



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (PHEOC), ETHIOPIA

COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN ETHIOPIA

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Epi-Week - 21 (May 23 – 29, 2022)

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I. Highlights

- After persistent decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases in the country, there is a slight increment in the number of new cases since the last four weeks.
- A total of 973 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and one death due to COVID-19 were detected in the week bringing the total cases to 472,346 and the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 to 7513.
- A total of 41,962 laboratory samples were tested in the Epi-Week-21 bringing the total number of samples tested to 4,909,745.
- In this week the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition is 13 which is higher than the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week (10).
- A total of 387,425 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been managed at Home Based Isolation and Care so far; 126 of these were enrolled in the Epi-Week-21.

II. Epidemiological Situation

a. Global Situation

- Globally, the number of new weekly cases has continued to decline since a peak in January 2022. During the week of 23 until 29 May 2022, over 3.3 million cases were reported, an 11% decrease as compared to the previous week.
- The number of new weekly deaths also continues to decline, with over 9 600 fatalities reported, representing a 3% decrease as compared to the previous week.
- As of 29 May 2022, over 526 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally.

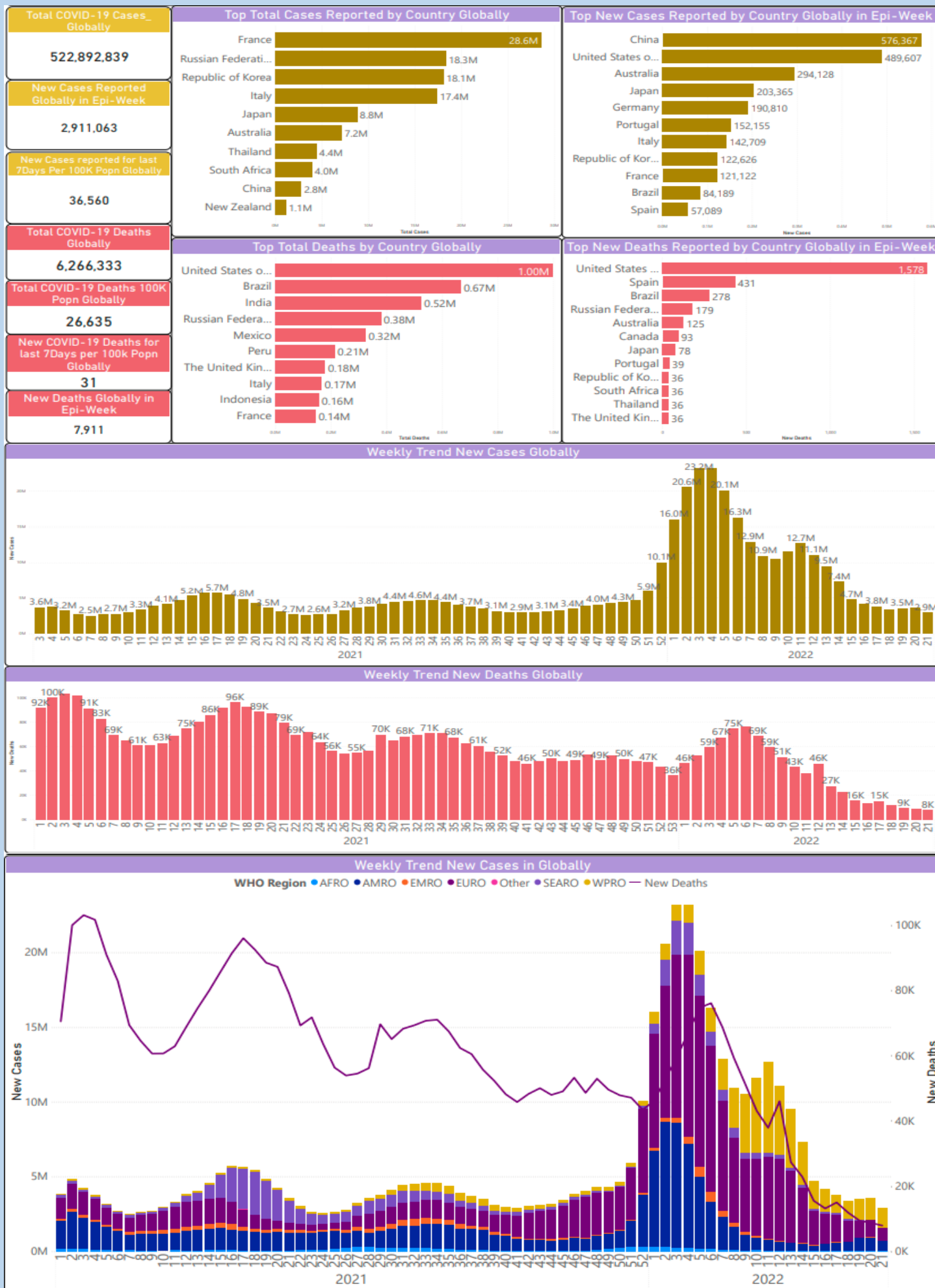
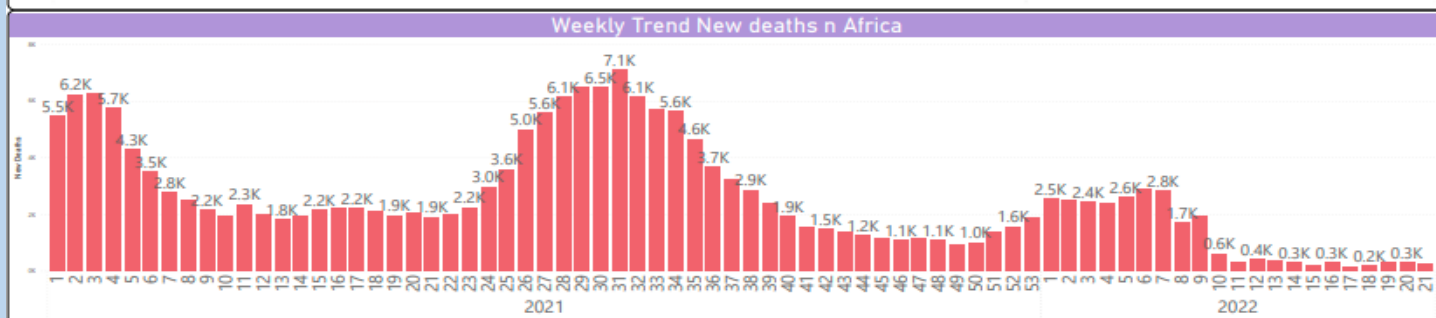
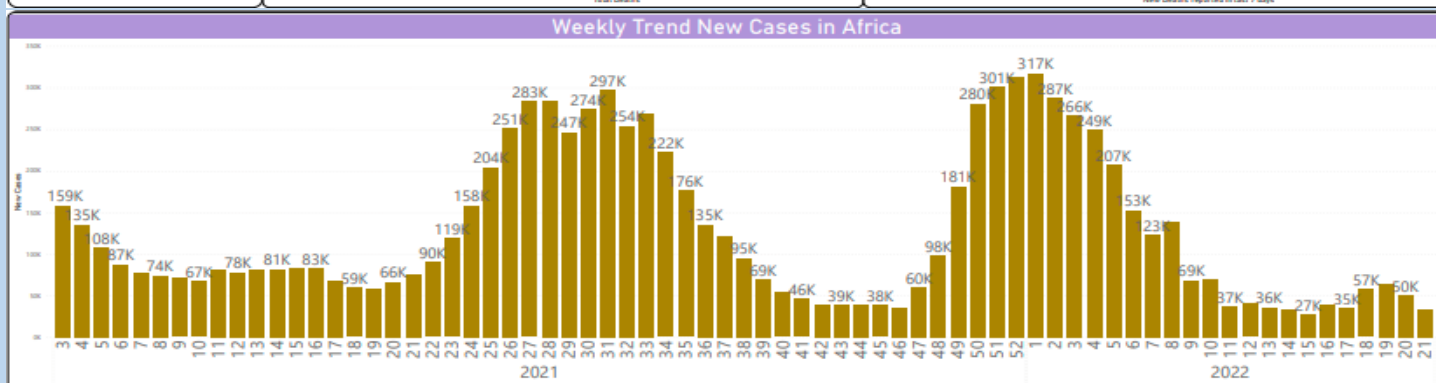
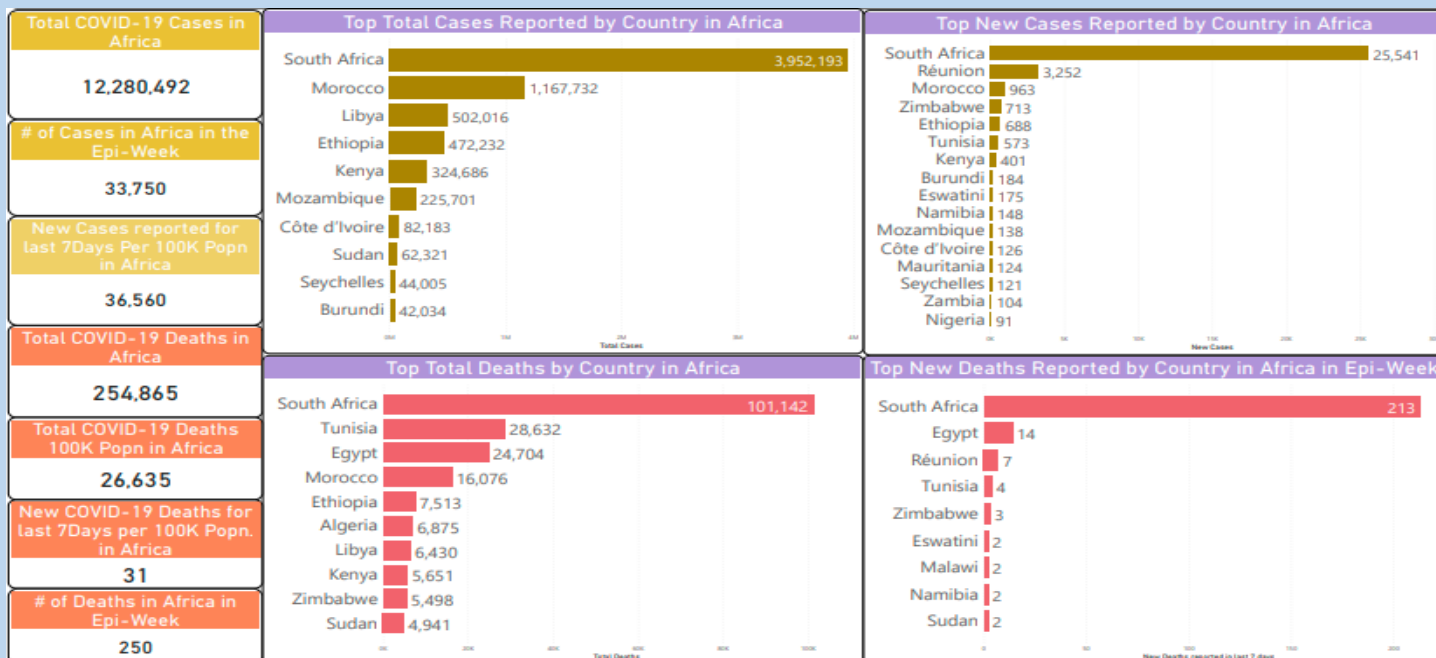


