



Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19	Location: The Gambia
Date of Report: 10th - 12th October 2021	Investigation Start Date: 17th March 2020 as of 18hrs.
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I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 387th 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 registered, bringing the total to **339** (Crude Case-Fatality Ratio, 3.4%)
- **Three (3)** new case was registered (**cumulative cases 9,946**)
- The case tested for reasons due to suspicion of covid-19
- The test positivity rate is **0.67 (3/460)**, NPHL – **58 (1 positive)** MRCG – **402 (2 Positives)**
- **Three (3)** cases are currently on **oxygen therapy**
- **One (1)** case was newly discharged from the treatment centres, and three (3) after at least **10** days from the day they tested positive but evaded institutional isolation
- No new contacts traced and monitored
- As of **11th October 2021**, the following number of people have been vaccinated with:
 - **Janssen & Janssen:**
 - Only 1 dose: **154,643**
 - **Sinopharm:**
 - Dose 1: **4,457**
 - Dose 2: **3,226**
 - **AstraZeneca:**
 - Dose 1: **32,011**
 - Dose 2: **21,337**
- **TARGET POPULATION**
 - Proportion of target population fully vaccinated (**2 doses of AZ/Sinopharm or 1 dose of J&J**): **11.5%**
 - Proportion of target population that received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose (**AZ OR J&J OR Sinopharm**): **12.2%**
- **TOTAL POPULATION** (Based on final MoH population projections for 2021)
 - Proportion of total population fully vaccinated (**2 doses of AZ/Sinopharm or 1 dose of J&J**): **7.4%**
 - Proportion of total population that received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose (**AZ or J&J or Sinopharm**): **7.8%**

Since the start of Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDT) for COVID-19 at The Banjul International Airport, **23,730** RDT have been conducted with **8** positives who were confirmed and treated.

COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

- 👤 Confirmed Cases: **240,029,243**
- 👤 Recoveries: **217,352,324**
- ➡ Deaths: **4,891,378**

Senegal

- 👤 Confirmed Cases: **73,853**
- 👤 Recoveries: **71,959**
- ➡ Deaths: **1,869**

The Gambia

- 👤 Confirmed Cases: **9,946**
- 👤 Active Cases: **7**
- 👤 Recoveries: **9,600**
- ➡ Deaths: **339**

II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

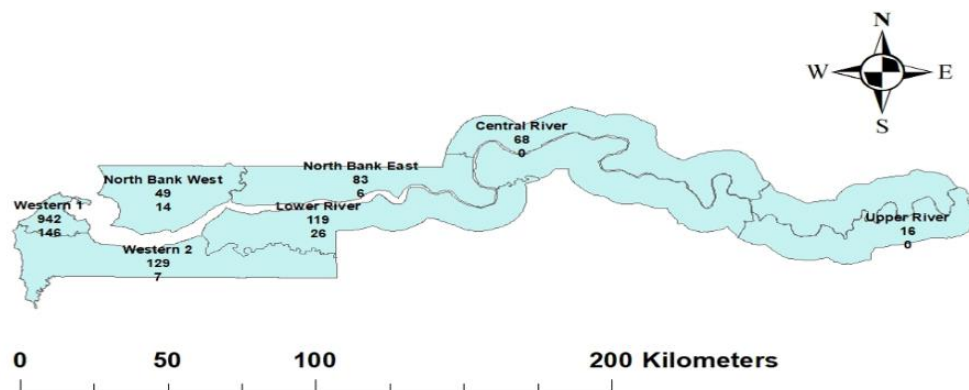


Fig 1: Geographic Distribution of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Pop. by Region since the start of Pandemic to 31st August 2021 (Number Above) and the month of August 2021 (Number below) in The Gambia

- Western 1 Health Region has a disproportionately higher number of cases than all the health regions (**See Fig. 1**)
- Below are the age-sex distribution and the Epi-curve of confirmed cases by date of sample collection, respectively (**See Fig. 2 and 3**)

