



Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19		Location: The Gambia	
Date of Report: 13th – 22nd January 2022		Investigation Start Date: 17th March 2020 as of 18hrs.	
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I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 418th national situation report since the confirmation of the first case of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in The Gambia, on the 16th March 2020

- **Fifteen (15)** new COVID-19-related death registered, bringing the total to **362 (Crude Case-Fatality Ratio, 3.1%)**
- A total of **270** new cases were registered (**Cumulative cases 11,842**)
- The test positivity rate is **8.1% (270/3324)**, **NPHL – 3224 (245 positives)** and **MRCG – 100 (25 Positives)**
 - **Four (4)** case are currently on **oxygen therapy**
 - A total of **953** cases were discharged after at least **10** days from the day they tested positive but evaded institutional isolation and **29** from COVID-19 treatment centres
- As of **24th January 2022**, the following number of people have been vaccinated with:
 - **Johnson & Johnson:**
 - **Only 1 dose: 282,509**
 - **Sinopharm:**
 - **Dose 1: 4,507**
 - **Dose 2: 3,329**
 - **AstraZeneca:**
 - **Dose 1: 40,680**
 - **Dose 2: 28,692**
- **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): **20.0%**
 - Proportion of target population that received at least one Covid-19 vaccine dose (AZ OR J&J OR Sinopharm): **20.9%**
- **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): **12.9%**
 - Proportion of total population that received at least one Covid-19 vaccine dose (AZ OR J&J OR Sinopharm): **13.4%**

COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

- Confirmed Cases: **366,366,334**
- Recoveries: **289,580,867**
- Deaths: **5,655,339**

Senegal

- Confirmed Cases: **84,709**
- Recoveries: **79,072**
- Deaths: **1,939**

The Gambia

- Confirmed Cases: **11,842**
- Active Cases: **342**
- Recoveries: **11,138**

II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

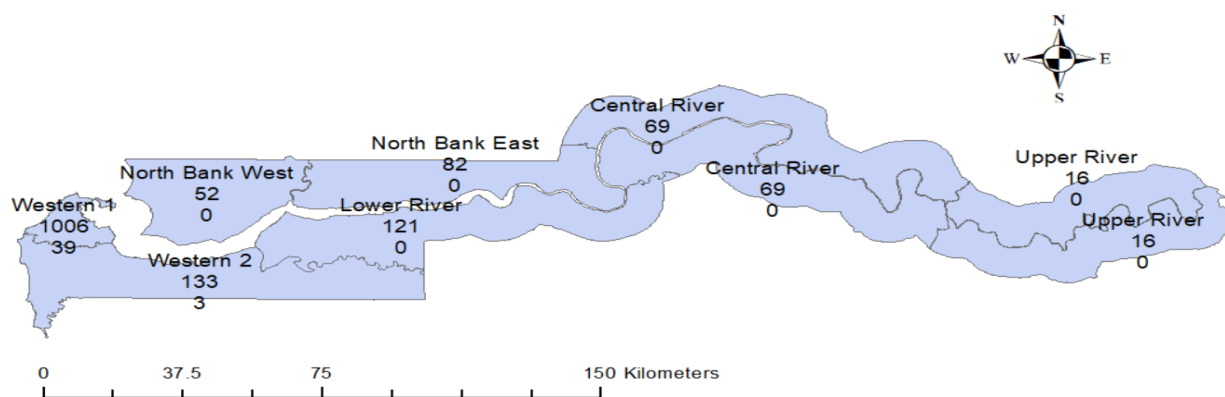


Fig1: Geographic Distribution of COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 Pop. by Region Since the start of the Pandemic to 31st December (Number Above) and December only (Number below) 2021 in The Gambia

- 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**)