Figure 1: COVID-19 Global Situation Update as of 29 May 2022 (source: WHO)



Country	Total Cases	Total Cases per 100K popn	Cases in last 7Days	Cases in last 7Days per 100K Popn	New Cases
South Africa	3,953,967	6,667	24,095	41	1,774
Morocco	1,167,894	3,164	1,266	3	162
Tunisia	1,042,362	8,820	573	5	0
Egypt	513,944	502	28	0	28
Libya	502,016	7,306	29	0	0
Ethiopia	472,346	411	973	1	114
Réunion	414,615	46,310	3,252	363	0
Kenya	324,768	604	526	1	82
Zambia	321,503	1,749	357	2	0
Botswana	306,696	13,042	0	0	0
Algeria	265,873	606	19	0	0
Nigeria	256,028	124	91	0	0
Zimbabwe	251,646	1,693	944	6	0
Mauritius	225,862	17,760	0	0	0
Mozambique	225,706	722	129	0	5
Uganda	164,366	359	30	0	0

Figure 2: COVID-19 Situation Update in Africa as of May 29, 2022 (Source: WHO)

b. National COVID-19 situation:

- As of May 29, 2022, a total of 472,346 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 7,513 deaths were recorded in the country with a case fatality rate of 1.60%.
- One new COVID-19 related death was reported during the Epi-Week-21.
- Nine-hundred-seventy-three (973) newly confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported during the Epi-Week-21.
- In this week, there is more than 100% 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

