

Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker Regional report – Sub Saharan Africa



This report summarises the major changes in the region for the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker's [Containment and Health Index](#), providing a high level overview of shifts in government policies.

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REGION	Sub Saharan Africa
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Brief summary of major changes:

COVID-19 related restrictions continue to be variable across countries in the Sub-Saharan African region. Restrictions on gatherings and extension of curfews contribute to the major changes in June.

Eritrea has limited large gatherings to 40 people, Liberia and Uganda to 20 people, Sierra Leone and Zambia to 50 people and South Africa prohibiting all gatherings. However, Madagascar has increased the limit to 400 people.

Eswatini has imposed a nationwide curfew and Zimbabwe has imposed a curfew close to the northern border of Zambia. Rwanda, South Africa and Uganda have lengthened their respective curfew durations.

With regard to vaccination policies, Chad has launched a vaccination campaign using Sinopharm while Tanzania has joined the COVAX initiative. Eswatini has made the AstraZeneca vaccine available to all residents, including non-citizens.

C1: School Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Africa: Schools and other educational institutions will close earlier for the winter holidays. Schools will start closing on 30 June, and all schools are expected to be closed by 9 July.• Uganda: All schools and institutions of higher learning are closed for 42 days, from 7 June.• Zambia: Pre-schools, primary schools, and secondary schools are closed for 21 days, from 17 June.
C2: Workplace Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eswatini: From 14 June, all retailers must close after 7 pm. However, following the demonstrations nationwide from 25 June, businesses must close by 3:30 pm.

