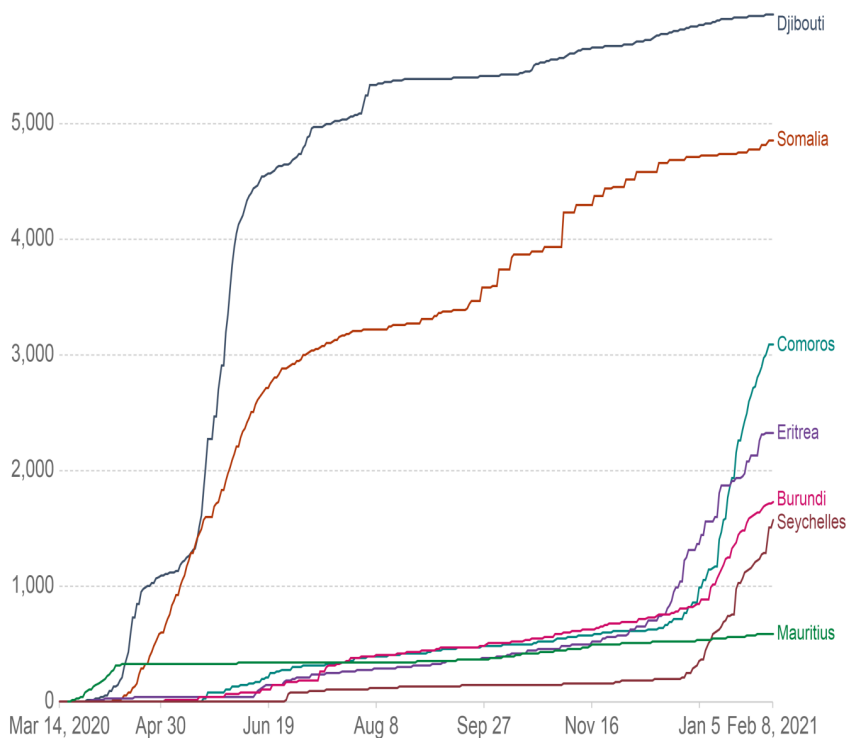
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On the other hand, Djibouti (with 5,950 cases), Somalia (4,862), Comoros (3,088), Eritrea (2,326), Burundi (1,728), Seychelles (1,575) and Mauritius (593) have recorded relatively low cases. The populations in the majority of these countries are relatively low making it easier for the Governments to implement strict measures. In this category, Djibouti and Somalia had recorded high numbers of daily rates in the initial stages.

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### Summary of Regional Figures as of 9th February 2021

Country	Total Cases	Total Tests	Total Cases/ 1M pop	Tests/ 1M pop	Total Recovered	Recovery Rate	Total Deaths	Deaths/ 1M pop	Active Cases
Burundi	1,728	90,019	143	7,438	773	44.73%	3	0.2	952
Comoros	3,088		3,506		2,347	76.00%	112	127	629
Djibouti	5,950	110,335	5,970	110,701	5,854	98.39%	63	63	33
DR Congo	23,671		260		15,113	63.85%	681	7	7,877
Egypt	170,207	1,000,000	1,645	9,662	132,698	77.96%	9,699	94	27,810
Eritrea	2,326	23,693	650	6,625	1,719	73.90%	7	2	600
Eswatini	16,234	138,957	13,906	119,026	11,719	72.19%	607	520	3,908
Ethiopia	142,994	2,009,459	1,226	17,223	125,756	87.94%	2,156	18	15,082
Kenya	101,944	1,216,695	1,871	22,331	84,473	82.86%	1,786	33	15,685
Libya	124,882	681,542	18,026	98,377	105,422	84.42%	1,974	285	17,486
Madagascar	19,360	114,282	689	4,064	18,490	95.51%	285	10	585
Malawi	27,422	160,703	1,412	8,272	11,756	42.87%	874	45	14,792
Mauritius	593	289,552	466	227,447	543	91.57%	10	8	40
Rwanda	16,621	921,282	1,264	70,085	12,629	75.98%	223	17	3,769
Seychelles	1,575	5,200	15,955	52,676	1,178	74.79%	7	71	390
Somalia	4,862		301		3,720	76.51%	134	8	1,008
Sudan	27,717		623		22,052	79.56%	1,835	41	3,830
Tunisia	217,753	900,587	18,308	75,720	175,340	80.52%	7,257	610	35,156
Uganda	39,860	844,042	855	18,110	14,440	36.23%	327	7	25,093
Zambia	63,573	979,048	3,401	52,376	56,329	88.61%	869	46	6,375
Zimbabwe	34,658	301,038	2,311	20,077	28,825	83.17%	1,339	89	4,494
<b>AGGREGATES</b>	<b>1,047,018</b>	<b>9,786,434</b>	<b>92,788</b>		<b>831,176</b>	<b>79.39%</b>	<b>30,248</b>		<b>185,594</b>

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



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