



## NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (PHEOC), ETHIOPIA

### COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN ETHIOPIA

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Epi-Week - 25 (June 20 – 26, 2022)

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## I. Highlights

- The number of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases has shown decrease in this week after increment for seven consecutive weeks.
- A total of 3,292 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and seven (7) deaths due to COVID-19 were detected in the week bringing the total cases to 487,430 and the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 to 7,530.
- A total of 26,225 laboratory samples were tested in the Epi-Week-25 bringing the total number of samples tested to 5,044,139.
- In this week the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition is 90 which is higher than the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week (23).
- A total of 393,346 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been managed at Home Based Isolation and Care so far; 1,870 of these were enrolled in the Epi-Week-25.
- Third round campaign on vaccination against COVID-19 is ongoing in Ethiopia.

## II. Epidemiological Situation

### a. Global Situation

- Globally, the number of weekly COVID-19 cases has increased for the third consecutive week, after a declining trend was observed since the last peak in March 2022.
- During the week of 20 to 26 June 2022, over 4.3 million cases were reported, an 18% increase as compared to the previous week.
- The number of new weekly deaths remained similar to that of the previous week, with over 8,700 fatalities reported.

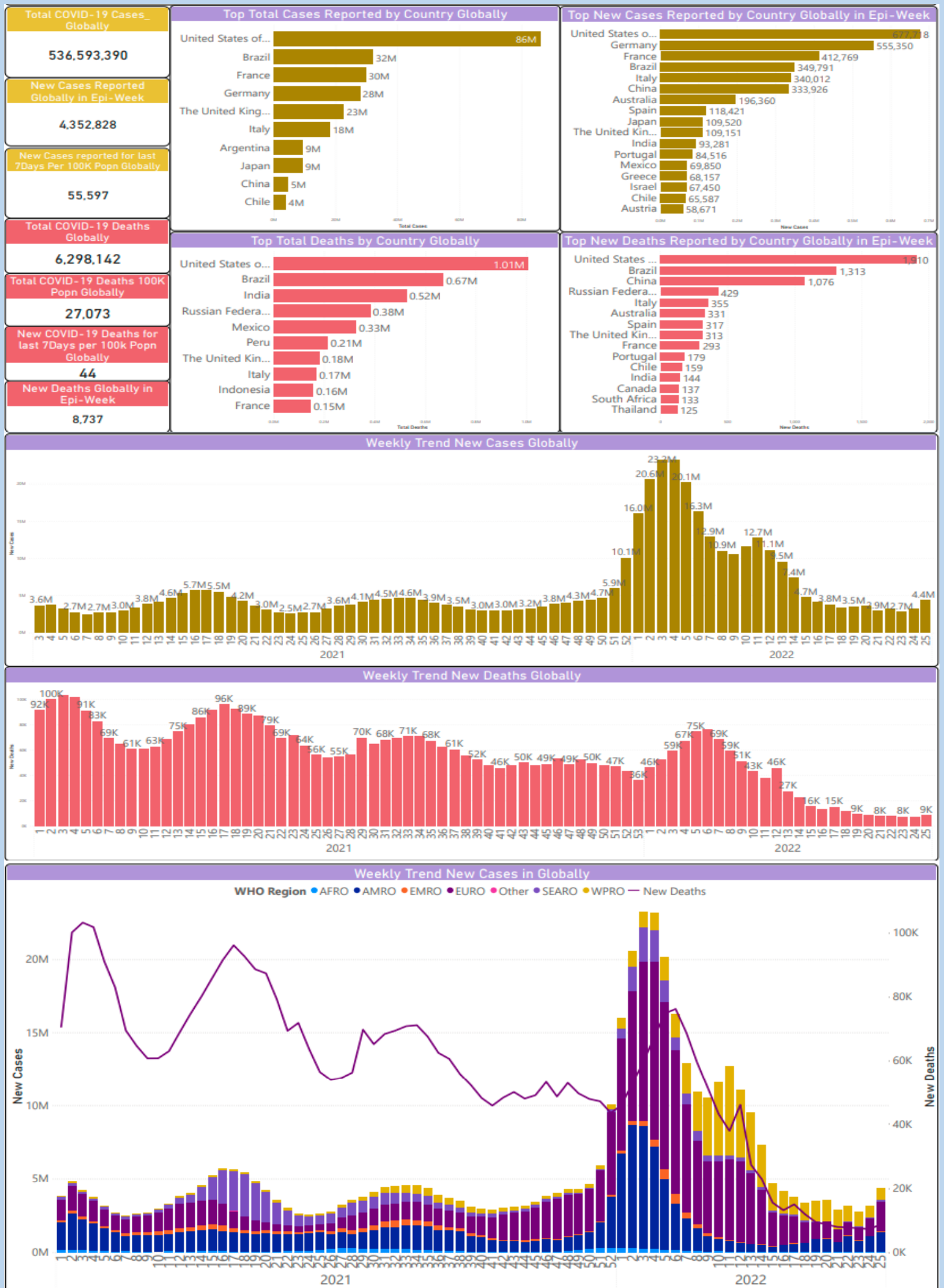


Figure 1: COVID-19 Global Situation Update as of 26 June 2022 (source: WHO)

