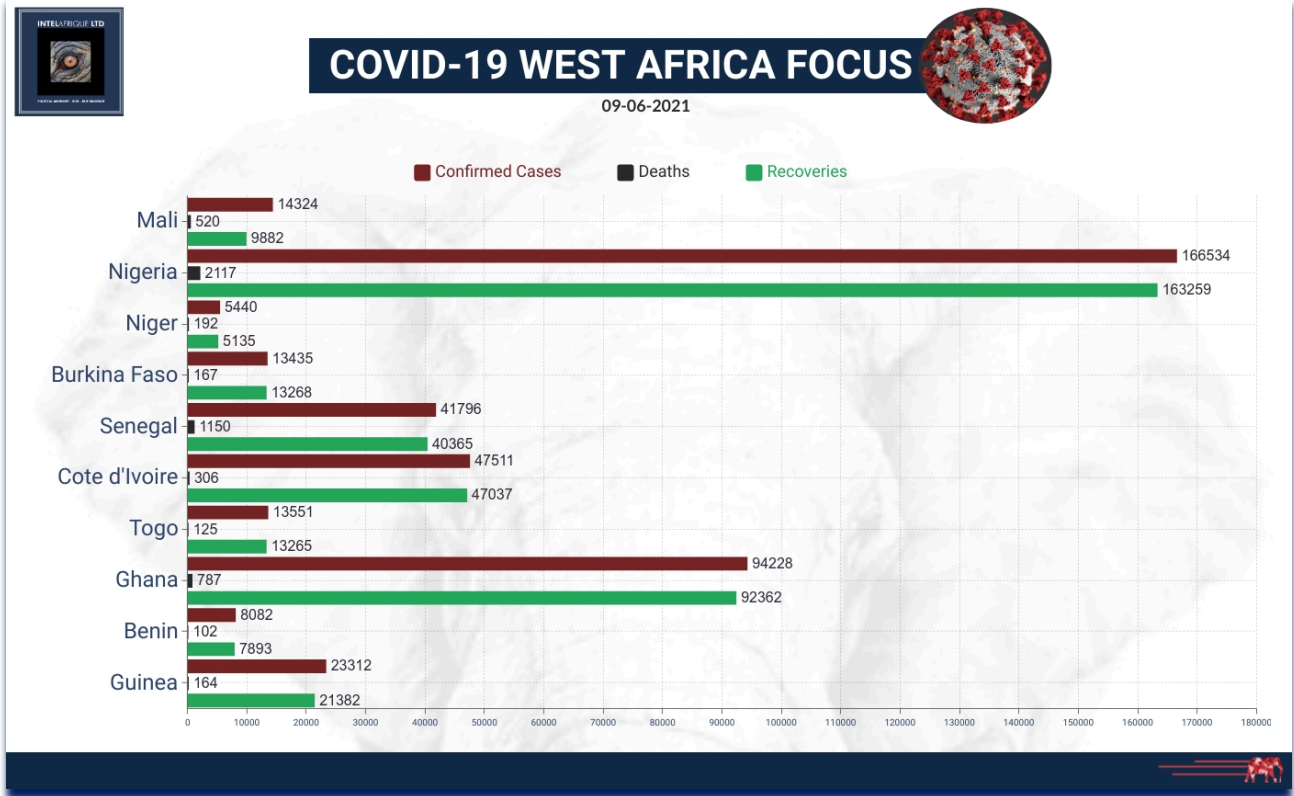




COVID-19 WEST AFRICAN REPORT

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COVID-19 UPDATE

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TOGO

Confirmed Cases: 13,551
Death: 125
Recovered: 13,265



CURRENT SITUATION

70 new cases have been reported in Togo over the last 7 days, taking the cumulative case count to 13,551. Death toll remained the same –125(0.9%) while recoveries increased to 13,265(360 new recoveries). Active cases have dropped significantly to 161(from 406). The positivity rate of tests conducted over the last week (6,131) is 1.1%. General positivity test however is currently at 3.9% as 342,031 tests have been conducted nationwide. The numbers recorded over the last week indicate a further improvement in the health crisis in Togo. No significant review has been made to the existing management protocols. Large social gathering—weddings, sporting events remained barred. Also, the health state of emergency remains in force until further notice(at least September as projected). According to the African Union Centre for Disease Control, 311,938 vaccines have been administered by health officials, representing 3.7% of the country’s population. About 52,000-55,000 people are estimated to have been fully inoculated. Togo has taken stock of 716,620 vaccines (416,000 AstraZeneca, 200,000 Sinovac and 100,620 Pfizer) and has managed to administer 43.5% of the vaccines. Sources have suggested the government received the Pfizer vaccines from COVAX after satisfying the conditions required to store the vaccines. The rollout of the vaccines will commence soon with an estimated 50,310 persons expected to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Travel arrangements have not changed. Air borders continue to be open; however, passengers are required to provide negative results before entry is approved. Land and sea borders remain closed to human traffic. The government has also begun discussions to issue immune passports to persons that have been fully vaccinated. This document will have records of the date of vaccination, type of vaccines and number of doses received.

