



<b>Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19</b>	<b>Location: The Gambia</b>
<b>Date of Report: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	<b>Investigation Start Date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as of 18hrs.</b>
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## I. HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 331<sup>st</sup> national situation report since the confirmation of the first case of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in The Gambia, on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

- No new COVID-19-related death was registered, bringing the total number of deaths since **March 2020 to 181**
- Six (6) new cases were registered taking the total number of COVID-19 cases ever confirmed in the country to **6045**
- All the cases tested for reasons of travelling
- The cases are composed of **3 males** and **3 females** with ages ranging from **34 - 78 years**
- A total of **285** new laboratory test results were received (**15** from MRCG and **270** from NPHL)
  - Of these, **6** tested positive representing a **2.1%** test positivity rate
- Two(2) new COVID-19 patients were newly discharged from treatment centres, while **3** got discharged at least **10** days from the day they tested positive but evaded institutional isolation
- One (1) COVID-19 patient is currently on oxygen therapy  
Two (2) new Contacts have been traced and are being monitored
- Currently no one is in hotel quarantine, **27** active cases and a crude case-fatality ratio of **3%**
- As of **10<sup>th</sup> June**, **30,688** and **9,861** people received the **1<sup>st</sup>** and **2<sup>nd</sup>** doses of **AstraZeneca** vaccine respectively, bringing the total number ever vaccinated to **40,549**
- So far **6,945 (165 New)** Rapid diagnostic tests were conducted at the Airport for travelers as of **18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.
  - Of these, **only 3** tested positive for both RDT and PCR. Two(2) were treated and discharged while **1** is currently under treatment

## COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS

### Globally

- Confirmed Cases: **179,005,513**
- Recoveries: **163,522,333**
- Deaths: **3,876,667**

