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On the 22nd January 2021 Tian Johnson, head of the African Alliance was appointed by AVDA Chair Dr. John Nkengasong Director of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and WHO Director-General's Special Envoy on COVID-19 Preparedness and Response and AVDA Co-Chair and former Nigerian Humanitarian Chief, Dr. Ayodele Olatunbosun-Alakija to serve on the African Vaccine Delivery Alliance and lead the Community Engagement and Risk Communication work of the Alliance. Also appointed to Co-Chair this work is Dr. Monique Wasunna, Director of the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative Africa Regional Office.

The African Alliance in partnership with the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative Africa Regional Office will host and manage the AVDA community engagement & risk communication secretariat to ensure efficient and impactful delivery of this scope of work and associated activities and partnerships.

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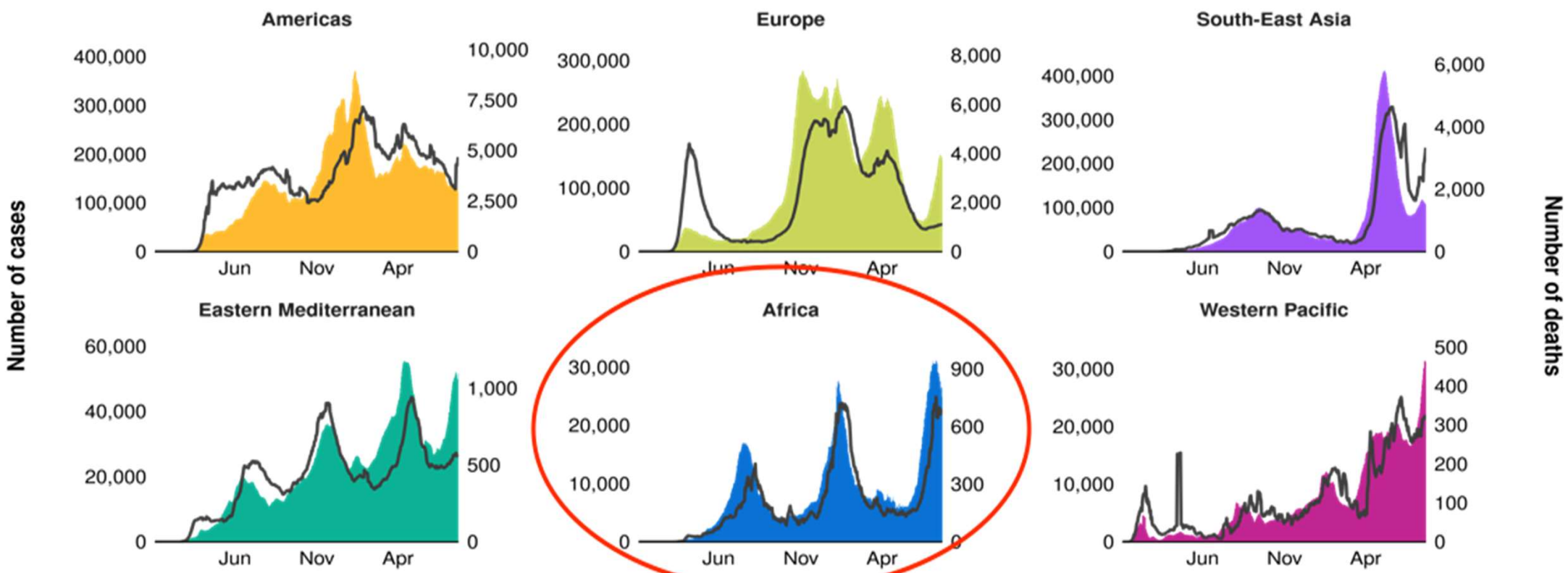
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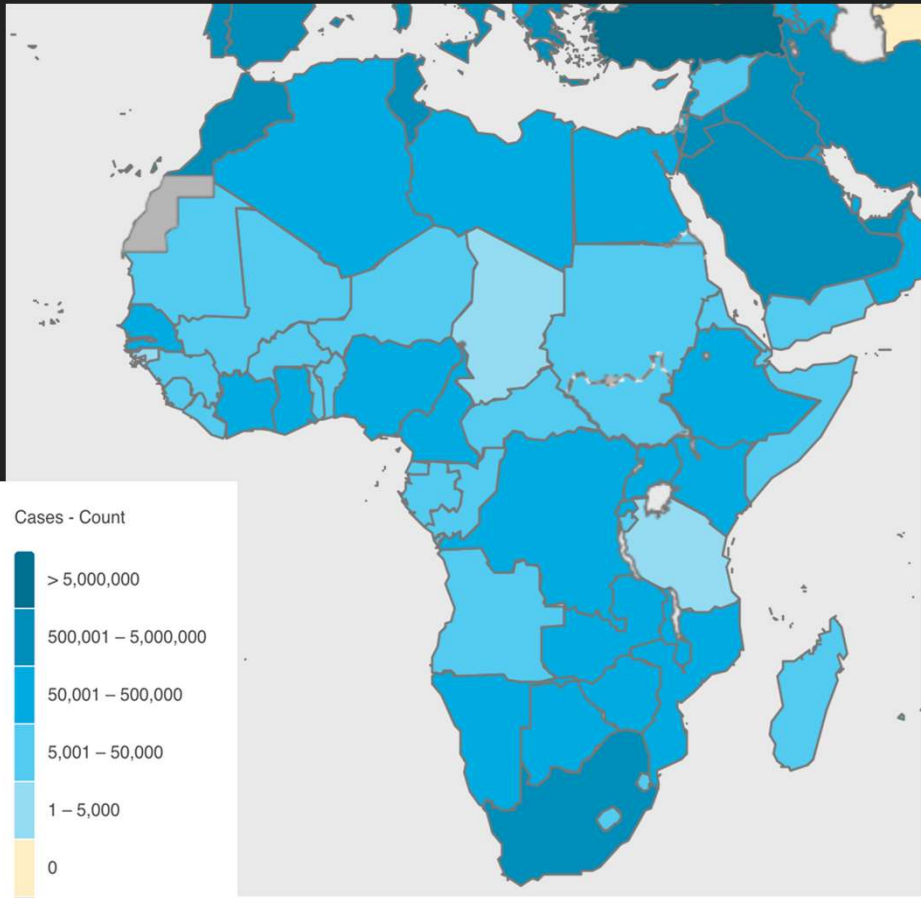