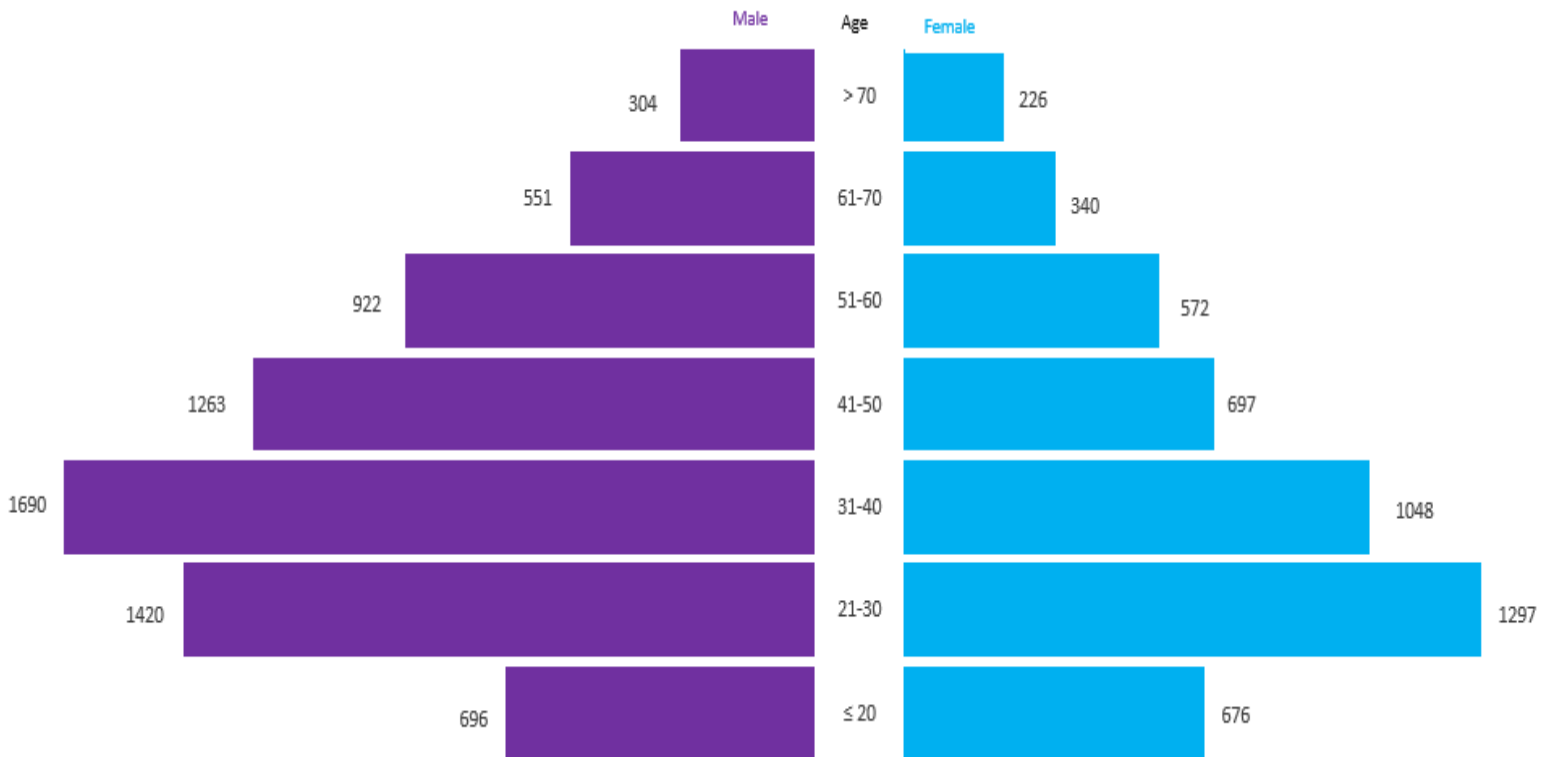


Fig 2: Age-Sex Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, The Gambia, 2022

✧ 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**)

