#### **UPDATE**







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#### WHO RESPONSE

- Globally, the total confirmed cases of Covid-19 have reached over 71,051,800, with over 1,608,000 deaths and 41,000,000 recoveries
- The total Covid-19 cases continue to rise across the world, with the US, India and Brazil remaining as the top three most heavily affected countries.
- Daily increases in the number of new confirmed cases are observed in both the US and Brazil, while declining in India.
- Despite the decrease in India's daily cases, concerns rise over the seasonal deterioration of the air quality within Northern India's urban areas and its potential to worsen the outcome for those with Covid-19.
- As the number of countries continue to roll out the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, the European Medicines Agency is set to issue a positive verdict for the use of the vaccine on 23 December 2020
- There is a new variant strain of coronavirus that has been identified in the South of England. Over 1000 cases have been identified with this strain in nearly 60 different local authority areas.

#### **GLOBAL**

New 574,969

Confirmed Cases **71.051.805** 

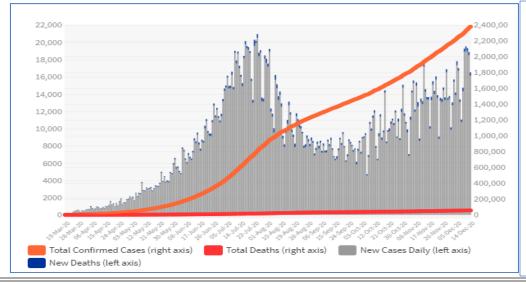
**Deaths** 

1,608,648

Source: WHO Dashboard 14-Dec 2020 @ 06:23pm CEST

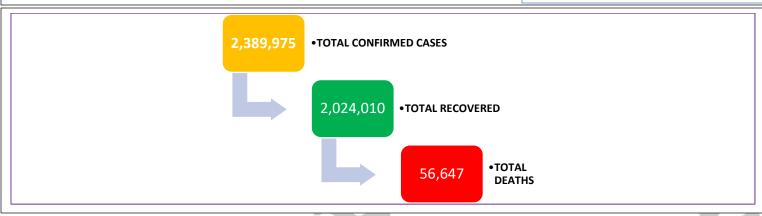
### **AFRICA**

# Fig. 1: Cumulative totals of confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths in Africa as well as daily new cases and deaths over time; 14-Dec 2020



There is a gradual increase of cases effective mid-October.

As South Africa experiences a second wave of coronavirus, new lockdown restrictions that include beach closures, curfew and alcohol sales have been announced. Meanwhile, The Eswatini Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini, who tested positive for COVID-19 four weeks ago, died on 13-December 2020 in a South Africa hospital









## **ETHIOPIA**

Fig. 2: Epidemiological details of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ethiopia, 14-Dec 2020