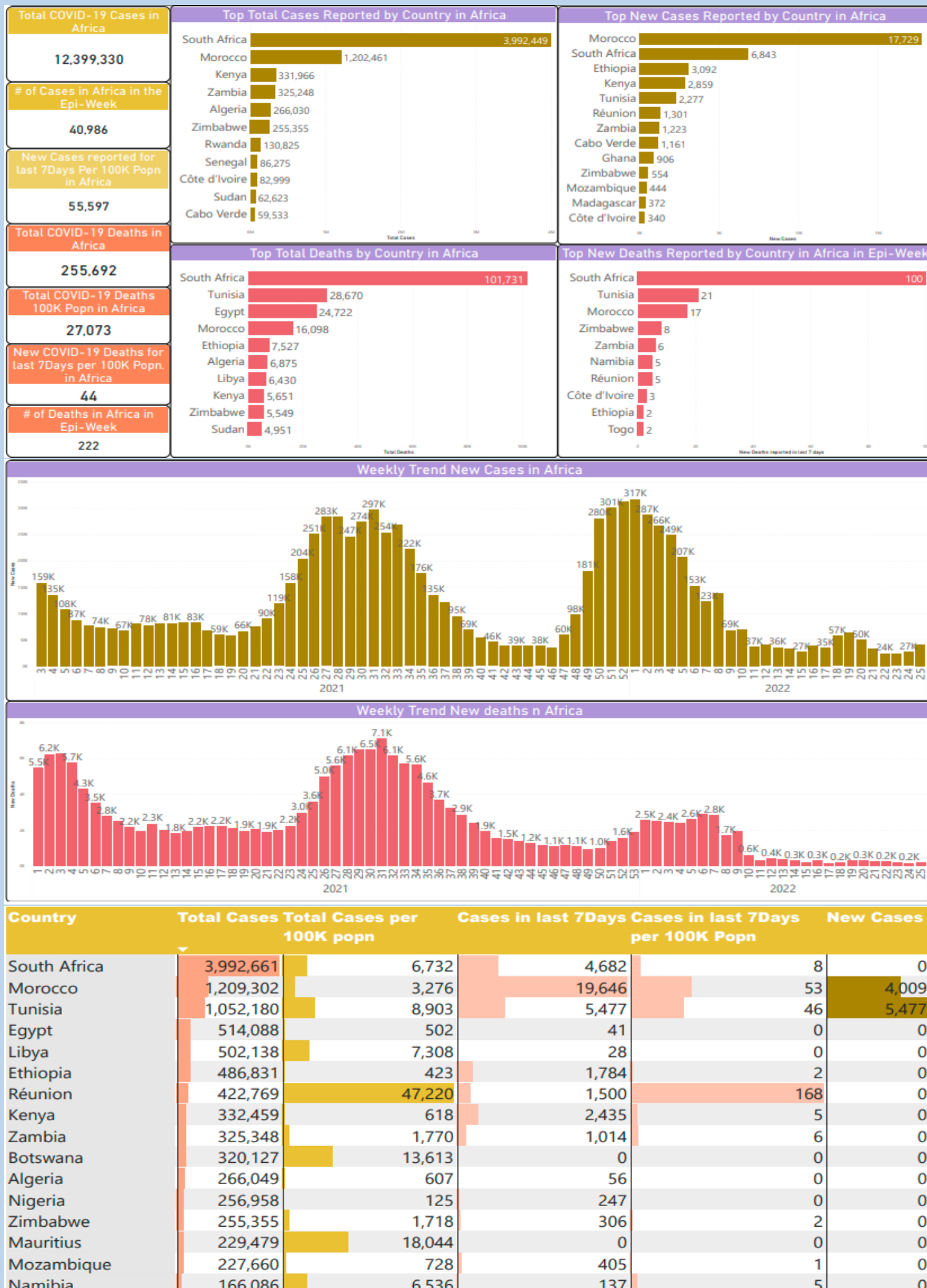


Figure 2: COVID-19 Situation Update in Africa as of June 26, 2022 (Source: WHO)

## **b. National COVID-19 situation:**

- As of June 26, 2022, a total of 487,430 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 7,530 deaths were recorded in the country with a case fatality rate of 1.50%.
- Seven new COVID-19 related deaths were reported during the Epi-Week-25.
- Three-thousand-two-hundred-ninety-two (3,292) newly confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported during the Epi-Week-25.
- In this week, there is 36% decrease in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases compared to the previous week.
- For detail, see the summary dashboard below.