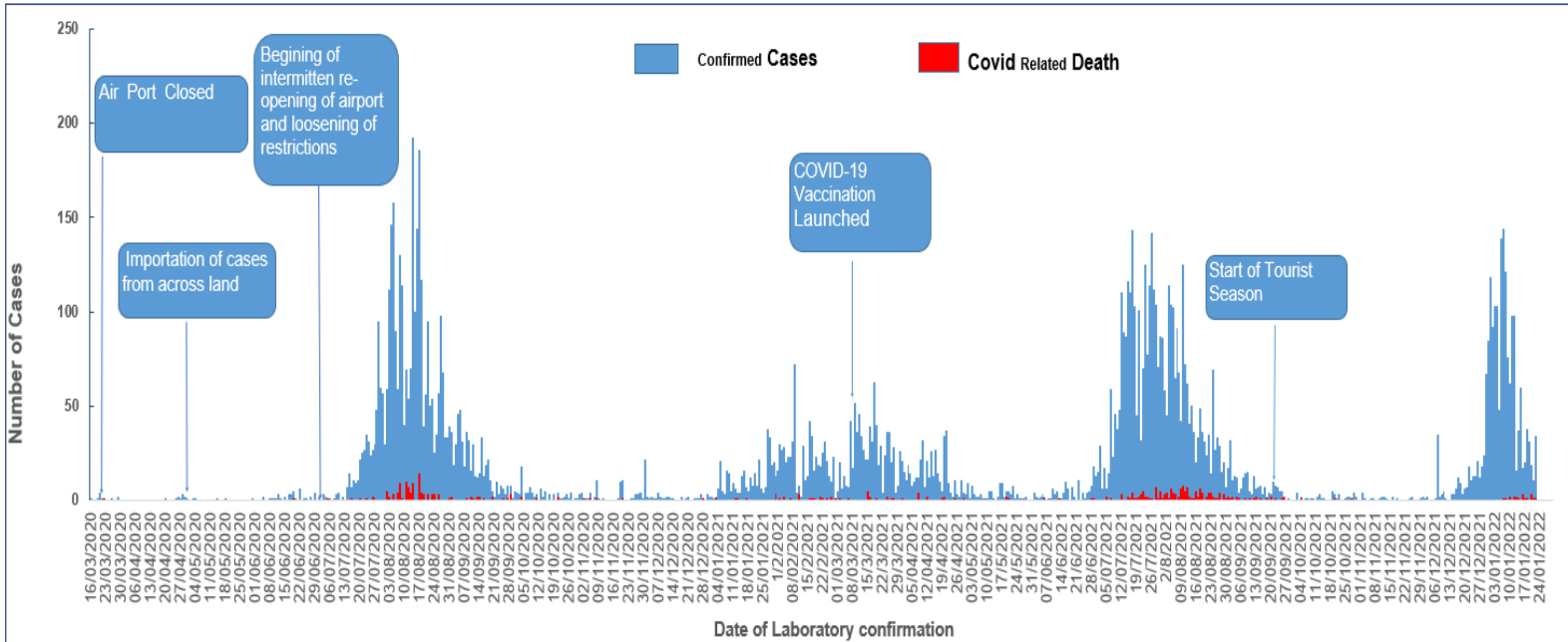


Fig. 3: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases Reported daily, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 16th March 2020-22nd January 2022*.

