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| ○ Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19 | Location: The Gambia |
| Date of Report: 17th August 2020 | Investigation Start Date: 17th March 2020 as of 18hrs. |
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I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 122nd national situation report since the confirmation of the first case of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in The Gambia, on the 17th March 2020

- 14 new COVID-19 related deaths recorded, bringing the total number of deaths to 77 - a crude case-fatality ratio of 3.4%
 - Not all the said deaths occurred on a single day as sampling dates spanned from the 14th to the 17th August (14th - 6 samples; and 4 samples apiece for the 15th and 17th)
 - Samples of all 14(13 males and 1 female) were collected posthumously
 - The median age, at death, of the cases (12 positives and 2 indeterminates) is 61 years (range: 26 to 90 years)
- 172 new cases registered, taking the total number of COVID-19 cases ever confirmed in the country to 2,288
 - This represents a 33% test positivity rate (172 out of 524 total tests performed)
 - The median age of the new cases is 36 years (range: 2 months to 94 years)
- 20 new discharges effected from the treatment centres, bringing the cumulative number of recoveries to date to 435 (19.0% recovery rate)
- Laptops, printers and other gadgets have been provided to the NPHL by the World Bank Group to support the implementation of e-surveillance
- 524 new laboratory test results received from MRCG and NPHL
 - Of these, 11 new tests returned indeterminant
- Whereas 5 person were newly taken into quarantine, 14 new discharges were made
- The country currently has 302 people in quarantine, 1,776 active cases, 198 probable cases and a crude case-fatality ratio of 3.4%

COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

- Confirmed Cases: **22,043,560**
- Recoveries: **14,784,709**
- Deaths: **777,073**

Senegal

- Confirmed Cases: **12,237**
- Recoveries: **7,728**
- Deaths: **256**

The Gambia

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- Recoveries: **435**
- Deaths: **77**

II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

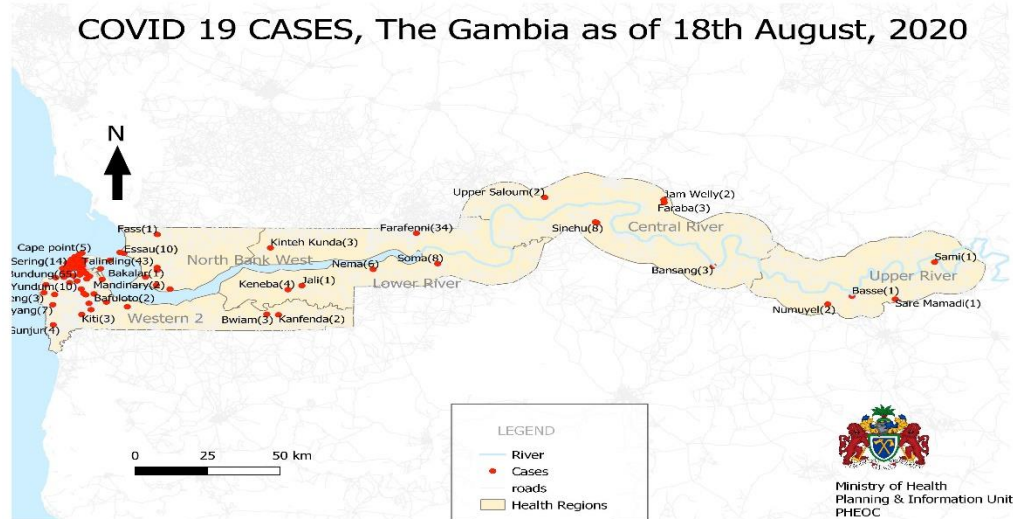


Figure 1: Distribution of COVID-19 cases in The Gambia, August 2020

COVID-19 CASES, Western Region and North-Bank West Region, The Gambia as of 18th August, 2020



Figure 2: Distribution of COVID-19 cases in Western and North Bank West Regions, The Gambia, 2020

- All 7 health regions have reported cases of COVID-19 (See Fig. 1)
- Comparatively, there is a disproportionate concentration of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Western 1 and 2 Health Regions (See Fig. 1)
- Notwithstanding its population and size, Banjul recorded more cases than any other location within WR1(See Fig. 2)

Figures 3 and 4 are the age-sex distribution and the Epi-curve of confirmed cases by reported date, respectively.

