



MEDIA MONITORING

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FROM 31th August TO 6th Sept.

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08/31/2020

➤ COVID-19 cases in Africa hit 1.2M, deaths near 30,000

The total number of people infected with the novel coronavirus in Africa exceeded 1.2 million on Monday, according a statement from the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). The center said 29,589 people have died from COVID-19-related

deaths, while 975,643 patients have recovered from the virus to date. Southern Africa recorded the highest number of cases at 670,084, followed by North Africa with 228,417 infections, West Africa with 159,960 and Eastern Africa with 133,104.

Source : aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ South Africa's COVID-19 cases exceed 625,000

South Africa registered 2,505 new cases of the novel coronavirus Sunday, bringing the total number of infections to 625,056, said the Health Ministry. It said 47 more people died from the virus, pushing the number of fatalities to 14,028.

Health professionals have conducted over 3.67 million tests and the number of recoveries has reached 538,604. The pandemic has claimed over 844,000 lives in 188 countries and regions since originating in Wuhan, China in December.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

09/01/2020

➤ Africa: The Scramble for the Covid-19 Vaccine – Continent Must Act Now

Africans must be involved in vaccine trials, and prepare now for day one of the vaccine availability in an ideal world, communities should not be mere spectators but co-architects of health decisions impacting their well-being. Concerns around vaccine trials should be addressed and researchers should prioritize

community engagement. What then does a vaccine trial mean to communities? Why should they care? Specifically, what must African governments do? As we anxiously wait for the COVID-19 pandemic to be controlled, let's start with understanding herd immunity and why vaccines are critical.

Source: newsroom.amref.org ([Article link](#))

➤ WHO to vaccinate 400,000 children in Somalia

The World Health Organization (WHO) has started a vaccination campaign in southeastern Somalia's Banadir administrative region to vaccinate some 400,000 children against polio and measles. "Vaccines help save lives! As we celebrate the eradication of wild polio, UNICEF

Somalia continues to take action," James Elder, UNICEF Chief of Communications for Eastern and Southern Africa, tweeted Tuesday. Elder said the new polio and vaccination campaign aims to reach 400,000 children.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

09/02/2020

➤ **Vaccine-derived polio spreads in Africa after defeat of wild virus**

A new polio outbreak in Sudan has been linked to the oral polio vaccine that uses a weakened form of the virus. News of the outbreak comes a week after the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that wild polio had been

eradicated in Africa. The WHO linked the cases to a strain of the virus that had been noted circulating in Chad last year and warned that the risk of spread to other parts of the Horn of Africa was high.

Source: theguardian.com ([Article link](#))

09/03/2020

➤ **West Africa Beat Ebola. But Did It Learn From It?**

Across West Africa, the COVID-19 pandemic is bringing back painful memories of the Ebola epidemic, which spread from the remote forest region in Guinea to Liberia and Sierra Leone, infecting over 28,000 people and claiming the lives of more than 11,000 from 2014 to 2016. As

the region grapples with a new virus, have civil society groups and policymakers applied the lessons they learned from Ebola to the fight against COVID-19? Or are West African countries repeating the same fatal mistakes?

Source: worldpoliticsreview.com ([Article link](#))

➤ **EU Supports Wheels for Life Expansion to Five Counties for Pregnant Women to Access Emergency Medical Care During COVID-19 Curfew Hours**

From September 2020, the Wheels for Life initiative is expanding beyond Nairobi County to enable pregnant women in Machakos, Nyeri, Nakuru, Kiambu and Uasin Gishu Counties to dial 1196, a toll-free line, for prompt diagnosis by doctors from 9 PM to 4 AM. In Emergency cases, they get free transport to the hospital.

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a global pandemic especially dangerous for people with pre-existing conditions. The disease has resulted in fatalities across the globe with 852,000 deaths reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) as of 2 September 2020.

