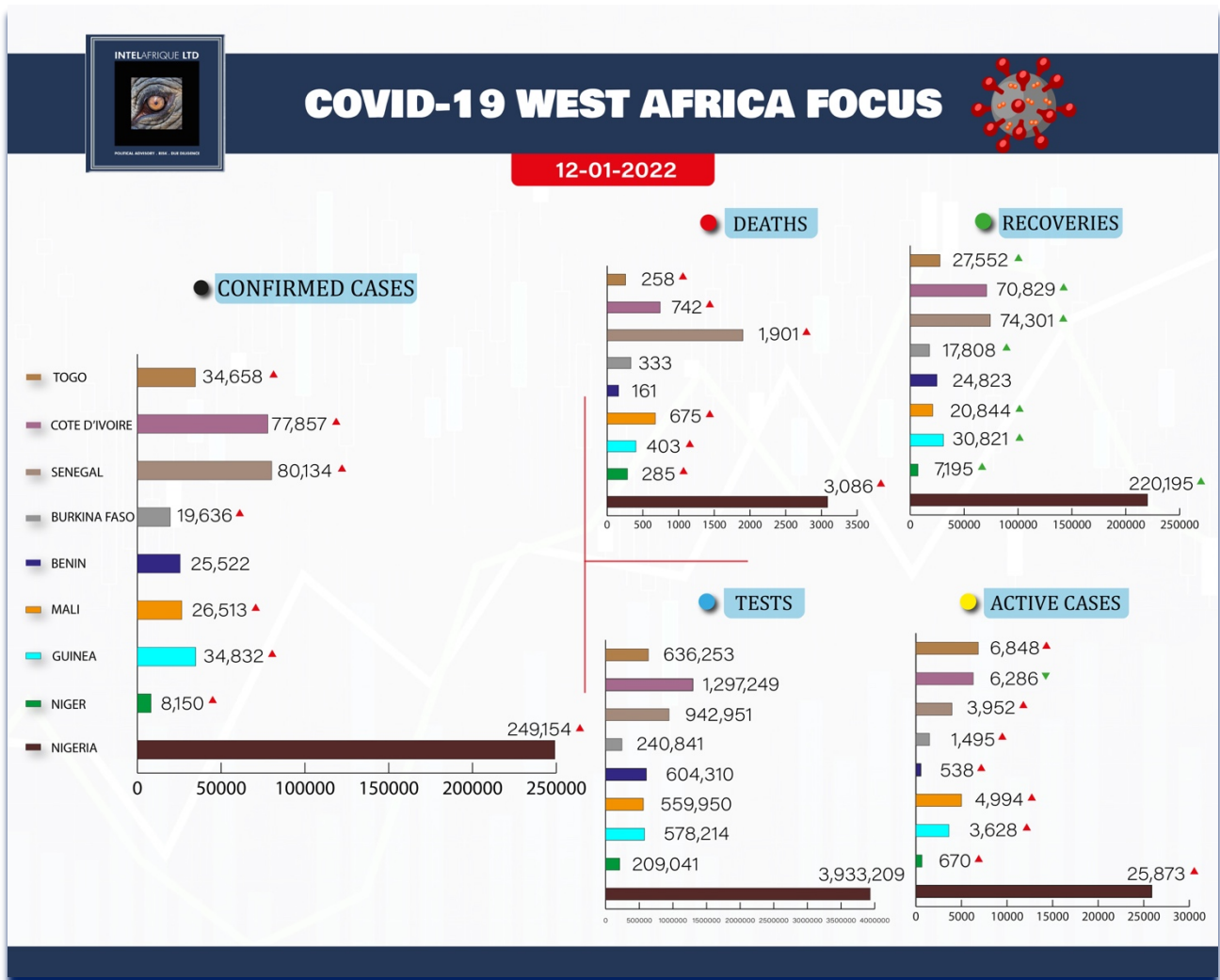




COVID-19 WEST AFRICAN REPORT

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COVID-19 UPDATE

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TOGO

Confirmed Cases: 34,658
Death: 258
Recovered: 27,552



CURRENT SITUATION

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Togo has increased to 34,658 following the detection of 2,143 new cases over the past week. Fatalities and recoveries have increased to 258(7 new deaths) and 27,552 respectively. This leaves active case count at 6,848. The data reported over the past week indicate the decline of the health crisis. The number of daily infections has increased by 16% i.e from 263 cases per day to 306 infections. The death rate has also increased as 8 new deaths were reported in the past 7 days compared to 8 deaths reported between 15th December to 6th January. Active cases have also increased by 17.5%. Preventive and management protocols have remained unchanged despite the increases reported in the last 4 weeks. With a weekly positivity rate of 18% and a daily positivity rate of 15%, total infections could reach the 50,000 thresholds by mid-February. This risk could be increased by poor compliance with safety protocols. Restrictions such as the ban on social gatherings and the declaration of a state of health emergency could be reintroduced if this current trend continues. It is unlikely that the reintroduction of restriction will have a major impact on business as multiple businesses have developed strategies to mitigate business risk. Vaccination remains ongoing and is expected to schedule up this year. According to the African Union Centre for Disease Control, 2,413,619 doses of vaccine has been administered since March 2021, covering 16.8% of the country's population. 12.3% of the population have been fully inoculated. 6,000 people have reportedly received boosters as the government tries to boost immunity for the Delta, Omicron and future variants.