*NB: Data from Tigray regional state is as of June 28, 2021.*

*SWEP: South West Ethiopia Peoples' Regional State*

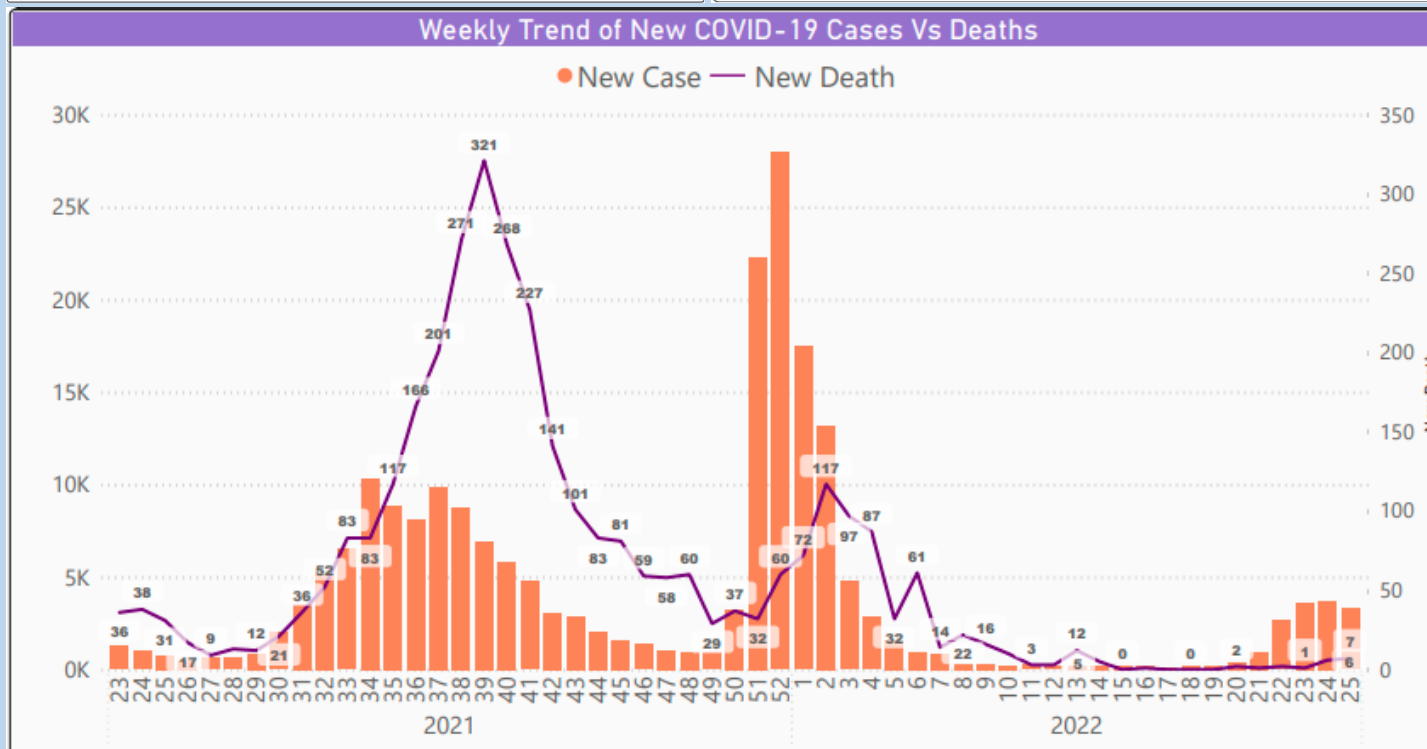
