



Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19		Location: The Gambia	
Date of Report: 8th - 12th January 2022		Investigation Start Date: 17th March 2020 as of 18hrs.	
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I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 417th national situation report since the confirmation of the first case of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in The Gambia, on the 16th March 2020

- **Three (3)** new COVID-19-related deaths registered, bringing the total to **347 (Crude Case-Fatality Ratio, 3.0%)**
- A total of **450** new cases were registered (**Cumulative cases 11,572**)
- A total of **120, 76, 60, 98, and 98** cases were reported on the **8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th** respectively
- The test positivity rate is **20.5% (450/2,199)**, NPHL – **2,108 (414 positives)** and MRCG – **91 (36 Positives)**
 - **Nine (9)** case are currently on **oxygen therapy**
- **306** cases were discharged after at least **10** days from the day they tested positive but evaded institutional isolation and **6** from COVID-19 treatment centres
- As of **11th January 2022**, the following number of people have been vaccinated with:
 - **Johnson & Johnson:**
 - **Only 1 dose: 250,279**
 - **Sinopharm:**
 - **Dose 1: 4,505**
 - **Dose 2: 3,323**
 - **AstraZeneca:**
 - **Dose 1: 40,680**
 - **Dose 2: 28,560**
- **TARGET POPULATION** (based on microplanning estimates - **1,564,214**)
 - Proportion of target population fully vaccinated (2 doses of AZ/Sinopharm or 1 dose of J&J): **18.0%**
 - Proportion of target population that received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose (AZ or J&J or Sinopharm): **18.9%**
- **TOTAL POPULATION** (Based on final MoH population projections for 2021 - **2,438,899**)
 - Proportion of total population fully vaccinated (2 doses of AZ/Sinopharm or 1 dose of J&J): **11.6%**
 - Proportion of total population that received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose (AZ or J&J or Sinopharm): **12.1%**

COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

- Confirmed Cases: **324,646,261**
- Recoveries: **265,593,126**
- Deaths: **5,549,558**

Senegal

- Confirmed Cases: **82,271**
- Recoveries: **75,328**
- Deaths: **1,908**

The Gambia

- Confirmed Cases: **11,572**
- Active Cases: **1,069**
- Recoveries: **10,156**
- Deaths: **347**

II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

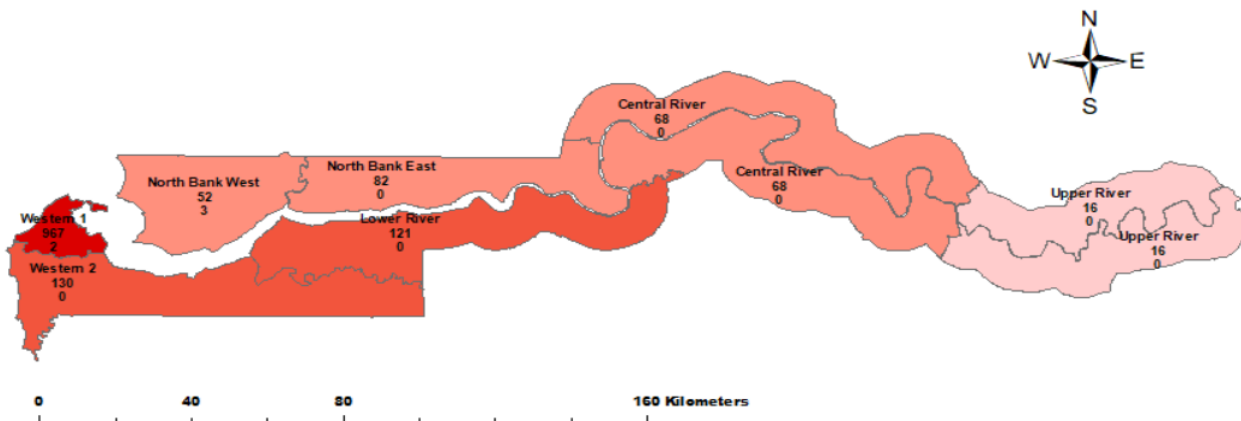


Fig 1: Geographic Distribution of Covid-19 Cases per 100,000 Pop. by Region Since the start of the Pandemic to 30th November (Number Above) and October only (Number below) in The Gambia

- Western 1 Health Region has a disproportionately higher number of cases than all the health regions (**See Fig. 1**)
- Below are the age-sex distribution and the Epi-curve of confirmed cases by date of sample collection, respectively (**See Fig. 2 and 3**)

