



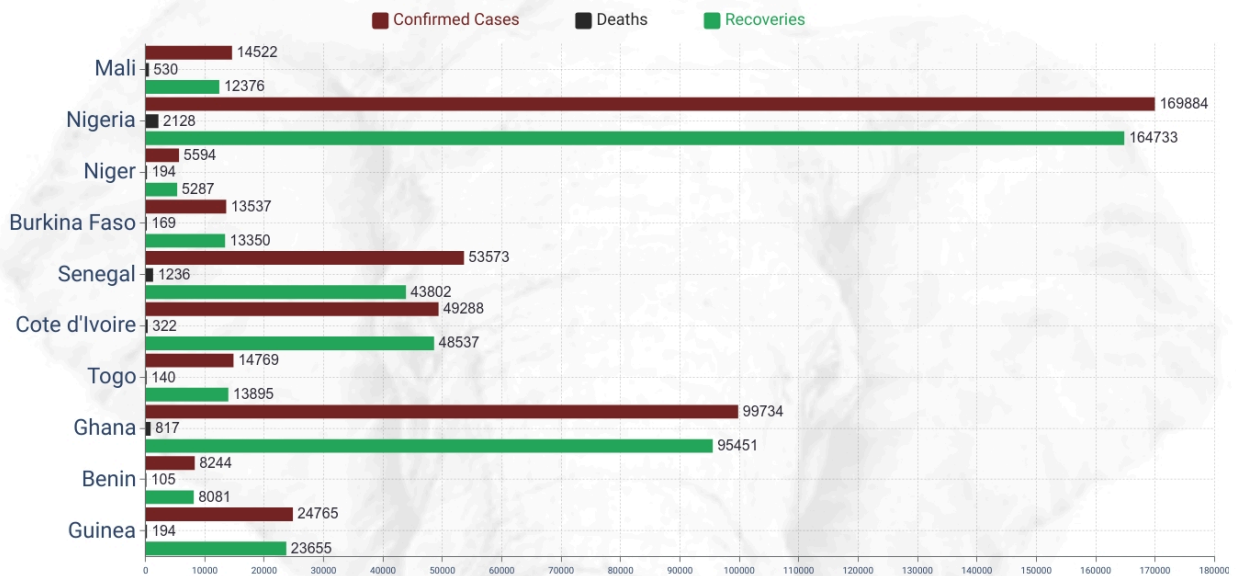
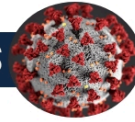
# COVID-19 WEST AFRICAN REPORT

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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### TOGO

Confirmed Cases: 14,769

Death: 140

Recovered: 13,895



### CURRENT SITUATION

449 new C-19 infections have been reported by health authorities in Togo over the last 7 days, taking the cumulative case count to 14,769. Fatalities and recoveries have increased to 140(6 new deaths) and 13,895 respectively. This leaves the number of active cases at 734. Positivity rate for the past week increased to 4.9%(from 2.5%) following 9,057 tests. General positivity rate also increased to 3.8% (from 3.7%). 388,045 tests have been conducted nationwide since March 2020. The situation in Togo remains under control despite the increase in new infections, deaths and active cases. The government has maintained both management and preventive protocols despite increases reported. According to the AU CDC, the number of vaccines administered remained at 347,246 although local sources have reported the administration of additional vaccines last week. Health officials are scheduled to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Pfizer vaccinations on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, an exercise that targeted people aged 20 and above. Donors continue to assist the government in the C-19 fight as the Saudi government has donated PPEs and other equipment to healthcare workers. No changes have been made to the existing travel requirements.

### IVORY COAST

Confirmed Cases: 49,288

Death: 322

Recovered: 48,537



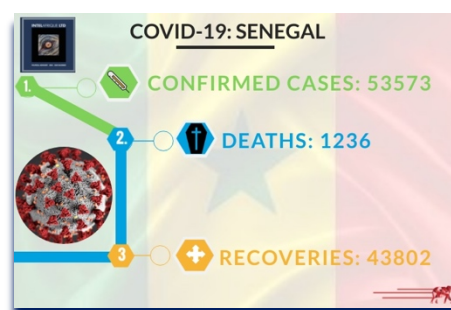
### CURRENT SITUATION

385 new cases have been reported in Cote d'Ivoire in the last 7 days, taking the total C-19 case count to 49,288. Three new deaths have increased the death toll to 322 while recoveries also increased to 48,537. 799,278 vaccines have been administered since March 2021, covering for 3 % of the current population. COVID-19 sceptics have taken their activities to another level. A disinformation campaign on the compulsory covid-19 vaccination to travel outside the country, especially to France has emerged. Some are circulating fake news, through dubious means, including emails, about the obligation of vaccination as a mandatory prerequisite to travel to France, via the airlines – Corsair and Air France. Some even believe that they have been prevented from boarding in recent days for Paris due to

non-vaccination, citing the security checks put in place by Aeria before any departure from Côte d'Ivoire at Félix Houphouët Boigny airport. All these have been confirmed false by the French authorities as well as by Cote d'Ivoire's Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Transport. As it stands, no vaccination against COVID-19 is mandatory to travel outside the country, neither proof of vaccination is required by anyone before the usual formalities. Beyond the usual formalities, only a negative covid-19 PCR test, less than 72 hours, is required before departure upon request by security guards. Also, the French government through the COVAX facility has donated 268,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Cote d'Ivoire. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the country has benefited from the COVAX facility thereby boosting the inoculation efforts of the country.