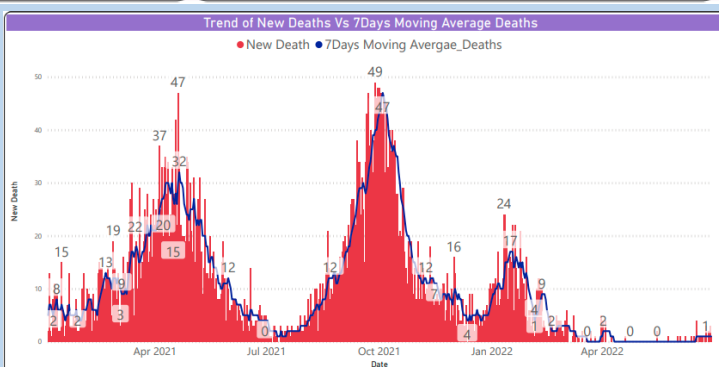
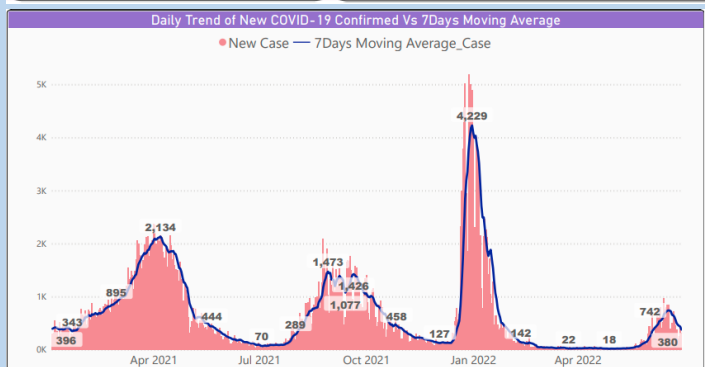
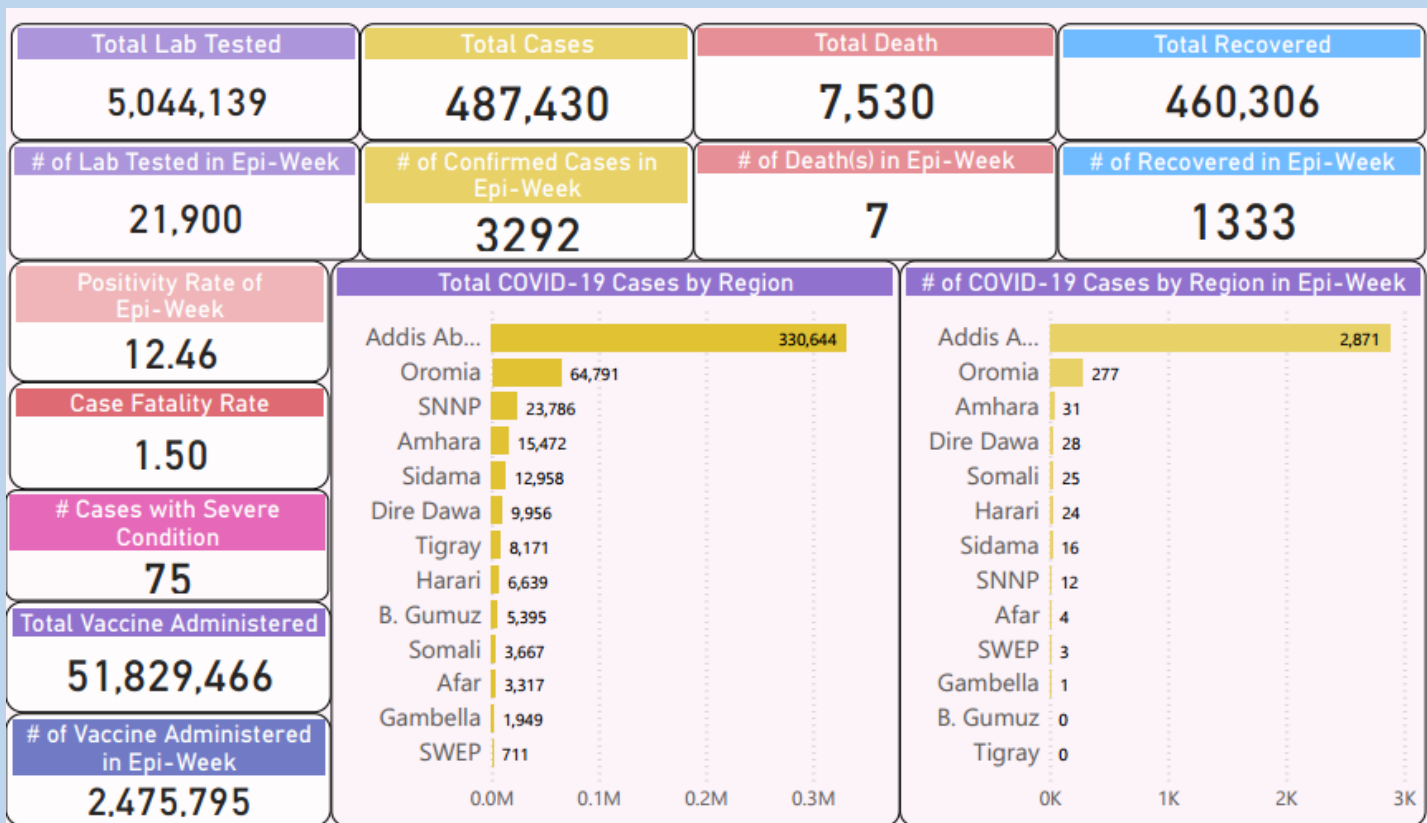


