



Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19		Location: The Gambia	
Date of Report: 5th - 7th January 2022		Investigation Start Date: 17th March 2020 as of 18hrs.	
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I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 416th national situation report since the confirmation of the first case of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in The Gambia, on the 16th March 2020

- **One (1)** new COVID-19-related death registered, bringing the total to **344 (Crude Case-Fatality Ratio, 3.1%)**
- A total of **330** new cases were registered (**Cumulative cases 11,122**)
- **Forty-eight (48), 139 and 143** cases were reported on the **5th, 6th and 7th** respectively
- The test positivity rate is **27.4% (330/1204)**, NPHL – **1060 (254 positives)** and MRCG – **144 (76 Positives)**
 - **Seven (7)** case are currently on **oxygen therapy**
- **Thirty-three (33)** cases were discharged after at least **10** days from the day they tested positive but evaded institutional isolation and 13 from COVID-19 treatment centres
- As of **7th January 2022**, the following number of people have been vaccinated with:
 - **Johnson & Johnson:**
 - **Only 1 dose: 249,055,**
 - **Sinopharm:**
 - **Dose 1: 4,505**
 - **Dose 2: 3,317**
 - **AstraZeneca:**
 - **Dose 1: 40,680**
 - **Dose 2: 28,560**
- **TARGET POPULATION** (based on microplanning estimates - **1,564,214**)
 - Proportion of target population fully vaccinated (2 doses of AZ/Sinopharm or 1 dose of J&J): **18.0%**
 - Proportion of target population that received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose (AZ or J&J or Sinopharm): **18.8%**
- **TOTAL POPULATION** (Based on final MoH population projections for 2021 - **2,438,899**)
 - Proportion of total population fully vaccinated (2 doses of AZ/Sinopharm or 1 dose of J&J): **11.5%**
 - Proportion of total population that received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose (AZ or J&J or Sinopharm): **12.1%**

COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

- Confirmed Cases: **307,783,932**
- Recoveries: **259,494,567**
- Deaths: **5,505,722**

Senegal

- Confirmed Cases: **79,290**
- Recoveries: **73,882**
- Deaths: **1,898**

The Gambia

- Confirmed Cases: **11,122**
- Active Cases: **934**
- Recoveries: **9,844**
- Deaths: **344**

II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

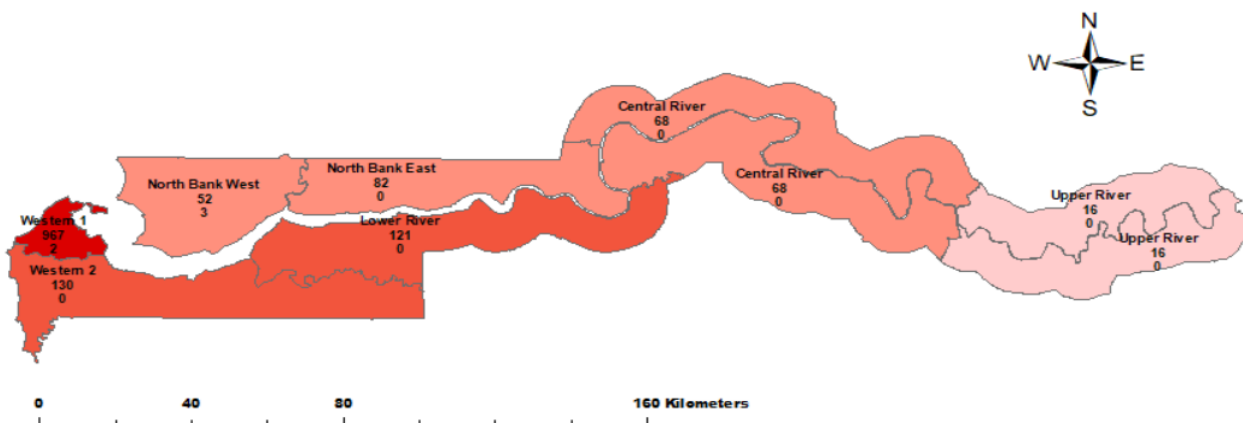


Fig 1: Geographic Distribution of Covid-19 Cases per 100,000 Pop. by Region Since the start of the Pandemic to 30th November (Number Above) and October only (Number below) in The Gambia

- 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 58% of the confirmed cases are 40 years below (**See Fig. 2**)