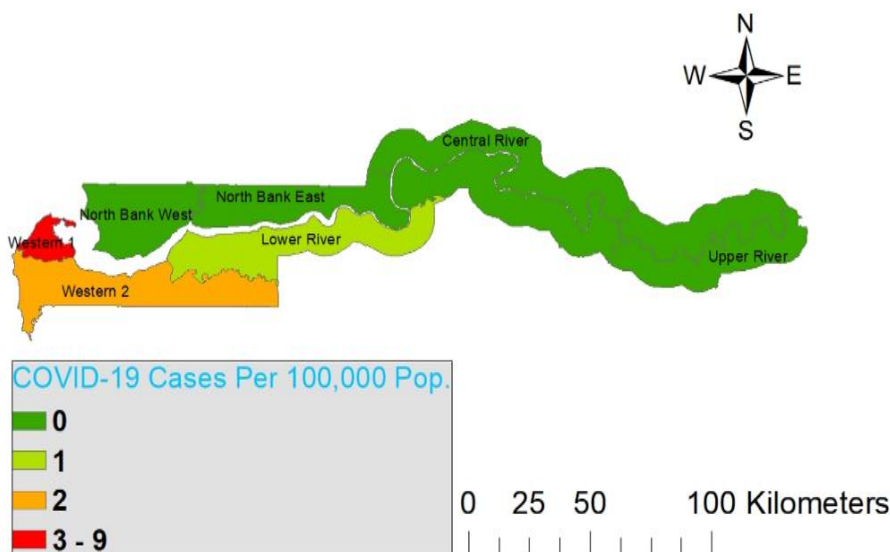
### Senegal

- Confirmed Cases: **42,333**
- Recoveries: **40,817**
- Deaths: **1,158**

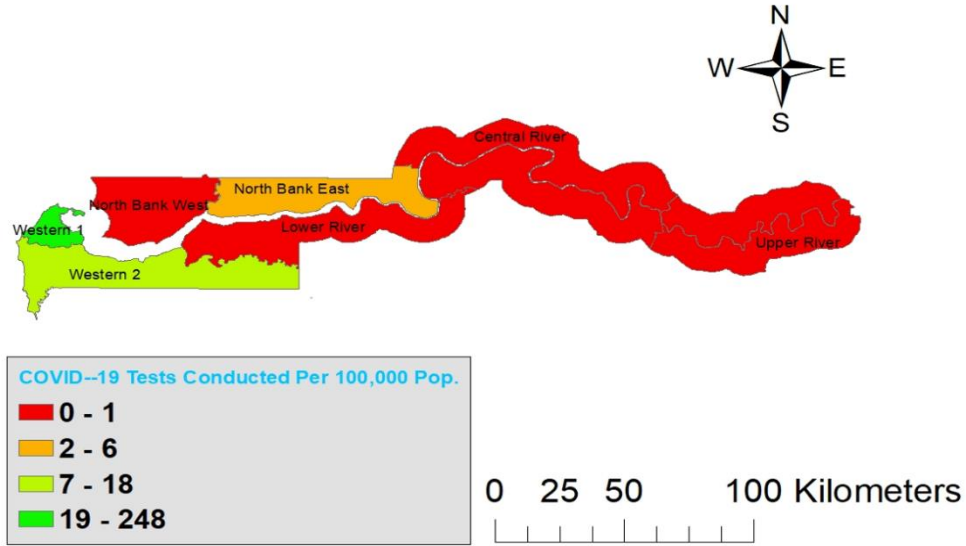
### The Gambia

- Confirmed Cases: **6,045**
- Recoveries: **5,837**
- Deaths: **181**

## II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION



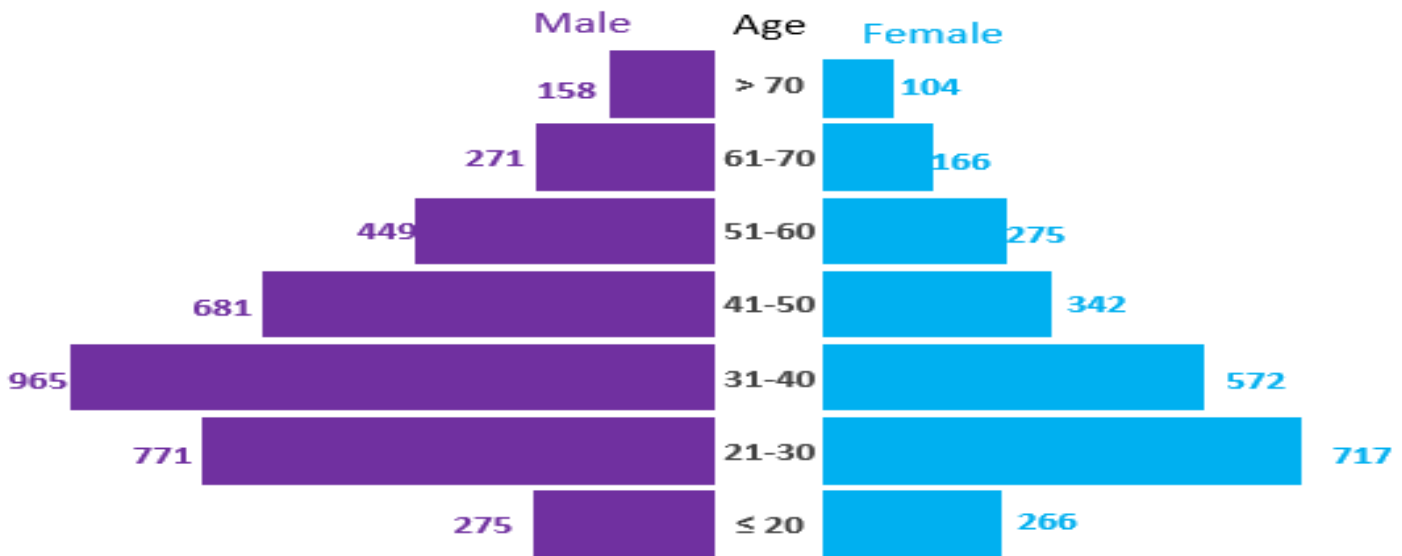
**Fig 1: Geographic Distribution of Recent COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 Pop. by Regions 15<sup>th</sup> April-14<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



