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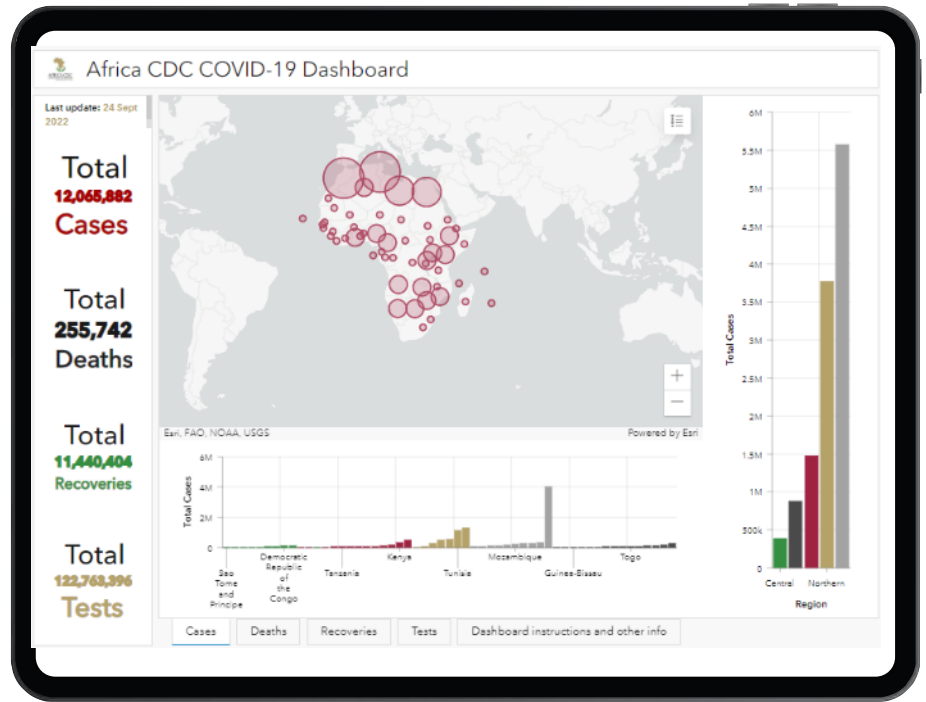
Newsletter - September 2022

In June 2021, the Mastercard Foundation partnered with the [Africa CDC](#) to launch the \$1.5billion [Saving Lives and Livelihoods](#) initiative. Together, we are purchasing COVID-19 vaccines for more than 65 million people, deploying vaccines to millions more across the continent, enabling vaccine manufacturing in Africa by developing the workforce, and strengthening the Africa CDC's capacity.



