Fig 2: Trend of COVID-19 cases in Africa as of 19 December 2020

- As the second wave of infections hits the continent, the total number of coronavirus cases in Africa is nearing 2.5 million. Countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Mauritania, Ghana and Ivory Coast have seen a sharp rise in cases and are reporting near record levels of infection.

- A new variant (lineage) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes the coronavirus disease, has been detected in South Africa and is reported to be fueling the ongoing second wave of Covid-19 infections.
High levels of non-adherence to COVID19 public health prevention guidelines

There is need to revitalize Risk Communication and Community Engagement and tailor messaging to address the current community concerns

Disruption of COVID19 response interventions in Tigray (conflict)

Strong advocacy for access to Tigray Region and reignite the emergency activities including COVID-19 response

Reduction in the number of COVID-19 tests conducted on a daily basis

Partners need to double their efforts in funding for the procurement of testing reagents and other laboratory supplies

Inadequate funding to sustain the operation response

Enhanced advocacy and intensification of resource mobilization drives

Sustaining COVID19 response intervention beyond 2020

Need for integration of COVID19 into routine programmes to enhance efficiency

Introduction of COVID19 vaccines

Enhance planning and preparedness to address the anticipated logistical challenges especially