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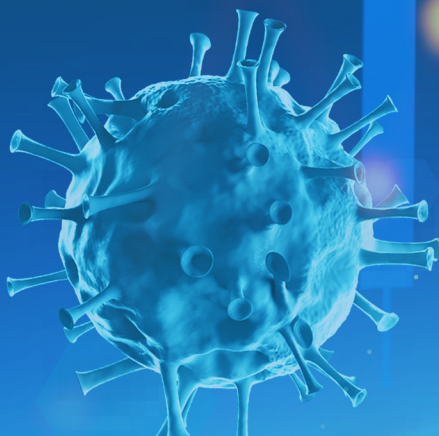
ROLLOUT OF COVID-19 VACCINATION IN AFRICA STILL SLOW AS CASES SURGE

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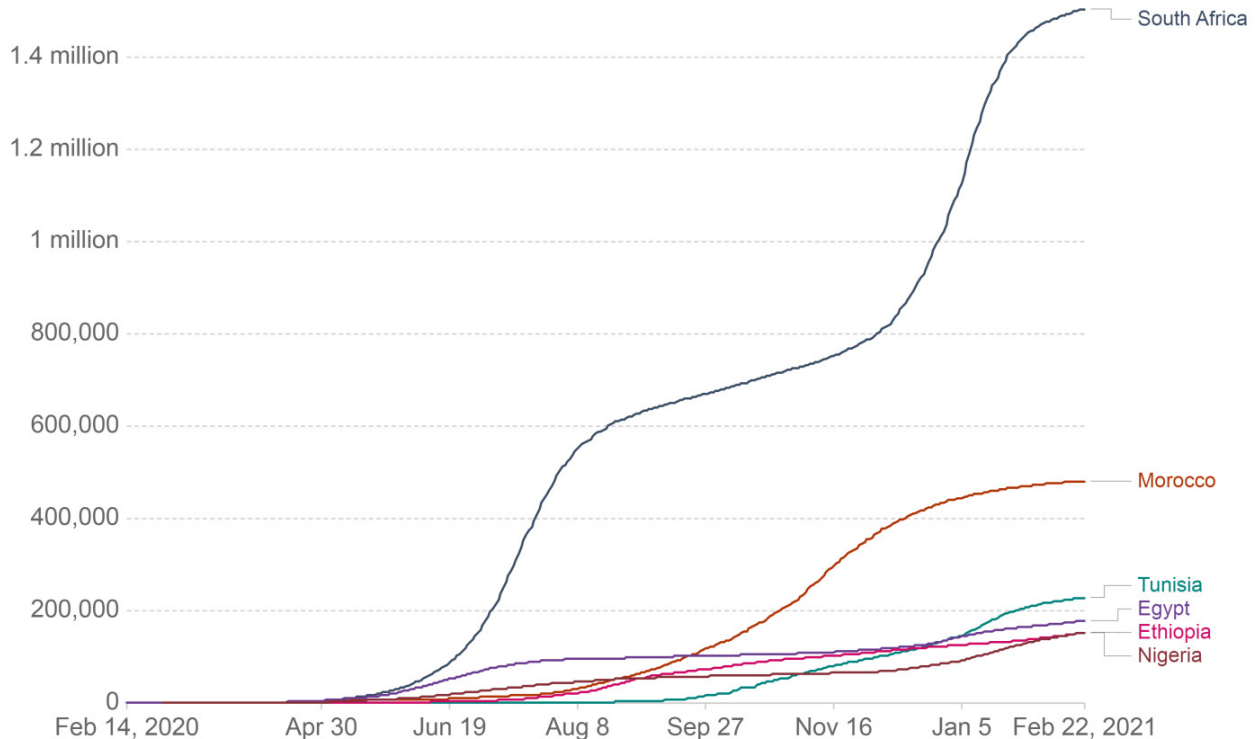


The number of COVID-19 cases in Africa has continued to surge. Figures released by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 23rd February 2021 indicate that the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases stood at 3,864,776. While the number of cases has been high, the continent has also continued to record a high number of recoveries which currently stand at 3,407,213. According to the COMESA Early Warning System (COMWARN), the region currently has 355,737 active cases. On the other hand, total COVID-19 deaths recorded stand at 101,826.

