



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (PHEOC), ETHIOPIA

COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN ETHIOPIA

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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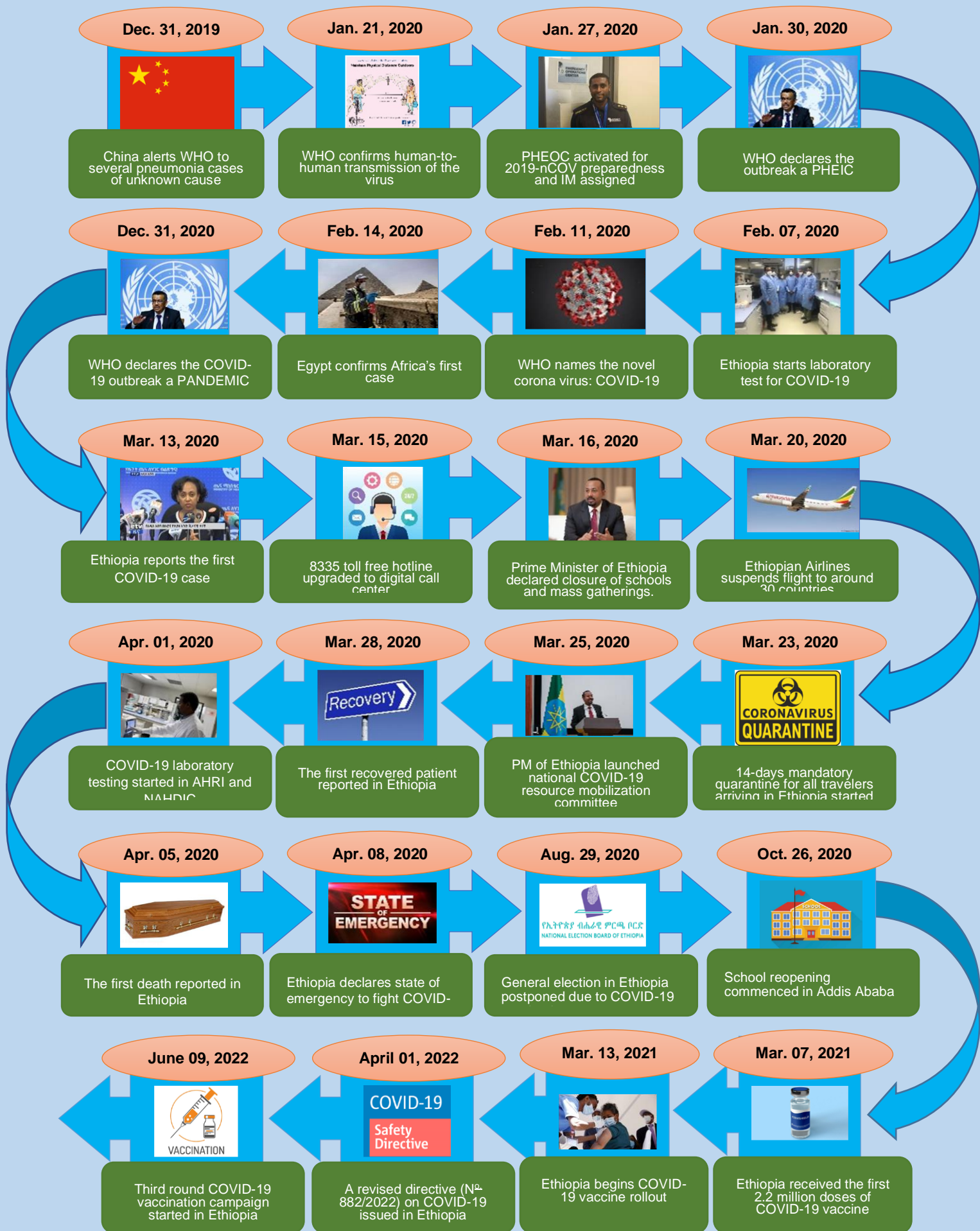
I. Highlights

- The number of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases has shown decrease in the last two weeks after increment for seven consecutive weeks.
- A total of 1,911 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and 11 deaths due to COVID-19 were detected in the week bringing the total cases to 489,341 and the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 to 7,541.
- A total of 21,900 laboratory samples were tested in the Epi-Week-26 bringing the total number of samples tested to 5,066,039.
- In this week the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition is 74 which is lower than the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week (90).
- A total of 397,653 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been managed at Home Based Isolation and Care so far; 4,307 of these were enrolled in the Epi-Week-26.
- Third round campaign on vaccination against COVID-19 is ongoing in Ethiopia.
- Ethiopia Received 10 million Doses of Sinopharm COVID-19 Vaccine from China.



Figure 1:
Ethiopian HE.
Minister of Health
(left) and Chinese
HE. Ambassador
to Ethiopia during
the handover of
donated vaccine,
June 27, 2022

II. Timeline of COVID-19 pandemic in Ethiopia



III. **Epidemiological Situation**

a. Global Situation

- Globally, the number of new weekly cases increased for the fourth consecutive week after a declining trend since the last peak in March 2022.
- During the week of 27 June to 03 July 2022, over 4.3 million cases were reported, a figure similar to that of the previous week.
- The number of new weekly deaths declined by 12% as compared to the previous week, with over 7,200 fatalities reported.

