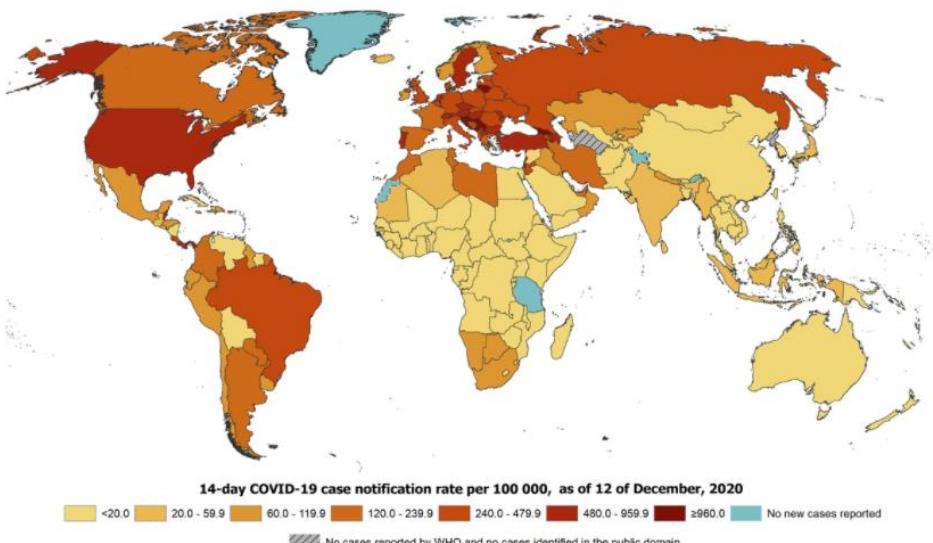




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WHO RESPONSE

Fig. 1: Global geographic distribution of 14-day cumulative number of reported COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population, as of 11 December 2020



GLOBAL

New cases **378,239**

Confirmed Cases **69,521,294**

Deaths **1,582,674**

Source: WHO Dashboard 11-Dec 2020 @ 05:53pm CEST

AFRICA

- There is a steady increase in the number of COVID-19 cases reported daily since early October 2020 despite a reduction in the testing rate. Majority of the cases are reported by Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, South Africa, Uganda and Ethiopia.
- Reduced adherence to physical distancing in most countries is one of the main drivers and this could be worsened as a result of the festive season. This calls for urgency in vaccination to supplement to existing COVID-19 response measures.
- As The US becomes the seventh country to approve the two-dose regimen, after Britain, Bahrain, Canada, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Mexico, African countries gear up for COVID-19 vaccination. The World Health Organization (WHO) calls for increased collaboration with communities to enhance the uptake of vaccines once they become available. Community engagement is usually a crucial aspect for vaccine uptake but unfortunately, in the just concluded vaccine readiness assessment for the 47 countries in WHO African Region, it was found-out that community engagement stands at 12%, far below the optimal score of at least 80%.
- Through the COVAX Facility, WHO and partners are working with governments and vaccine manufacturers to procure COVID-19 vaccine doses to cover 20% of the African population, initially focusing on those at the highest risk.
- The success of any immunization campaign hinges on communities' trust and acceptance. It is vital that the community is equipped with the right information, allay any fears and address concerns. This in turn increases the likelihood of vaccine uptake, eases access and helps in understanding vaccine safety and addressing possible adverse events following immunization.

2,343,128

•TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES

2,010,127

•TOTAL RECOVERED

55,669

•TOTAL DEATHS



ETHIOPIA

Fig. 3: Epidemiological details of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ethiopia, 11-Dec 2020

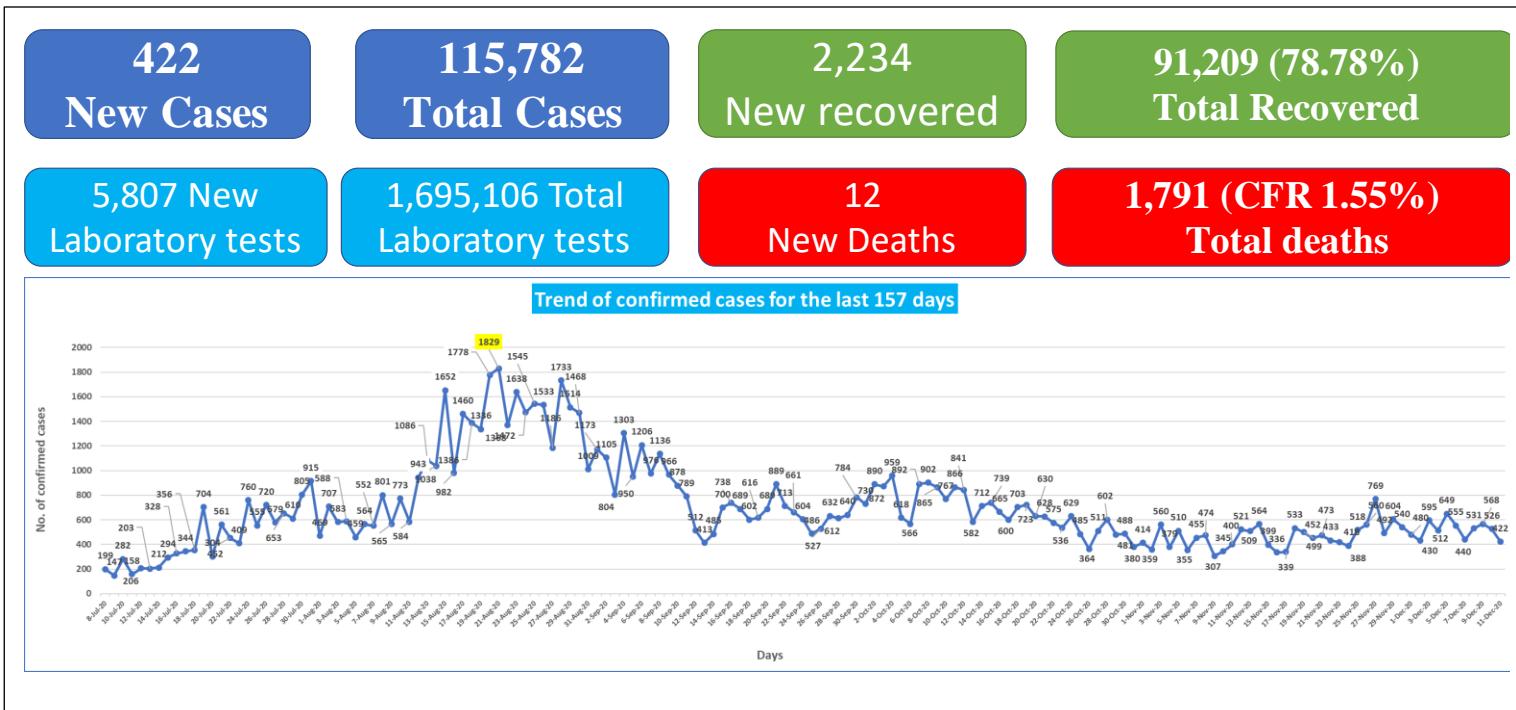


Fig. 4: Distribution of cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases across the regions, Ethiopia; 11-Dec-2020

