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COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN ETHIOPIA

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Epi-Week - 24 (June 13 – 19, 2022)

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I. Highlights

- There is an alarming increment in the number of new COVID-19 cases in the country for the last seven consecutive weeks.
- A total of 5,175 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and seven (7) deaths due to COVID-19 were detected in the week bringing the total cases to 484,138 and the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 to 7,523.
- A total of 33,482 laboratory samples were tested in the Epi-Week-24 bringing the total number of samples tested to 5,017,864.
- In this week the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition is 23 which is equivalent to the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week.
- A total of 391,476 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been managed at Home Based Isolation and Care so far; 2,411 of these were enrolled in the Epi-Week-24.
- Third round campaign on vaccination against COVID-19 is ongoing in Ethiopia.



II. Epidemiological Situation

a. Global Situation

- Globally, the number of new weekly cases has continued to decline since the peak in January 2022.
- During the week of 13 until 19 June 2022, over 3.3 million cases were reported, a 4% decrease as compared to the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths declined by 16% as compared to the previous week, with over 7500 fatalities reported.
- As of 19 June 2022, over 536 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally.

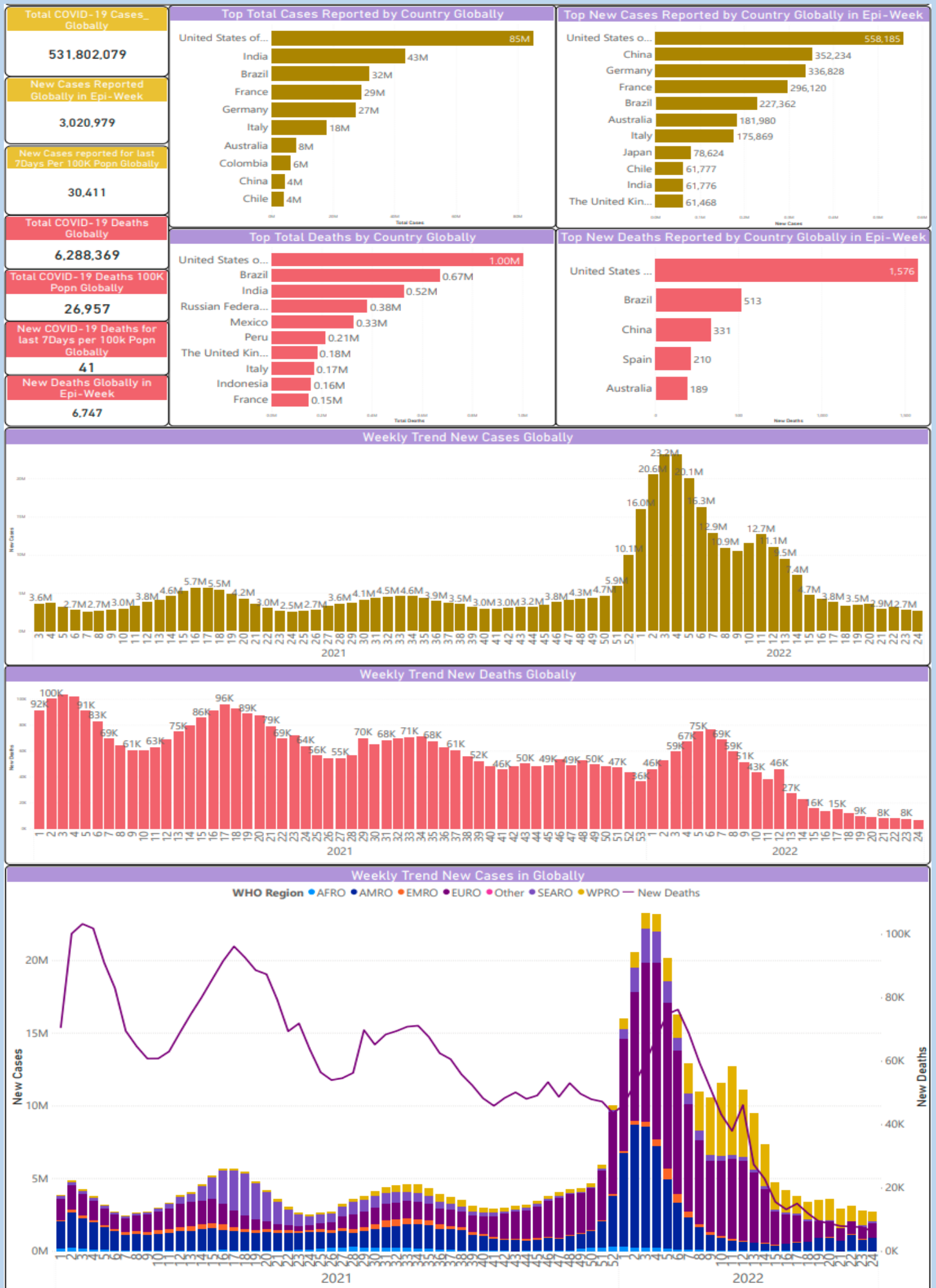
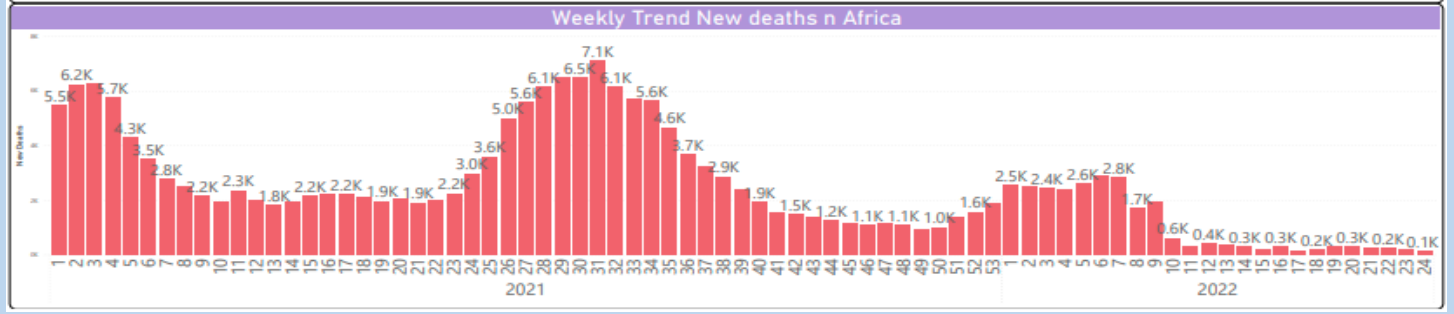
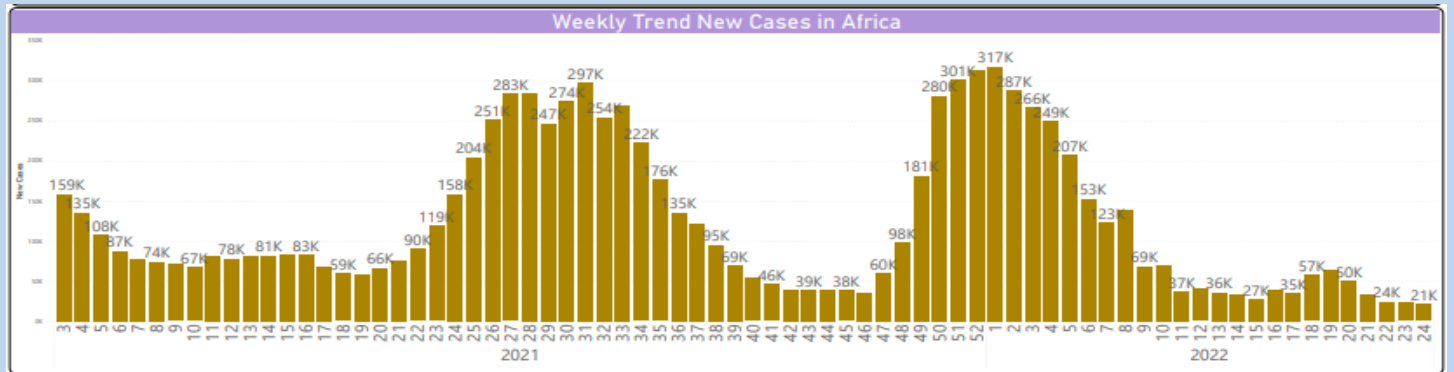
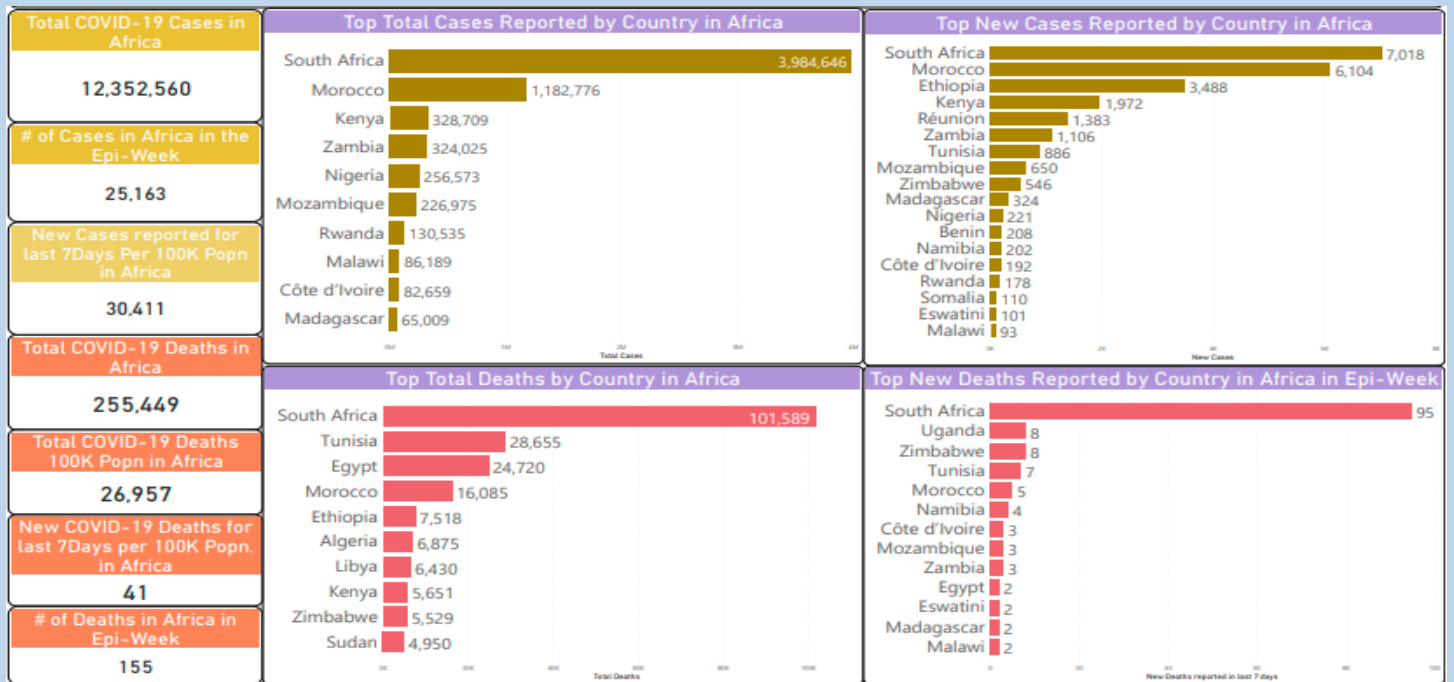


