

OxCGRT Regional Report - Sub Saharan Africa

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REGION	Sub Saharan Africa
Date Range	24th June- 02nd July
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Brief Summary of Major Changes:

Botswana lifted lockdown on May 21st, but the Greater Gaborone Zone remained in lockdown until Monday 15th June, seeing schools and businesses reopen. Some levels of schooling have also returned in Gabon, Ghana, and Senegal. Mauritius has only 3 new cases reported in the last two weeks, and strict lockdown measures there have been lifted since June 15th, with schools set to reopen on July 1st, but their borders remain closed.

Ethiopia, the second most populous nation in the African continent, has received significant international attention as it did not implement a full lockdown, but has a low rate of COVID 19 growth. Their Test and Trace approach, and public messaging through mobile applications has been commended, but it still lacks capacity, and is not comprehensive across the population.

In Somalia, all restrictions were lifted on June 23rd, seeing education, workplaces, and public transport reopen. Zambia reopened airports for international travel on June 26th, though in most countries a total border closure is in place. Seychelles has been free from new COVID 19 cases since mid May, and the international airport reopened at the start of June.

C1: School Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BWA: Lockdown in the Greater Gaborone Zone lifted on Monday 15th June, some classes in public schools set to reopen June 17th. The 48 day lockdown in the rest of the country was lifted on May 21st allowing businesses and schools to reopen. GAB: According to UK FCO schools opened on June 15th. GHA: From June 22nd some students returned to school across the country LSO: Schools have reopened gradually under the guidance of The Ministry of Education MUS: All schools set to resume on July 1st as there have been no new COVID 19 cases SEN: Schools reopened for students in exam classes on June 25th
C2: Workplace Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BWA: Lockdown in the Greater Gaborone Zone lifted on Monday 15th June allowing businesses to reopen. SOM: All restrictions lifted on June 23rd
C3: Cancel Public Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOM: All restrictions lifted on June 23rd
C4: Restrictions on Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GMB: Mosques and churches can reopen SOM: All restrictions lifted on June 23rd

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C5: Close Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MUS: Public transport returns to its central role in moving the greatest number of commuters as social distancing will not be applicable as from 15th June 2020 SOM: All restrictions lifted on June 23rd and public transport opens fully
C6: Stay at Home requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BWA: Lockdown in the Greater Gaborone Zone lifted on Monday 15th KEN: Revised nightly curfew times from June 7th to 9:00 pm to 4:00 am. Those violating the curfew may be arrested and put in mandatory quarantine for 14 days at their own expense SOM: Lifted all restrictions, no longer a requirement to stay at home
C7: Restrictions on Internal movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KEN: On June 6, the Government of Kenya announced movement restrictions in and out of the Nairobi Metropolitan Area, Mombasa and Mandera counties are extended an additional 30 days. TGO: All restrictions regarding internal movements were lifted on June 9
C8: International Travel Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOM: All restrictions lifted on June 23rd, lifting the ban on inland travel with Ethiopia and Somalia ZMB: International airports reopen on June 26th
H2: Testing Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SYC: Comprehensive testing and tracing policy as the country remains reportedly COVID 19 free
H3: Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SYC: Comprehensive testing and tracing policy as the country remains reportedly COVID 19 free

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