The countries in Africa that have recorded the highest number of cases include South Africa (1,504,588), Morocco (481,263), Tunisia (228,937), Egypt (178,774), Ethiopia (153,541) and Nigeria (152,616). COVID-19 data from these countries indicate that they experienced a surge in cases from around December 2020.

Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases

The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of actual cases; the main reason for that is limited testing.



Source: Johns Hopkins University CSSE COVID-19 Data – Last updated 23 February, 06:03 (London time)

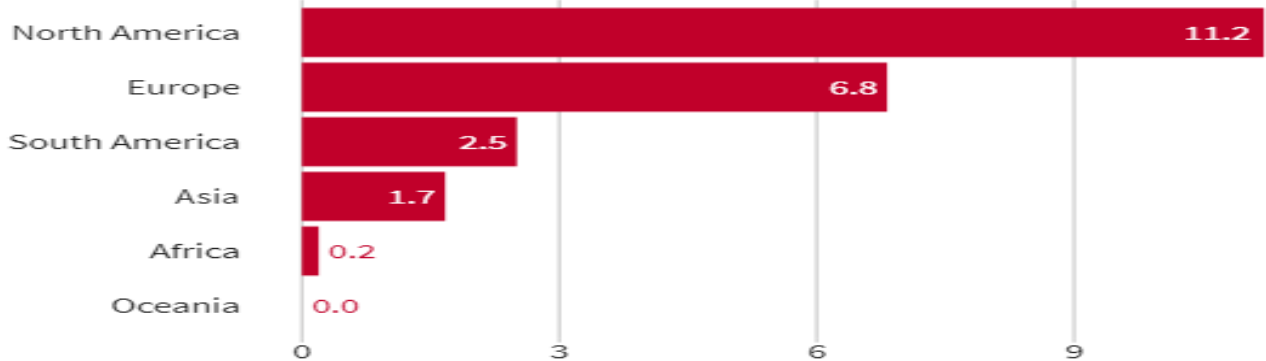
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The effects of the continued surge in COVID-19 cases in Africa have been felt in different spheres. There is, for example, an already significant impact on livelihoods due to limited economic activities in sectors that include transport, tourism, agriculture, education, among others. Local businesses have also been forced to shut down in many countries.

Vaccination Efforts

The vaccination efforts in Africa have remained slow as countries grapple with the challenge of accessing affordable vaccines. According to available data, the continent has so far inoculated a paltry 0.15 per cent out of an estimated population of 1.3 billion, far less than the 70% projected by health experts as a requirement to achieve continent-wide COVID-19 herd immunity.

