



Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19		Location: The Gambia	
Date of Report: 7th June 2021		Investigation Start Date: 17th March 2020 as of 18hrs.	
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I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the **327th** national situation report since the confirmation of the first case of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in The Gambia, on the **16th March 2020**

- No new COVID-19-related death was registered, bringing the total number of deaths since **March 2020 to 180**
- No new cases was registered taking the total number of COVID-19 cases ever confirmed in the country to **6008**
- A total of **186** new laboratory test results were received (**12** from MRCG and **174** from NPHL)
 - Of these, none tested positive representing a **0%** test positivity rate
- No new COVID-19 patients were newly discharged from treatment centres, while **5** got discharged at least **10** days from the day they tested positive but evaded institutional isolation
- Two (**2**) COVID-19 patients are currently on oxygen therapy
No new Contacts have been traced and monitored
- Currently there is **no one** in hotel quarantine, **15** active cases and a crude case-fatality ratio of **3%**
- As of **4th June**, **30,515** and **7,914** people received the **1st** and **2nd** doses of **AstraZeneca** vaccine respectively, bringing the total number ever vaccinated to **38,429**
- So far **5,713(104 New)** Rapid diagnostic tests were conducted at the Airport for travelers as of **7th June 2021**.
 - Of these, **only 2** tested positive for both RDT and PCR. These were treated and discharged.
- As of **20th May 2021**, **82** new clients received Psychological First Aid (PFA) Services provided by MoH, Department of Social Welfare (DSW) and Paradise Foundation, thus bringing the number of attended to **1,829** since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

Confirmed Cases: **174,884,070**

Recoveries: **158,639,322**

Deaths: **3,766,289**

Senegal

Confirmed Cases: **41,796**

Recoveries: **40,365**

Deaths: **1,150**

The Gambia

Confirmed Cases: **6,008**

Recoveries: **5,813**

Deaths: **180**

II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

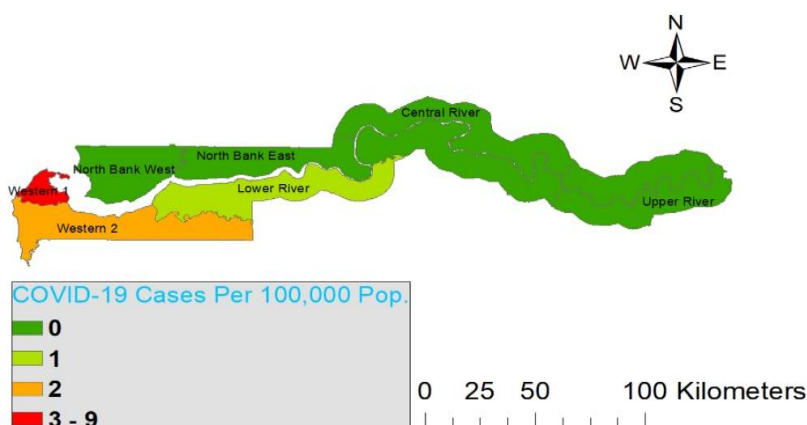


Fig 1: Geographic Distribution of Recent COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 Pop. by Regions 15th April-14th May 2021