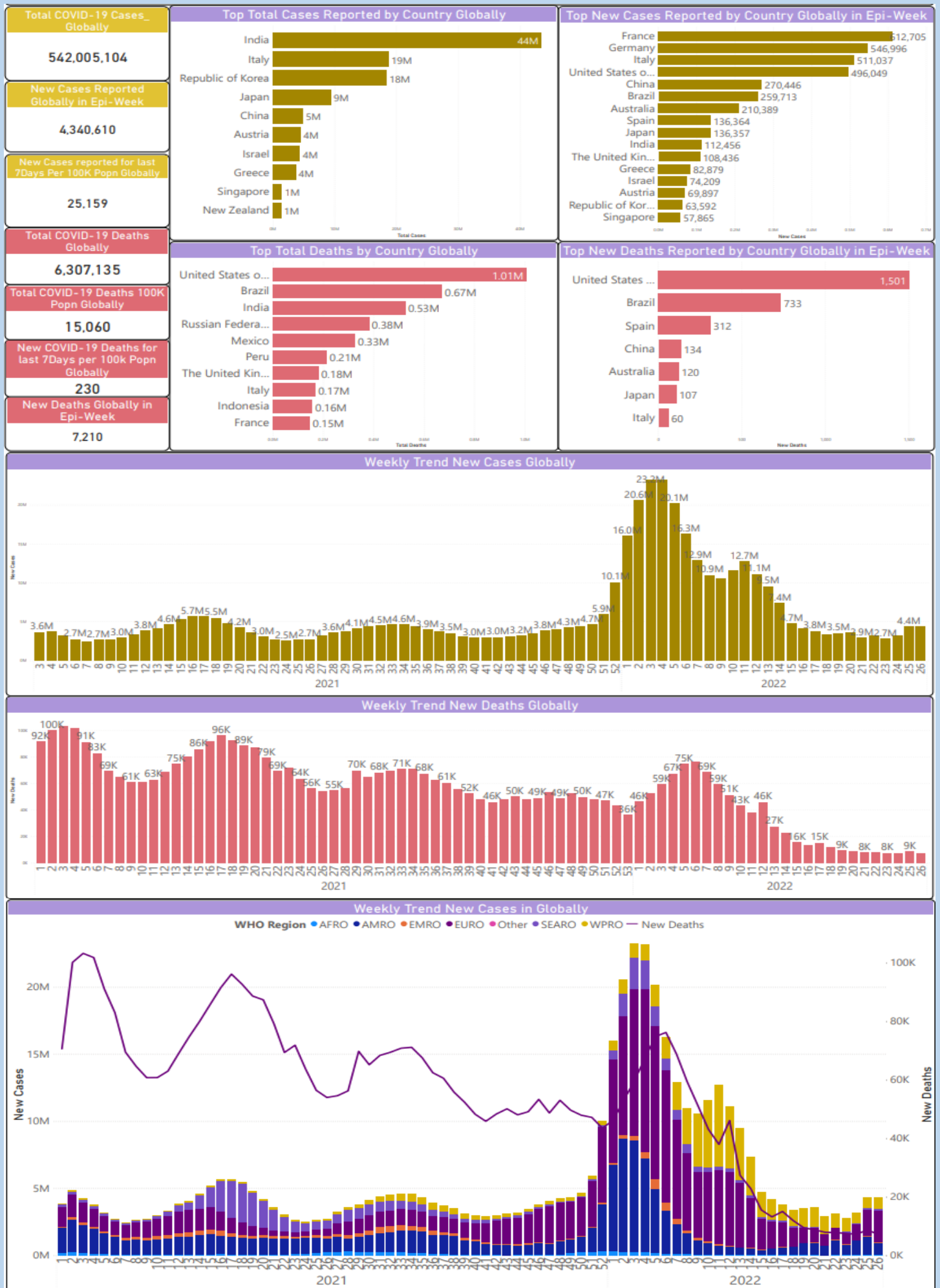


Figure 2: COVID-19 Global Situation Update as of 03 July 2022 (source: WHO)

