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A NEW WAVE OF COVID-19 CASES TRIGGERS COUNTRIES TO RE-INSTA TE MEASURES

COVID-19

in **COMESA**

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The recent surge of COVID-19 cases in some Member States, including Kenya, Tunisia, Libya and Ethiopia has triggered the reintroduction of some of the preventive measures that had been lifted. The move is aimed at containing the increase of new cases and also to alleviate pressure on health service facilities.

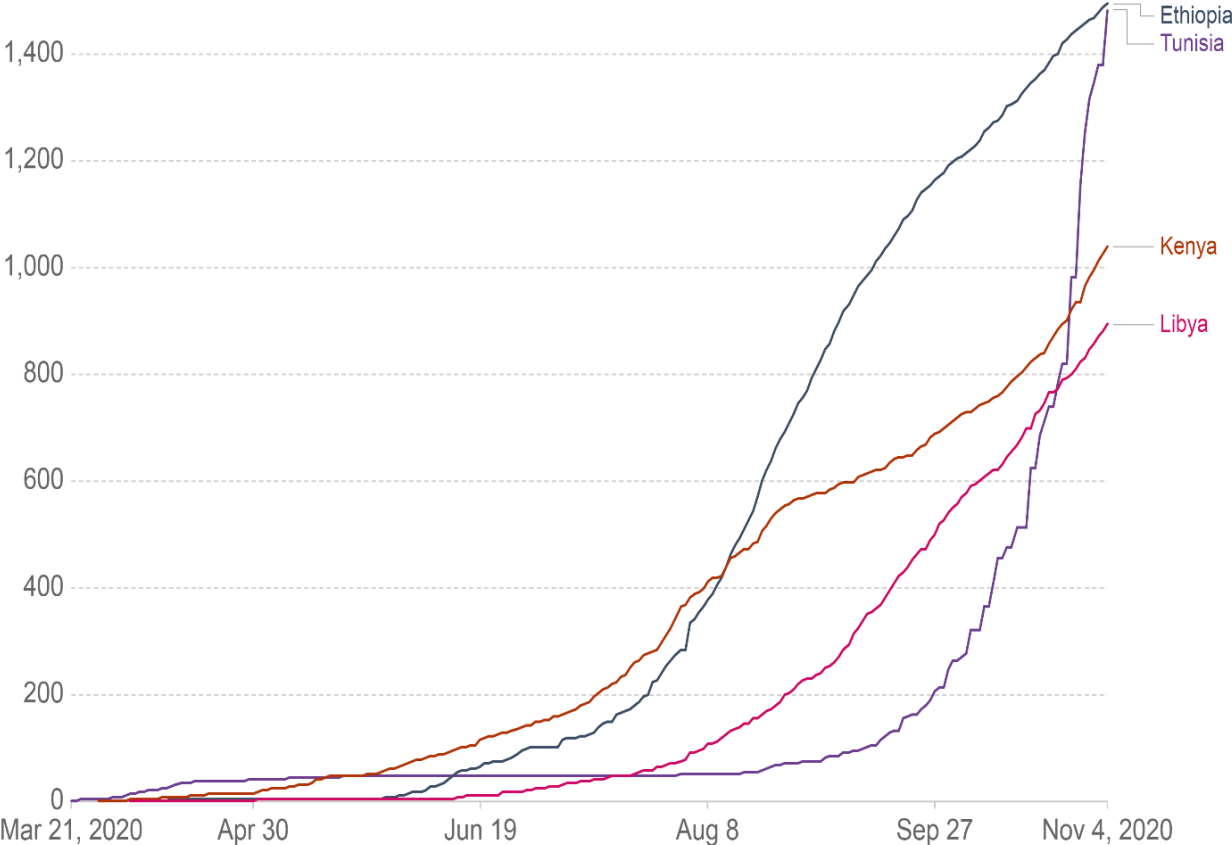
According to the COMESA Early Warning System (COMWARN), a surge in the numbers of new COVID-19 cases has been reported in Tunisia (11,964), Kenya (8,590), Libya (7,364) and Ethiopia (4,174).

