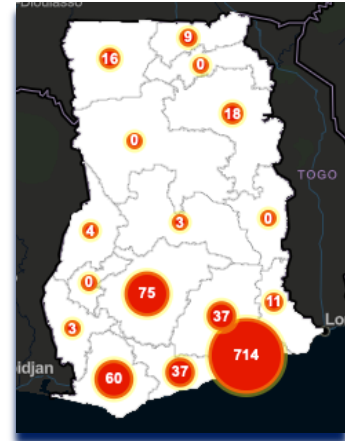




CODVID-19 UPDATE GHANA

Ref No: C19/100
Confirmed Cases: 56,981
Death: 341
Recovered: 55,236



CURRENT SITUATION

The Ghana Health Service has reported 174 new cases of COVID-19 which brings total case count to **56,981**. Recoveries stand at 55,236, (96.9%) of reported cases. Three more deaths bring the number of people who have succumbed to the virus to 341; a fatality rate of 0.59%. These developments leave active cases at 1,404 cases, majority of which are in the Greater Accra Region.

COMMENTARY

The spike in newly recorded cases is a reflection of both citizens' lack of interest in observing the WHO recommended protocols meant to curb the spread of the virus, as well as government unwillingness to punish such defaulters. More so, economic activity in major cities, especially the capital Accra coupled with the dense population is accounting for the high numbers being reported in these areas. The government is meanwhile, running out of time to control the spread with a lockdown which would effectively close the economy viewed as impractical at this time. Schools at all levels have also been asked to resume after almost a year. This makes the next couple of weeks critical as the rate of infection in schools can affect the national response to the management of the pandemic.

COVID-19 CASE COUNTS - GHANA			
14-01-2021, 13:00 GMT			
INFECTIONS	DEATHS	RECOVERIES	TESTS
56981	341	55236	701137

CONCLUSION

The response to the pandemic across the continent is similar, especially because the behaviour of the virus is similar, translating into a low fatality rate. Yet numbers have doubled since July. The new fast-spreading strain it is likely to be confirmed in Ghana in the coming weeks as borders are effectively open. Continued individual and corporate vigilance is strongly advised with remote operations. Until increased testing and vaccine deployment, numbers are expected to rise in the coming weeks.