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

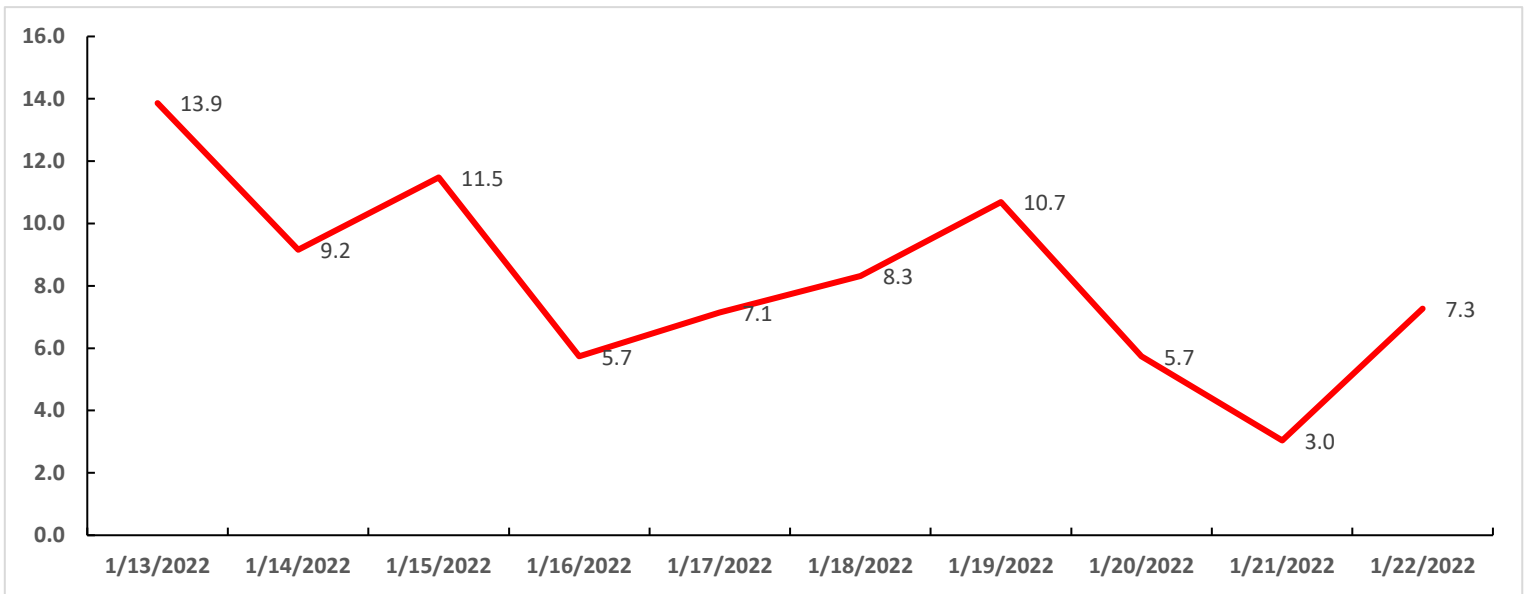


Fig. 4.: Line graph of daily test positivity, The Gambia, 13th-22nd January 2022

Table 1: Summary of New and Cumulative Public Health Response Outputs, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2022

Status	New	Cumulative
No. of active cases in institutional isolation		14
No. of COVID-19 patients on oxygen support		4
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	17,129
No. of Contacts lost to follow-up	0	58
Total Tests conducted (Repeat Tests)***	3324(0)	142,783
Positive test result (Repeat Tests)***	270(0)	11,842
Negative test result (Repeat Tests)***	3036(0)	129,634
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,2022

Region	15/01/22	17/01/22	18/01/22	19/01/22	20/01/22	21/01/22	22/01/22	23/01/22	24/01/22	Total
CRR	0	590	682	685	760	443	493	234	726	4,613
LRR	0	244	371	566	364	865	383	191	131	3,115
NBER	0	310	272	258	220	154	149	30	4	1,397
NBWR	0	602	601	512	559	409	548	459	63	3,753
URR	0	982	1479	1001	1008	901	813	653	420	7,257
WR1	50	10	1035	1162	1461	1280	1249	1133	883	8,263
WR2	0	355	594	442	456	733	394	323	260	3,557
Total	50	3093	5034	4626	4828	4785	4029	3023	2487	31,955

Table 3: Major response activities undertaken newly, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2022

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 3324 new laboratory test results received 3224 from NPHL and 100 from MRCG</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Of these, 18 test result returned inconclusive or indeterminate, 270 new samples tested positive</i>
Case Management / Psychosocial Support & Research / IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fifteen (15) new COVID-19 related death recorded</i> • <i>Twenty-Nine (29) patients were newly discharged from treatment centres</i> • <i>No new contacts traced and monitored</i> • <i>Four (4) COVID-19 patient is currently on oxygen therapy</i>

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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