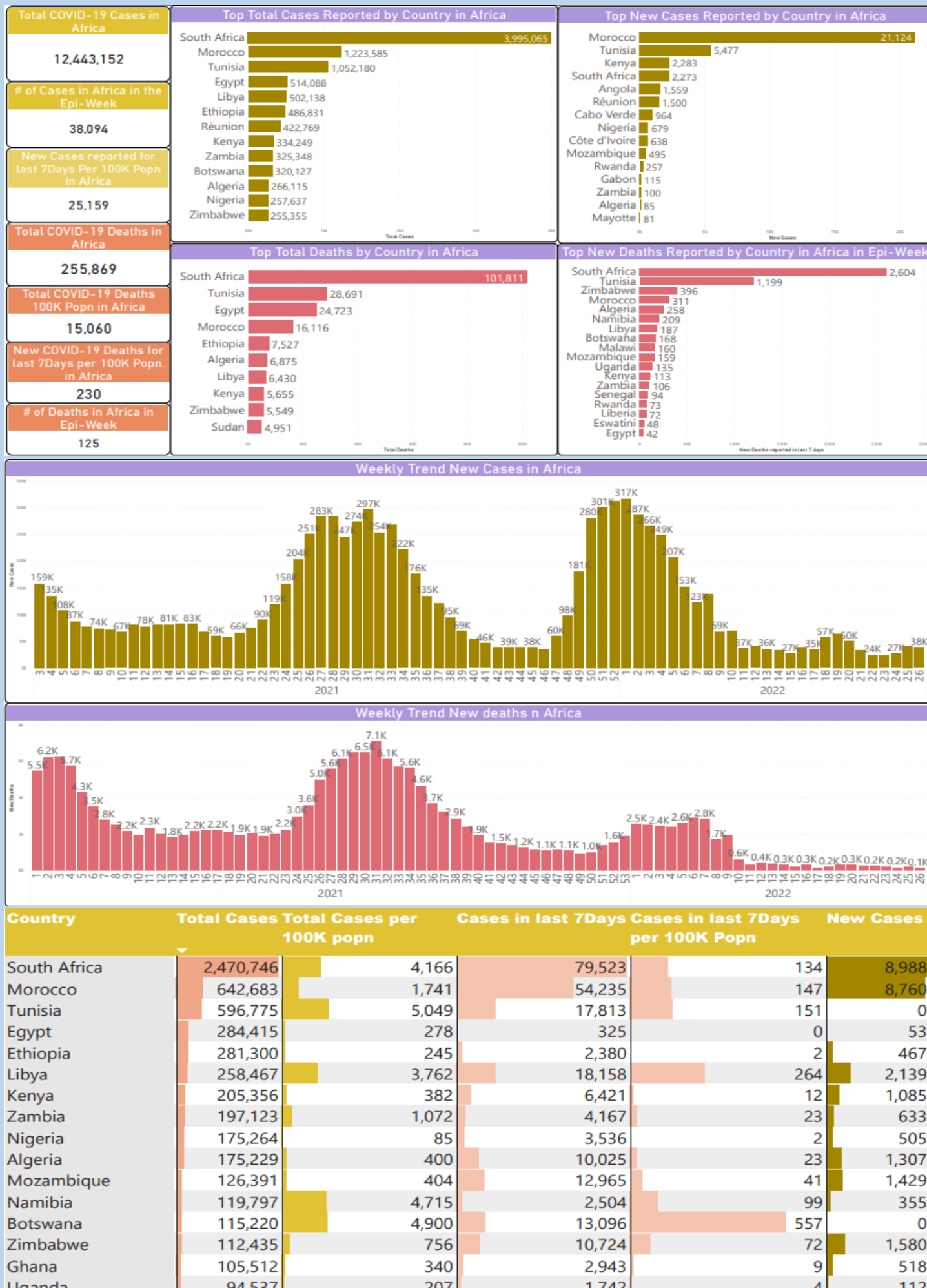


Figure 3: COVID-19 Situation Update in Africa as of July 03, 2022 (Source: WHO)

b. National COVID-19 situation:

- As of July 03, 2022, a total of 489,341 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 7,541 deaths were recorded in the country with a case fatality rate of 1.50%.
- Eleven new COVID-19 related deaths were reported during the Epi-Week-26.
- One-thousand-nine-hundred-eleven (1,911) newly confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported during the Epi-Week-26.
- In this week, there is 42% 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