Figure 1: COVID-19 Global Situation Update as of 19 June 2022 (source: WHO)



Country	Total Cases	Total Cases per 100K popn	Cases in last 7Days	Cases in last 7Days per 100K Popn	New Cases
South Africa	3,986,601	6,722	7,475	13	0
Morocco	1,186,597	3,215	10,432	28	607
Tunisia	1,044,426	8,837	886	7	0
Egypt	514,047	502	39	0	0
Libya	502,110	7,307	34	0	0
Ethiopia	482,032	419	2,548	2	0
Réunion	419,968	46,907	0	0	0
Kenya	329,353	613	2,208	4	0
Zambia	324,025	1,763	688	4	0
Botswana	313,493	13,331	0	0	0
Algeria	265,975	607	38	0	0
Nigeria	256,573	124	221	0	0
Zimbabwe	254,644	1,713	489	3	0
Mauritius	227,442	17,884	0	0	0
Mozambique	227,127	727	646	2	0
Namibia	165,783	6,525	220	9	0

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

b. National COVID-19 situation:

- As of June 19, 2022, a total of 484,138 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 7,523 deaths were recorded in the country with a case fatality rate of 1.60%.
- Seven new COVID-19 related deaths were reported during the Epi-Week-24.
- Five-thousand-one-hundred-seventy-five (5,175) newly confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported during the Epi-Week-24.
- In this week, there is 31% increase 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