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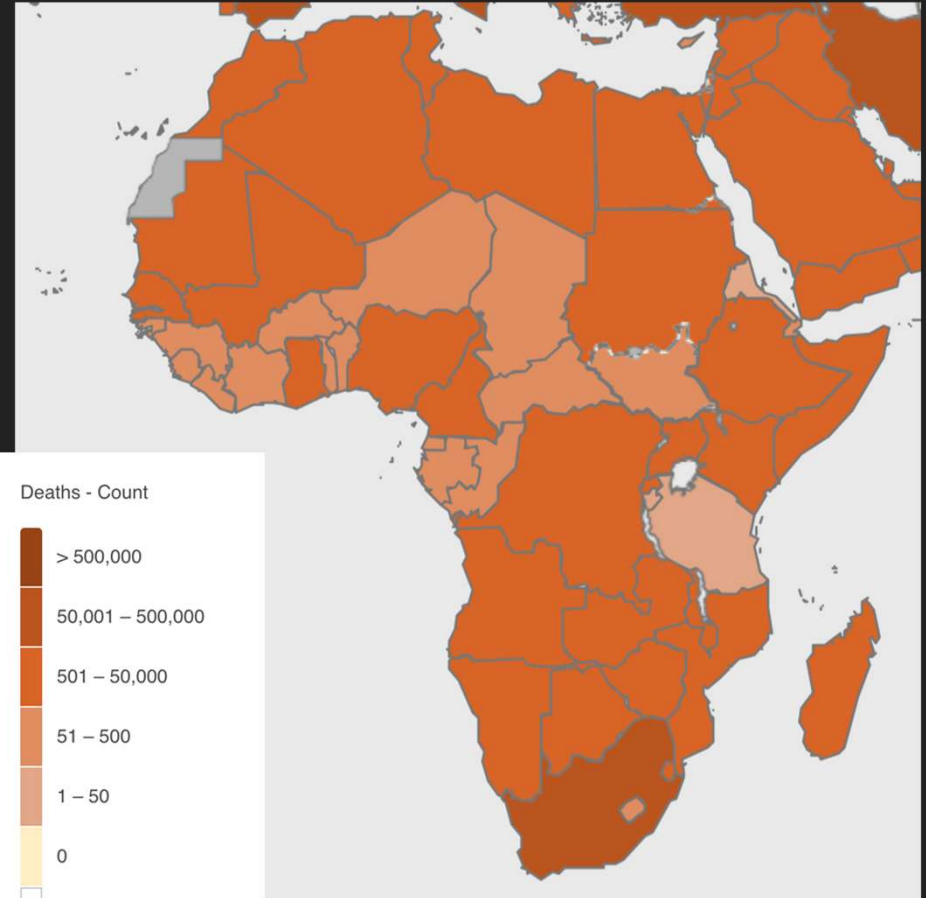
Data from WHO: July 22, 2021