Figure 3: Summary of the COVID-19 situation in Ethiopia as of June 26, 2022, Ethiopia

### c. Other Epi-Surveillance Related Activities

There is ongoing travelers' health screening at point of entries (POEs), investigation and information provision via toll free call center and follow-up of persons who had contact with confirmed cases. There is also laboratory investigation of suspected cases, contacts of confirmed cases, SARI/pneumonia cases and community members, surveillance and assessment in school and congregated setting communities.

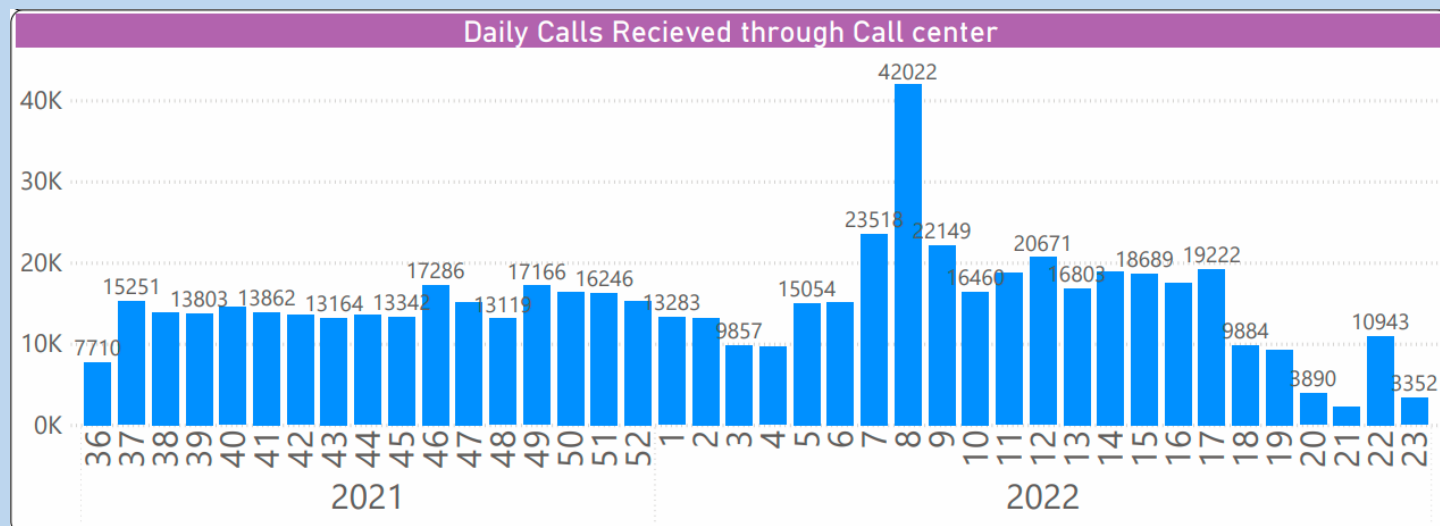
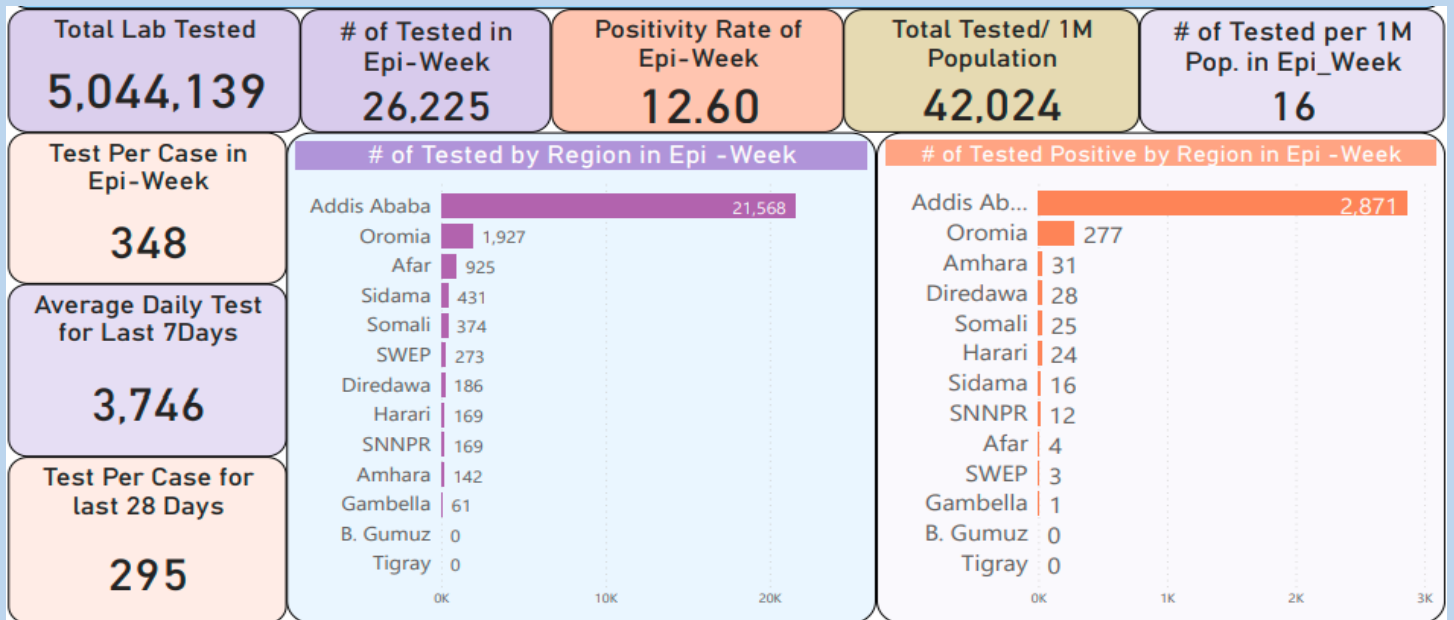


