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WHO RESPONSE

The WHO Director General under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on 30 April 2020, convened the third meeting of the Emergency Committee.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the outbreak still constitutes a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC)

WHO advised State Parties to strengthen Coordination and Collaboration, Preparedness, Surveillance, Additional Health Measures, Health Workers, Food Security, One Health, Risk Communications and Community Engagement, Research and development and provision of Essential Health Services. These include prevention for communicable diseases, particularly vaccination, reproductive health services, care of vulnerable populations, provision of medications and supplies for chronic diseases, continuity of critical inpatient therapies and auxiliary services, such as basic diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, and blood bank services.

GLOBAL

Countries, Areas or Territories Affected | **215**

Confirmed Cases
3,181,642

Deaths
224,301

Source: WHO Dashboard 01-May 2020 @ 9:00pm CEST

Fig. 1: Prevalence of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Africa, 01-May-2020

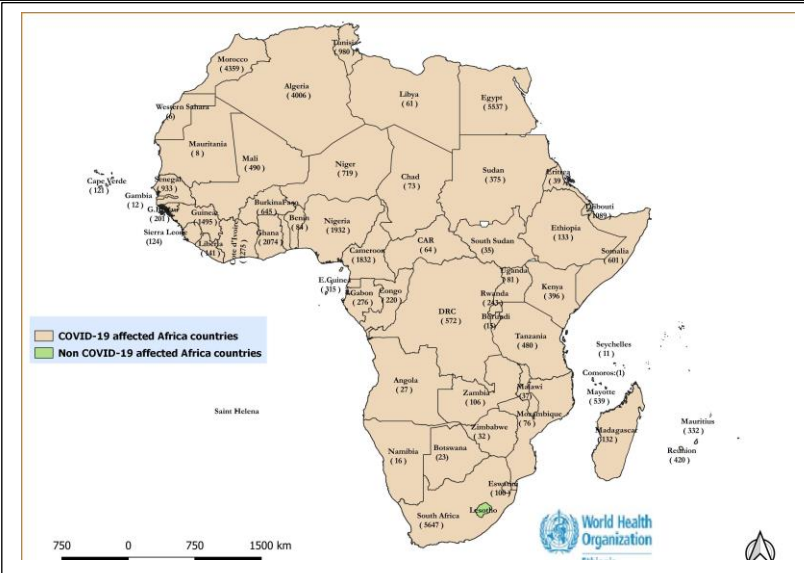
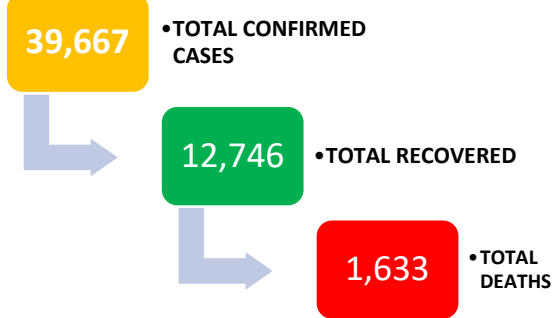
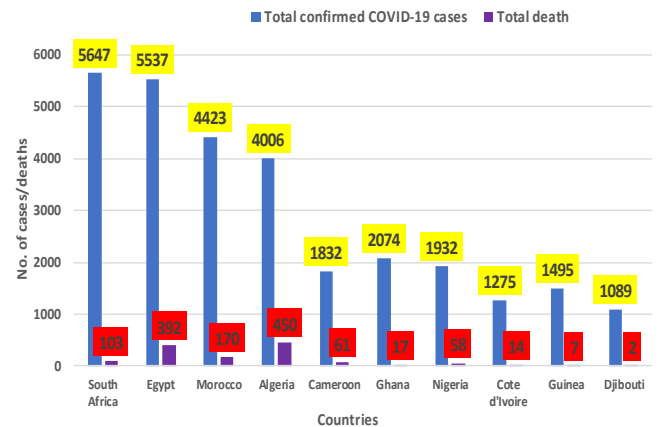


Fig 2: Top 10 African countries reporting the highest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases



In the last 4 days, 7,134 new cases representing a 21.9% increase were reported in Africa. There was a corresponding increase of 5,305 (22.1%) new cases among the top 10 countries with the highest number of cases. Similarly, 215 new deaths (equivalent of 43 five seater taxis involved in road traffic accidents and all the passengers including the drivers perished) in the 4 days, accounting for 15% increase. **SOLIDER EFFORT IS NEEDED NOW**

ETHIOPIA

Fig. 3: Epidemiological details of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ethiopia, 01-May 2020