In the recent past, a majority of COMESA countries had relaxed some of the measures that had been put in place at the peak of COVID-19 infections. Because of the decline in the cases in August and September, several measures such as curfews were removed, economies were opened, public transportation resumed operations, ports of entry and learning institutions in Mauritius, Zambia, Egypt and the DR Congo among others were opened.



Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 deaths

Limited testing and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death means that the number of confirmed deaths may not be an accurate count of the true number of deaths from COVID-19.



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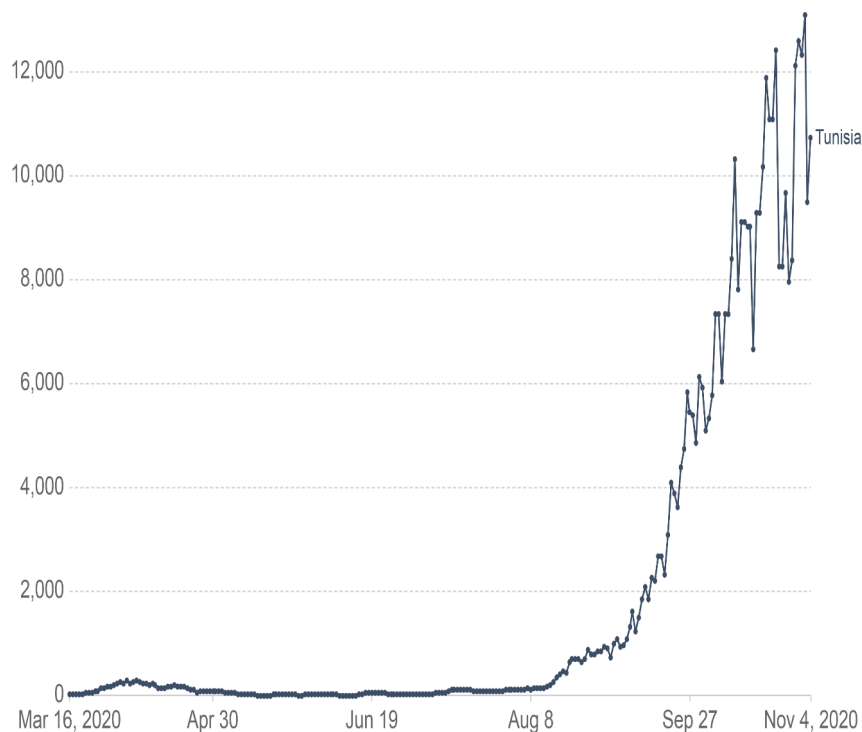
Tunisia

The upsurge of new cases in Tunisia has prompted the Government to put in place various measures to contain the spread of the virus. The Government has requested approximately 3,000 medical doctors based abroad to return home and assist local health personnel to contain the spread of the virus. In addition, the Government 2020 reintroduced a night-time curfew in all governorates on 29 October. Other measures include suspension of inter-regional travel, closure of universities for a period of two weeks and suspension of demonstrations until 15th November 2020. Learning in schools has also been suspended until 8th November 2020.

Weekly confirmed COVID-19 cases

Weekly confirmed cases refer to the cumulative number of cases over the previous week.

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Kenya

In the recent past, Kenya has experienced an upsurge in new COVID-19 cases. The new upsurge of cases has been reported in Nairobi, Mombasa, Kiambu, Nakuru, Kajiado, Busia, Uasin Gishu, Machakos and Kisumu counties. The upsurge in the new cases and deaths (131 in the past one week) prompted the Government on 4th November 2020 to re-instate COVID-19 measures. The re-instated measures include:

- All State and Public Officers aged 58 and above to work from home.
- All basic education classes to resume in January 2021.
- All political rallies suspended for 60 days.
- Nation-wide curfew extended to 3rd January 2021.
- Curfew to be enforced between 10pm and 4am. The initial curfew time was from 11pm to 4am.

Since the Government removed some of the preventive measures on 28th September 2020, the numbers of new infections have been on an upward trend as reflected in the graph below. By 4th of November the total numbers of COVID-19 cases had risen to 57,093 as compared to 38,115 on 28th September. This reflects an increase of 18,978 which constitutes 49.79%.