IVORY COAST

Confirmed Cases: 77,857
Death: 742
Recovered: 70,829



CURRENT SITUATION

2,793 new C-19 infections were detected in Cote d'Ivoire over the 7 days. This takes the total number of COVID cases to 77,857. The death toll and recoveries have increased to 742 and 70,829 respectively, leaving the active case count at 6,286—a decrease from last week's 10,884. The past few weeks have seen an explosion in the number of COVID-19 cases. As a result, the mandatory presentation of a COVID-19 negative test certificate before being allowed to attend a large gathering – a new rule made by the ministers themselves was passed on December 31, 2021, and remains in force. Last week, we reported some cabinet

ministers became the first victims of this new rule as they did not have a Covid-19 negative test certificate at the start of the first cabinet meeting for the year. Following the surge in infections in the past few weeks, authorities are not relenting in making sure that this rule is upheld to control the surge. Notwithstanding, citizens are also expected to adhere to the other measures put in place by authorities prior to the new rule.

SENEGAL

Confirmed Cases: 77,857
Death: 1,901
Recovered: 74,301



CURRENT SITUATION

Senegal’s total coronavirus count has increased to 77,857 following the discovery of 2,862 new infections in the last 7 days. This represents a positivity rate of 22% from 12,850 tests conducted nationwide. 15 new deaths have increased the total death toll to 1,901(2.4%) while recoveries increased to 74,301. As a result, the number of active cases has increased to 3,952—4.9% of total confirmed cases. Daily infections continue to increase an average of 406 new infections were reported this week as against the 138 cases per day over the last 4 weeks. Data from the GCI dashboard is reporting a 59.57(out of 100) recovery index—a drop from the 61.55 score reported last week. The severity index on the other hand has increased to 33.33(out of 100) compared to last week’s score of 27.89. As a result, Senegal has dropped from 60th to 73rd on the GCI COVID assessment (low risk) ranking. Prevention and management measures have generally remained unchanged despite the surge in infections. Residents are still required to comply with the WHO protocols but implementation has been ineffective. International travel/flights remained operational but travelers are required to possess a negative PCR test not issued no longer than 5 days before arrival or proof of vaccination (approved vaccine) at least 14 days before travel. Transiting passengers that will remain stay in Senegal for 24 hours and above are also required to provide a negative PCR test result. Land borders have also been reopened for human traffic from neighbouring countries. Passengers are advised to check travel advisories regularly as required could be reviewed with short notice.

SITUATIONAL SUMMARY W/A

COUNTRY	NO. OF CASES	DEATH	RECOVERIES	NO. OF TESTS
MALI	26,513	675	20,844	559,950
NIGERIA	249,154	3,086	220,195	3,933,209
NIGER	8,150	285	7,195	209,041
GUINEA	34,852	403	30,821	578,214

GLOBAL SITUATION

Confirmed Cases: 314,362,976 **Death: 5,523,724**

BURKINA FASO

Confirmed Cases: 19,636
Death: 333
Recovered: 17,808



CURRENT SITUATION

The total number of C-19 infections in Burkina Faso has increased to 19,636 following the detection of 999 new cases in the last 7days—an average of 142 cases per day. The death toll has remained at 333 while recoveries increased to 17,808, leaving the active case count at 1,495. While this week’s figures suggest the deterioration of the pandemic, management protocol has generally remained unchanged. Compliance with health protocols continues to be neglected by the public. With a positivity rate of 60%(from 1,648 tests) health workers have begun to raise concerns about the risk of Burkina Faso’s fragile health care system being overwhelmed by a surge. As a result, health professional bodies have appealed to the public to comply with safety protocols—social distancing and wearing of masks in public spaces. Participation in the inoculation programme continues to be low despite the introduction of an accelerated inoculation programme. To address the scepticism, the government has appealed to religious leaders to encourage their members to get vaccinated. 1,092,089 (26.9%) doses of vaccine out of 4,054,790 vaccines supplied have been administered across the country since June 2021. This covers 2.1% of the country’s population. Restrictions (domestic and international) remain unchanged but are likely to change given the current state of the health crisis.

BENIN

Confirmed Cases: 25,522
Death: 161
Recovered: 24,843



CURRENT SITUATION

The cumulative COVID-19 case count in Benin has increased to 25,522 after 625 new cases were detected in the last 3 weeks. The death toll and recoveries remained at 162 while recoveries increased to 24,823. As a result, active case count has increased to 538. Following the inception of the Delta and Omicron variants, vaccination efforts by authorities in Benin has yielded positive results. The accelerated vaccine campaign launched before the Christmas has seen about 2 million people, representing 20% of the population being vaccinated. Given the strides made, authorities have decided to extend the campaign to March 31, 2022. It is expected that more people will avail themselves to be vaccinated against the virus and reduce infections risk. More so, the list of vaccination centres in the country has also been increased from 78 to 115 to avoid unnecessary crowding and a smooth rollout.