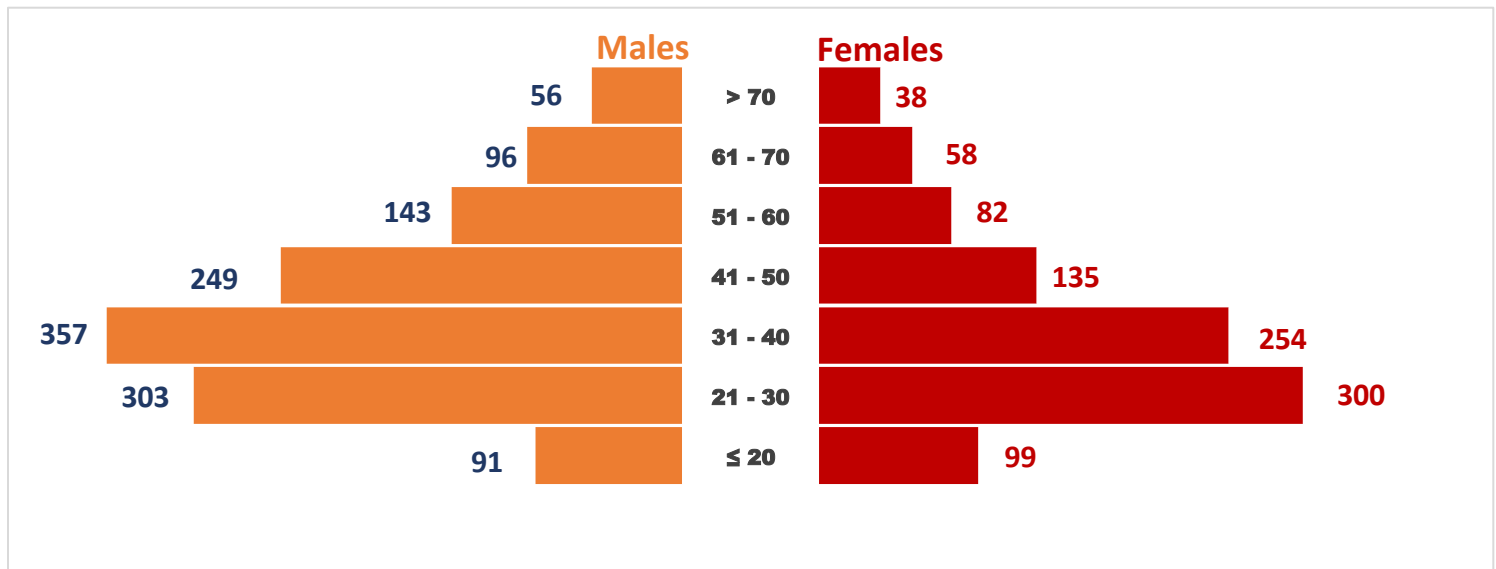


Fig. 3: Age-Sex Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, The Gambia, 2020

* This excludes the 27 confirmed cases whose demographic information are not yet available

- About 58% of the confirmed cases are males (See Fig. 3)
- About 63% of the confirmed cases are below age 40 (See Fig. 3)