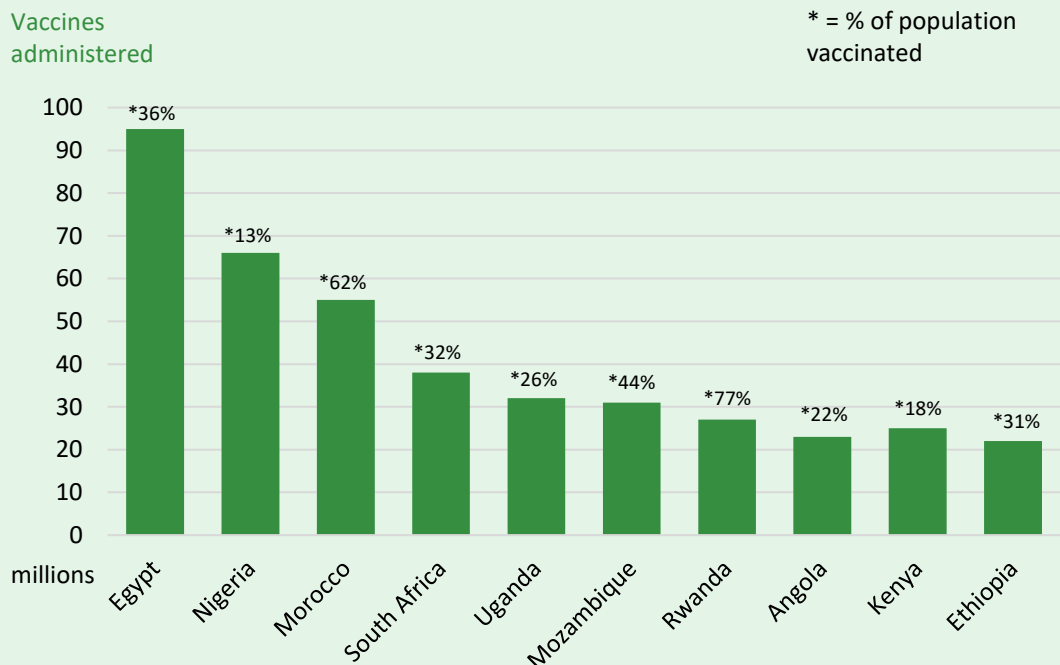
COVID-19 in Africa: Where we are today

Countries that have surpassed the 70% vaccination target include: Seychelles at 82%, while Mauritius and Rwanda are both at 77%. Countries that have attained vaccination between 40% and 70% include: Botswana, Cape Verde, Comoros, Liberia, Morocco, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, and Tunisia. Meanwhile, about 21.7% percent of the continent's population is fully vaccinated at the moment.



Africa has registered over 12 million COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic. Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, Morocco, South Africa, and Tunisia are among countries on the continent that have recorded the highest number of cases. [Read more](#)

Latest data from the Africa CDC indicates that the following 10 countries have administered the most vaccines so far:



Source: [Africa CDC](#) (2022) | As of 29/09/2022

Shots in arms: Updates on Saving Lives and Livelihoods

Saving Lives and Livelihoods Implementation In-country Launch in DRC. Africa CDC, in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, commenced the implementation phase of the Saving Lives and Livelihoods program on September 22 in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to increase the COVID-19 vaccination uptake. The implementation comes at a time when only 3,113,660 people, or 5.77% of the adult population, have been fully vaccinated in the country. The DRC Ministry of Health and Africa CDC, in partnership with Mastercard Foundation, intend to establish 15 new COVID-19 vaccination centres, 11 in Kinshasa and 4 in Lualaba, and vaccinate about 5,600,000 people. Watch [here](#)



Getting set for vaccination rollout in Tanzania. Ahead of the kick-off for the Saving Lives and Livelihoods COVID-19 vaccinations rollout program in Tanzania, a two-day training workshop in Mwanza was held on September 23– 24. The workshop was attended by 112 participants from the government and implementing partners where they reviewed the implementation workplan and developed timelines and action plans for its successful delivery. The program will be implemented across 10 regions of Tanzania, including north, central, and the east. [Read more](#)

Garnering support for the AU COVID-19 Vaccination Bingwa initiative. Speaking on the sidelines of the One Young World Summit held on September 8 in Manchester, United Kingdom, the Africa CDC Acting Director, Dr. Ahmed Ogwel Ouma, called on Africa's youth to get vaccinated. He stated that the *Bingwa*



initiative was part of ongoing efforts to ensure youth are well represented across the continent. The AU COVID-19 initiative seeks to establish a network of youth champions across the continent to accelerate the uptake of COVID-19 vaccination. [Read more](#)

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Continental workshop for managers in the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI). The Africa CDC, in collaboration with UNICEF, the WHO, and other stakeholders hosted a workshop to track progress towards the 70% vaccination target by the end of 2022, while reaching most vulnerable groups and strengthening countries' health systems and routine immunization. Over 200 delegates from African Union member states and partners attended the workshop held on September 5 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, including an official delegation of 46 member states. [Read more](#)



Delegates pose for a group photo at the Continental EPI Managers' Workshop for the Acceleration of COVID-19



Africa CDC Acting Director, Dr. Ahmed Ogwel Ouma delivering a keynote address at the Continental EPI Managers' Workshop for the Acceleration of COVID-19 Vaccination in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



We can only achieve the target of vaccinating 70% of Africa's population by the end of 2022, by working together with all partners, governments, and other bodies. This is the only sure way to ensure health security, and recovery of the continent's economy."

Papa Salif Sow, Head of Health Initiatives, Mastercard Foundation.

Africa Calls for New Public Health Order

Alongside the 77th annual United Nations General Assembly, The Africa CDC, in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, hosted a series of dialogues aimed at advancing Africa's New Public Health Order. The events were attended by representatives of Heads of State, Ministers of Health, the Chairperson of African Union Commission (AUC), Public and Private Institutions, Ambassadors, Not-for-Profit Organizations, and top international media outlets. To read more on the discussions and authentic dialogue on Africa's priorities for public health going forward, click [here](#)

September 18



Role of Respectful and Action-Oriented Partnerships.

The session emphasized that future partnerships from within or outside the continent should be based on the foundation of honesty, accountability, trust, and innovation. Watch the session [here](#)



Ahmed Ogwell Ouma,
Acting Director, Africa CDC



Julie Gichuru, Chief Public Affairs and
Communications Officer,
Mastercard Foundation

September 19

Re-Imagining Health Workforce Development for Africa's Health Security.