Source: newsroom.amref.org ([Article link](#))

➤ **Africa's overall COVID-19 infection rate drops**

Africa has been witnessing an overall drop in the rate of infections from the novel coronavirus, says the director of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). John Nkengasong made an announcement on the

infection rate during a weekly media briefing conducted virtually every Thursday. Africa recorded a 14% drop in the number of new infections across the continent over the past one week compared to the previous, he said.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ **Africa rallies behind coronavirus vaccine initiative**

African countries are signing up to an initiative aiming to secure for the continent millions of doses of a potential novel coronavirus vaccine once it is licensed and approved, an official from the World Health Organization (WHO) said Thursday.

At a news conference on access to a COVID-19 vaccine, WHO Program Area Manager Richard Mihigo said that once a vaccine is licensed and approved, COVAX would work to secure at least 220 million doses of the vaccine for Africa.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ **HIV, TB associated with increased COVID-19 mortality in South African study**

HIV and tuberculosis were independently associated with an increased risk for COVID-19 mortality in a South African study that included

more than 22,000 patients with the new disease, researchers reported in Clinical Infectious Diseases.

Source: healio.com ([Article link](#))

09/04/2020

➤ **Ethiopia to send COVID-19 test results via text message**

Ethiopia on Friday unveiled a system through which people can receive their COVID-19 test results through text messages. People who test for the virus will receive the result on their phone within three hours, local broadcaster FANA

quoted the Ethiopian Public Health Institute as saying. The institute's regular hotline number, 8335, will be used to send notifications and the results, according to the report.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ **WHO : 220M Covid-19 Vaccine Doses Will Be Tested in Africa**

Africa the Initial Testing Ground for Coronavirus Vaccine Doses. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared that 220 million covid-19 vaccine doses will be tested on the African population.

workers and the most vulnerable being given first-batch priority, as confirmed by WHO Africa programme manager Richard Mihigo.

The distribution will be based on nation inhabitant numbers and — front-line health

Source: africanews.com ([Article link](#))

➤ **Decisive and timely: Mauritius' response curbs COVID-19**

In late January 2020 the isolation ward at Souillac Hospital in the south of Port Louis had six people in quarantine. They had flown to the Mauritian capital from Wuhan city. This was long before the Indian Ocean island confirmed its first COVID-19 cases, but strict measures were already in effect

to detect and prevent the virus from spreading. When the country reported the initial cases on 18 March, it took just five weeks to bring down the infections from a cluster of local cases to zero cases, becoming the first in Africa to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Source: afro.who.int ([Article link](#))

➤ **'Mauritius timely response helped curb COVID-19'**

Mauritius took just five weeks to bring down the coronavirus infections from a cluster of local cases to zero cases, becoming the first in Africa to contain the virus's spread after reporting its first case in March, the World Health Organization's Africa office said in a statement on Friday. "Our national response was timely

and decisive," Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth was quoted in the statement as saying. In late January, an isolation ward at Souillac Hospital in the south of the country's capital Port Louis had six people in quarantine, according to the WHO. "They had flown to the Mauritian capital from China's Wuhan city."

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

09/05/2020

➤ **South Africa reports 2,063 new COVID-19 cases**

South Africa registered 2,063 new cases of the coronavirus in the past 24 hours, bringing the number of infections to more than 635,000, its health ministry said Friday. It said 115 more people died from the virus, taking that number to 14,678.

Authorities have conducted more than 3.7 million tests to detect the virus while the number of recoveries stand at 557,818. South Africa is the worst-hit country by the virus on the African continent and has the seventh highest number of cases globally.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

09/06/2020

➤ **Coronavirus infections near 640,000 in South Africa**

South Africa recorded 1,633 new coronavirus infections on Sunday, bringing the nationwide caseload to 638,517, the health minister announced. Zweli Mkhize said the country also registered 110 new deaths related to COVID-19,

pushing total number of fatalities to 14,889. The minister said the country's recovery rate stands at 563,891 which translates to a recovery rate of 88%.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))



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