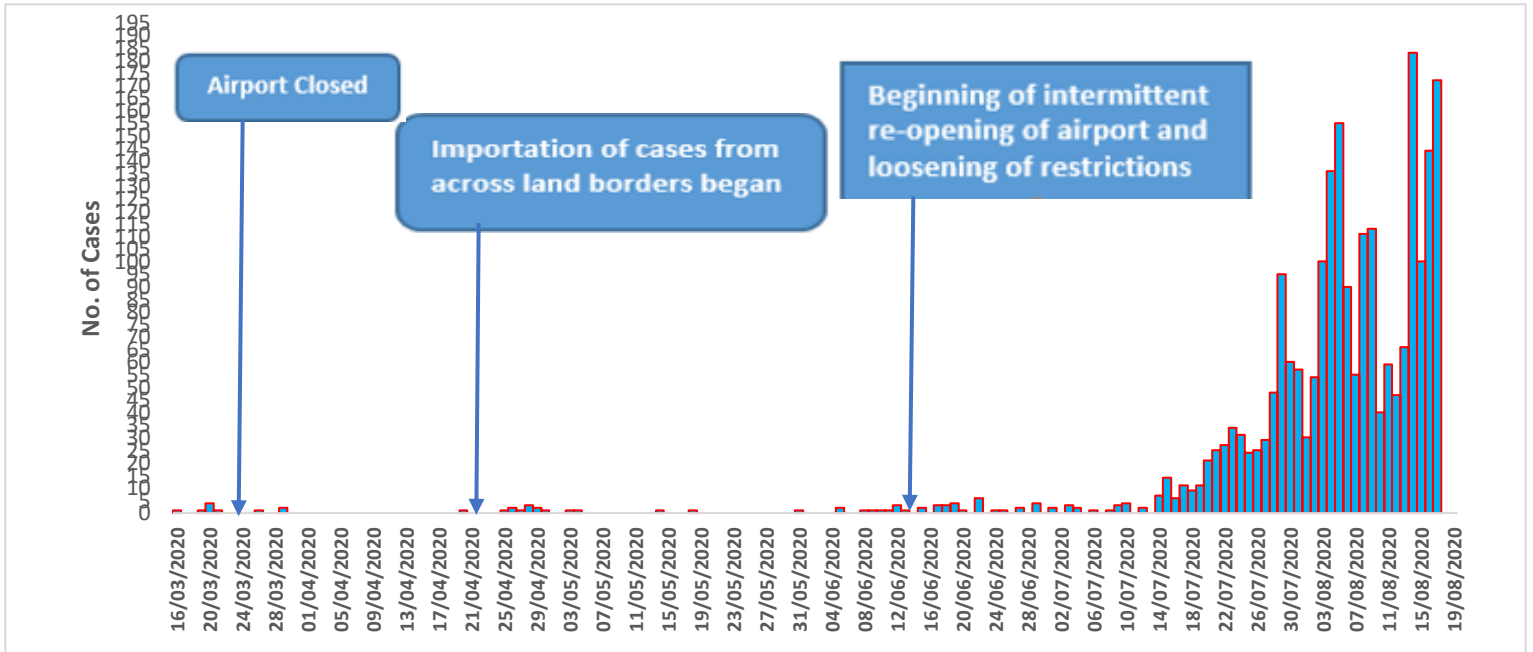


Fig. 4: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases by Date Reported, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2020*.

* A considerable amount of time elapsed between date of reporting and the date of laboratory confirmation of some cases

- Three main waves of infection occurred – the pre airport closure wave, the importation from Senegal wave and the intermittent airport re-opening and loosening of restrictions wave (See Fig. 4)
- Within the last 10 days, there has been over a 100% increase in the number of COVID-19 cases reported by the country (See Fig. 4)

Table 1: Summary of New and Cumulative Public Health Response Outputs, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2020

| Status | New | Cumulative |
|---|-------------|----------------------|
| In Quarantine | 5 | 302 |
| Completed quarantine | 14 | 1,991 |
| Completed follow-up (asymptomatic people with travel history to affected countries) * | 0 | 310 |
| Contact(s) Traced (Target)** | 0 | 1,681/1,731 (Target) |
| Follow-up Made to Low-Risk Contacts | 674/709 | |
| Completed follow-up of low risk contacts | 0 | |
| Total Tests conducted (Repeat Test (s))*** | 500 (24)*** | 10,996 |
| Positive test result (Repeat Test (s)) | 172 (10) | 2,288 |
| Negative test result (Repeat Test (s))*** | 317(14)*** | 8,207 |
| Inconclusive test result (Repeat Test (s))*** | 11(0)*** | |

* Follow-up completed prior to the 17th March (when the first confirmed case was reported)

** Includes both low-risk and high-risk contacts and not mutually exclusive with number quarantined (as some have been quarantined)

*** Includes repeat tests in bracket

III. Major Response Activities

Table 2: Major response activities undertaken newly, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2020

| Component | Interventions |
|--|---|
| Coordination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily coordination meetings held at both central and regional levels |
| Surveillance/ Laboratory | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 524 new laboratory test results received from MRCG and NPHL Of these, 11 new tests returned indeterminate and 182 tests (10 repeats and 172 new) were positive for COVID-19 10 new laptops, 5 Samsung Tab devices, 1 giant colour printer and 2 heavy duty black and white printers have been provided by World Bank Group to NPHL to support implementation of e-surveillance platform in the laboratory |
| Case Management / Psychosocial Support & Research / IPC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 new COVID-19 related deaths recorded, bringing the total number of deaths to 77 - a crude case-fatality ratio of 3.4% There is ongoing radio and community sensitization activities on the impact of COVID-19 in relation to child street vendors or hawkers 20 patients have recovered and were discharged from the treatment centre |
| Logistics / Safety & Security | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Night curfew is being enforced and compliance by the general public is satisfactory |

Risk Communication and Community Engagement Activities

| Public Information Center Actions | | | | | Community Engagement Actions | Feedback from Public Engagement Actions | | | |
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| Total No. of Calls received on toll free helpline | Calls referred to Contact Tracing team for Action | Calls referred to Quarantine team for action | Calls referred to Rapid Response Team for Action | Calls referred to safety and security team for action | No. of communities reached on COVID-19 through messaging on prevention and access to services | Toll Free Helpline: No. of people shared their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs | Radio phoning programme: No. of people shared their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs | TV phoning programme: No. of people shared their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs | Social Media pages: No. of people shared their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs |
| 109 | 18 | 24 | 11 | 19 | 38 | 78 | 31 | 0 | 7002 |

IV. GAPS/CHALLENGES:

- Existence of pervasive community transmission of COVID-19 in the country, especially in Western 1 and 2 Health Regions
- Uptick of COVID-19 among healthcare workers
- Cost borne by government at designated quarantine facilities is prohibitive and may be unsustainable

V. NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Imposition of stringent lockdown measures in the country in order to curb the spread of the virus
- IPC measures should be strictly adhered to in all public and private health healthcare facilities
- Provision of adequate stocks of PPEs to all health facilities
- Health workers to observe all COVID-19 preventive measures including the donning of appropriate PPEs at all times
- Implementation of updated quarantine and isolation guidelines

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