Four key areas of Health Workforce Development were highlighted, including i) translating efforts into both health and economic gains for Africa; ii) exhilarating investment in female workers; iii) need for private sector collaboration; and iv) critical monitoring and evaluating of all public health workforce programs and initiatives on the continent. Watch the session [here](#)



H.E. Mme. Ellen Sirleaf, Former President of
Liberia, Africa Frontline First



Amb. Dr. John Nkengasong, US Global AIDS
Coordinator, PEPFAR



H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson,
African Union Commission



H.E. Dr. Lia Tadesse, Minister of Health,
Ethiopia

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September 21

Rejuvenating the Global Health Security Agenda.

The session called for the full implementation of Africa's New Public Health Order, which includes strengthening African institutions for public health; strengthening the public health workforce; expanding local manufacturing of health products; increasing domestic investment in health; and promoting action-oriented and respectful partnerships. Watch the call to action [here](#)



Ahmed Ogwel Ouma,
Acting Director, Africa CDC



H.E. Dr. Daniel Ngamije, Minister of Health,
Rwanda



H.E. Dr. Osagie Emmanuel Ehanire,
Minister of Health, Nigeria



H.E. Ms. Aissata Tall Sall, Minister of Foreign
Affairs and Senegalese Abroad, Senegal



Mobilizing the world behind Africa's New Public Health Order.

The President and CEO of the Mastercard Foundation, Reeta Roy, stated that Africa's New Public Health Order is not just important for the advancement of the continent, but essential to the world as well. "Achieving this future will take partnership, and not just any partnership but partnership that's rooted in respect – and that means starting by listening, understanding, and then responding to real needs and to priorities." Watch full remarks [here](#)

Snapshot of key successes for COVID-19 vaccination acceleration

Malagasy Red Cross: Leveraging traditional chiefs to boost vaccination uptake

Advocacy meetings held in July by Malagasy Red Cross with *Ampanjaka* village chiefs in the Districts of Vohipeno and Farafangana dramatically boosted the number of vaccinations. From just 63 people vaccinated in Vohipeno and 243 people in Farafangana, vaccination numbers increased in August to 166 people for Vohipeno, and 792 people for Farafangana. Traditional authorities were encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine, to be vaccinated publicly, and to commit to raising awareness about the importance of vaccination within their community. The *Ampanjaka*'s acceptance and public testimony helped to boost the community's uptake of the vaccine.



Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross

Staff and volunteers of Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross were vaccinated to set an example for communities and to reassure them about effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine. To date, 125 Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross staff and volunteers have received their second dose to support the awareness campaigns. Through live testimonies,



communities are informed about what to do after their vaccination and possible side effects they may experience are explained. So far, the Côte d'Ivoire Red Cross has organized nine COVID-19 vaccination sessions – three at the Abidjan headquarters, and six in localities in the interior of the country. A total of 2,413 members of these communities have received their first dose.

Other important developments

Epidemiological and economic impact of COVID-19 vaccine rollout scenarios in Africa. An analysis of data from 27 countries conducted by the Africa CDC shows that, when compared to a no vaccination scenario, rolling out vaccines will likely be more cost-effective, helping to prevent many cases, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID-19. The analysis is part of a brief aimed at supporting policymakers on decisions regarding the procurement and rollout of COVID-19 vaccines especially in countries where large proportions of the population remain unvaccinated. [Read more](#)

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Pfizer's African partner produces first doses of COVID Shots. The Biovac Institute, a partly state-owned vaccine producer in South Africa, has produced its first batch of COVID-19 vaccines. This is part of an arrangement under which it aims to fill and package as many as 100 million doses a year of Pfizer Inc. and BioNtech SE's inoculation. [Read more](#)



Global pharmaceutical company Pfizer has highlighted the importance of local vaccine manufacturing, It argued that this would address the burden of diseases on the South African health care system. According to Pfizer, research indicates that more than 12,500 vaccine-related positions can be created by 2040 on the continent. [Read more](#)

Africa CDC and Amref Ethiopia held a pre-deployment orientation for supervisors in Addis Ababa. Amref Ethiopia, through the Saving Lives and Livelihoods Initiative, will deliver the COVID-19 vaccine program, reaching millions, mainly in conflict affected and remote areas. This is part of the Government of Ethiopia's plan to reach 50% of the population with safe and effective vaccines. More details [here](#)



Africa CDC and France signed a Memorandum of Understanding, marking a shared commitment to expand their partnership in public health.

One of the areas it covers is improving COVID-19 vaccination coverage in targeted countries and strengthening national and regional institutional capacity for addressing health challenges. [Read more](#)