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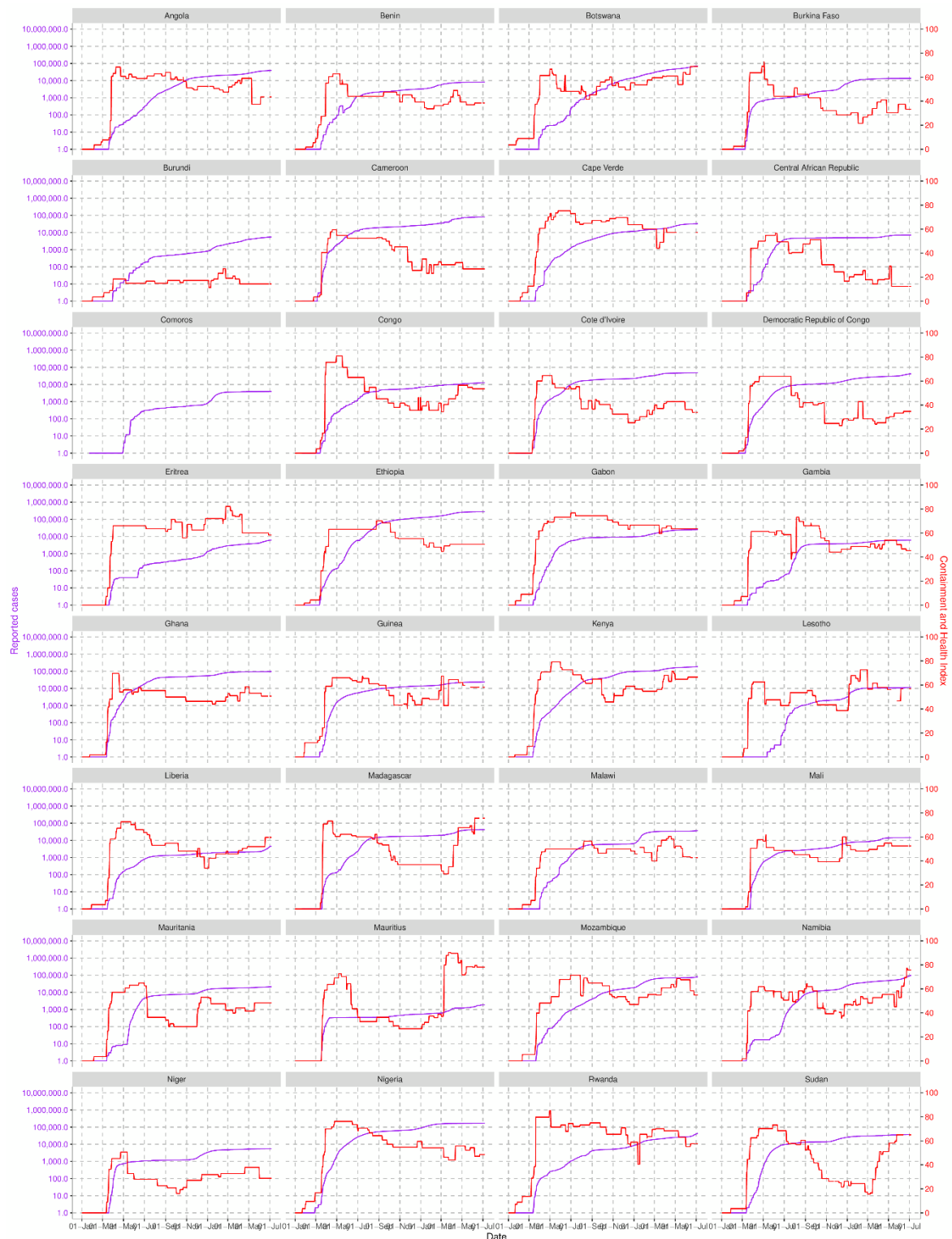
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sierra Leone: Night clubs and cinemas are closed, from 17 June. • Uganda: Open-markets have been shut down, from 7 June. • Zambia: Hours of operation for bars, night clubs, and casinos are restricted to 18:00-22:00 between Friday and Sunday, from 17 June. • Zimbabwe: Business hours are restricted to 08:00-15:00, from 28 June.
C3: Cancel Public Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sierra Leone: Large-scale entertainment activities or any super-spreader events are banned for 1 month from 17 June.
C4: Restrictions on Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eritrea. Large gatherings such as weddings and funerals are limited to 40 persons. Small gatherings are limited to 10 people. • Liberia: Gatherings limited to 20 people from 18 June. • Madagascar: Limit on gatherings increased from 100 to 400 people on 27 June. • Sierra Leone: Social gatherings (weddings, funerals, receptions, naming ceremonies) shall not exceed 50 people, effective 17 June. • South Africa: On 15 June, all gatherings were limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors. From 28 June, all gatherings are prohibited, except funerals which are limited to 50 people. • Uganda: Weddings, funerals, and other social gatherings are limited to a maximum of 20 people, effective 7 June. • Zambia: The number of people allowed to attend funerals, weddings, and other social events is limited to a maximum of 50, effective 17 June. • Zimbabwe: All gatherings except for funerals are banned. A maximum of 30 people is allowed at funerals, effective 14 June.
C5: Close Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uganda: All public transportation has been suspended, effective 19 June. • Zimbabwe: Public transport in districts near the northern border with Zambia are restricted to 50% capacity. Additionally, every public transport vehicle be disinfected after every trip, effective 18 June.
C6: Stay at Home requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eswatini: Authorities imposed a nationwide curfew from 6 pm to 5 am. • Rwanda: On 14 June, curfew hours were lengthened to restrict movement between 21:00 and 04:00. Curfew hours are now 19:00-04:00, effective 23 June. • South Africa: On 15 June, curfew hours were changed to 22:00-04:00. Curfew hours are now 21:00-04:00, effective 28 June. • Zimbabwe: A curfew from 18:00 and 06:00 was implemented in districts near the northern border with Zambia, effective 18 June. On 29 June, a nationwide dusk to dawn curfew was implemented (18:30-06:00).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uganda: Curfew hours were lengthened to 19:00-05:30, effective 19 June.
C7: Restrictions on Internal movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rwanda: Movements between Kigali and other provinces and movements between districts across the country are prohibited, except for medical reasons and other essential services, effective 21 June. • South Africa: Interprovincial travel to and from Gauteng is prohibited with limited exceptions, effective 28 June. • Zimbabwe: Intercity travel was banned, effective 28 June. • Uganda: All inter-district movement of public transport and private vehicles has been suspended for 42 days, effective 19 June.
C8: International Travel Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberia: Passengers who have been present in India, Pakistan, or Bangladesh within the last 14 days will not be allowed entry into Liberia from 18 June. Travelers from Nepal and Brazil are required to undergo quarantine at a government-approved facility at their own expense. Land borders have been closed to travel with the exception of cargo traffic. • Malawi: Entry to the country restricted to citizens, residents, diplomats and medical personnel from 12 June.
H2: Testing Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes recorded
H3: Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes recorded
H6: Facial Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes recorded
H7: Vaccination Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad: A vaccination campaign has been launched (Sinopharm is available). The priority is given to religious pilgrims, elderly people over 65, military troops and health personnel. • Eswatini: Astra-Zeneca shot is now available to all residents, including non-Swati citizens. • Sierra Leone: The age for vaccination has been further revised to 30 years old, effective 17 June. • Tanzania: Joined the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) program, as confirmed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan on 28 June.
H8: Protection of elderly people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Africa: Visits to old age homes and care facilities are restricted, effective 28 June.

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