IVORY COAST

Confirmed Cases: 47,511
Death: 306
Recovered: 47,037



CURRENT SITUATION

Ivory Coast has now confirmed 47,319 C-19 cases out of 654,588 tests conducted nationwide—7.3% positivity rate. Fatalities and recoveries have increased to 306—0.64% and 47,037 respectively. Data from the AU CDC dashboard indicate that 606,907 vaccines have been administered since March 2021,

covering 2.07% of the total population. The country’s health sector has come to a standstill this week over the non-payment of 13 months of COVID-19 premium. Health workers (Several doctors, nurses, midwives and health technicians) agitated yesterday, Tuesday 8th June 2021 at the Ministry of Health office in Plateau to press home their demands. This has been reinforced with a sit-down strike posing threat to general health service delivery in the country. According to the organizers, some 4,166 health officials are expected to receive monthly bonuses ranging from 90,000 FCFA (137 euros) to 235,000 FCFA (358.5 euros). This is a major setback as the country is already grappling with low patronage of the vaccine jabs.

SENEGAL

Confirmed Cases: 41,725
Death: 1,150
Recovered: 40,323



CURRENT SITUATION

Senegal has reported 231 new C-19 infections in the last 7 days (an average of 33 cases per day) increasing the overall case count to 41,725. 8 new deaths increased the mortalities to 1,150—2.7%. Recoveries and active cases have also increased to 40,323 and 252(from 206) respectively. 8,441 new tests were conducted nationwide in the last 7 days with a positivity rate of 2.7%—an increase from last week’s 2.5%. 530,519 tests have conducted across the country since March 2020 with a positivity rate of 7.8% (from 7.9% 7 days ago). Data from the AU CDC dashboard indicate that 522,575 vaccines have been administered in Senegal so far (9,243 in the past week). This covers 3.1% of the country’s population. More than 900,000 (939,000) vaccines (AstraZeneca and Sinopharm) have been secured by Senegal since February from COVAX and other bilateral efforts (from China). Efforts to begin production of vaccines locally have made further progress as the letters of intent has been signed between Belgian pharmaceutical company Univercells and Senegal’s Institute for Health Research, Epidemiological Surveillance and Training (IDP). As part of the agreement, the IDP will acquire technical assistance and technology for the production of COVID-19 vaccines. Sources also suggest that the drug company will set a production unit in Senegal by 2022. Travel requirements are unchanged as no review of travel arrangements have been made by the government.

BURKINA FASO

Confirmed Cases: 13,454
Death: 167
Recovered: 13,268



CURRENT SITUATION

Total C-19 cases have reached 13,454 after 19 new cases were reported by authorities last week. Death toll remained at 167 while recoveries increased to 13, 268 respectively. The number of active cases has increased to 19 from last week's 12 active cases. Notwithstanding the increase in active cases, Burkina Faso remains the country with the highest recovery rate recorded in the sub-region—98.6% but also one with the lowest test rates. Only 191,065 tests have been conducted in the West African state since March 2020. Positivity rate over the last week has been 0.9% from the 2,044 test conducted nationwide. The general positivity rate (since March 2020) however is 7%. Hospitalizations have been low, a situation that has been fortunate for the country since its existing health system is fragile would have been overwhelmed by spikes. Burkina Faso has entered the 2nd week of vaccination following the arrival of 115,200 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines from the COVAX initiative. Reports from local sources indicate there is a major issue of rejection of the vaccine given some controversies over side effects in other countries. To mitigate this challenge, the Minister of Health has resorted to religious leaders to help convince the public about the need and safety of vaccines. Also, political leaders have received the vaccine in public to boost confidence among the public to get vaccinated. Notwithstanding these efforts the government has maintained that vaccination is voluntary and free. Airtravel is allowed however passengers must provide a negative C-19 medical certificate issued 5 days before arrival. Travellers without certificates are subjected to PCR tests upon arrival at their own expense. These arrangements will remain the same until further notice.

BENIN

Confirmed Cases: 8,082
Death: 102
Recovered: 7,893



CURRENT SITUATION

C-19 cases count in Benin is at 8,082 after 604,310 tests conducted nationwide. Number of deaths and recoveries have increased to 102 and 7,893 respectively leaving 64 active cases. Data from AU CDC indicates that 12,934 vaccines have been administered. This covers 0.1% of the total population and 3.37% of vaccines procured. Following the rollout of the covid-19 vaccines in Benin some few months

ago, it has been observed that there is reluctance among the populace to take jabs. The government through its spokesperson Wilfried Léandre Houngbédji has admonished citizens that are yet to take the jabs to do so without fears. This new development could derail the efforts of the government to reach herd immunity at the projected time. More effort needs to be put in place to remove doubts and encourage the rest of the citizens to take the jabs. Some section of the media is contributing to the fight against covid-19 as the attention of authorities is being drawn to a pilot project in Rwanda – Kigali as sniffer dogs are used to detect covid infected persons at the airports and other places. The results of this pilot in Kigali reveal a 94% success rate in cases detected at Kigali International Airport. Benin authorities are being urged to adopt this method.

SITUATIONAL SUMMARY W/A

COUNTRY	NO. OF CASES	DEATH	RECOVERIES	NO. OF TESTS
MALI	14,324	520	9,882	302,250
NIGERIA	166,918	2,117	163,259	2,133,061
NIGER	5,440	192	5,135	110,321
GUINEA	23,313	164	21,382	455,682

GLOBAL SITUATION

Confirmed Cases: **174,802,246** Death: **3,764,250**