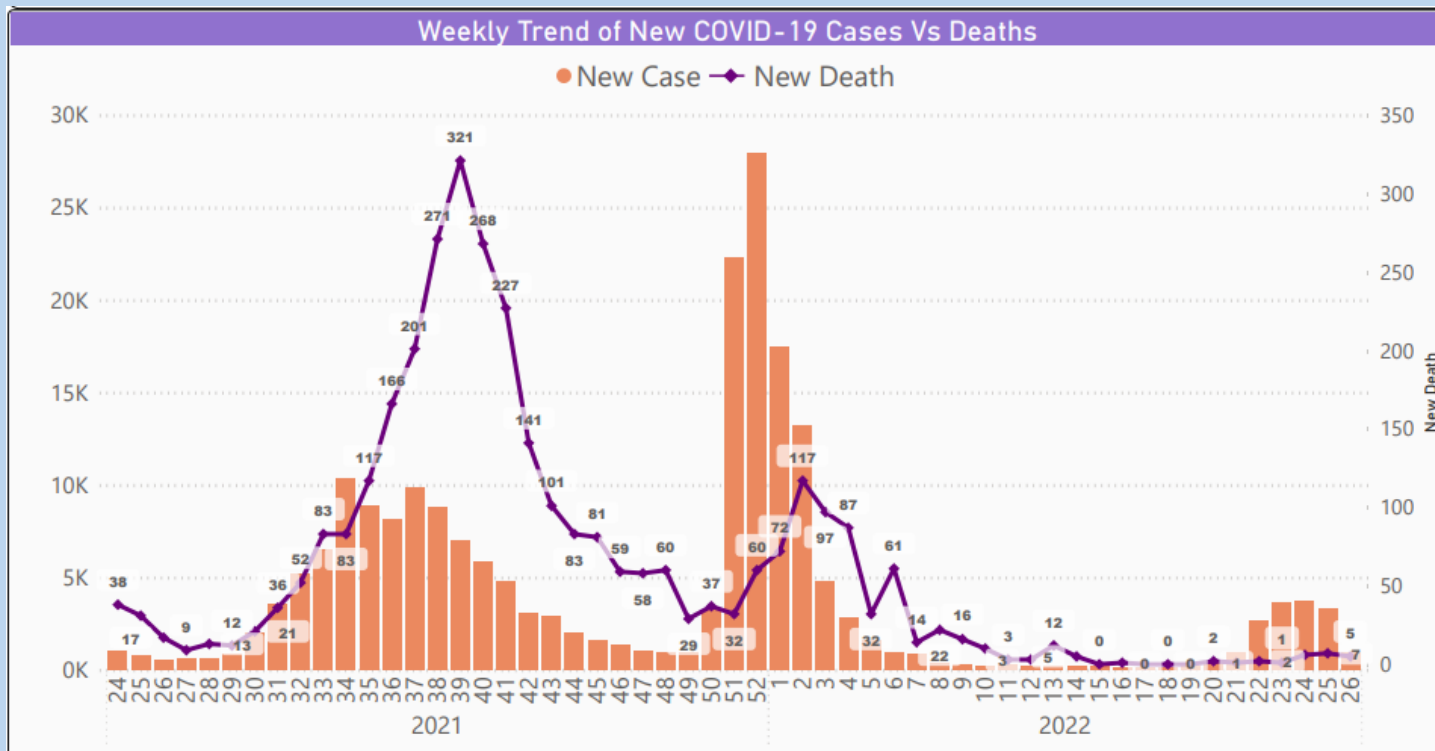
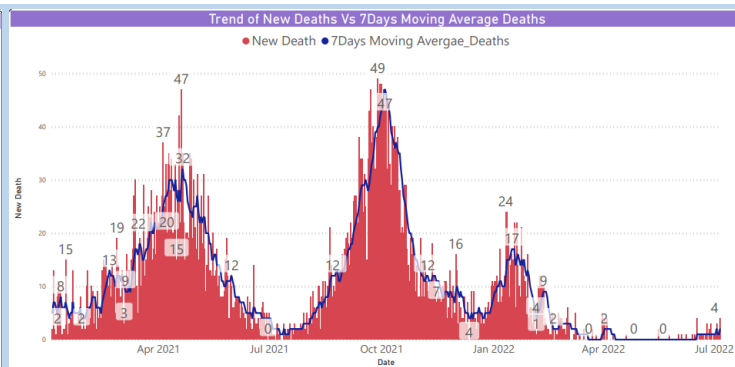