## SENEGAL

**Confirmed Cases:** 53,573  
**Death:** 1,236  
**Recovered:** 43,802

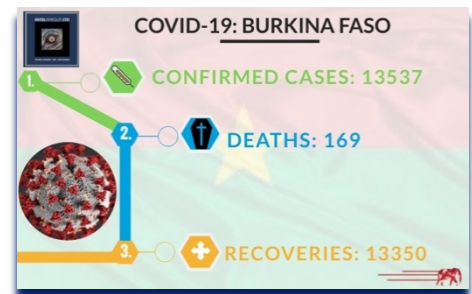


## CURRENT SITUATION

The total case count has increased in Senegal has increased to 53,573 after 6,137 new cases were by health authorities over the last week. Death toll and recoveries have increased to 1,236(33 new deaths) and 43,802(1,117 new recoveries) over the same period. Active cases have also increased from 3,708 to 8,535, (with 39 patients in critical condition), the highest rise reported this year. The positivity has increased significantly i.e from 18% to 32% from 18,694 tests in the last 7 days. General positivity rate—from March 2020 to date has also increased to 8.7% from 7.9%. The current situation indicates an outbreak of a 3<sup>rd</sup> wave. The crisis is expected to increase over the next 4-8 weeks due to the large gatherings during the Eid festivities. President Macky Sall has threatened to close borders and impose a state of emergency. Health workers have asked for the government to introduce restrictions but it is unclear when such restrictions would be announced. 590,969 vaccines have been administered by Senegalese health officials since February 2021. This has covered 3.54% of the country's population majority of which has been health workers, security officials, the aged and people with health conditions. Senegal has received over 1m doses of vaccines—1,123,000 from the COVAX facility and the Chinese government. An additional 151,200 Johnson & Johnson vaccines have been offered to Senegal by the US government. Authorities are yet to announce the schedule for the distribution and administration of single-shot vaccines. Travel requirements are unchanged as no review of travel arrangements have been made by the government. Land and sea borders remain closed to human traffic indefinitely.

## BURKINA FASO

**Confirmed Cases:** 13,537  
**Death:** 169  
**Recovered:** 13,350



### CURRENT SITUATION

Total C-19 cases have reached 13,537 after 14 new cases were reported by health officials in the last week. Fatalities and recoveries increased to 169 and 13,350 respectively. The number of active cases also decreased to 18 from 22 over the same period. The situation in Burkina Faso in the past week has improved slightly as both new infections and active cases dropped, unlike the other West African States that have reported increases. Notwithstanding the progress, the data available may not be conclusive as Burkina Faso has one the lowest test numbers in the world. Although the number of cases is low, the country has reported a 6.6% positivity rate since March 2020 suggesting the number of infections could be much higher if testing is intensified. 25,833 vaccines have been administered in Burkina Faso so far covering 0.28% of its population. Health authorities are yet to administer the rest of the 115,200 the government received last month. An undisclosed amount of vaccines is scheduled to arrive from the United States either at the end of the month or early August. Travel arrangements remain unchanged.

## BENIN

**Confirmed Cases:** 8,244  
**Death:** 107  
**Recovered:** 8081



### CURRENT SITUATION

C-19 cases count in Benin has increased to 8,244 after 17 new cases were reported by health authorities in the past 7 days. Fatalities and recovers have both increased to 105 and 8,081 respectively. Active cases have dropped from 122 to 56. 46,108 vaccines have been administered according to the AU CDC covering 1.43 % of the total population and 13.29% of vaccines procured. The government has been slow in effecting the approved 25,000 CFA francs for PCR tests for nationals of UEMOA member states. Although no reasons were cited initially for the delay, the latest report indicates that the delay is due to the setting up of anti-fraud systems that will ensure that only nationals from UEMOA member states pay the said amount. No timelines have still been given as to when this will be ready to enable the implementation of the agreed amount. As it stands now, PCR tests are comparatively expensive at 51,125 CFA francs. Restrictions in effect to curb the spread of COVID-19 remain largely unchanged. Businesses, shops, houses of worship, and schools are generally open, and local public transport services

are operating; sporting and cultural events have been allowed to resume. Nevertheless, strict social distancing measures are in place, and all individuals are urged to wear protective facemasks in public settings. Gatherings of over 50 people remain banned.

#### SITUATIONAL SUMMARY W/A

COUNTRY	NO. OF CASES	DEATH	RECOVERIES	NO. OF TESTS
MALI	14,522	530	12,276	333,253
NIGERIA	169,884	2,128	164,733	2,401,894
NIGER	5,594	194	5,287	125,999
GUINEA	24,765	194	23,655	489,121

#### GLOBAL SITUATION

Confirmed Cases: **192,392,832**    Death: **4,136,695**