



Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19		Location: The Gambia	
Date of Report: 25th September – 24th October 2022		Investigation Start Date: 17th March 2020 as of 18hrs.	
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I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 453rd national situation reports 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 **372 (Crude Case - Fatality Ratio, 3.0%)**
- One hundred and twenty-one (**121**) new cases were registered (**Cumulative cases 12,563**)
- The test positivity rate is **6.6%** (**121/1831**), **NPHL –1616 (104 positives)** and **MRCG – 215 (17 Positives)**
 - **No** new case is currently on oxygen therapy
 - **One hundred and nine (109)** cases were discharged after at least **10** days monitoring from the day they tested positive but evaded institutional isolation and **none** from COVID-19 treatment centres

COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

Confirmed Cases: **634,752,503**

Recoveries: **6,589,884**

Deaths: **613,776,154**

Senegal

Confirmed Cases: **88,679**

Recoveries: **86,609**

Deaths: **1,968**

The Gambia

Confirmed Cases: **12,563**

Active Cases: **31**

Recoveries: **12,160**

Deaths: **372**

II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

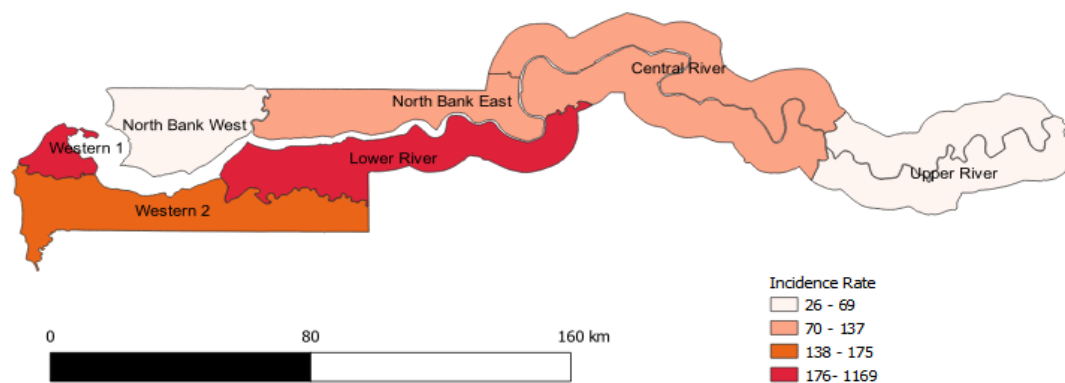


Fig1: Geographical Distribution of confirmed covid-19 cases per 100,000 Pop. by region since the start of the Pandemic to 30 September 2022 in The Gambia

- 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**)

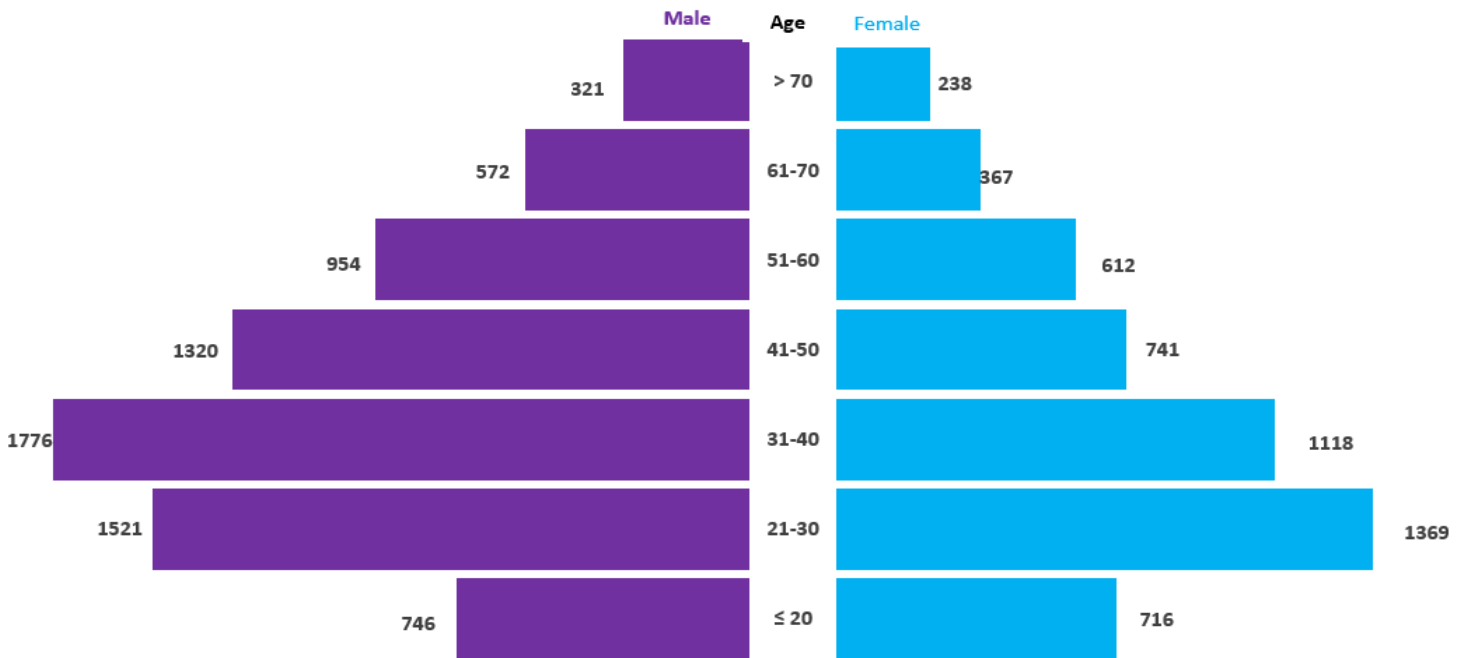


Fig 2: Age-Sex Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, The Gambia, 2022