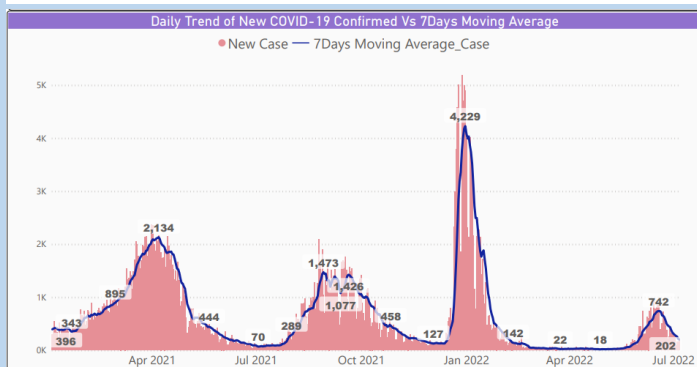
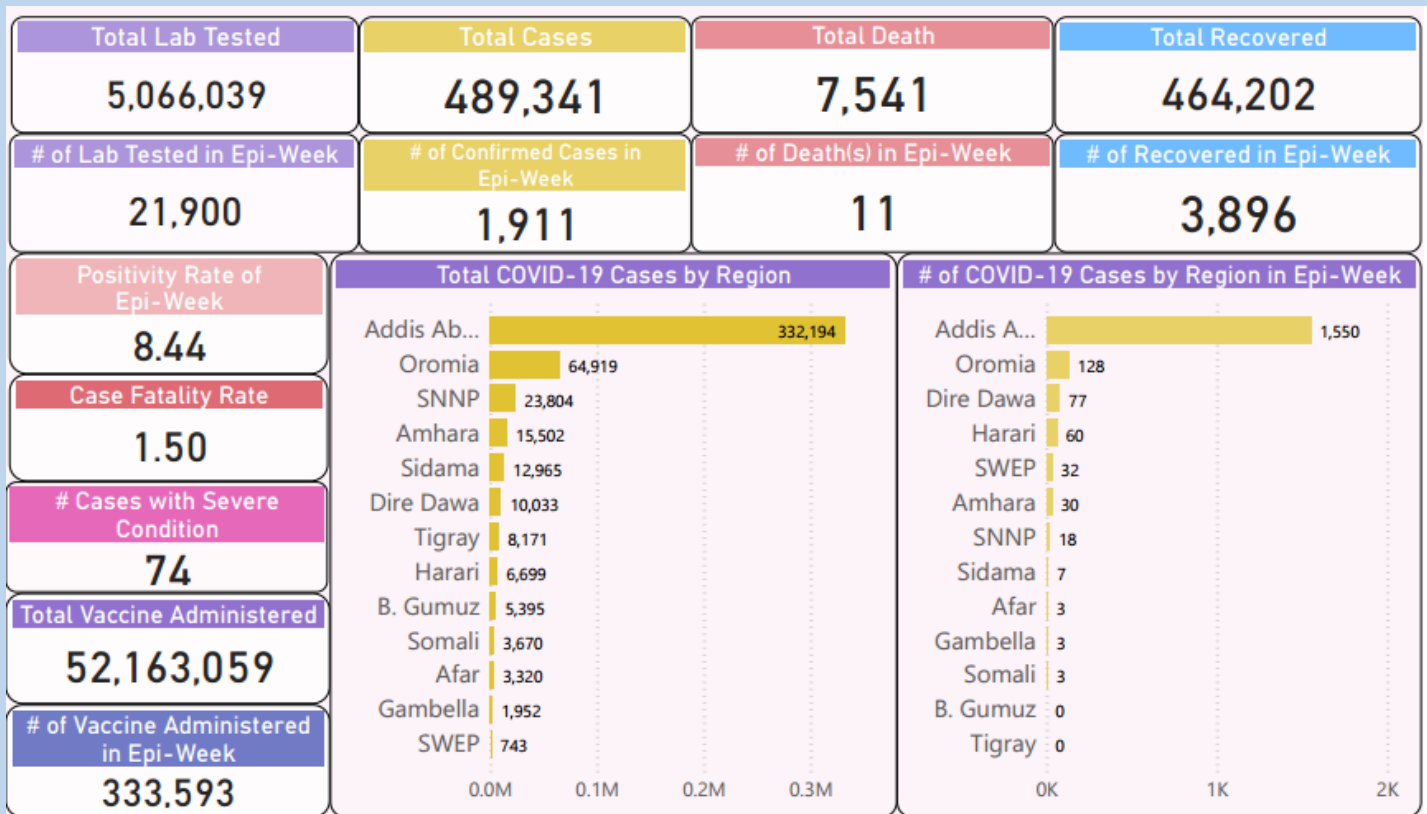