Burden of COVID-19 Cases & Deaths in South Africa

CASES



DEATHS



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SPOTLIGHT

Covid-19 and HIV: What we can learn from a new WHO report

By Laura Owings for Spotlight • 5 August 2021

A report by the World Health Organization shows that people living with HIV have a 30% greater chance of developing severe or fatal Covid-19 than those who do not. It argues that vaccines should be prioritised for HIV-positive individuals.

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout in Africa

Vaccinations data from Our World in Data as of July 29			
Location	Doses administered as of July 3	Population vaccinated with at least a single dose per a hundred	Population fully vaccinated per a hundred
Algeria	75,000	0.17	
Angola	1,592,537	2.92	1.93
Benin	57,886	0.36	0.12
Botswana	331,408	8.93	5.17
Burkina Faso	37,120	0.17	0.01
Burundi			
Cameroon	331,875	1.05	0.2
Cape Verde	159,446	25.41	3.27
Central African Republic	93,790	1.77	0.17
Chad	28,810	0.13	0.04
Comoros	125,960	9.74	4.74
Republic of the Congo	163,742	2.97	
Ivory Coast	943,437	3.58	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	81,384	0.09	0
Djibouti	26,796	1.27	0.89
Egypt	5,337,506	3.61	1.6
Equatorial Guinea	301,413	12.75	8.73
Eritrea			
Eswatini	65,667	3.3	2.36
Ethiopia	2,197,813	1.91	
Gabon	87,181	2.37	1.54
Gambia	43,557	1.29	0.51
Ghana	1,271,393	2.79	1.31
Guinea	799,884	3.91	2.18
Guinea-Bissau	25,225	1.22	0.06
Kenya	1,682,899	1.95	1.18

Lesotho	72,948	1.71	1.69
Liberia	95,423	1.71	0.18
Libya	546,745	7.96	
Madagascar	197,001	0.71	
Malawi	448,408	2.04	0.3
Mali	196,862	0.72	0.26
Mauritania	192,094	3.81	0.32
Mauritius	1,156,482	49.85	41.08
Morocco	22,986,926	35.14	27.13
Mozambique	691,040	1.19	1.02
Namibia	200,694	6.07	1.82
Niger	423,335	1.5	0.25
Nigeria	3,938,945	1.23	0.68
Rwanda	646,909	3.27	1.95
Saint Helena	7,892	71.83	58.16
Sao Tome and Principe	43,960	14.64	5.42
Senegal	906,557	3.82	1.59
Seychelles	141,435	74.11	69.71
Sierra Leone	225,380	1.03	0.19
Somalia	249,790	1.02	0.55
South Africa	6,854,667	9.41	4.35
South Sudan	56,989	0.47	0.04
Sudan	810,560	1.43	0.42
Tanzania			
Togo	454,208	3.68	1.81
Tunisia	2,663,438	14.38	8.15
Uganda	1,135,036	2.48	0.01
Zambia	400,639	1.54	0.64
Zimbabwe	2,178,709	10.03	4.62
African union	63,784,801	3.21	1.64