^{*} 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**)

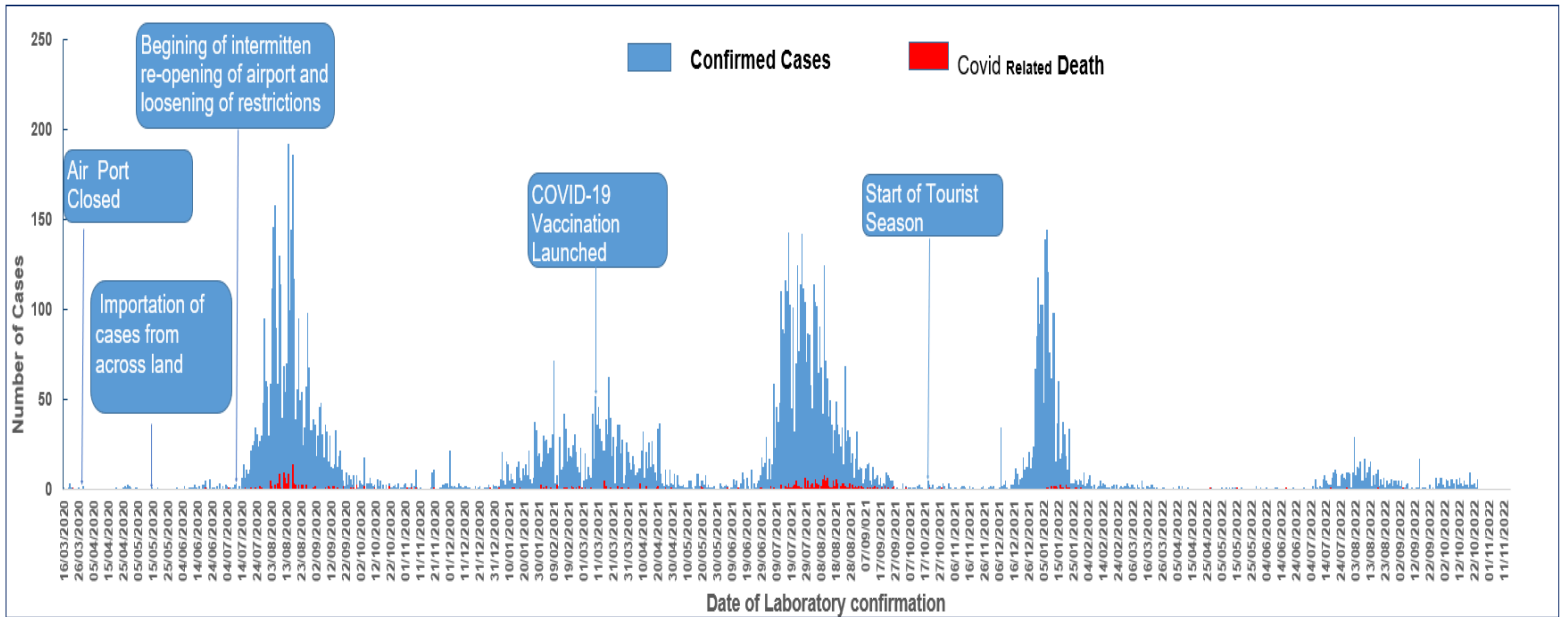


Fig. 3: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases Reported daily, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 16th March 2020-24th October 2022*.

- 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 hospitalized (including those in Intensive Care Unit- ICU) COVID-19 cases, The Gambia, 2022

Hospitalization (Including those in ICU)	Total Cases
Number of cases currently admitted to intensive care unit (ICU)for Covid-19	0
Number of all Covid-19 cases who are currently hospitalized in healthcare facilities, including those in intensive care unit (ICU)	0
Cumulative number of covid-19 cases admitted to intensive care unit (ICU)	869
Cumulative number of covid-19 cases hospitalized including those admitted to intensive care (ICU)	3584

Table 2: 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		0
No. of COVID-19 patients on oxygen support		0
No. of patients recovered and discharged	0	
In Hotel Quarantine	0	0
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)***	1831(0)	179,587
Positive test result (Repeat Tests)***	121(0)	12,563
Negative test result (Repeat Tests)***	1694(0)	165,564
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Tests)***	16(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 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"> • Coordination meetings held at both central and regional levels
Surveillance/ Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 1831 new laboratory test results received 1616 from NPHL and 215 from MRCG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Of these, sixteen (16) test result returned inconclusive or indeterminate, 121 new samples tested positive
Case Management / Psychosocial Support & Research / IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new COVID-19 related death recorded • No new patients were newly discharged from treatment centres • No new contacts traced and monitored • No case of 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:

- 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
- IPC measures should be strictly adhered to in all public and private health healthcare facilities
- 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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