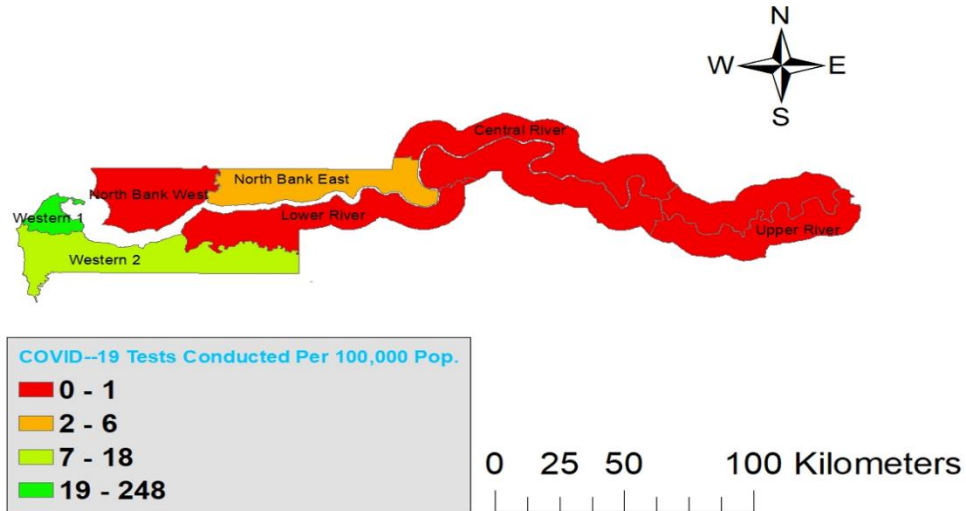


Fig 2: Geographic Distribution of Recent COVID-19 Tests Per 100,000 Pop. by Regions 15th April-14th May 2021

- Western 1 Health Region has a disproportionately higher number of cases than all the health regions (**See Fig. 1**)
- Despite being far-flung from current testing sites, North Bank East has sent in more samples per 100,000 population than all other regions in the hinterland, over the last 30 days (**See Fig. 2**)

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

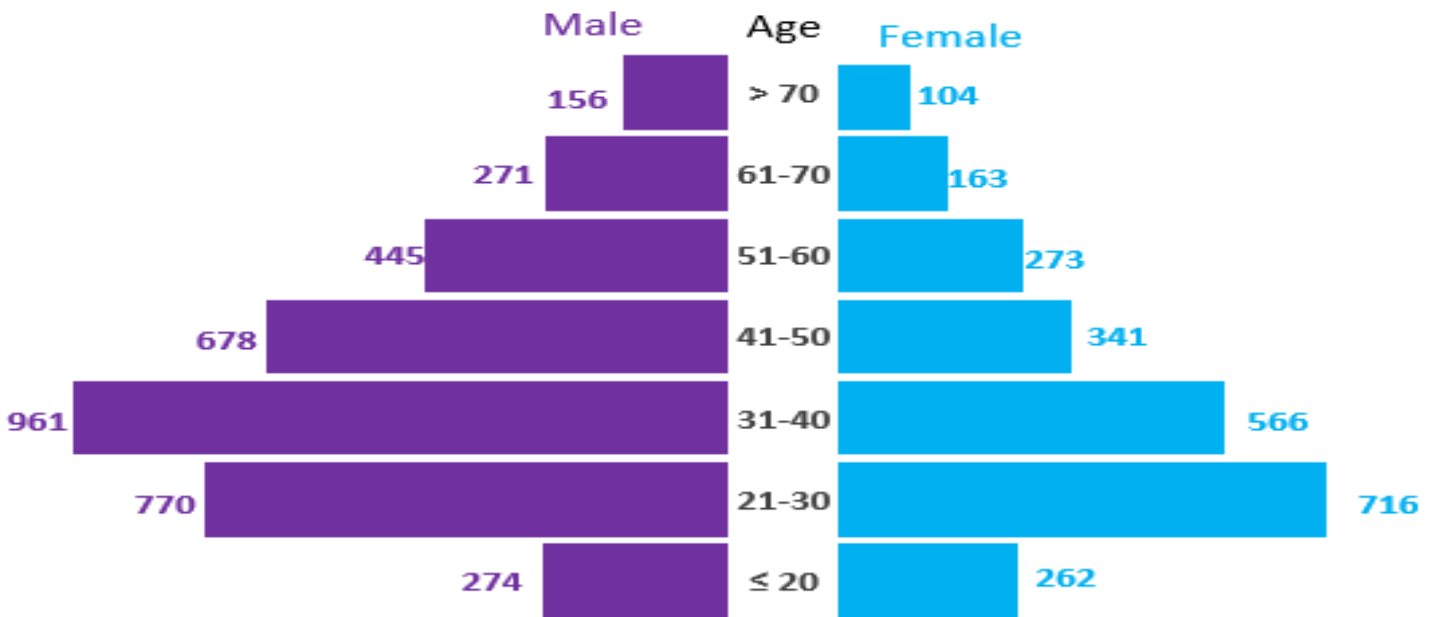


Fig 3: Age-Sex Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, The Gambia, 2021