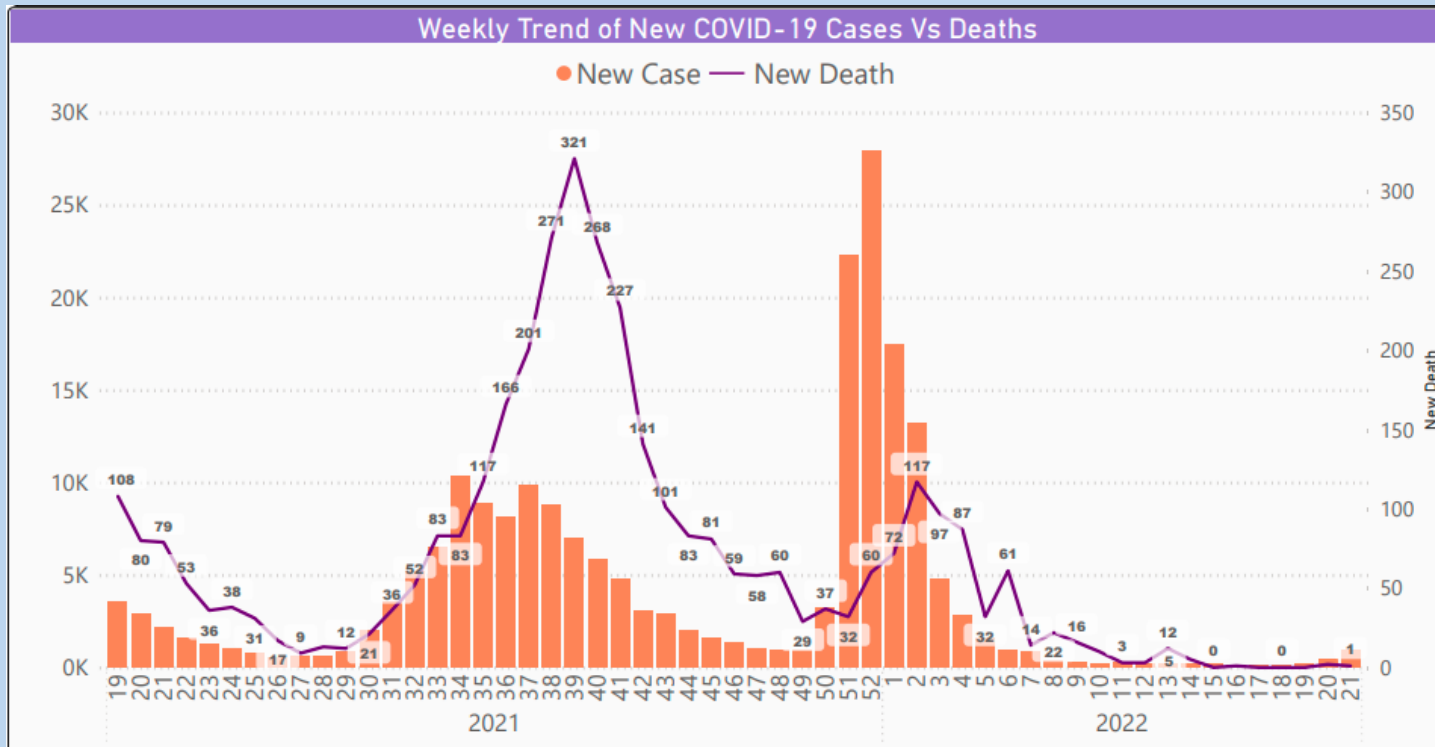
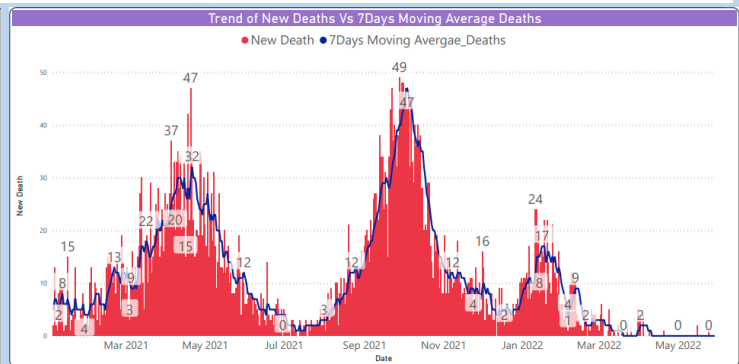
