The African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC) is committed to generating an Africa-led and Africa-owned body of evidence to inform decision making for an effective and sustainable response to the most critical challenges facing the continent. The COVID-19 epidemic on the continent is rapidly evolving and this bulletin, we provide weekly highlights of disease situation across sub-Saharan African countries. The Covid-19 incidence data used to prepare this bulletin was extracted daily from the Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering (JHU CCSE) Coronavirus (https://github.com/RamiKrispin/coronavirus-csv) data repository. These data are used in our in-house R-Shiny dashboard developed for countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Complete summaries and trends can be assessed from the dashboard (https://siddi.shinyapps.io/covid19dashboardsa/). Graphical functions such as ggplot2 and plotly are used to generate the statistics and trends.

**Highlights**

Using data up to 2020-07-05

- Today, sub-Saharan African has reported a total of 367143 confirmed, 182977 recovered, 6727 deaths, and 177439 active cases of Covid-19.
- There were 3798 new recovery cases and 202 new deaths in SSA.
- S.Africa has the highest confirmed cases at 196750 cases.
- S.Africa reported the highest number of confirmed new cases of 8773 on 2020-07-05.
- Guinea has the highest recovery rate of 80.6% among countries with confirmed cases in the top 25%.
- Guinea has the lowest death rate of 0.6% among countries with confirmed cases in the top 25%.
- Djibouti has the highest recovery rate of 95.8% among countries with confirmed cases above the lower 25% and below the top 25%.
- Uganda have the lowest death rate of 0% among countries with confirmed cases above the lower 25% and below the top 25%.
- Mauritius has the highest recovery rate of 96.8% among countries with confirmed cases in the lower 25%.
- Namibia, Eritrea, Seychelles have the lowest death rate of 0% among countries with confirmed cases in the lower 25%.

**Graphical results**

The epidemic curve for the region is still on an upward trajectory, however, case fatality rate remains low across the board. Overall, case fatality rate is about 1.8 deaths for every 100 infections. South African still has the highest number of cases at 196,750. Guinea, Mauritius, and Djibouti have a high recovery rate and low case fatality rate.

**Key messages**

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