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

About 59% of the confirmed cases are males (**See Fig. 3**)

About 62% of the confirmed cases are below age 40 (**See Fig. 3**)

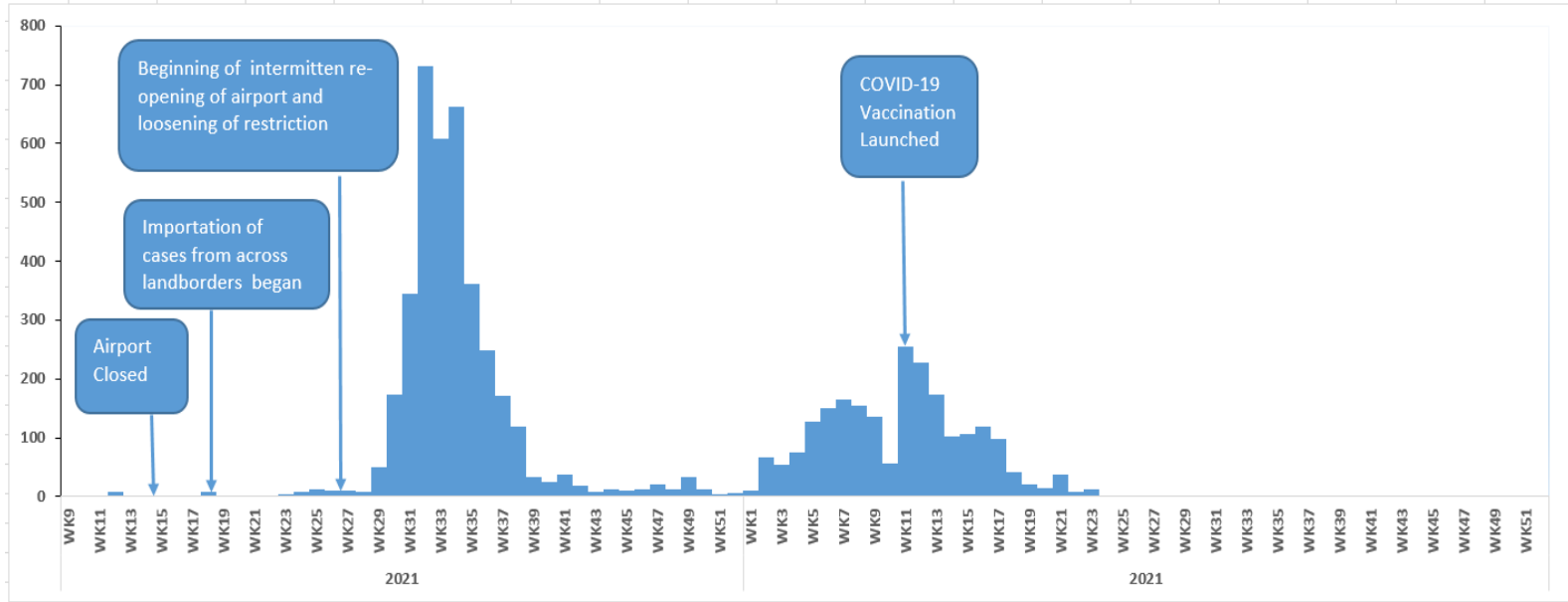


Fig. 4: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases Reported Weekly, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2021^{*}.