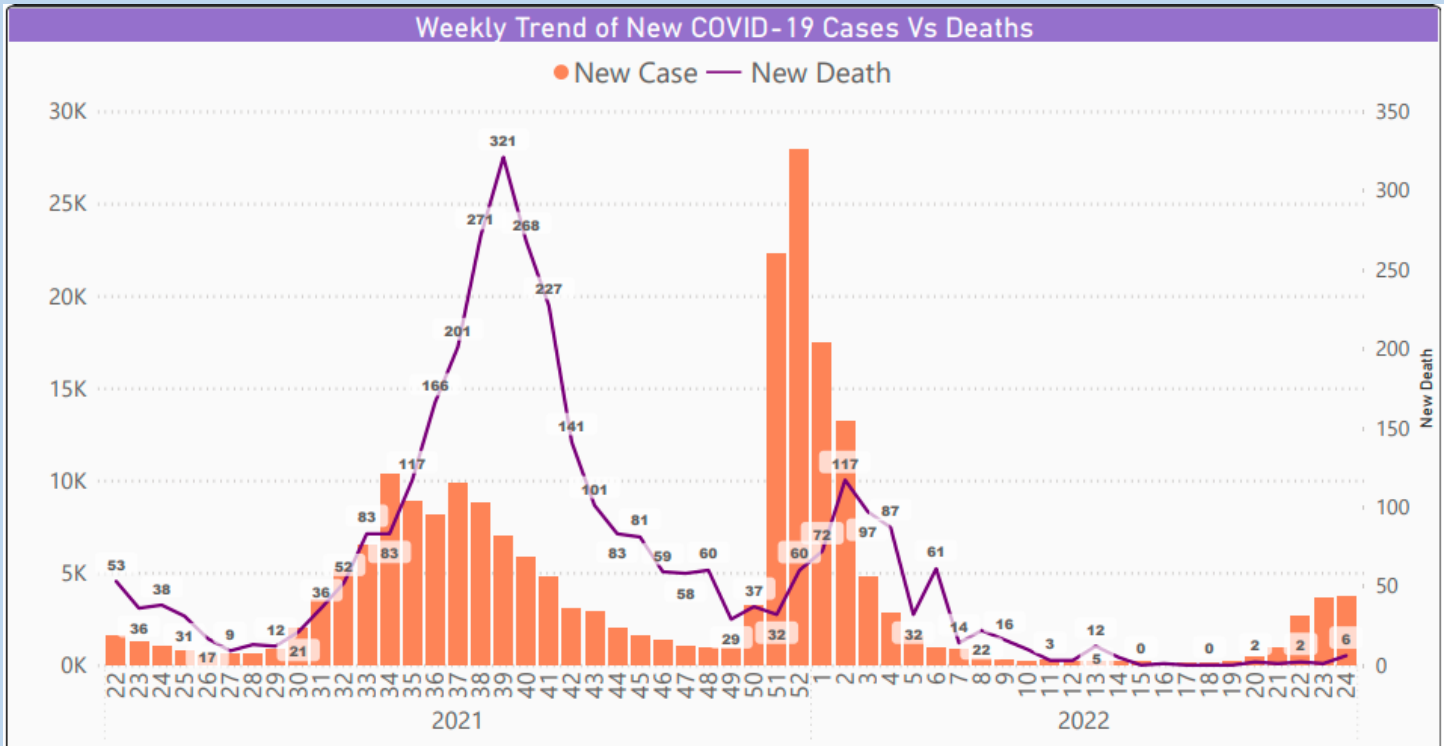
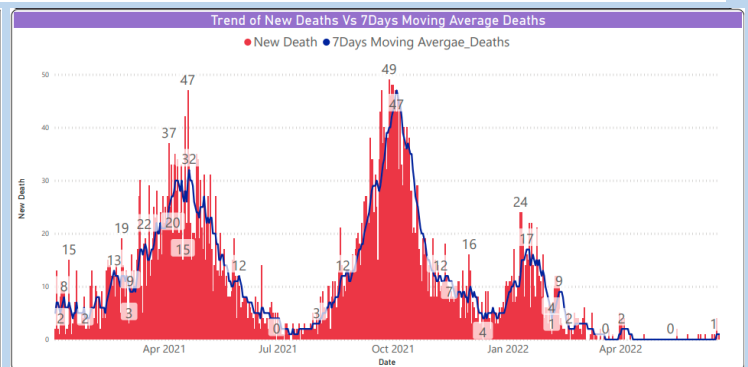