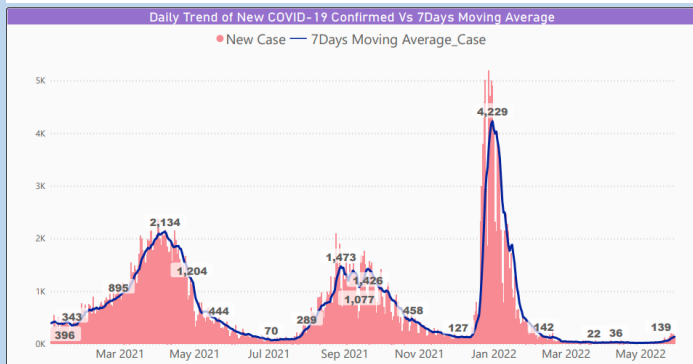
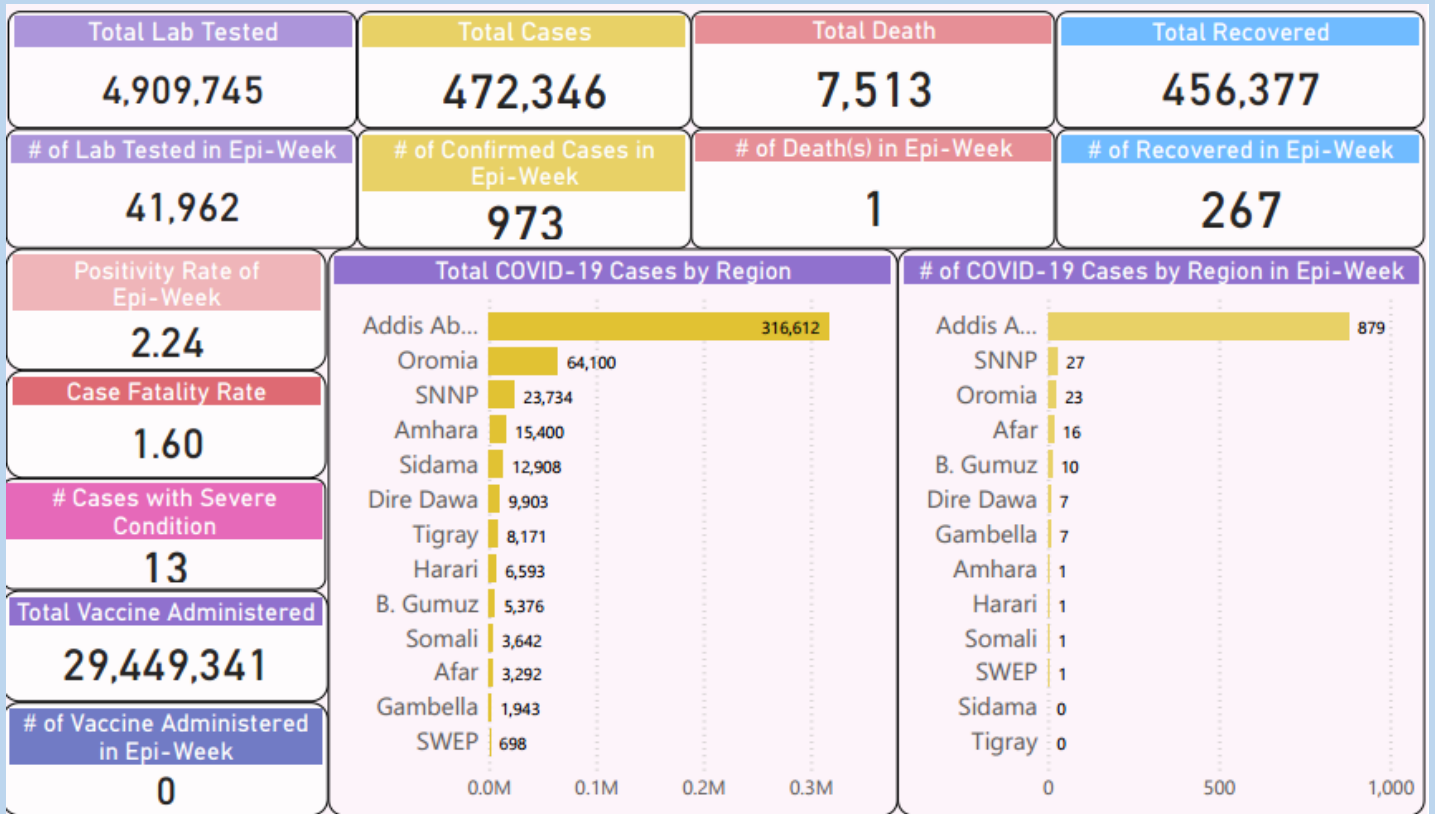