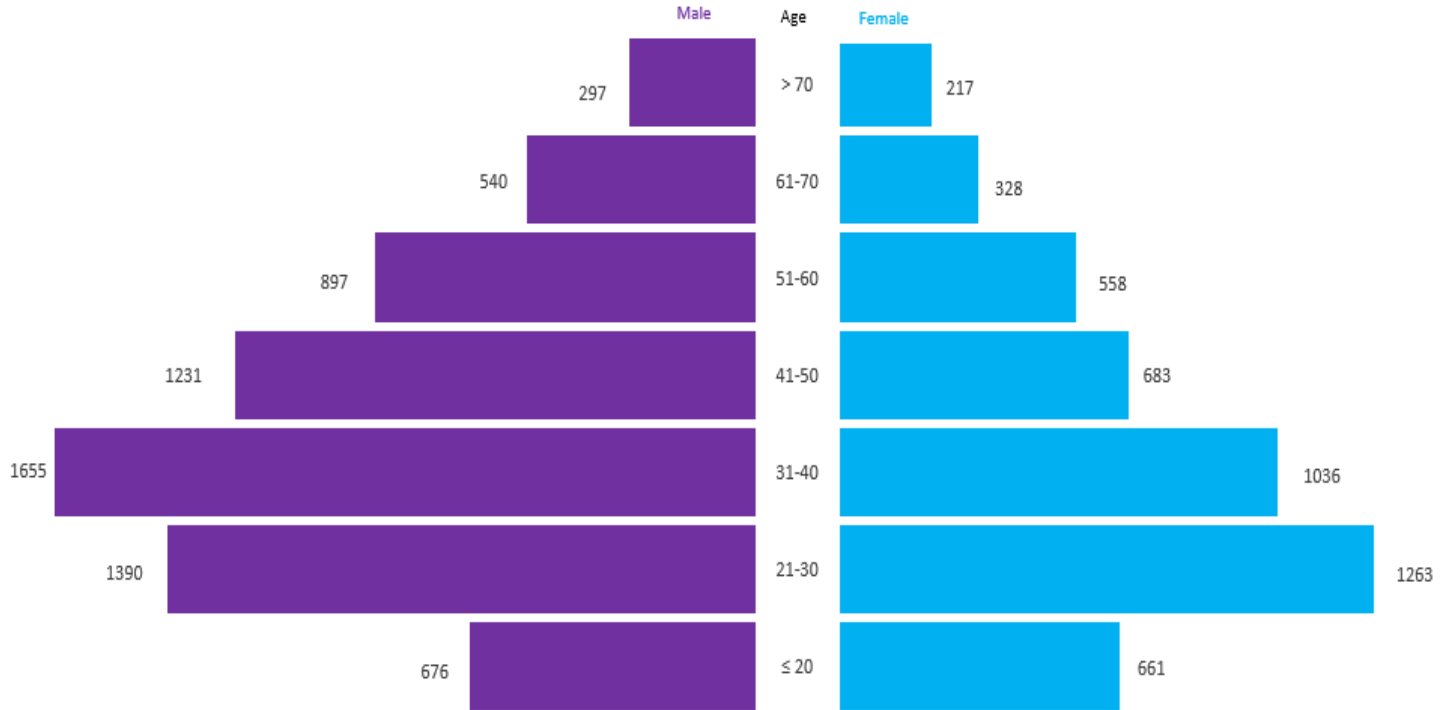


Fig 2: Age-Sex Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, The Gambia, 2021

✧ This excludes the 27 confirmed cases whose demographic information are not yet available

About 59% of the confirmed cases are males (**See Fig. 2**)

About 58% of the confirmed cases are 40 years below (**See Fig. 2**)