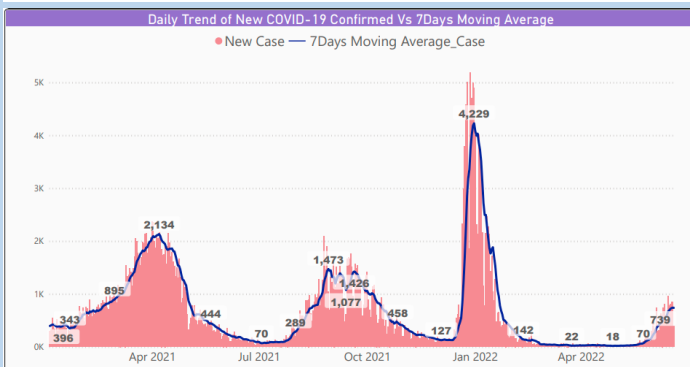
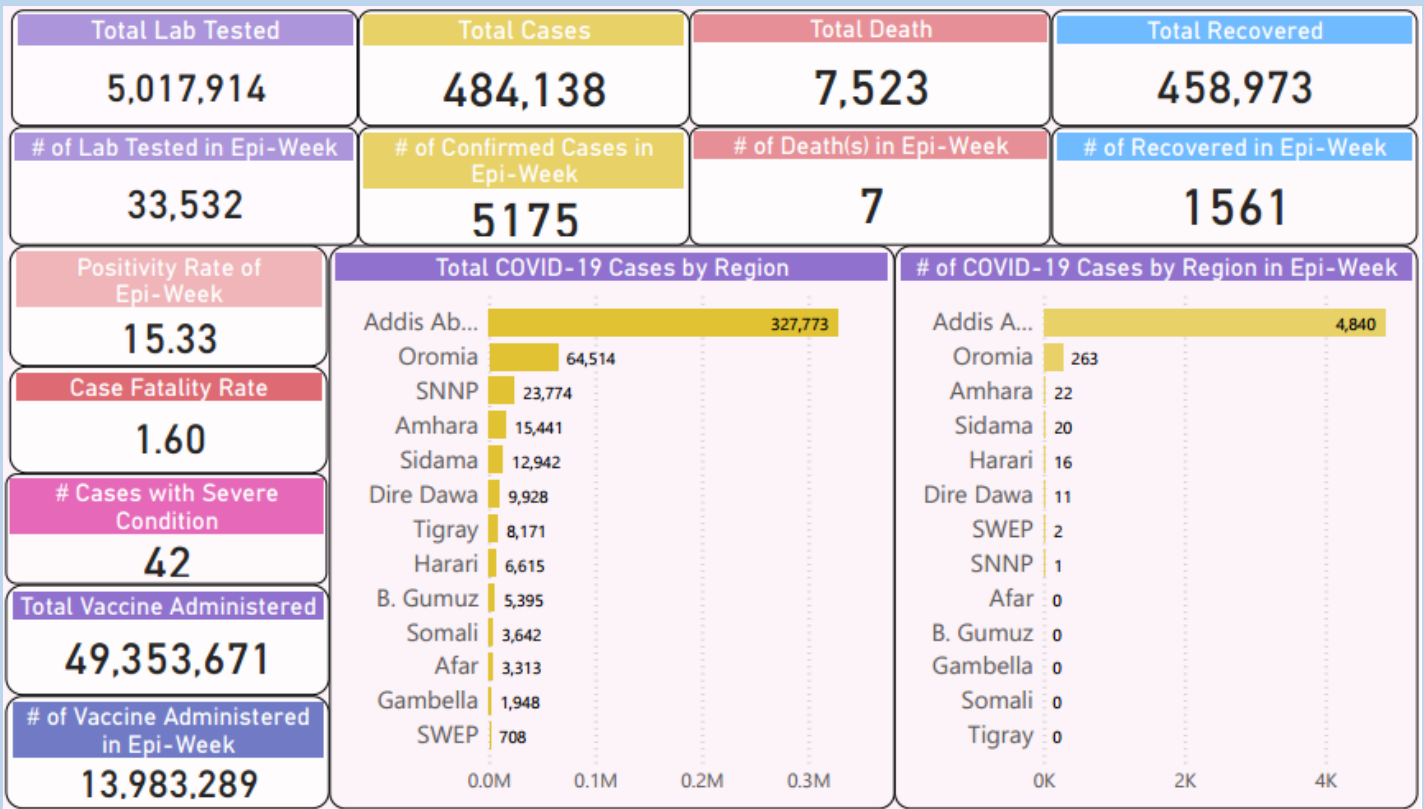