Vaccine Doses Delivered Per 100 People, By Continent

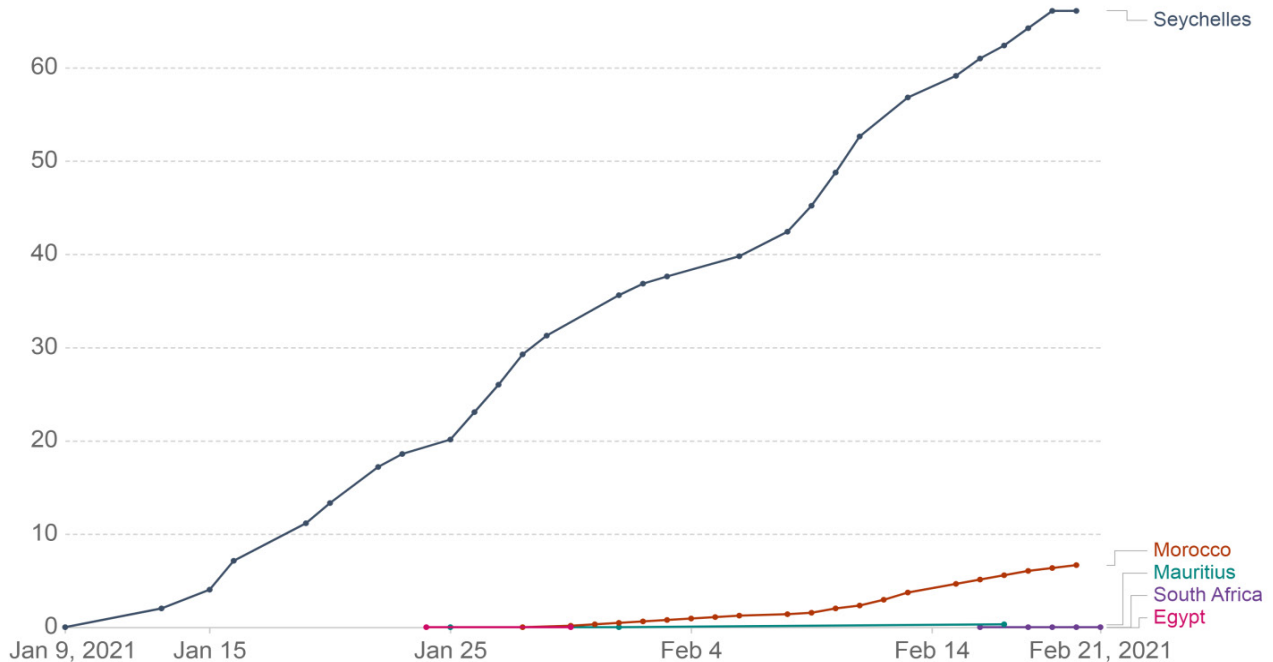


Source: <https://www.newstatesman.com/world/africa/2021/02/how-africa-being-left-behind-covid-19-vaccine-race>

Despite the slow pace, figures collated by COMWARN from the *Our World in Data* database indicate that as of 20th February 2021, Seychelles had administered 66.16 doses per 100 people, one of the highest rates in the world, while on the other hand Morocco and South Africa had administered 6.67 and 0.03 COVID-19 vaccine doses per 100 people, respectively.

COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people

Total number of vaccination doses administered per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data – Last updated 22 February, 10:20 (London time)

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Despite the slow pace of vaccination there are efforts by Africa CDC to procure more vaccines for African countries. In this regard, on 18th February 2021, Africa CDC announced that they will procure more vaccines to be distributed to around 20 countries.

Summary of Regional Figures as of 23rd 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	2,034	90,019	168	7,429	773	38.00%	3	0.2	1,258
Comoros	3,518		3,991		3,130	88.97%	144	163.0	244
Djibouti	6,026	113,981	6,043	114,296	5,879	97.56%	63	63.0	84
DR Congo	25,144		275		16,135	64.17%	700	8.0	8,309
Egypt	178,774	1,000,000	1,726	9,655	138,183	77.29%	10,404	100.0	30,187
Eritrea	2,703	23,693	755	6,622	2,068	76.51%	7	2.0	628
Eswatini	16,807	150,521	14,391	128,881	13,415	79.82%	645	552.0	2,747
Ethiopia	153,541	2,096,810	1,315	17,955	131,713	85.78%	2,293	20.0	19,535
Kenya	104,306	1,269,346	1,913	23,278	85,626	82.09%	1,827	34.0	16,853
Libya	130,212	708,801	18,786	102,259	116,120	89.18%	2,116	305.0	11,976
Madagascar	19,831	119,608	705	4,250	19,296	97.30%	297	11.0	238
Malawi	30,942	185,711	1,591	9,550	17,184	55.54%	1,021	53.0	12,737
Mauritius	603	289,552	474	227,432	556	92.21%	10	8.0	37
Rwanda	18,199	980,705	1,383	74,536	16,992	93.37%	252	19.0	955
Seychelles	2,464	5,200	24,954	52,664	1,940	78.73%	11	111.0	513
Somalia	6,246		386		3,778	60.49%	208	13.0	2,260
Sudan	28,137		632		22,797	81.02%	1,871	42.0	3,469
Tunisia	228,937	956,810	19,241	80,415	189,358	82.71%	7,811	656.0	31,768
Uganda	40,221	869,807	862	18,641	14,608	36.32%	333	7.0	25,280
Zambia	75,027	1,057,361	4,009	56,505	68,928	91.87%	1,031	55.0	5,068
Zimbabwe	35,862	328,529	2,390	21,899	32,216	89.83%	1,441	96.0	2,205
AGGREGATES	1,109,534	10,246,454			900,695	81.18%	32,488		176,351

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



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