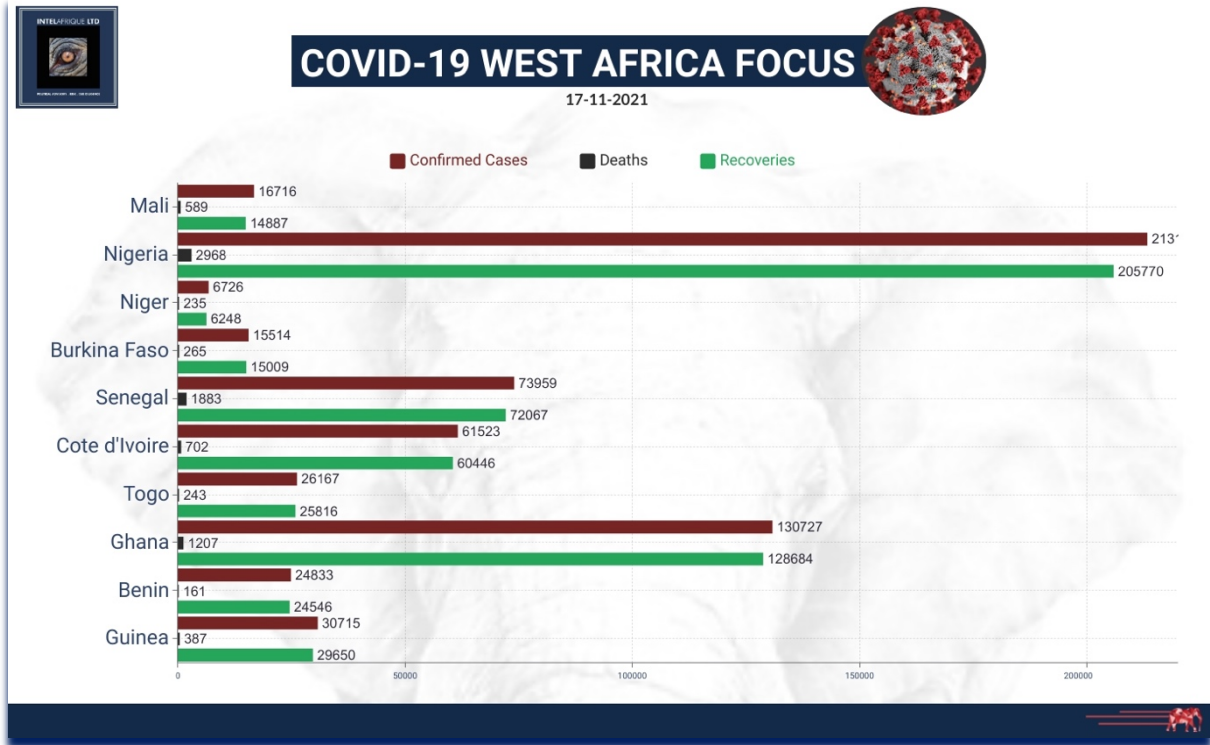




COVID-19 WEST AFRICAN REPORT

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COVID-19 UPDATE

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TOGO

Confirmed Cases: 26,167

Death: 243

Recovered: 25,816



CURRENT SITUATION

The total number of C-19 infections reported in Togo has increased to 26, 167 following the detection of 42 new cases. Total fatalities remained 243 while recoveries increase to 25,816. This has decreased active cases to 108. The health crisis has improved continuously over the last 6 weeks following 4-6 weeks of spikes. While the third wave is over, health officials have warned authorities and the public to remain vigilant and adhere to the necessary health protocols. Although the situation has improved over the last few weeks, the risk of infection is still substantial given the presence of the highly infectious delta variant. The risk of a 4th wave in the early months of next year is high given the possibilities of large social gatherings during the festivities. It remains unclear if the government is going to reintroduce restrictions—limit social gathering to minimize the threat of high infections at the end of the year and early 2022. There is also the need to scale up vaccination efforts to reduce the risk and impact of a possible 4th wave. Vaccination in Togo has been encouraging and well participated compared to other countries. Over 11.7% of the population have received at least one shot of the C-19 vaccine. The exercise is expected to increase as more vaccines—309,860 Pfizer vaccines have been procured by the Togolese government from the USA.