Figure 3: Summary of the COVID-19 situation in Ethiopia as of June 19, 2022, Ethiopia

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.

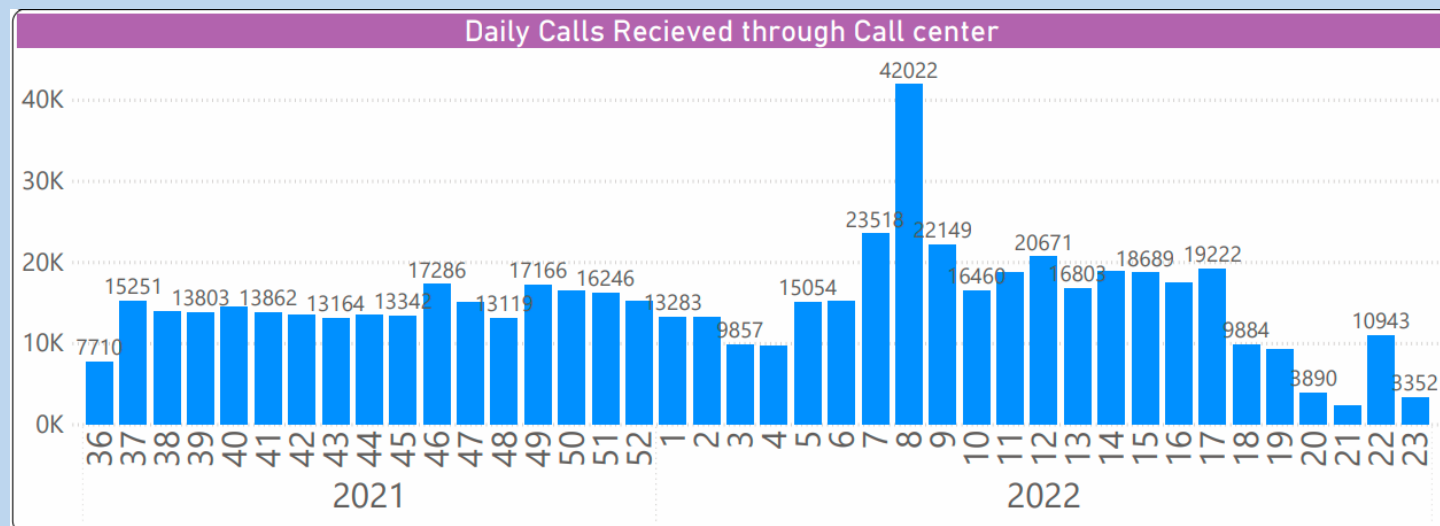
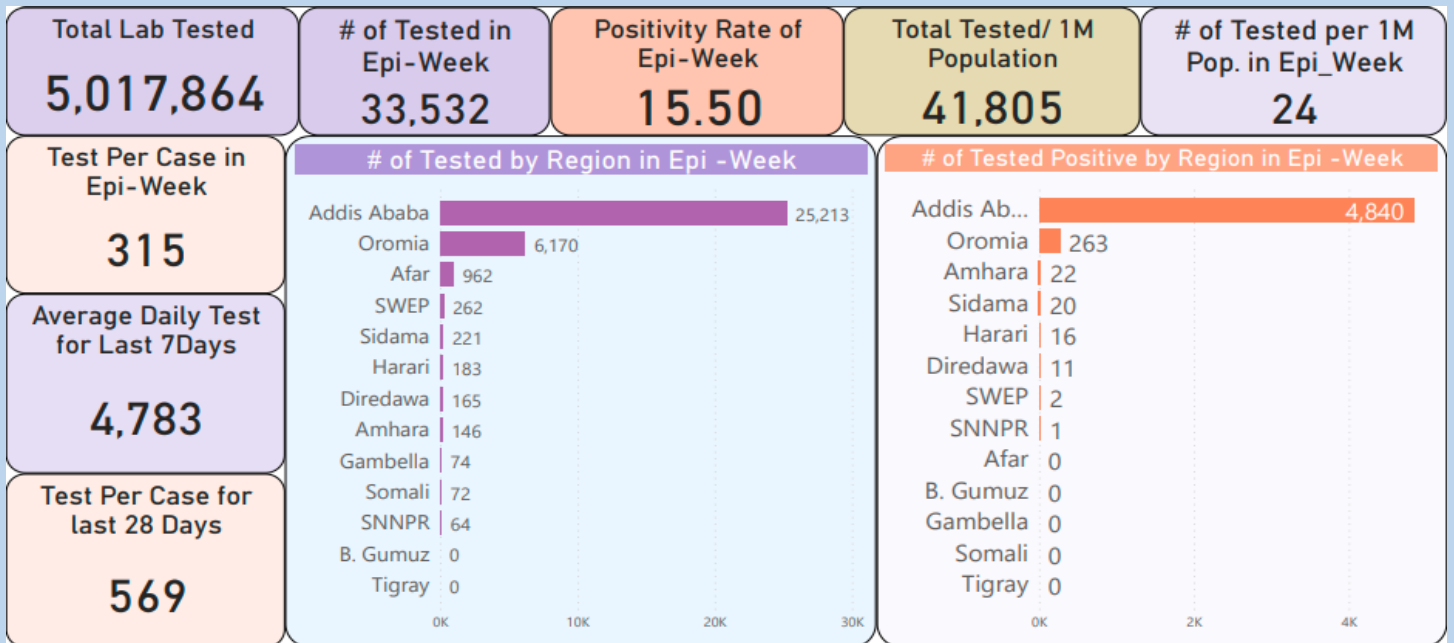


Figure 4: Trend of daily calls received through the call center (8335)

III. Laboratory related activities

- As of 19 June 2022, a total of 4,984,382 samples have been tested for COVID-19 by laboratories across the country.
- 33,482 laboratory tests were processed during the Epi-Week-24 which is an equivalent to the number of tests performed in the previous week.
- The laboratory test positivity rate for the Epi-Week-24 is 15.46%, which is higher than that of the preceding week (11.85%).