Morocco leads the continent in Covid response

Morocco's swift response to the pandemic saw it streak ahead of France and Germany in the race to vaccinate its population in March. As the country faces the prospect of a third wave, its successful vaccine rollout, and manufacture of medical supplies, makes it an example for emulation by other African countries, writes Omar Dahbi, the editorial director at Medi1TV

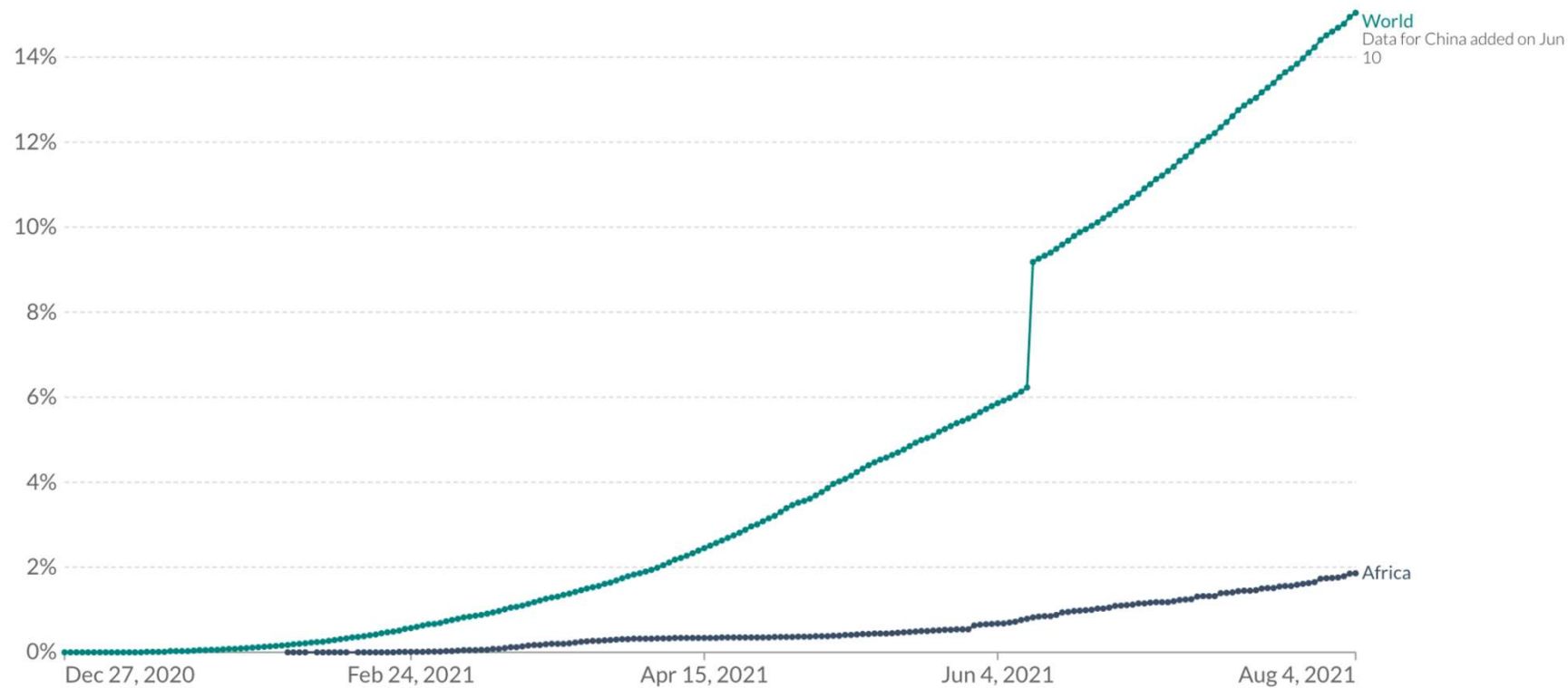
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Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19

Total number of people who received all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol, divided by the total population of the country.

LINEAR LOG



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data. This data is only available for countries which report the breakdown of doses administered by first and second doses. Alternative definitions of a full vaccination, e.g. having been infected with SARS-CoV-2 and having 1 dose of a 2-dose protocol, are ignored to maximize comparability between countries.

