



MEDIA MONITORING

Health

FROM 19th TO 25th OCTOBER



10/19/2020

➤ **12M kids out of school due to virus, conflict in Sahel**

Twelve million children have been forced out of school in the wake of the novel coronavirus pandemic, as well as widespread conflict, across Africa's Central Sahel region, a humanitarian group said Monday. In a statement, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) said children

had missed up to four months of school across Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger due to COVID-19 restrictions, while 776,000 could not attend school the entire year due to insecurity in the region.

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

10/20/2020

➤ **No new Ebola cases reported in DR Congo's province: WHO**

No new cases of Ebola virus have been reported in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s Equateur province over the past 20 days, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

"However, while there are still confirmed cases at large in the community and difficulties with safe and dignified burials, transmission risks remain," the WHO Africa said in a weekly bulletin.

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

➤ **WHO 2020 Global TB Report app – now available in English, French and Russian**

The new version of the World Health Organization (WHO) 2020 Global TB Report app is now available for your smartphone and tablet. The game-changing app brings to the users' fingertips the latest TB statistics and trends,

country and region comparisons and quick search for indicators. The app is now updated with latest data from the WHO 2020 Global Tuberculosis Report

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

➤ **South Africans Aren't Being Protected From Fake Sanitisers - What Needs to Be Done**

A wave of panic buying struck many countries when national states of disaster were announced in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Overnight, toilet paper, cleaning products and hand sanitizers became the most

sought-after products on the market. This was true in South Africa too. Production facilities for raw materials of hand sanitizers experienced an increase of nearly 400% in bulk orders.

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

➤ **Ebola Never Went Away. But Now There's A Drug To Treat It**

While scientists work to develop effective treatments for COVID-19, there is good news on another disease front. This month the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted formal approval

to an antibody cocktail from the pharmaceutical company Regeneron that's been shown to reduce an Ebola patient's chances of dying dramatically.



Source: npr.org ([Article link](#))

10/21/2020

➤ **Ghana completes third round of polio campaigns**

Health officials in Ghana successfully completed a third round of planned Polio Supplementary Immunization Activities (SIA) in eight regions despite a disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the World Health Organization (WHO) said Wednesday.

House-to-house campaigns were conducted by health professionals as well as trained volunteers who vaccinated “over 4.6m eligible children (0-59 months) in the Ashanti, Central, Eastern, Greater Accra, Volta, Upper West, Western and Western North regions,” WHO Africa said in a statement.

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

➤ **AFRICA DECLARED POLIO FREE**

For that to happen, not a single case had to be recorded in Africa for four years. For more than 30 years Rotary and its partners have driven the campaign to eradicate polio worldwide. Rotary

members have contributed \$1.2-billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children around the world from this debilitating disease.

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

10/22/2020

➤ **Coronavirus vaccine trials won't tell us if they save lives, prevent serious illness or stop transmission – here's why**

There are currently at least six COVID-19 vaccines in phase 3 clinical trials – the final phase of testing. These trials all aim to compare the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines

versus a placebo. However, as Peter Doshi, associate editor at the BMJ, asks in a new report, what does “effective” actually mean?

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

10/23/2020

➤ **Over 1.3M coronavirus patients recover in Africa**

Africa continued to maintain a more than 80% recovery rate with 1,387,022 patients having recovered as of Friday, according to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). At least 40,690 people have died of the virus across the continent, revealed the

latest update by the Africa CDC. The number of confirmed cases has reached 1,685,589. Southern Africa is the hardest hit region with 785,600 cases and 20,300 deaths; however, it also has the most recoveries that currently stand at 702,500

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

➤ **Enhancing diagnosis to beat COVID-19 in Senegal**

Senegal's Institut Pasteur was one of only two laboratories in Africa able to test for COVID-19 at the onset of the pandemic in early 2020. The institution's director, Dr Amadou Sall, speaks

about the efforts Senegal has made to strengthen testing as well as the challenges faced. What measures have been taken to step up COVID-19 diagnosis in Senegal?

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

➤ **Benin boosts COVID-19 response with increased testing**

Benin's first COVID-19 case was diagnosed at the Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Laboratory in the capital Cotonou in March 2020. Then it was the country's sole facility able to test for the virus. At

best it could carry out only 300 tests per day. In the early phase of the pandemic, Benin, like many African countries, lacked adequate COVID-19 testing.

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

➤ **Beijing strengthens its presence in Morocco thanks to Covid**

Will we be vaccinated? Where? When? How will we be vaccinated? For the past few months, Moroccans, and especially the Casablancs who are still in the red zone and partially confined,

have been asking themselves these same questions in the hope of returning to a normal life, the one before Covid-19. Not right away, say the specialists.

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

10/24/2020

➤ **WHO, UNICEF and ROTARY reaffirm their commitment to sustain Africa's polio-free status by ensuring Ethiopia stays polio-free**

Today as the world commemorates World Polio Day, we, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and ROTARY, reaffirm our commitment to continue working with the Government of Ethiopia to ensure that Ethiopia stays polio free so we can maintain the success achieved in certification of the WHO African Region as free

of wild poliovirus (WPV). On 25 August 2020, the independent Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC) for Polio Eradication officially declared that the WHO African Region that constitutes 47 member states is free of wild poliovirus (WPV).

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

10/25/2020

➤ **Covid: More coronavirus vaccine trials in Wales 'within weeks'**

New trials of coronavirus vaccinations will start in Wales "within weeks". A top scientist who works for the body responsible for organising the pilots said different vaccines will be trialed across parts of Wales "very soon".

About 500 volunteers in the Gwent area have already taken part in trials of the Covid-19 vaccine being developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University.

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



Adresse : 48 rue Ifrane Cil - Casablanca
20200Maroc

Téléphone : +212 522 366 479 / +212
522 950 968

Fax : +212 522 950 968

Site web : www.thecasablancaclub.com

Contact : publication@thecasablancaclub.com