Figure 4: Trend of daily calls received through the call center (8335)

### III. Laboratory related activities

- As of 26 June 2022, a total of 5,044,139 samples have been tested for COVID-19 by laboratories across the country.
- 26,225 laboratory tests were processed during the Epi-Week-25 which is a 26% decrease compared to the number of tests performed in the previous week.
- The laboratory test positivity rate for the Epi-Week-25 is 12.55%, which is lower than that of the preceding week (15.46%).



Region	New Tested	New Cases	New Death	Positivity Rate	Test contribution	Case contribution
Addis Ababa	21,568	2,871		13.30	82%	88%
Afar	925	4		0.40	4%	0%
Amhara	142	31		20.43	1%	1%
B. Gumuz	0	0			0%	0%
Diredawa	186	28		14.10	1%	1%
Gambella	61	1		1.90	0%	0%
Harari	169	24		15.17	1%	1%
Oromia	1,927	277		13.80	7%	8%
Sidama	431	16		3.70	2%	1%
SNNPR	169	12		6.40	1%	0%
Somali	374	25		3.46	1%	1%
SWEP	273	3		1.45	1%	0%
Tigray	0	0				

\*\*\* Positivity Rate is the Average Rates of Regional Distn

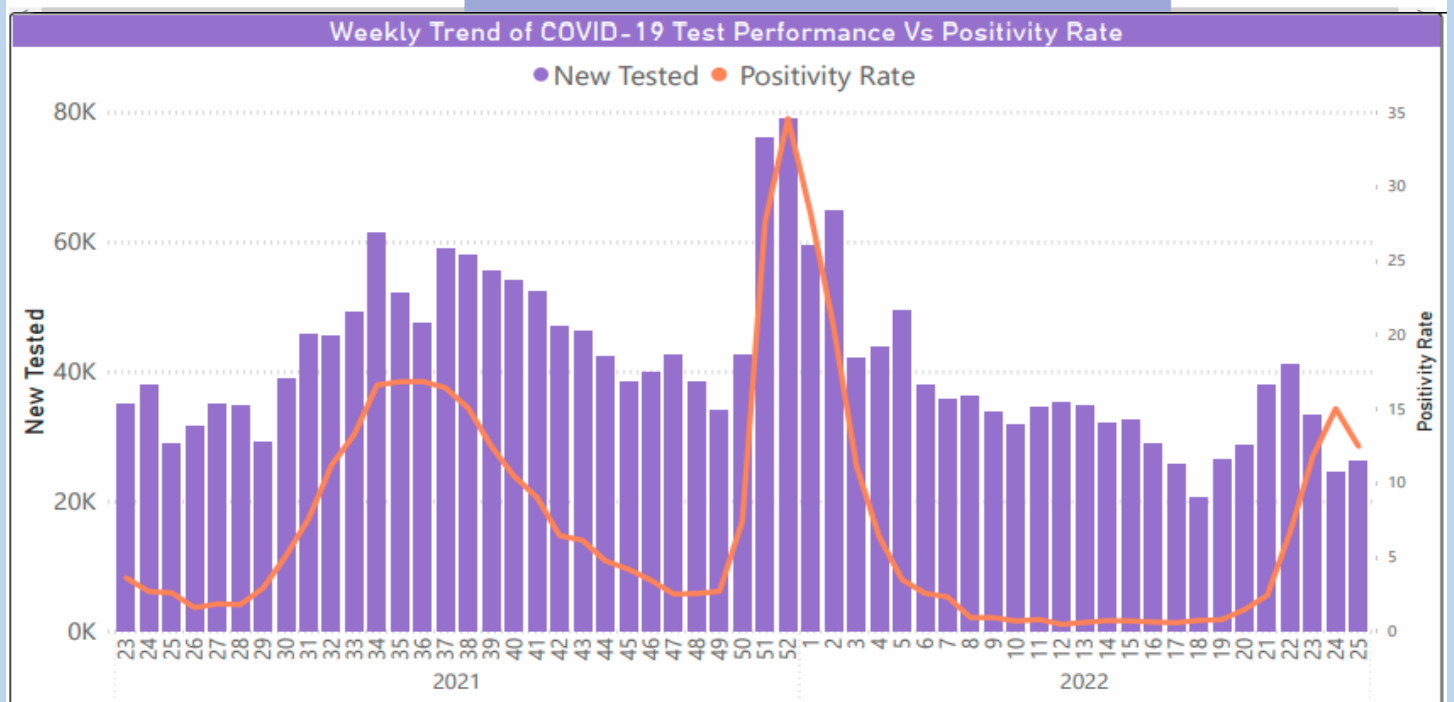


Figure 5: Update on laboratory tests performed as of June 26, 2022