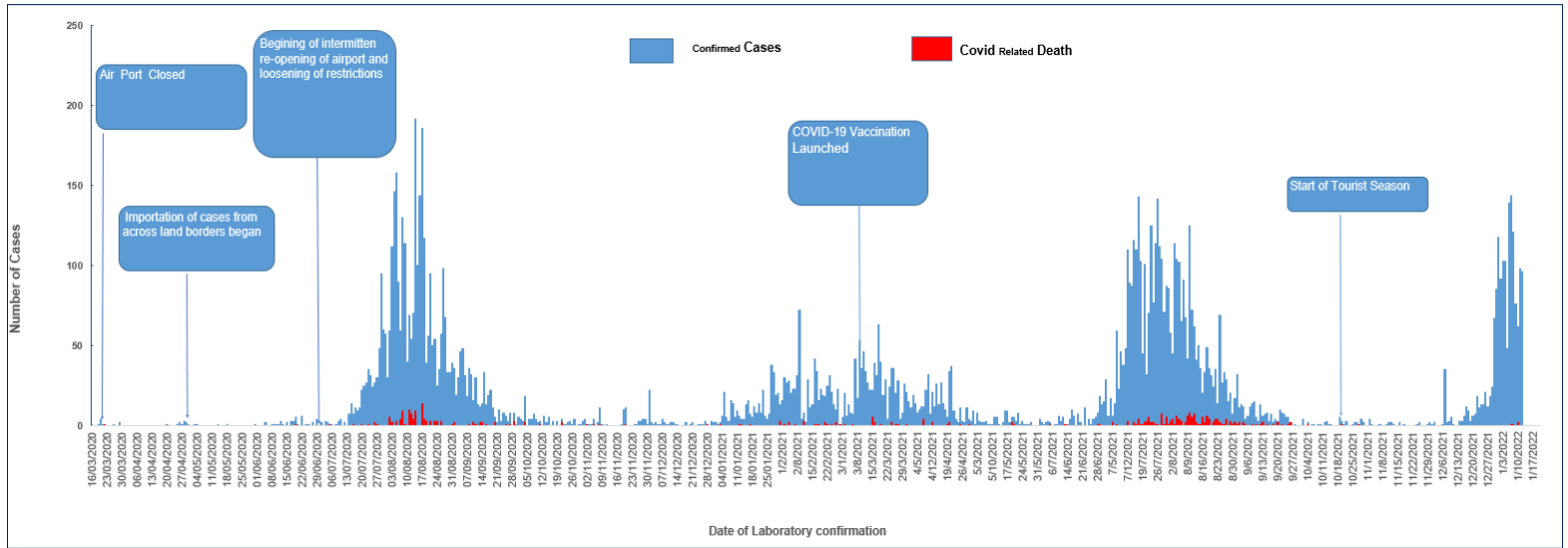


Fig. 3: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases Reported daily, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 16th March 2020-12th January 2022*.

A considerable amount of time elapsed between date of reporting and the date of laboratory confirmation of some cases

- Three main waves of infection occurred – the pre airport closure wave, the importation from Senegal wave and the intermittent airport re-opening and loosening of restrictions wave

Table 1: Summary of New and Cumulative Public Health Response Outputs, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2021

Status	New	Cumulative
No. of active cases in institutional isolation		32
No. of COVID-19 patients on oxygen support		9
No. of patients recovered and discharged	0	
In Hotel Quarantine	0	19
Completed Hotel Quarantine	0	5,240
Completed follow-up (asymptomatic people with travel history to affected countries) *	0	310
No. of Contact(s) Identified**	0	
No. of Contacts being monitored	0	
No. of Contacts who completed 14-day follow-up	0	17,129
No. of Contacts lost to follow-up	0	58
Total Tests conducted (Repeat Tests)***	2199(0)	139,459
Positive test result (Repeat Tests)***	450(0)	11,572
Negative test result (Repeat Tests)***	1740(0)	126,598
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Tests)***	9(0)	

* Follow-up completed prior to the 17th March (when the first confirmed case was reported)

** Includes both low-risk and high-risk contacts and not mutually exclusive with number quarantined (as some have been quarantined)

*** Includes repeat tests in bracket

Table 2: Covid-19 vaccine Doses administered over the last 10 days by region in The Gambia, 2021

Region	02-Jan	03-Jan	04-Jan	05-Jan	06-Jan	07-Jan	08-Jan	09-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	Total
CRR	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	104
LRR	354	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	354
NBER	316	9	6	0	0	4	6	2	66	56	465
NBWR	0	32	18	159	177	150	38	0	0	0	574
URR	268	292	274	163	259	104	206	0	141	0	1,707
WR1	3351	32	54	133	80	303	0	0	315	0	4,268
WR2	939	1111	745	144	64	0	0	0	54	0	3,057
Total	5299	1476	1097	599	580	561	250	2	576	89	10,529

Table 3: Major response activities undertaken newly, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2021

III. MAJOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Component	Interventions
Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination meetings held at both central and regional levels
Surveillance/ Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 2,199 new laboratory test results received 2,108 from NPHL and 91 from MRCG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of these, 9 test results returned inconclusive or indeterminate, 450 new samples tested positive
Case Management / Psychosocial Support & Research / IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three (3) new COVID-19 related deaths recorded Six (6) patients were newly discharged from treatment centres No new contacts traced and monitored Seven (9) COVID-19 patient is currently on oxygen therapy

IV. GAPS/CHALLENGES:

- CBS activities not replicated in all regions to increase in the number of daily tests being conducted
- Support for innovative countrywide risk communication strategies and activities on COVID-19 is suboptimal
- Dwindling compliance with mask-wearing requirements
- Low turn-out at COVID-19 sample collection sites resulting in fewer number of daily tests
- Denial, misinformation, stigma and discrimination against COVID-19 affected families.
- Low COVID-19 vaccination coverage rate

V. NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- CBS activities need to be synchronized with MRC's ILI surveillance to spur up testing rates in the hinterland.
- Strengthen community-based surveillance in all regions to increase awareness and testing rates

- Intensify risk communication and community engagement activities, on COVID-19 at community level, including at LUMOS, in a bid to curtail community transmission and dispel misinformation and denial and vaccine hesitancy
- Thorough enforcement of the mandatory mask-wearing regulation
- IPC measures should be strictly adhered to in all public and private health healthcare facilities
- Provision of adequate stocks of PPEs to all health facilities
- Health workers to observe all COVID-19 preventive measures always including the donning of appropriate PPEs
- Intensify activities geared to increase COVID-19 vaccination coverage at all levels
- Strengthen the capacity of the National Public Health Laboratories to conduct sequencing to identify new variants from positive samples as the COVID-19 virus evolves.

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