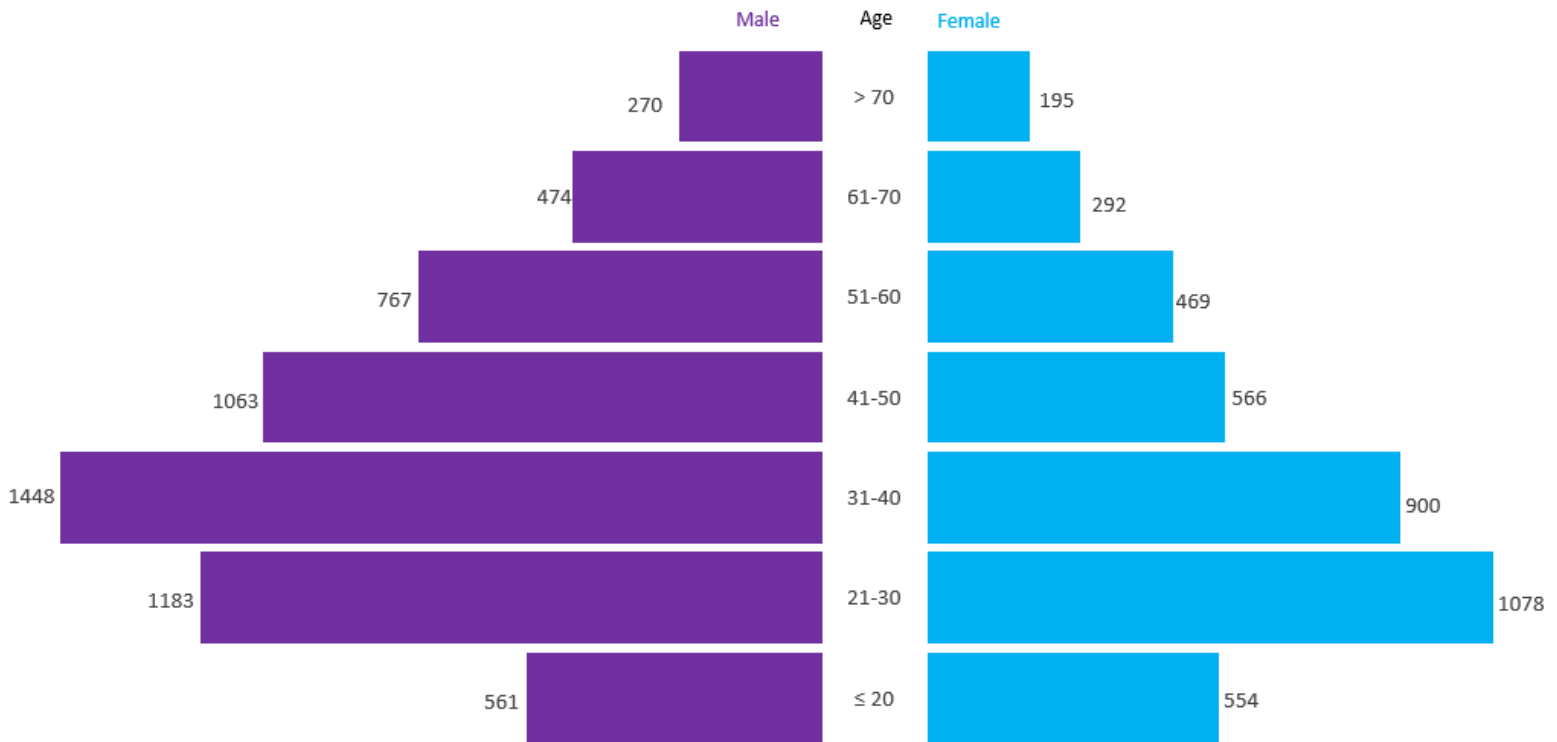


Fig 2: Age-Sex Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, The Gambia, 2021

* This excludes the 27 confirmed cases whose demographic information are not yet available
 About 59% of the confirmed cases are males (**See Fig. 2**)
 About 59% of the confirmed cases are 40 years below (**See Fig. 2**)