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Daily new confirmed COVID-19 deaths per million people

Shown is the rolling 7-day average. Limited testing and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death means that the number of confirmed deaths may not be an accurate count of the true number of deaths from COVID-19.

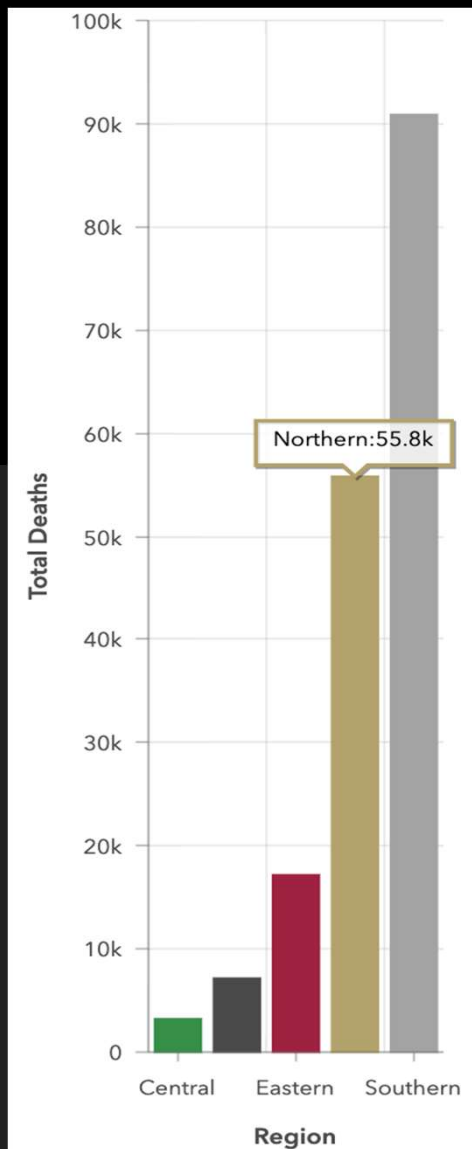
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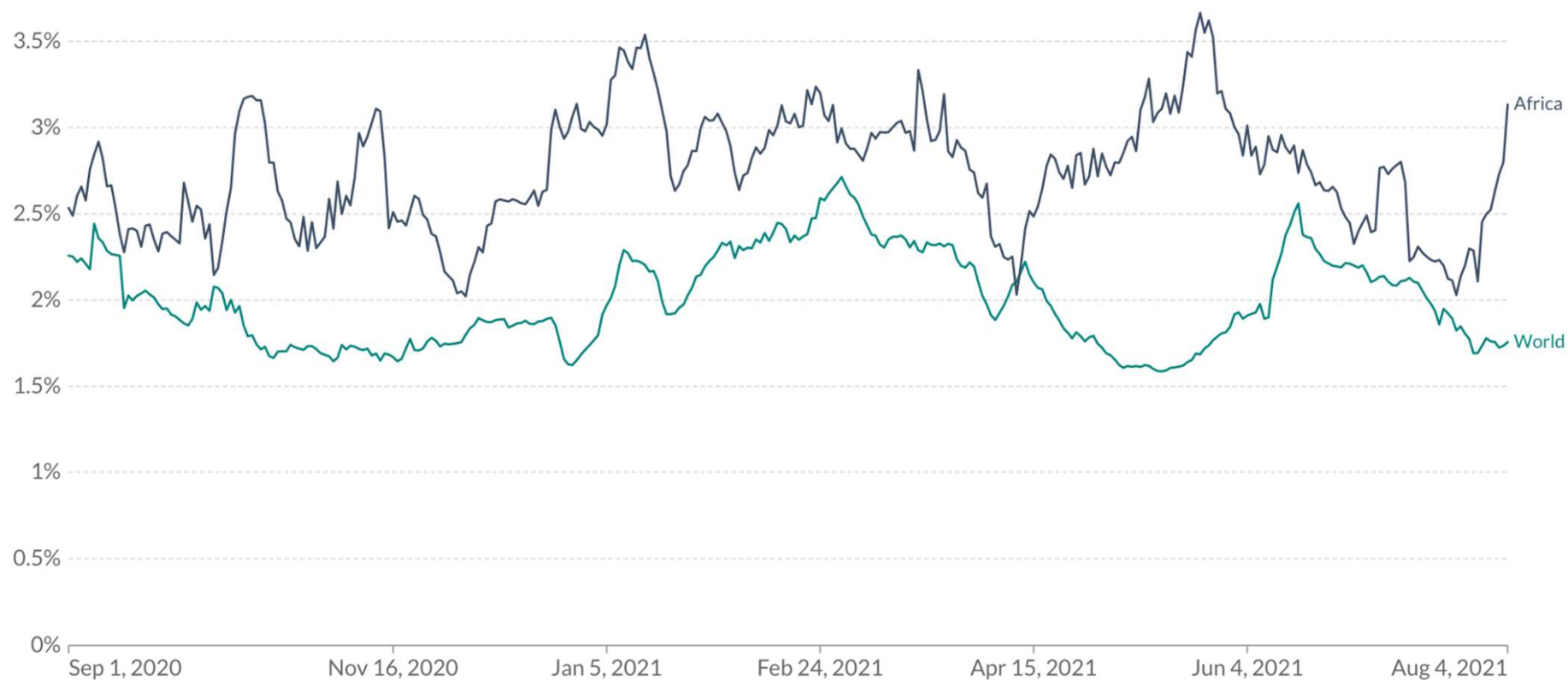
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Moving-average case fatality rate of COVID-19