IVORY COAST

Confirmed Cases: 61,523

Death: 702

Recovered: 60,446



CURRENT SITUATION

81 new cases were detected in Cote d'Ivoire this week increasing the total case count to 61,523. 2 new fatalities and 195 recoveries also increased the total death toll and recoveries to 702 and 60,446 respectively leaving active cases at 375—a drop from 461. Authorities continue to enforce hygiene and social distancing measures, including the use of facemasks in public spaces and on public transport. Most businesses, including hotels, bars, and other entertainment facilities, are open. Large gatherings have resumed with the approval of local authorities. Unvaccinated individuals and those without proof of a negative test may be barred from entering select public and private places depending on the epidemiological situation. Authorities could reimpose, extend, further ease, or otherwise amend any restrictions with little-to-no notice depending on disease activity over the coming weeks. As of 9 November 2021, a total of 3,541,785 vaccine doses have been administered.

SENEGAL

Confirmed Cases: 73,959
Death: 1,883
Recovered: 72,067



CURRENT SITUATION

The health crisis in Senegal continues to improve as the number of new cases reported this week drops to 17 from last week's 20 infections. The new infections detected this week has increased the cumulative case count to 73,959. The death toll increased to 1,883 following 2 new deaths while total recoveries increased to 72,067. This leaves the active case count to 9. The improvement has resulted in Senegal achieving a low-risk status from travel authorities. The situation is expected to influence the relaxation of existing restrictions. Public health officials have advised that the government is vigilant despite the improvement of the pandemic. More calls have been made to the public to increase participation in the vaccination programme to reduce the risk of a future spike especially during the end of the year. More than 7.7% of the population have been vaccinated (received at least 1 shot of vaccine). The exercise is expected to scale up in the upcoming weeks due to the improvement of vaccine supply. The latest consignment of vaccines — 265,590 Pfizer vaccines arrived in Dakar from the USA this week—16th November 2021.

BURKINA FASO

Confirmed Cases: 15,514
Death: 265
Recovered: 15,099



CURRENT SITUATION

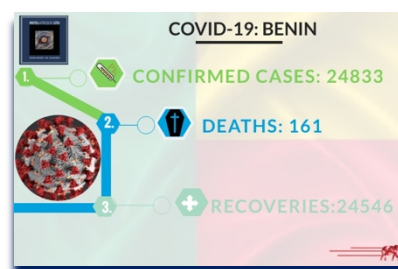
The pandemic in Burkina Faso has worsened over the past 7 days after 411 new cases were detected across the country. These infections have increased the total case count to 15,514. The death toll and recoveries increased to 265 and 15,009 respectively leaving active cases at 240—an increase from last week's number(221). The figures indicate a rise in both infection and fatality rates —15% and 10% respectively. Although no official factors have been attributed to the current surge, it is evident that negligence and disregard for safety protocols and vaccination are responsible. Some residents remain doubtful of the existence of the virus. There is an urgent need to contain and reduce the spread of the infection as the country's existing health system cannot withstand a major surge. A spike could also escalate the existing humanitarian crisis present in the country. Burkina Faso has vaccinated only 1.7% of its population because of poor participation in the inoculation exercise. It remains unclear if the government would introduce strict policies to increase vaccination participation given the threat of a major spike. Burkina Faso continues to receive additional vaccines despite the high hesitancy rate. The recent batch of vaccines—168,000 Pfizer from the USA arrived in Ouagadougou 24 hours ago.

BENIN

Confirmed Cases: 24,833

Death: 161

Recovered: 24,546



CURRENT SITUATION

The cumulative COVID-19 case count in Benin has increased to 24,833 following the detection of 29 new cases. Death toll remained at 161 while recoveries increased to 24,546 leaving active cases at 126, a decrease from last week's 297. Following the rollout of a government measure making anti-Covid vaccination compulsory for public administration officials, some lawless health workers have resorted to circumventing the process. It has been revealed that these health professionals are offering vaccination cards to people who have not received jabs for a fee. 24 health officials engaged in this illegal activity have been brought before the special court – CRIET. They are being prosecuted for breach of trust and complicity in breach of trust. Also, there have been accusations against the Beninese government for circumventing the UEMOA decision to harmonise the covid-19 test for travellers within member states. It has been alleged that the country is charging 25,500Fcf and 51,000fca for the VIP option instead of the agreed 25,000fca or 50,000Fcf. Moreover, allegations also reveal Benin still does not recognize the tests carried out in the countries of the UEMOA space. A situation that leaves a bad reputation with travellers to Benin.

SITUATIONAL SUMMARY W/A

COUNTRY	NO. OF CASES	DEATH	RECOVERIES	NO. OF TESTS
MALI	16,716	589	14,887	472,207
NIGERIA	213,177	2,968	205,770	3,392,457
NIGER	6,726	235	6,248	181,120
GUINEA	30,715	387	29,650	567,389

GLOBAL SITUATION

Confirmed Cases: 255,225,685

Death: 5,132,675