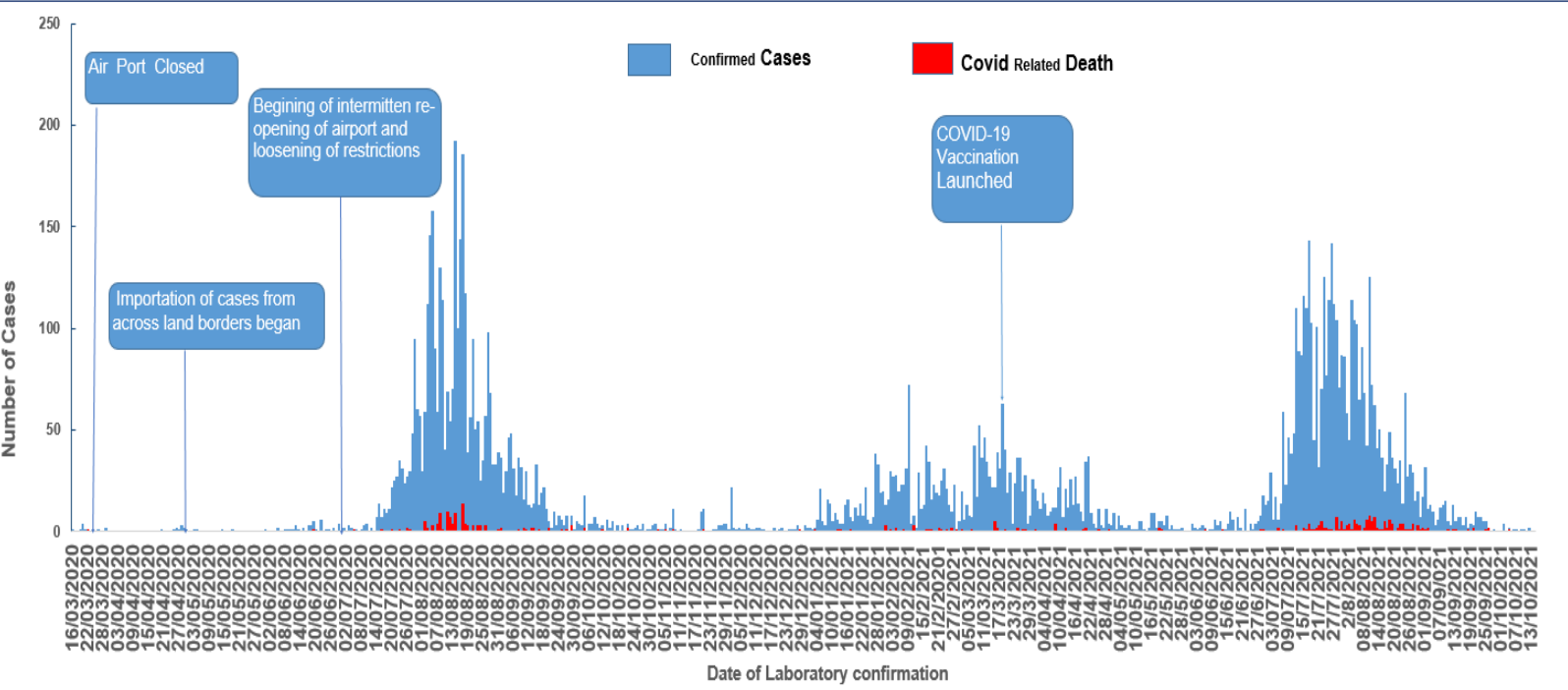


Fig. 3: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases Reported daily, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 16th March 2020-10th August 2021*.

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.

Status	New	Cumulative
No. of active cases in institutional isolation		5
No. of COVID-19 patients on oxygen support		3
No. of patients recovered and discharged	0	
In Hotel Quarantine	0	19
Completed Hotel Quarantine	0	5,240
Completed follow-up (asymptomatic people with travel history to affected countries) *	0	310
No. of Contact(s) Identified**	0	
No. of Contacts being monitored	0	
No. of Contacts who completed 14-day follow-up	0	17,119
No. of Contacts lost to follow-up	0	58
Total Tests conducted (Repeat Tests)***	460(0)	114,559
Positive test result (Repeat Tests)***	3(0)	9,946
Negative test result (Repeat Tests)***	457(0)	103,358
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Tests)***	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

Component	Interventions
Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Coordination meetings held at both central and regional levels</i>
Surveillance/ Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A total of 460 new laboratory test results received 58 from MRCG and 402 from NPHL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Of these, no test result returned inconclusive or indeterminate, 3 new samples 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>One (1) patient was newly discharged from treatment centres</i> • <i>No new contact traced and monitored</i> • <i>Three (3) COVID-19 patients are currently on oxygen therapy</i>

Table 3: Major response activities undertaken newly, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 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
- 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.
- Low COVID-19 vaccination coverage rate

V. NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- CBS activities need to be synchronized with MRC's ILI surveillance to spur up testing rates in the hinterland.
- 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 and vaccine hesitancy
- Strengthen community-based surveillance 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 always including the donning of appropriate PPEs
- Intensify activities geared to increase COVID-19 vaccination coverage at all levels

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