Figure 3: Summary of the COVID-19 situation in Ethiopia as of May 29, 2022, Ethiopia

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.

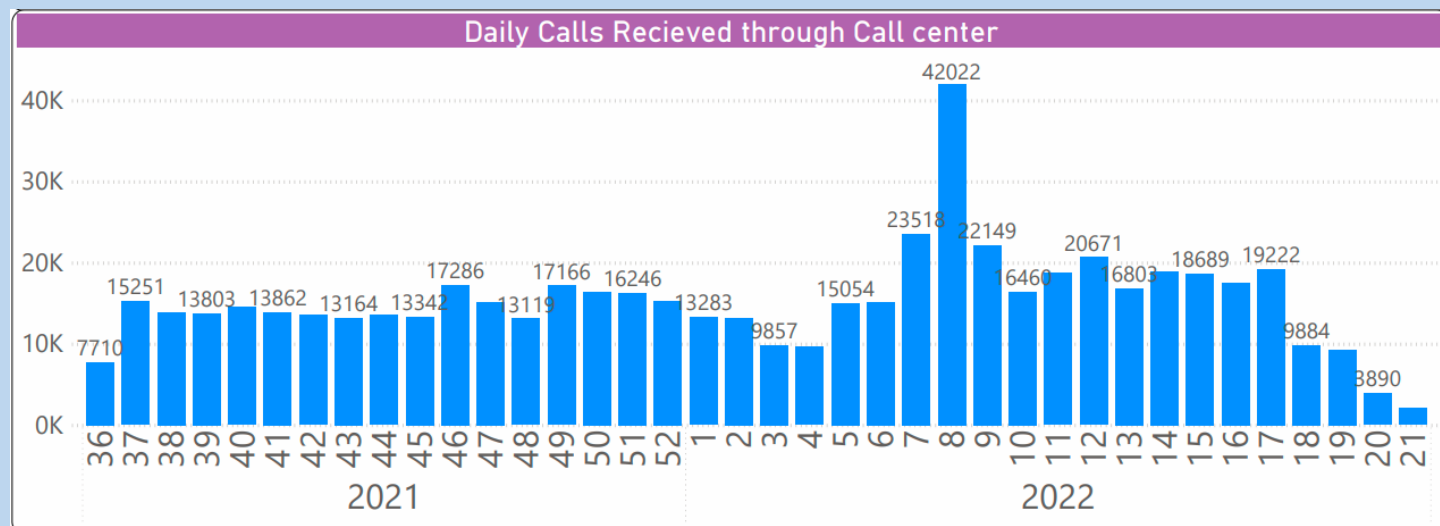
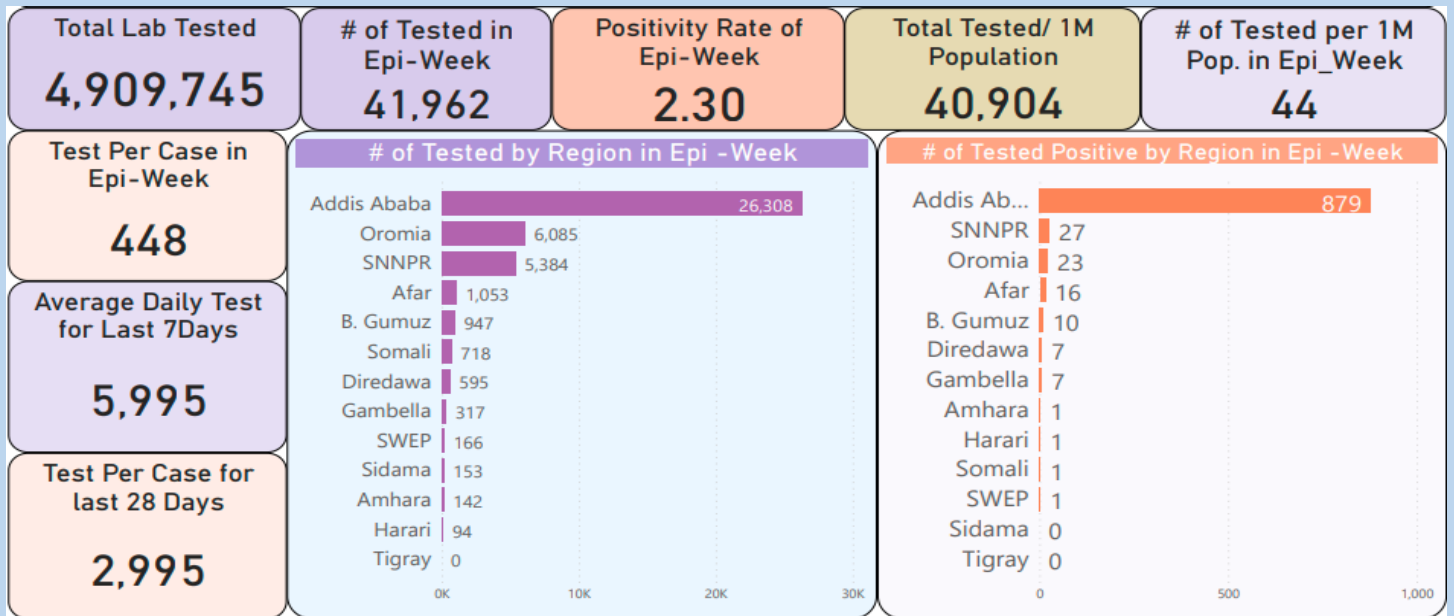


Figure 4: Trend of daily calls received through the call center (8335)

III. Laboratory related activities

- As of 29 May 2022, a total of 4,909,745 samples have been tested for COVID-19 by laboratories across the country.
- 41,962 laboratory tests were processed during the Epi-Week-21 which is an 46% increase compared to number of tests performed in the previous week.
- The laboratory test positivity rate for the Epi-Week-21 is 2.32%, which is higher than that of the preceding week (1.47%).