Region	New Tested	New Cases	New Death	Positivity Rate	Test contribution	Case contribution
Addis Ababa	25,213	4,840		18.83	76%	93%
Afar	962	0		0.00	3%	0%
Amhara	146	22		16.04	0%	0%
B. Gumuz	0	0		0.00	0%	0%
Diredawa	165	11		35.00	1%	0%
Gambella	74	0		0.00	0%	0%
Harari	183	16		7.84	1%	0%
Oromia	6,170	263		5.44	18%	6%
Sidama	221	20		7.23	1%	1%
SNNPR	64	1		1.38	0%	0%
Somali	72	0		0.00	0%	0%
SWEP	262	2		0.18	1%	0%
Tigray	0	0				

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

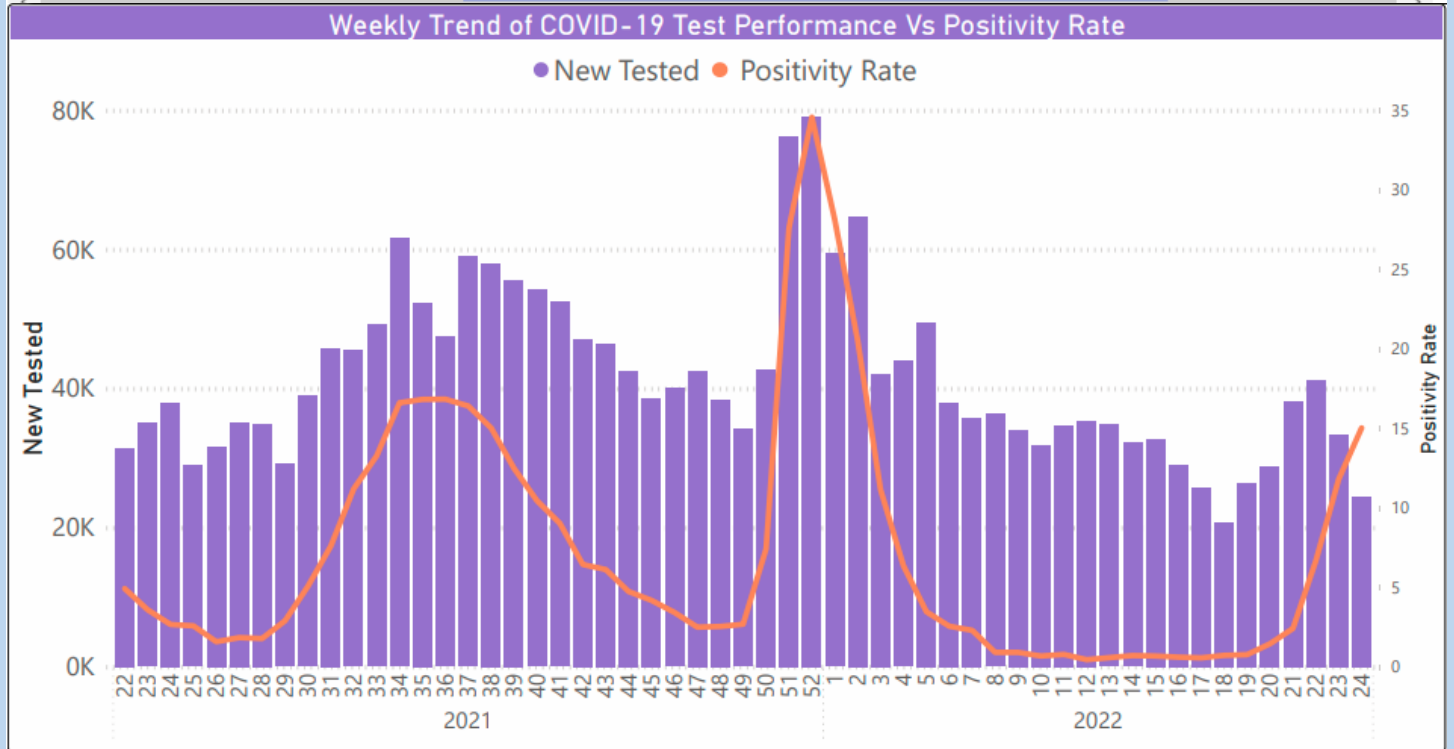


Figure 5: Update on laboratory tests performed as of June 19, 2022

IV. Case Management and Facility Readiness

a. COVID-19 treatment center

- There were total of 1,561 newly recovered COVID-19 cases during the Epi-Week-24, bringing the total number of recovered cases to 458,242 (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 23 which is equivalent to the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week.