## IV. Case Management and Facility Readiness

### a. COVID-19 treatment center

- There were total of 1,333 newly recovered COVID-19 cases during the Epi-Week-25, bringing the total number of recovered cases to 459,575 (both from COVID-19 treatment center and from HBIC). This brings the overall recovery rate to 94%.
- In this week the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition is 75 which is higher than the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week (23).

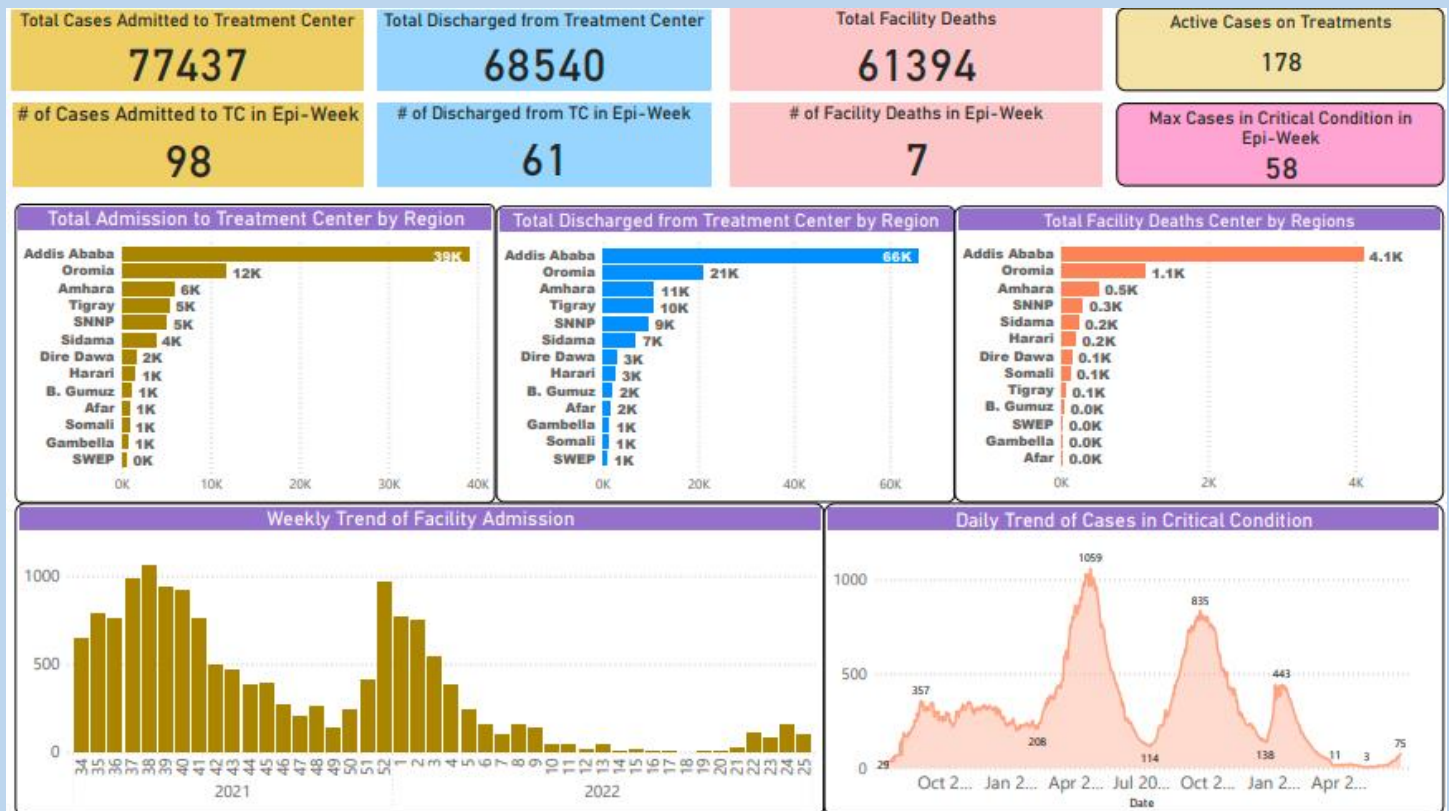


Figure 6: COVID-19 Situation Updates in COVID-19 treatment centers as of June 19, 2022

### b. Home Based Isolation and Care (HBIC):

- So far, 393,346 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been on HBIC. 390,864 of them (99%) have recovered and 50 (0.013%) died.
- Of these, 1,870 cases have been enrolled to HBIC and 1,272 cases have recovered in the Epi-Week-25.
- As of June 26, 2022, there are 3,514 cases on HBIC.
- So far, 2,437 (none in the Epi-week-25) of the cases have been transferred from treatment centers to HBIC after improvement.
- So far, 1,351 (one in the Epi-week-25) of the cases have been transferred from HBIC to treatment centers for better care.