Region	New Tested	New Cases	New Death	Positivity Rate	Test contribution	Case contribution
Addis Ababa	26,308	879		3.19	62%	87%
Afar	1,053	16		1.49	3%	2%
Amhara	142	1		0.47	0%	0%
B. Gumuz	947	10		1.07	2%	1%
Diredawa	595	7		0.79	1%	1%
Gambella	317	7		5.90	1%	1%
Harari	94	1		1.30	0%	0%
Oromia	6,085	23		0.86	13%	3%
Sidama	153	0		0.00	0%	0%
SNNPR	5,384	27		0.44	15%	5%
Somali	718	1		0.12	2%	0%
SWEP	166	1		0.23	1%	0%
Tigray	0	0				

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

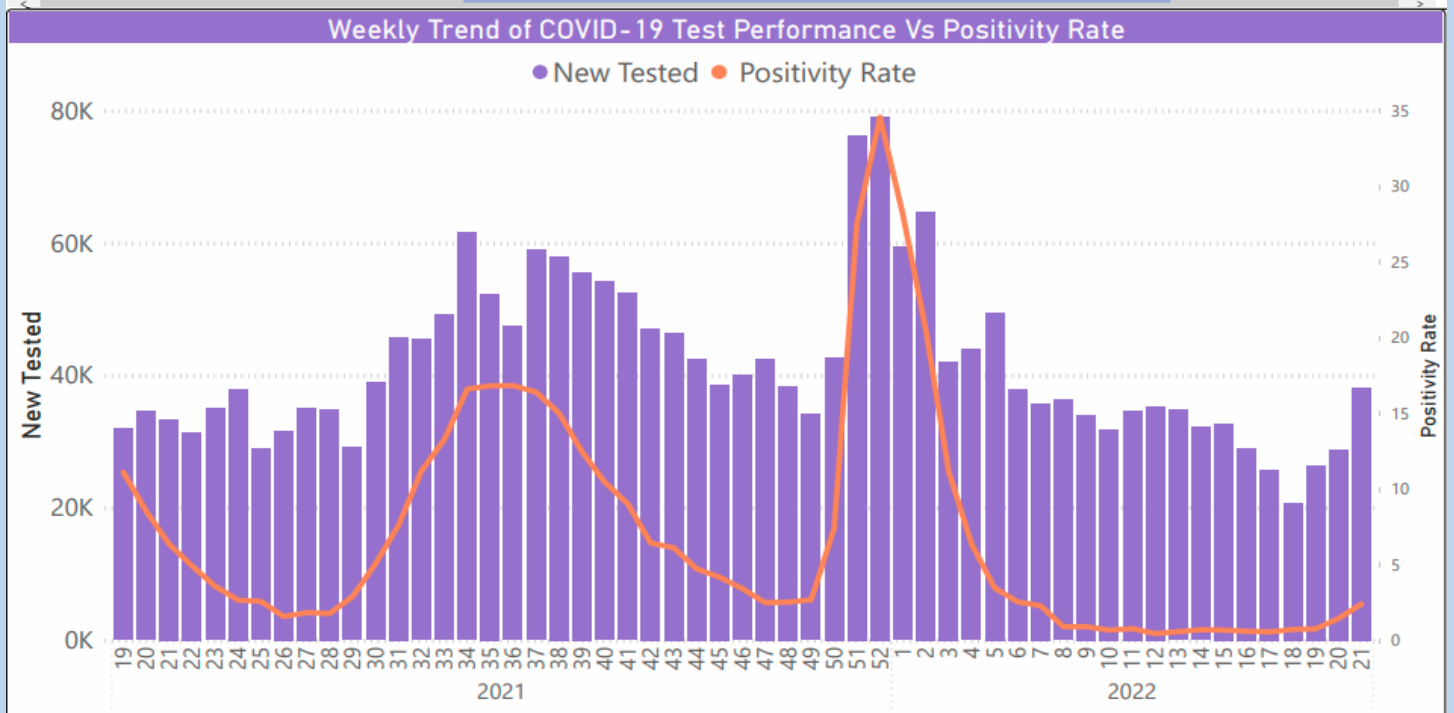


Figure 5: Update on laboratory tests performed as of May 29, 2022

IV. Case Management and Facility Readiness

a. COVID-19 treatment center

- There were total of 136 newly recovered COVID-19 cases during the Epi-Week-21, bringing the total number of recovered cases to 455,946 (both from COVID-19 treatment center and from HBIC). This brings the overall recovery rate to 97%.
- In this week the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition is 13 which is higher than the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week (10).