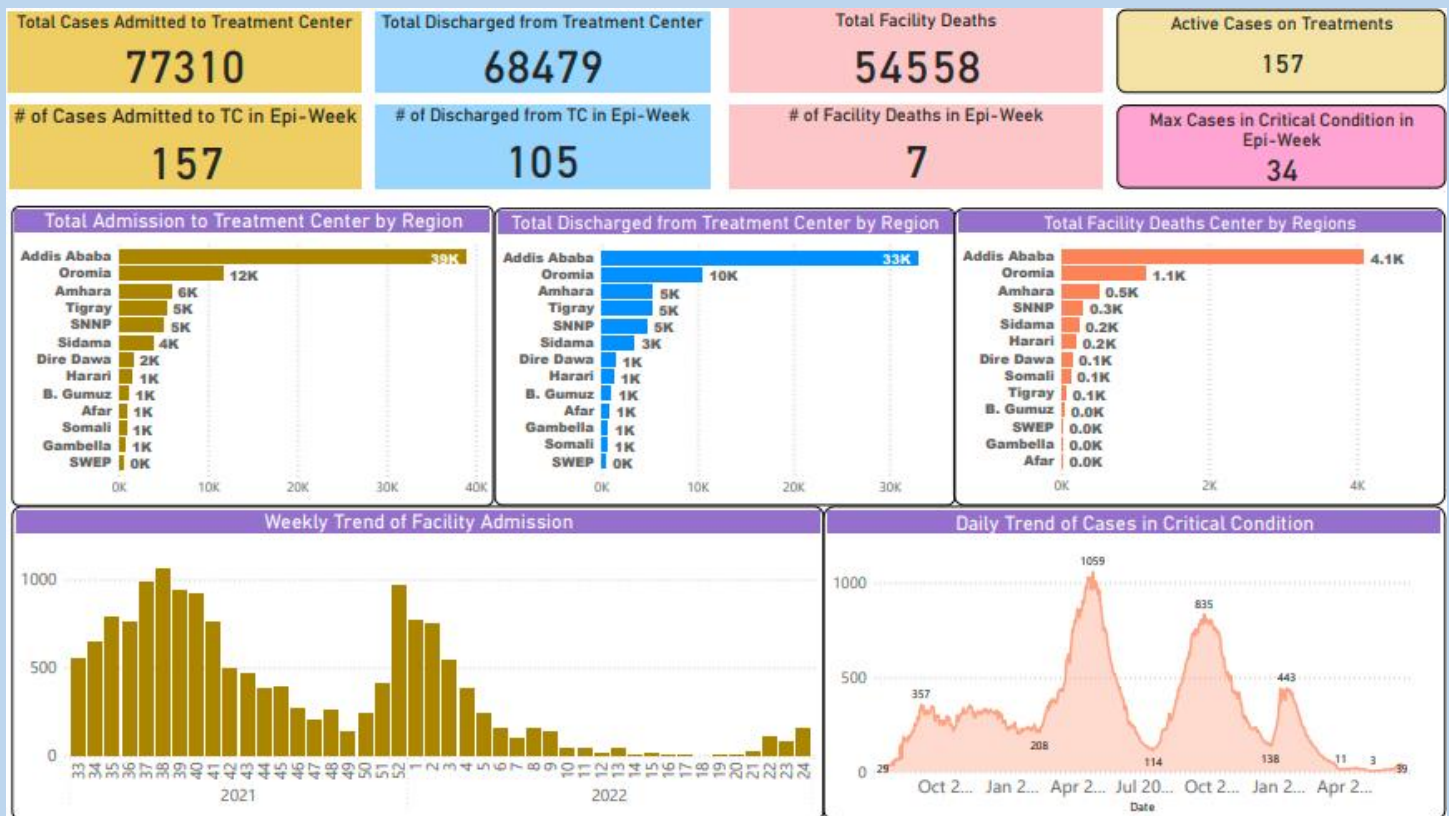


Figure 6: COVID-19 Situation Updates in COVID-19 treatment centers as of June 19, 2022

b. Home Based Isolation and Care (HBIC):

- So far, 391,476 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been on HBIC. 389,592 of them (99%) have recovered and 50 (0.013%) died.
- Of these, 2,411 cases have been enrolled to HBIC and 1,456 cases have recovered in the Epi-Week-24.
- As of June 19, 2022, there are 2,920 cases on HBIC.
- So far, 2,437 (none in the Epi-week-24) of the cases have been transferred from treatment centers to HBIC after improvement.
- So far, 1,350 (29 in the Epi-week-24) 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: Key messages and COVID-19 situation update as of June 19, 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 peoples. 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	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/ephipa ge/		
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/UCvTZeY-IJiQfEBULH9Mkw		
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
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Gambela Regional Health Bureau	https://fb.me/gambellaregionhealthbureau	6184	gambellapheoc@gmail.com
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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



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