Figure 4: Summary of the COVID-19 situation in Ethiopia as of July 03, 2022, Ethiopia

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.

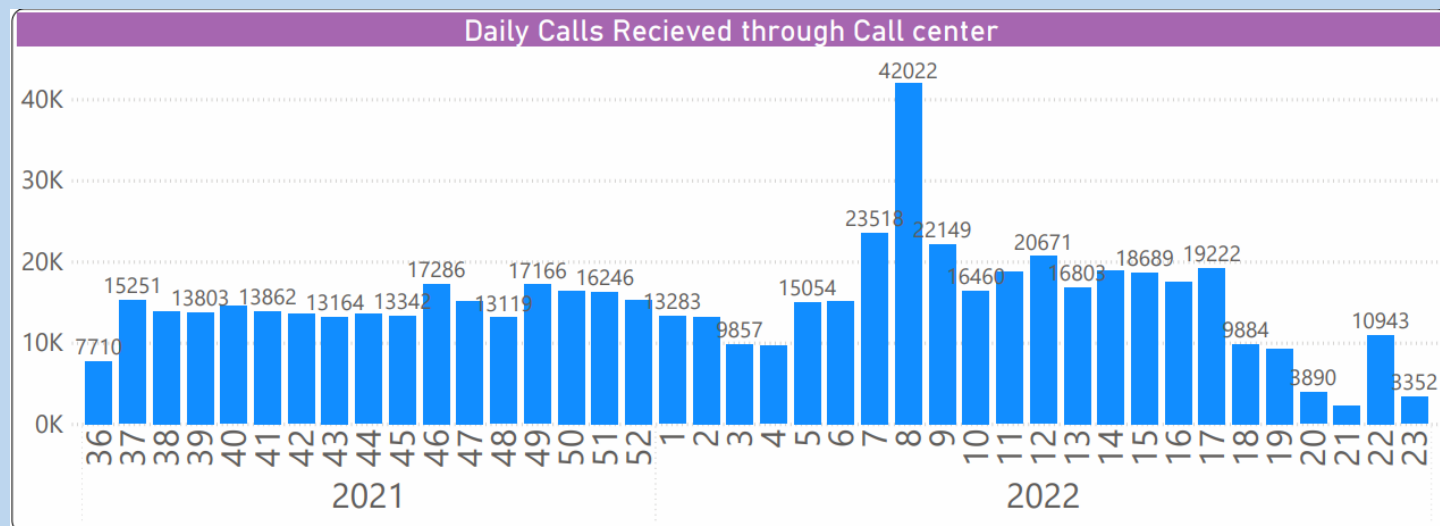
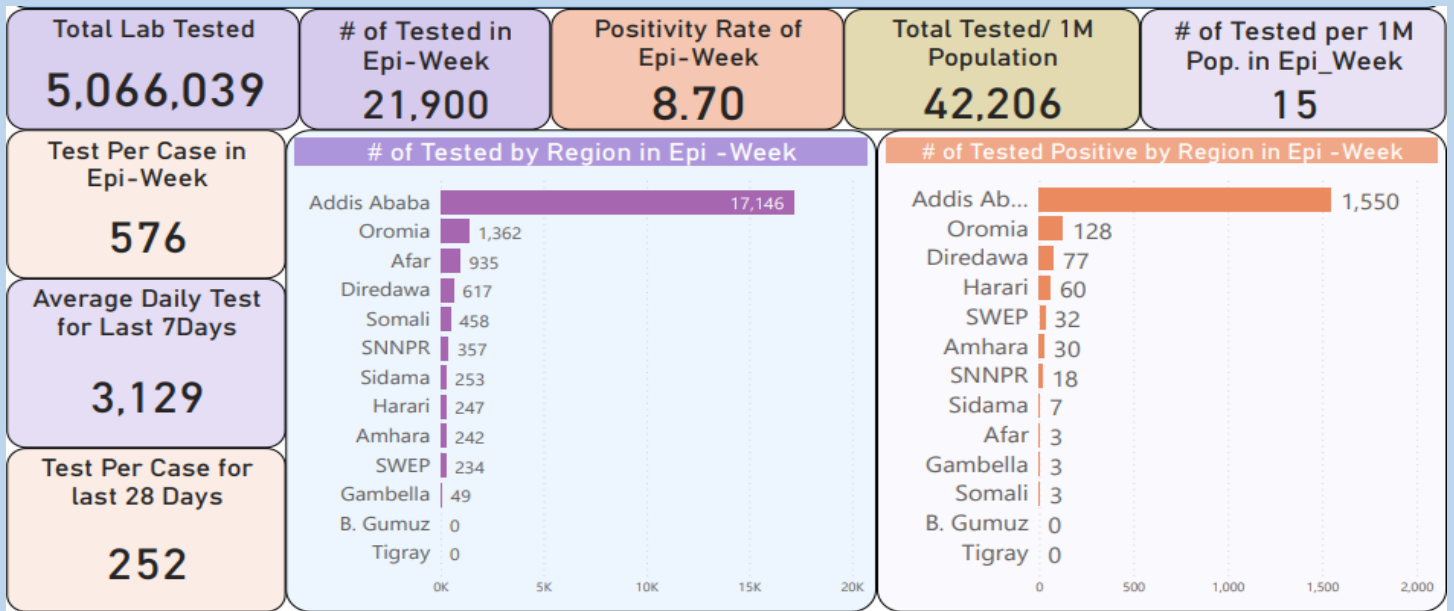


Figure 5: Trend of daily calls received through the call center (8335)

IV. Laboratory related activities

- As of 03 July 2022, a total of 5,066,039 samples have been tested for COVID-19 by laboratories across the country.
- 21,900 laboratory tests were processed during the Epi-Week-26 which is a 16% decrease compared to the number of tests performed in the previous week.
- The laboratory test positivity rate for the Epi-Week-26 is 8.73%, which is lower than that of the preceding week (12.55%).



Region	New Tested	New Cases	New Death	Positivity Rate	Test contribution	Case contribution
Addis Ababa	17,146	1,550		8.76	78%	82%
Afar	935	3		0.30	4%	0%
Amhara	242	30		8.56	1%	1%
B. Gumuz	0	0			0%	0%
Diredawa	617	77		13.13	3%	4%
Gambella	49	3		6.70	0%	0%
Harari	247	60		20.57	1%	3%
Oromia	1,362	128		9.81	6%	7%
Sidama	253	7		2.01	1%	0%
SNNPR	357	18		4.21	2%	1%
Somali	458	3		0.48	2%	0%
SWEP	234	32		5.74	1%	2%
Tigray	0	0				