## V. Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- Media (mass media and social media) monitoring on COVID-19 related information is ongoing.
- Risk communication and awareness creation activities are ongoing.
- COVID-19 related key messages and updates shared on social media.



Figure 7: COVID-19 situation update as of June 26, 2022 shared on social media.

## VI. Coordination and Leadership

- The national PHEOC is collaboratively working with stakeholders: government agencies, partner organizations, UN agencies, embassies, hospitals, Industrial parks and others.
- Morning briefing of IMS is being conducted every day by core IMS staffs and key partners' representatives.
- Weekly joint meeting is ongoing, every Tuesday, among the national and regional Emergency Operations Centers COVID-19 response IMS (Incident Management System) to evaluate weekly COVID-19 situations, progress of response strategies, challenges faced and way forwards.
- The virtual meeting of Joint Steering Committee encompassing MOH, Agencies and RHB top leadership under the leadership of H.E Minister of Health is ongoing once in two weeks.
- The third-round campaign of vaccination against COVID-19 is ongoing in Ethiopia. The campaign was launched on Thursday, 09 June 2022 aiming at controlling the spread of the pandemic and combating the multifaceted challenges caused by the disease. It has been planned to increase the full vaccination service from the total rate of 37.8 percent to 70 percent by vaccinating 25 million citizens. All individuals 12 years and older will be candidates to take the vaccine and those who passed 6 months after vaccination shall take a booster dose.

## VII. Public Health Policy Recommendation

### Advice for the Public:

- For any individual confirmed to have COVID-19 and who is candidate for Home Based Isolation and Care:
  - Properly isolate from other family members.
  - Take full responsibility in prevention of transmission

- Strictly adhere to the National Directive of Home-Based Isolation & Care.
  - Provide reliable information during regular follow up either by phone or home visit.
  - Report to nearest health facilities/follow up team in case of any emergency, appearance of new symptoms or worsening of existing symptoms.
- It is important to be informed of the situation and act appropriately to protect yourself and your family.
    - Wash hands frequently;
    - Don't touch your mouth, nose or eye by unwashed hands;
    - Keep physical distancing; avoid mass gathering and shaking hands;
    - Get vaccinated against COVID-19.
  - For most people, COVID-19 infection will cause mild illness however, it can make some people very ill and, in some people, it can be fatal.
  - Older people, and those with pre-existing medical conditions (such as cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease or diabetes) are at risk for severe disease.
  - If anybody had contact with a COVID-19 confirmed patient, he/she should call 8335 or report to regional toll-free lines or to the nearby health facilities.

**National/Regional official websites, social media pages and toll-free hotline for public health emergency (PHE) information**

MOH/EPHI/Region	Facebook page	Toll-free hotline	Email address (PHEOCs email)
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Main Website	<a href="https://www.ephi.gov.et/">https://www.ephi.gov.et/</a>	8335	<a href="mailto:ephieoc@gmail.com">ephieoc@gmail.com</a>
Ethiopian Public Health Institute COVID-19 Website	<a href="https://covid19.ephi.gov.et/">https://covid19.ephi.gov.et/</a>		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute PHE Information Webportal	<a href="http://www.phem.gov.et">www.phem.gov.et</a>	8335	<a href="mailto:ephieoc@gmail.com">ephieoc@gmail.com</a>
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Facebook Page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ephipage/">https://www.facebook.com/ephipage/</a>		
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Ministry of Health, Ethiopia Website	<a href="http://www.moh.gov.et">www.moh.gov.et</a>	952	
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Oromia Regional Health Bureau		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/OromiaHealth/">https://www.facebook.com/OromiaHealth/</a>	6955	<a href="mailto:oromiapheoc@gmail.com">oromiapheoc@gmail.com</a>
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### COVID-19 updates and sources of evidence:

Source	Link
WHO Coronavirus (COVID-19) dashboard	<a href="https://covid19.who.int/">https://covid19.who.int/</a>
Africa CDC Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard	<a href="https://au.int/en/covid19">https://au.int/en/covid19</a>
WHO COVID-19 daily situation reports	<a href="https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports">https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports</a>
WHO Academy mobile learning app for health workers, COVID-19 information	Android- <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.who.WHOA">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.who.WHOA</a> Apple- <a href="https://apps.apple.com/us/app/who-academy/id1506019873">https://apps.apple.com/us/app/who-academy/id1506019873</a>



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