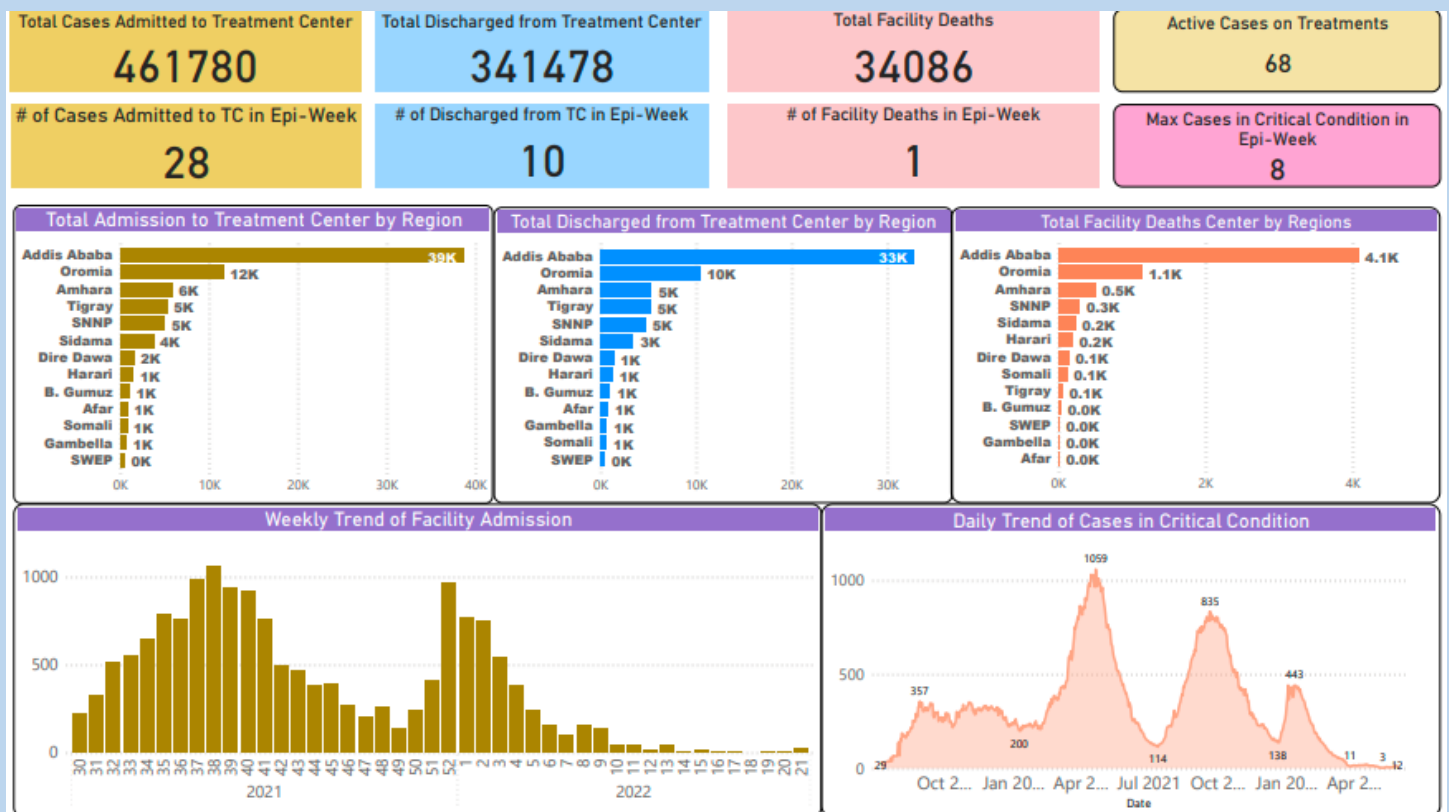


Figure 6: COVID-19 Situation Updates in COVID-19 treatment centers as of May 29, 2022

b. Home Based Isolation and Care (HBIC):

- So far, 387,425 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been on HBIC. 386,919 of them (99%) have recovered and 50 (0.013%) died.
- Of these, 126 cases have been enrolled to HBIC and 434 cases have recovered in the Epi-Week-21.
- As of May 29, 2022, there are 536 cases on HBIC.
- So far, 2,525 (none in the Epi-week-21) of the cases have been transferred from treatment centers to HBIC after improvement.
- So far, 1,321 (none in the Epi-week-21) 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 May 29, 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.

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 PHE information

MOH/EPHI/Region	Facebook page	Toll-free hotline	Email address (PHEOCs email)
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Main Website	https://www.ephi.gov.et/	8335	ephieoc@gmail.com
Ethiopian Public Health Institute COVID-19 Website	https://covid19.ephi.gov.et/		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/ephipage/		
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
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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
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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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