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

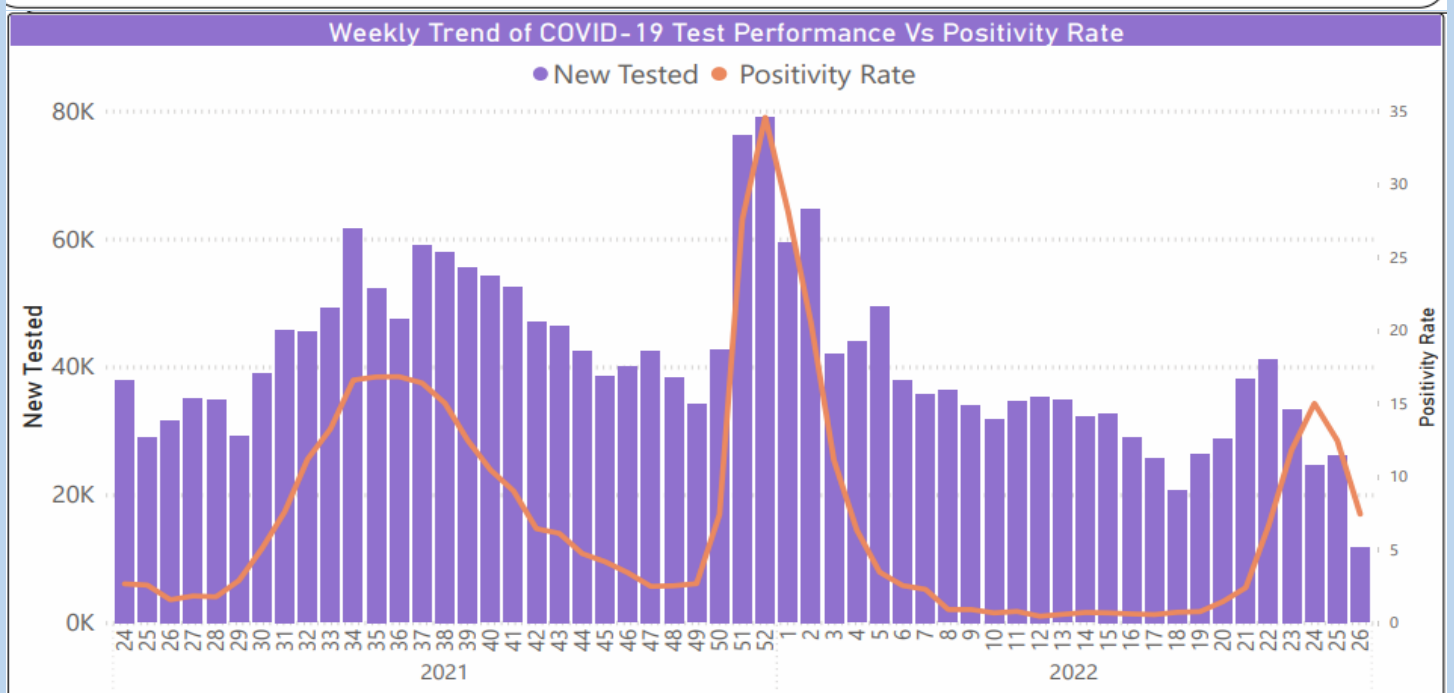


Figure 6: Update on laboratory tests performed as of July 03, 2022

V. Case Management and Facility Readiness

a. COVID-19 treatment center

- There were total of 3,896 newly recovered COVID-19 cases during the Epi-Week-26, bringing the total number of recovered cases to 463,471 (both from COVID-19 treatment center and from HBIC). This brings the overall recovery rate to 95%.
- In this week the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition is 74 which is lower than the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week (90).