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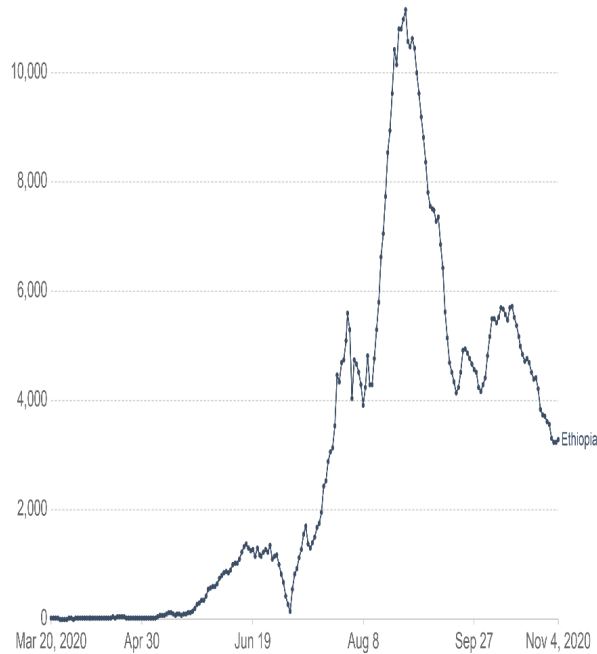


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Ethiopia

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Libya

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Summary of Regional Figures as of 5th November 2020

Country	Total Cases	New cases	% Increase of new cases	Total Tests	Tot Cases/ 1M pop	Tests/ 1M pop	Total Recovered	Total Deaths	Deaths/ 1M pop	Recovery Rate	Active Cases
Burundi	606	49	8.80%	49,642	50	4,133	511	1	0	84.3%	94
Comoros	554	37	7.16%		632		517	7	8	93.32%	30
Djibouti	5,580	39	0.70%	85,891	5,620	86,503	5,472	61	61	98.06%	47
DR Congo	11,450	276	2.47%		127		10,786	315	3	94.20%	349
Egypt	108,329	1,622	1.52%	135,000	1,052	1,311	99,874	6,318	61	92.20%	2,137
Eritrea	480	19	4.12%		135		426			88.75%	54
Eswatini	5,955	92	1.57%	54,637	5,115	46,927	5,686	117	100	95.48%	152
Ethiopia	97,881	4,174	4.45%	1,504,305	844	12,976	56,156	1,503	13	57.37%	40,222
Kenya	58,587	8,590	17.18%	717,172	1,081	13,239	38,381	1,051	19	65.51%	19,155
Libya	64,587	7,364	12.87%	331,898	9,356	48,078	37,610	900	130	58.23%	26,077
Madagascar	17,111	143	0.84%	89,524	613	3,205	16,409	244	9	95.90%	458
Malawi	5,934	40	0.68%	63,664	308	3,299	5,336	184	10	89.92%	414
Mauritius	452	13	2.96%	278,091	355	218,539	416	10	8	92.04%	26
Rwanda	5,174	101	1.99%	562,871	396	43,096	4,930	35	3	95.28%	209
Seychelles	157	4	2.61%	5,200	1,593	52,761	151			96.18%	6
Somalia	4,229	288	7.31%		264		3,247	107	7	76.78%	875
Sudan	13,943	196	1.43%		315		6,764	837	19	48.51%	6,342
Tunisia	64,363	11,964	22.83%	363,557	5,426	30,651	5,032	1,512	127	7.82%	57,819
Uganda	13,351	1,794	15.52%	558,978	289	12,093	7,623	117	3	57.10%	5,611
Zambia	16,698	498	3.07%	279,302	900	15,051	15,819	349	19	94.74%	530
Zimbabwe	8,427	124	1.49%	166,266	564	11,131	7,967	248	17	94.54%	212
AGGREGATES	503,848	37,427	8.02%	5,245,998			329,113	13,916		65.32%	160,819

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



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