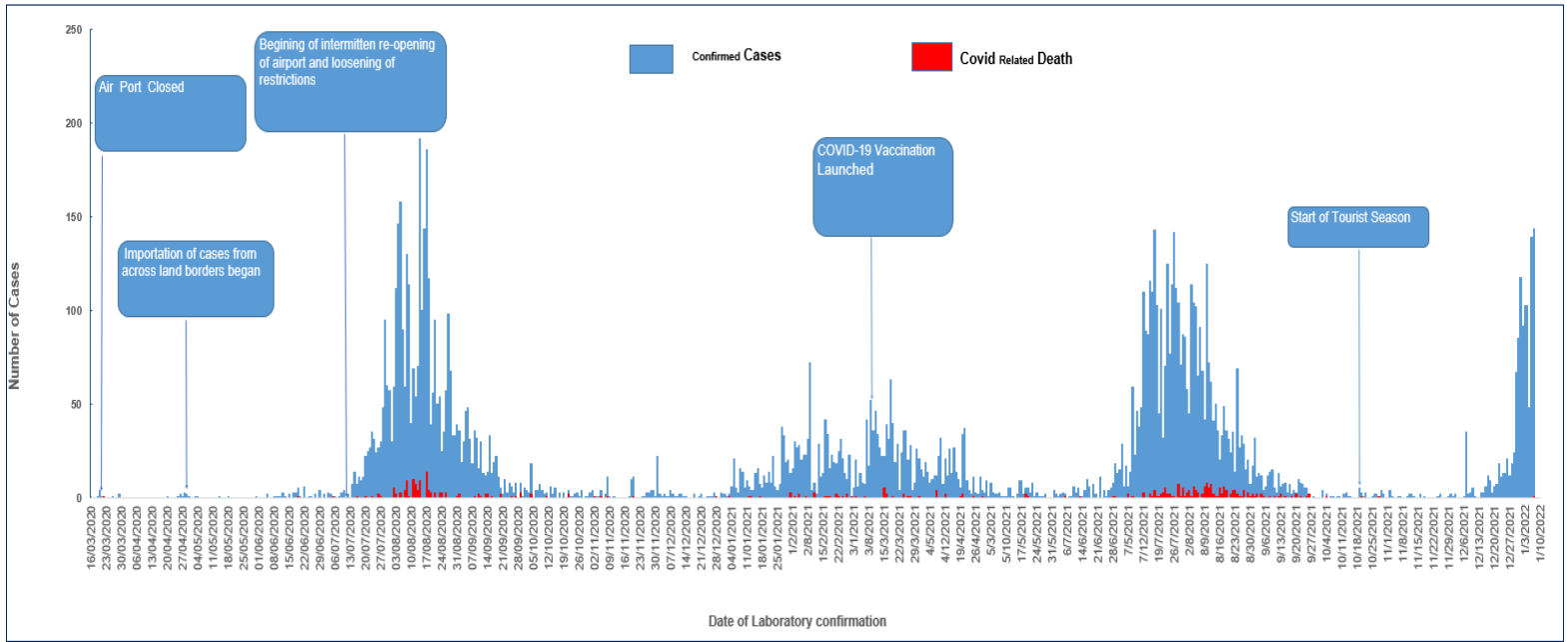


Fig. 3: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases Reported daily, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 16th March 2020-7th January 2022*.

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

Table 1: Summary of New and Cumulative Public Health Response Outputs, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2021

Status	New	Cumulative
No. of active cases in institutional isolation		26
No. of COVID-19 patients on oxygen support		7
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	10	17,129
No. of Contacts lost to follow-up	0	58
Total Tests conducted (Repeat Tests)***	1204(0)	137,260
Positive test result (Repeat Tests)***	330(0)	11,122
Negative test result (Repeat Tests)***	856(0)	124,858
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Tests)***	18(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

Table 2: Covid-19 vaccine Doses administered over the last 10 days by region in The Gambia,2021

Region	29-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec	01-Jan	02-Jan	03-Jan	04-Jan	05-Jan	06-Jan	07-Jan	Total
CRR	595	426	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	1,092
LRR	652	492	414	657	354	0	0	0	0	0	2,569
NBER	380	406	391	318	316	9	6	0	0	0	1,826
NBWR	84	128	13	0	0	32	18	159	177	150	761
URR	908	974	565	248	268	292	274	163	259	104	4,055
WR1	2869	3025	3132	2493	3351	32	54	133	80	0	15,169
WR2	529	668	879	978	939	1111	745	144	64	0	6,057
Total	6017	6119	5394	4694	5299	1476	1097	599	580	254	31,529

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

III. MAJOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Component	Interventions
Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination meetings held at both central and regional levels
Surveillance/ Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 1,204 new laboratory test results received 1060 from NPHL and 144 from MRCG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of these, 18 test result returned inconclusive or indeterminate, 330 new samples tested positive
Case Management / Psychosocial Support & Research / IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) new COVID-19 related death recorded Thirteen (13) patients were newly discharged from treatment centres No new contacts traced and monitored Seven (7) COVID-19 patient is currently on oxygen therapy

IV. GAPS/CHALLENGES:

- CBS activities not replicated in all regions 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.
- Strengthen community-based surveillance in all regions to increase awareness and testing rates
- 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
- 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
- Strengthen the capacity of the National Public Health Laboratories to conduct sequencing to identify new variants from positive samples as the COVID-19 virus evolves.

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