**Fig 2: Geographic Distribution of Recent COVID-19 Tests Per 100,000 Pop. by Regions 15<sup>th</sup> April-14<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

- Western 1 Health Region has a disproportionately higher number of cases than all the health regions (**See Fig. 1**)
- Despite being far-flung from current testing sites, North Bank East has sent in more samples per 100,000 population than all other regions in the hinterland, over the last 30 days (**See Fig. 2**)

**Figures 3 and 4** are the age-sex distribution and the Epi-curve of confirmed cases by reported date, respectively age-sex distribution and the Epi-curve of confirmed cases by reported date, respectively.

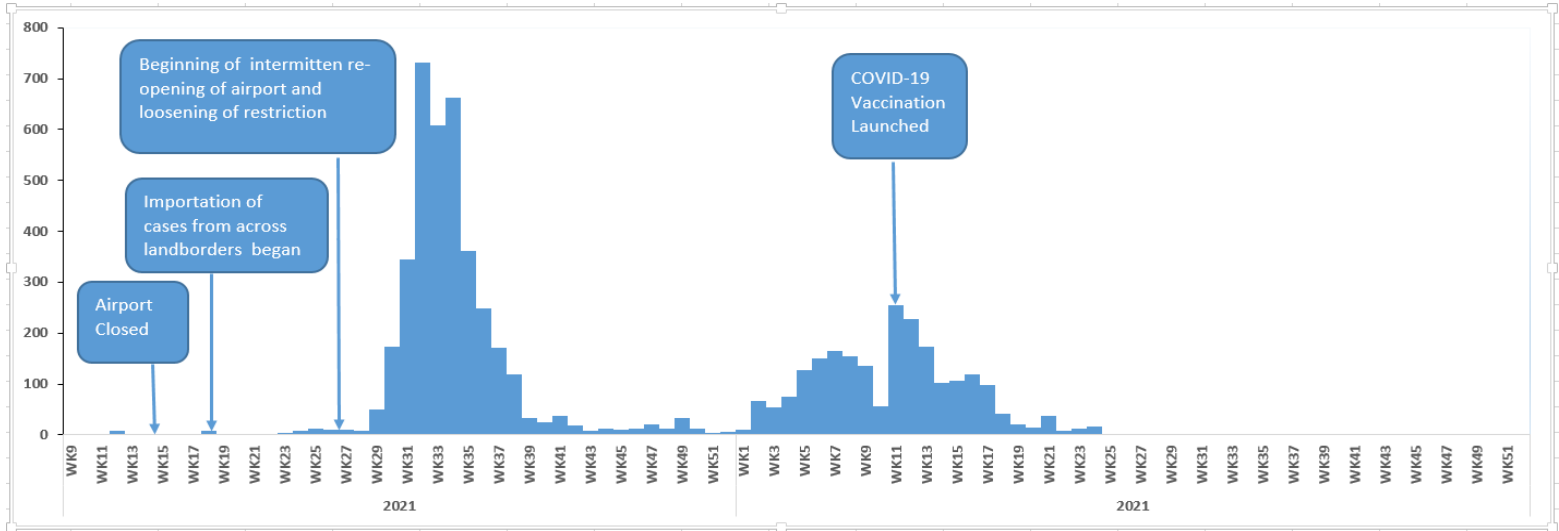


**Fig 3: Age-Sex Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, The Gambia, 2021**

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

About 59% of the confirmed cases are males (**See Fig. 3**)

About 62% of the confirmed cases are below age 40 (**See Fig. 3**)



**Fig. 4:** Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases Reported Weekly, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2021\*.