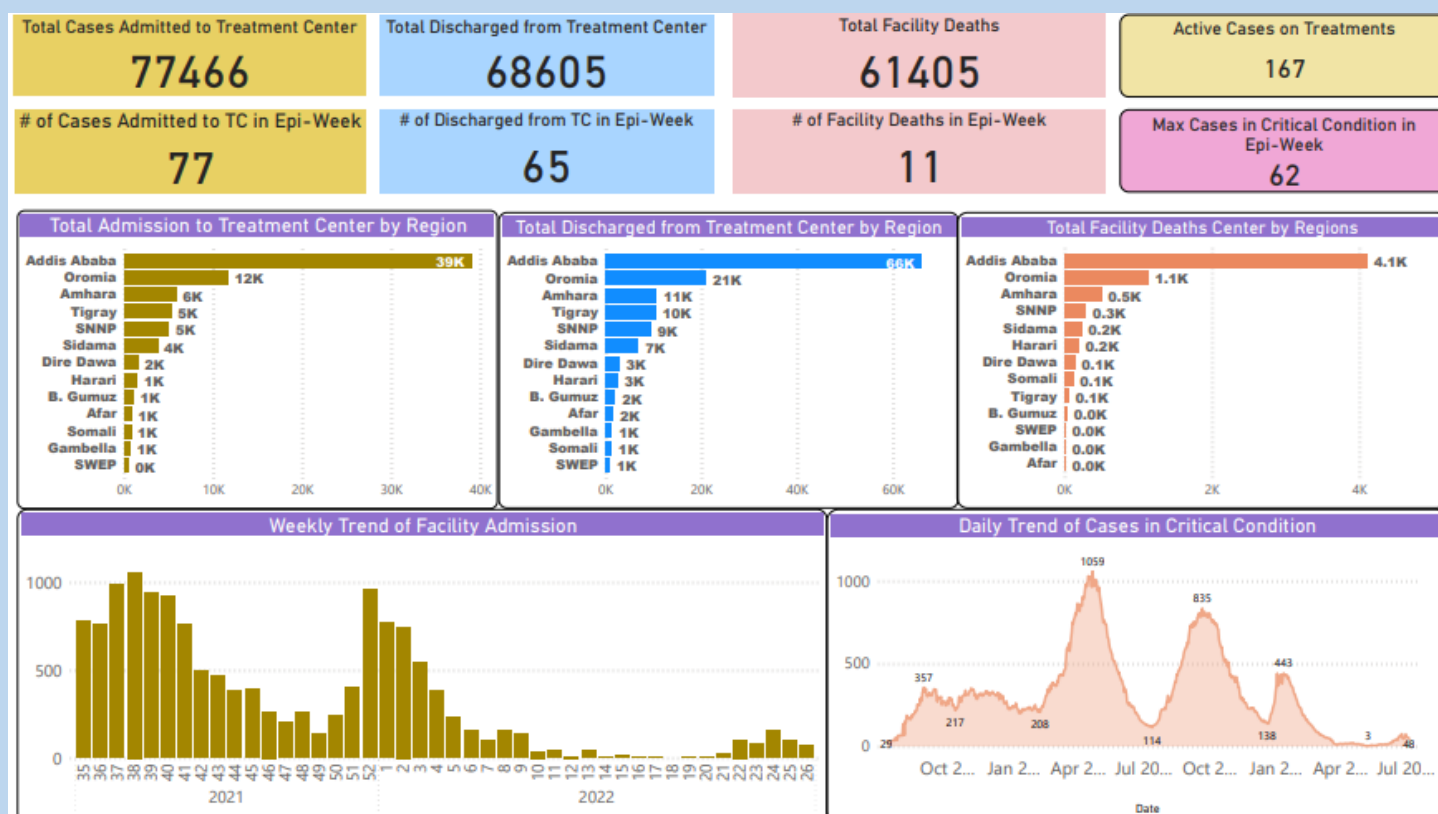


Figure 7: COVID-19 Situation Updates in COVID-19 treatment centers as of July 03, 2022

b. Home Based Isolation and Care (HBIC):

- So far, 397,653 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been on HBIC. 395,388 of them (99%) have recovered and 50 (0.013%) died.
- Of these, 4,307 cases have been enrolled to HBIC and 4,524 cases have recovered in the Epi-Week-26.
- As of July 03, 2022, there are 3,297 cases on HBIC.
- So far, 2,437 (88 in the Epi-week-26) of the cases have been transferred from treatment centers to HBIC after improvement.
- So far, 1,321 (none in the Epi-week-26) of the cases have been transferred from HBIC to treatment centers for better care.

VI. 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 8: COVID-19 situation update as of July 03, 2022 shared on social media.

VII. 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 are candidates to take the vaccine and those who passed 6 months after vaccination shall take a booster dose.
- The Chinese government on Monday, June 27, 2022, donated 10 million doses of Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines to Ethiopia. Five million doses of the donation will be used to vaccinate mothers, children, and young people. The Chinese government has donated 14 million doses of vaccines to Ethiopia so far “to fight the virus, restore the economy and protect people’s health.

VIII. 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	https://www.eph.gov.et/	8335	ephieoc@gmail.com
Ethiopian Public Health Institute COVID-19 Website	https://covid19.eph.gov.et/		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute PHE Information Webportal	www.phem.gov.et	8335	ephieoc@gmail.com
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/ephpage/		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Twitter Page	https://twitter.com/EPHIethiopia		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Telegram Channel	https://t.me/EthPHI		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute YouTube Channel	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvvTzeY-IJiQfEFBULH9Mkw		
Ministry of Health, Ethiopia Website	www.moh.gov.et	952	
Ministry of Health, Ethiopia Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/EthiopiaFMoH/		

Afar Regional Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/afarrhb.org/	6220	afarpheoc@gmail.com
Amhara Regional Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/Amhara-Healthbureau-682065755146948/	6981	aphieoc@gmail.com
Benishangul Gumuz Regional Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/Benishangul-Gumuz-Health-Bureau-1676282159265517/	6016	bgpheoc@gmail.com
Gambela Regional Health Bureau	https://fb.me/gambellaregionhealthbureau	6184	gambellapheoc@gmail.com
Harari Regional Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/Harari-Regional-Health-Bureau-1464182130355007/	6864	hrhbpheoc@gmail.com
Oromia Regional Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/OromiaHealth/	6955	oromiapheoc@gmail.com
Somali Regional Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/srhbdotcom/...	6599	somalipheoc@gmail.com
SNNP Regional Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/snnprhealthbureau/?ref=br_rs	6929	snnppheoc@gmail.com
Tigray Regional Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/tigrayrhb/	6244	tigraypheoc@gmail.com
Sidama PHEM		7794	sidaamapheoc@gmail.com
South West Ethiopian RHB PHEM			swepheoc@gmail.com
Dire Dawa city Administration Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/Dire-Dawa-Administration-Health-Bureau-1371606266279524/	6407	ddpheoc@gmail.com
Addis Ababa City Administration Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/aahb.gov.et/	6406	aapheoc@gmail.com

COVID-19 updates and sources of evidence:

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



The above presented Quick Reader (QR) code takes you to a portal that you can access updates and all COVID-19 related information available (<https://covid19.ephi.gov.et/covid-19/>)

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