The case fatality rate (CFR) is the ratio between confirmed deaths and confirmed cases. Our moving-average CFR is calculated as the ratio between the 7-day-average of the number of deaths and the 7-day-average of the number of cases 10 days earlier.

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World

Two-thirds of epidemiologists warn mutations could render current COVID vaccines ineffective in a year or less; New survey from People's Vaccine Alliance shows urgency of vaccinating all countries

 News and Press Release • Source

Quarraisha Abdool Karim, Associate Scientific Director of CAPRISA and Professor in Clinical Epidemiology at Columbia University, said: "As nations start to expand their vaccination programmes we are once again reminded about our inter-dependence. High coverage rates and herd immunity in one country or region of the world while others, particularly low- and middle-income countries, continue to wait in line will create the perfect environment for the virus to continue to mutate and negate the benefits of any vaccine protection.

"In contrast, there are enormous benefits for everyone to have more equitable access to available doses of vaccines and achieve herd immunity globally sooner. As scientists, advocates, and decision-makers we must ensure that as many people are vaccinated all over the world and as soon as possible so that we can all focus our efforts in rebuilding our communities, livelihoods, and economies and know that we are all safe from COVID-19 and be better prepared for the next pandemic."

The survey shows that it is imperative for the safety of all citizens in all countries that people in developing countries are vaccinated as soon as possible. Failure to tackle global vaccine inequality heightens the risk of further mutations.

Calling Out Vaccine Apartheid & Pharma Greed

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Vaccine monopolies make cost of vaccinating the world against COVID at least 5 times more expensive than it could be

Published: 29th July 2021

The cost of vaccinating the world against COVID-19 could be at least five times cheaper if pharmaceutical companies weren't profiteering from their monopolies on COVID-19 vaccines, campaigners from [The People's Vaccine Alliance](#) said today.

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Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

World has entered stage of "vaccine apartheid" - WHO head

Reuters



COVID-BLOG

A global vaccine apartheid is unfolding. People's lives must come before profit

African Civil Society Efforts

- Advocating for support for the TRIPS waiver increased vaccine manufacturing capacity in Africa.
- Demanding accountability from our own leaders.
- Working to ensure that the poorest amongst us have access to the services they need to survive (food parcels, ARVs, family planning...)
- Increasing knowledge about and confidence in vaccines.

I received the JnJ vaccine. Should I be worried?

- If you have had the vaccine in the past three weeks, keep an eye on your symptoms (if they arise).
- If you develop a severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain or shortness of breath:
 - contact your health care provider urgently
 - tell them you have been vaccinated
 - ask them to call the Sisonke help desk on 0800 014 956



Be vigilant, but remember that serious side effects are extremely rare. COVID-19 can be fatal and has killed millions of people. A vaccine (along with social justice & equity!) is our only way out of this pandemic.