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 (**See Fig. 4**)

Status	New	Cumulative
No. of active cases in institutional isolation		15
No. of COVID-19 patients on oxygen support		1
No. of patients recovered and discharged	5	
In Hotel Quarantine	0	7
Completed Hotel Quarantine	0	5,231
Completed follow-up (asymptomatic people with travel history to affected countries) *	0	310
No. of Contact(s) Identified**	2	
No. of Contacts being monitored	40	
No. of Contacts who completed 14-day follow-up	6	16,858
No. of Contacts lost to follow-up	0	51
Total Tests conducted (Repeat Test (s))***	285(0)***	75,064
Positive test result (Repeat Test (s))	6(0)	6,045
Negative test result (Repeat Test (s))***	279(0)***	67,958
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Test (s))***	0(0)***	

**Table 2: Summary of New and Cumulative Public Health Response Outputs, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2021**

\* Follow-up completed prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### III. MAJOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Component	Interventions
Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordination meetings held at both central and regional levels</li> <li>Gambian philanthropist and businessman have helped in improving the internet problem at National Public Health Laboratories (NPHL)</li> </ul>
Surveillance/ Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A total of <b>285</b> new laboratory test results received <b>15</b> from MRCG and <b>270</b> from NPHL)</li> <li>Of these, <b>no</b> test result returned inconclusive or indeterminate, <b>6</b> new sample tested positive</li> </ul>
Case Management / Psychosocial Support & Research / IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new COVID-19 related death recorded</li> <li>Two(<b>2</b>) patients were newly discharged from treatment centres</li> <li>Two (<b>2</b>) new Contacts have been traced and monitored</li> <li><b>One (1)</b> COVID-19 patient is currently on oxygen therapy</li> <li><b>Eighty-two (82)</b> new clients received Psychological First Aid (PFA) Services</li> </ul>

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

Priority group	Dose 1						Dose 2							
	Fixed		Outreach/Mobile		Total	AEFI		Fixed		Outreach/Mobile		Total	AEFI	
	Male	Female	Male	Female		Non-serious	Serious	Male	Female	Male	Female		Non-serious	Serious
Health Care workers	3203	2630	293	281	6407	0	3	1299	1100	234	151	2784	0	0
People with pre-existing conditions	1515	1829	555	671	4570	1	0	688	710	83	96	1577	0	0
Community workers	4520	3079	1134	1007	9740	1	0	1180	931	197	163	2471	0	0
65 years and above	1754	1636	739	656	4785	0	0	550	605	73	98	1326	0	0
Teacher	326	190	487	212	1215	0	0	114	91	46	17	268	0	0
Hoteliers	509	298	34	21	862	0	0	123	109	0	0	232	0	0
Security forces	866	228	264	40	1398	0	0	220	56	51	29	356	0	0
41yrs - 64yrs	212	197	100	125	634	0	0	313	277	8	9	607	0	0
18yrs - 40 yrs	370	287	141	279	1077	0	0	90	113	18	19	240	0	0
<b>Total Cov-1</b>	<b>13275</b>	<b>10374</b>	<b>3747</b>	<b>3292</b>	<b>30688</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4577</b>	<b>3992</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>9861</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 4: Total National vaccinated with COVISHIELD (AstraZeneca Vaccine) by priority group as of 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

### IV. GAPS/CHALLENGES:

- CBS activities not translating to increase in the number of daily tests being conducted
- Support for innovative countrywide risk communication strategies and activities on COVID-19 is suboptimal
- Security lapses at some of the treatment centers resulting in the abscondence of patients
- 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.
- Weak and unreliable internet connection at the NPHL is hampering the implementation of e-surveillance at the laboratory.

- Difficulty in accessing data on time resulting to a delay in the production of the SITREP

**V. NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- CBS activities need to be synchronized with MRC’s ILI surveillance to spur up testing rates in the hinterland.
- Expedite the process of having testing sites in CRR and NBW
- 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
- More tests required in the catchment area of the MRC Keneba testing site to ascertain the extent of spread of COVID-19
- Security needs to be beefed up at all COVID-19 treatment/isolation centers to prevent the abscondence of patients
- Strengthen community-based surveillance in order to increase awareness and testing rates
- 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 including the donning of appropriate PPEs at all times
- Response committee leads should endeavor to provide data to the SITREP team on time

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