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**)

Status	New	Cumulative
No. of active cases in institutional isolation		8
No. of COVID-19 patients on oxygen support		2
No. of patients recovered and discharged	5	
In Hotel Quarantine	0	7
Completed Hotel Quarantine	0	5,231
Completed follow-up (asymptomatic people with travel history to affected countries) *	0	310
No. of Contact(s) Identified**	0	
No. of Contacts being monitored	69	
No. of Contacts who completed 14-day follow-up	0	16,787
No. of Contacts lost to follow-up	0	51
Total Tests conducted (Repeat Test (s))***	186(0)***	72,304
Positive test result (Repeat Test (s))	0(0)	6,008
Negative test result (Repeat Test (s))***	186(0)***	65,240
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	0(0)***	

Table 2: Summary of New and Cumulative Public Health Response Outputs, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2021

* 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

COVID-19 RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAILY REPORT- 24/5/21

Total No. of Calls received on toll free helpline	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 react to post and or shared their concerns and asking questions/clarifications for available support services to address their needs
176	110	176	40	8	852

Component	Interventions
Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coordination meetings held at both central and regional levels</i> • <i>Gambian philanthropist and businessman have helped in improving the internet problem at National Public Health Laboratories (NPHL)</i>
Surveillance/ Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A total of 186 new laboratory test results received 12 from MRCG and 174 from NPHL)</i> • <i>Of these, no test result returned inconclusive or indeterminate, no new sample tested positive</i>
Case Management / Psychosocial Support & Research / IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No new COVID-19 related death recorded</i> • <i>No patients was newly discharged from treatment centres</i> • <i>No new Contacts have been traced and monitored</i> • <i>Two(2) COVID-19 patients were currently on oxygen therapy</i> • <i>Eighty-two(82) new clients received Psychological First Aid (PFA) Services</i>

Table 3: Major response activities undertaken newly, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2021

Priority group	Dose 1						Dose 2							
	Fixed		Outreach/Mobile		Total	AEFI		Fixed		Outreach/Mobile		Total	AEFI	
	Male	Female	Male	Female		Non-ser	Serious	Male	Female	Male	Female		Non-ser	Serious
Health Care workers	3200	2621	293	281	6395	0	3	1114	934	216	144	2408	0	0
People with pre-existing conditions	1508	1814	555	670	4547	1	0	555	572	63	77	1267	0	0
Community workers	4514	3077	1134	1007	9732	1	0	918	697	167	127	1909	0	0
65 years and above	1745	1629	739	655	4768	0	0	463	511	65	96	1135	0	0
Teacher	325	186	486	212	1209	0	0	59	49	38	16	162	0	0
Hoteliers	503	297	34	21	855	0	0	91	70	0	0	161	0	0
Security forces	866	228	264	40	1398	0	0	191	38	41	28	298	0	0
41yrs - 64yrs	196	180	97	125	598	0	0	226	186	8	9	429	0	0
18yrs - 40 yrs	339	255	141	278	1013	0	0	47	61	18	19	145	0	0
Total Cov-1	13196	10287	3743	3289	30515	2	3	3664	3118	616	516	7914	0	0

Table 4: Total National vaccinated with COVISHIELD (AstraZeneca Vaccine) by priority group as of 7th June 2021

IV. GAPS/CHALLENGES:

- CBS activities not translating to increase in the number of daily tests being conducted
- Support for innovative countrywide risk communication strategies and activities on COVID-19 is suboptimal
- Security lapses at some of the treatment centers resulting in the abscondence of patients
- Dwindling compliance with mask-wearing requirements
- Low turn-out at COVID-19 sample collection sites resulting in fewer number of daily tests
- Denial, misinformation, stigma and discrimination against COVID-19 affected families.
- Weak and unreliable internet connection at the NPHL is hampering the implementation of e-surveillance at the laboratory.
- Difficulty in accessing data on time resulting to a delay in the production of the SITREP

V. NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- CBS activities need to be synchronized with MRC's ILI surveillance to spur up testing rates in the hinterland.
- Expedite the process of having testing sites in CRR and NBW
- Intensify risk communication and community engagement activities, on COVID-19 at community level, including at LUMOS, in a bid to curtail community transmission and dispel misinformation and denial
- More tests required in the catchment area of the MRC Keneba testing site to ascertain the extent of spread of COVID-19
- Security needs to be beefed up at all COVID-19 treatment/isolation centers to prevent the abscondence of patients
- Strengthen community-based surveillance in order to increase awareness and testing rates
- Thorough enforcement of the mandatory mask-wearing regulation
- 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
- Response committee leads should endeavor to provide data to the SITREP team on time

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