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An Open Letter to President Macron, Chancellor Merkel, Prime Minister Draghi, and Prime Minister Johnson.

“The English county of Cornwall, where the G7 Summit takes place, has administered more vaccinations than 22 African countries combined ”

Steve Cockburn, Amnesty International's Head of Economic and Social Justice

As representatives of African civil society and citizens of Cameroon, Central African Republic, Egypt, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe we write to you — self-proclaimed “friends of Africa” — to urge you to play a transformative leadership role in scaling up access to COVID-19 vaccines on our continent.

Our countries are tied together by a history of colonialism with lasting and terrible social and economic impacts. As recently as last month, you were proffering apologies for some of the horrors that your predecessors perpetrated on our ancestors. But we are also...

The Good News: Africa participating in the response

- Africa participated in the COVID-19 research and is at the forefront of developing interesting solutions
- African Union leadership
- Manufacturing agreements across Africa

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How COVID spurred Africa to plot a vaccines revolution

For decades, Africa has imported 99% of its vaccines. Now the continent's leaders want to bring manufacturing home.

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Can the World Learn From South Africa's Vaccine Trials?

Vaccine trials are often done in wealthier countries. Scientists say the South Africa experience proves the value of trials in the global south.



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Wastewater surveillance for Covid-19: An African perspective

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Abstract

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The COVID-19 pandemic has once again highlighted the importance of access to sufficient quantities of safe water and sanitation in public health. In the current COVID-19 pandemic, an early warning wastewater system has been proposed as a platform for SARS-CoV-2 surveillance, and a potentially important public health strategy to combat the disease. This short communication on wastewater surveillance in sub-Saharan Africa highlights challenges, opportunities and alternatives taken into account the local context.

Keywords: Wastewater, Sub-Saharan African, Sanitation, COVID-19

Graphical abstract

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The Good News: International Solidarity



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It would take 25B\$ to vaccinate the world, that's the same as:

- 1) The cost of the 2021 [#Olympics](#)
- 2) Pfizer's expected profit from the vaccine in 2021
- 3) 3.5% of America's entire 2021 Defence Budget

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Pressure on G7 leaders to deliver Covid vaccines for whole world

Nobel winners and former PM call for action to supply life-saving jabs to poor countries

Andrew Woodcock Political Editor | @andywoodcock | Tuesday 08 June 2021 19:39 | 2 comments



A letter to the Australian Government:



To: The Prime Minister the Hon Scott Morrison MP
CC: Minister for Trade, Tourism, and Investment the Hon Dan Tehan MP
CC: Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator the Hon Marise Payne
CC: Minister for Health the Hon Greg Hunt MP
CC: Minister for International Development and the Pacific Senator the Hon Zed Seselja

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The Dalai Lama, Rowan Williams and other faith leaders urge G7 to end vaccine inequality

News and Press Release • Source: [Christian Aid](#) • Posted: 9 Jun 2021 • Originally published: 9 Jun 2021



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Boost supply to poorer nations and put love and health before money, says pope at Vax Live concert

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How can Japanese Civil Society Show Solidarity with Africa?

- Continue pushing for Japanese support for the TRIPS Waiver.
- Continue calling out other countries who are blocking the TRIPS Waiver.
- Continue calling attention to vaccine apartheid.
- Help us shame big pharma.
- Call on the Japanese Government to support civil society organizations in the Global South to advance equitable access

News Release 18 February 2021

Japanese Civil Society Urged its Government to Support Waiver of COVID-19 Intellectual Property Rights

An official dialogue of CSOs and GoJ on global equal medical access on COVID-19

Equal Health and Medical Access on COVID-19 for All!”

Japan Network

Intellectual property rights as an obstacle to global access to COVID-19 medicines: discussions in WTO

Vaccination against Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has begun in many parts of the world. On the other hand, many developing countries have very inadequate access to vaccines and other prevention, containment and treatment of COVID-19, which is an obstacle to end the pandemic globally. One of the factors is the monopolization of new medicines and technologies by intellectual property rights. Therefore, a proposal by South Africa, India and 11 other countries for a waiver from



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