

# 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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<b>REGION</b>	Sub Saharan Africa
<b>Date range</b>	1 – 31 May, 2021
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## Brief summary of major changes:

In May, government responses to COVID-19 varied across Sub Saharan Africa. Schools reopened in **Kenya, South Africa, and South Sudan**. In **Malawi**, public events are allowed to take place with a 100-people indoor limit and 250-people outdoor limit. Similarly, **Lesotho** updated a limit on gatherings – 200 people indoors and 500 people outdoors. However, **Sudan** banned all social, political, and tribal gatherings due to the declaration of a state health emergency in North Kordofan.

Curfew hours in **Greater Conakry and N'zerekore (Guinea)** are reduced to 00:01-04:00. In **Kenya**, curfew was imposed from 10 pm to 4 am, and in **Mauritania** curfew was imposed from 12 am to 6 am.

<b>C1: School Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kenya:</b> On 10 May, schools reopened for the third academic term.</li><li>• <b>Seychelles:</b> Schools closed from 4 May.</li><li>• <b>South Africa:</b> Schools reopened from 3 May but with COVID-19 safety measures in place</li><li>• <b>Sudan:</b> Opening of universities limited in North Kordofan due to declaration of state health emergency on 3 May.</li><li>• <b>South Sudan:</b> Schools reopened after 14-month lockdown on 4 May.</li><li>• <b>Uganda:</b> Full reopening of schools delayed due to COVID-19 surge.</li></ul>
<b>C2: Workplace Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Kenya:</b> On 1 May, restaurants and eateries in the counties of Nairobi, Machakos, Kajiado, Kiambu and Nakuru reopened. Bars in the five counties reopened on 2 May, and were permitted to sell alcohol. From 2 May all bars across Kenya close at 7pm (local).</li><li>• <b>Mauritius:</b> Opticians, dentists, medical services, markets are allowed to operate, while observing strict sanitary measures.</li></ul>

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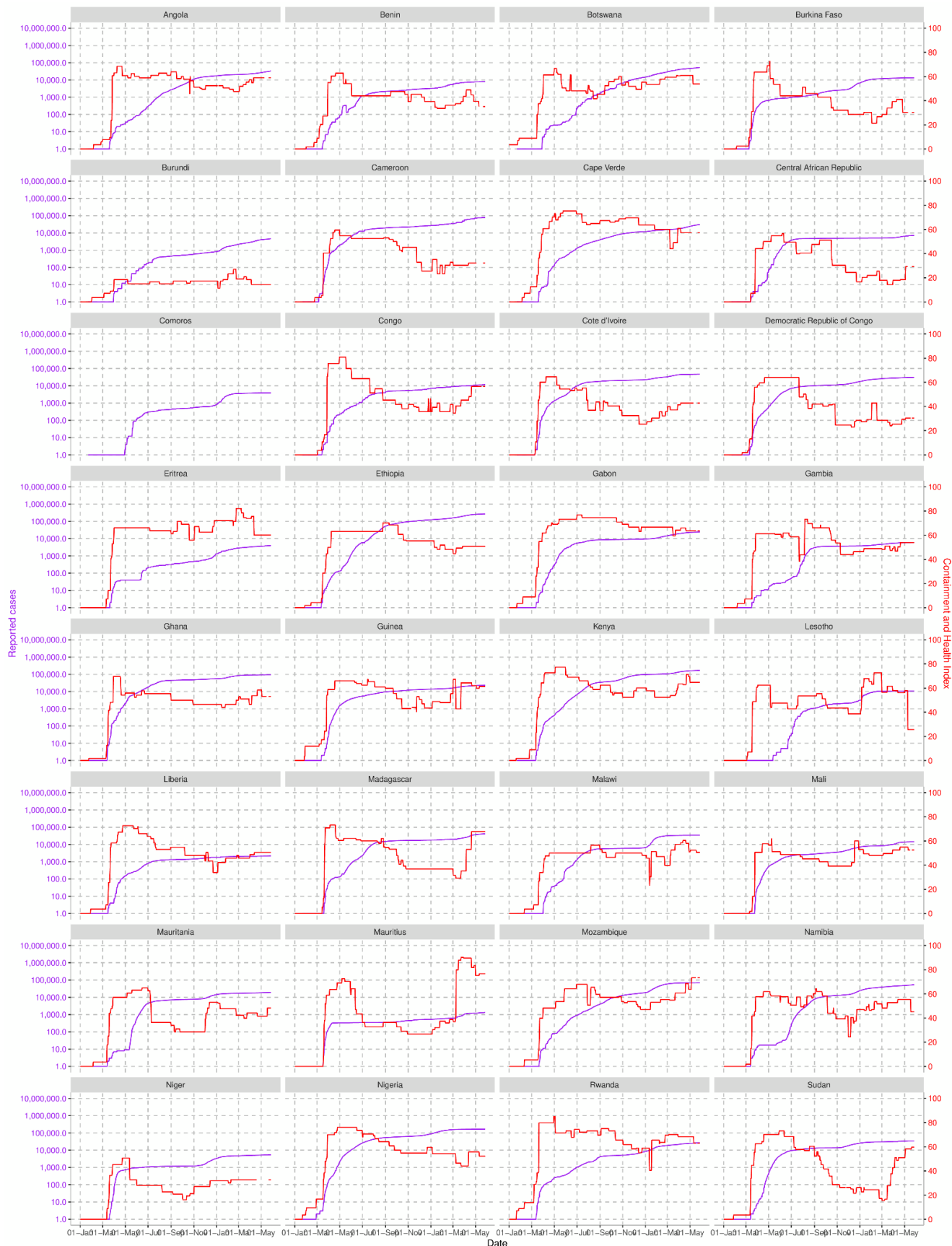


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seychelles:</b> Earlier closure of shops and closure of bars and casinos was imposed from 4 May.</li> </ul>
<b>C3: Cancel Public Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Malawi:</b> Public events are permitted as long as they adhere to 100-person indoor limit and 250-person limit for outdoor events.</li> <li>• <b>Seychelles:</b> Ban on commemorative gatherings, group sporting activities, shows and conferences was imposed from 4 May.</li> </ul>
<b>C4: Restrictions on Gatherings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lesotho:</b> Gatherings will be limited to 200 people indoors and 500 people outside; gatherings will not be allowed to go on beyond 3 hours.</li> <li>• <b>Mauritius:</b> Gatherings of less than 10 people allowed.</li> <li>• <b>Namibia:</b> Gathering limit reduced to 50 from 100 on 28 May.</li> <li>• <b>Sudan:</b> All social, political and tribal gatherings banned from 3 May due to declaration of state health emergency in North Kordofan.</li> </ul>
<b>C5: Close Public Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seychelles:</b> Buses are instructed to reduce maximum capacity.</li> </ul>
<b>C6: Stay at Home requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guinea:</b> Curfew hours in Greater Conakry and N'zerekore are reduced to 00:01-04:00.</li> <li>• <b>Kenya:</b> On 2 May, curfew from 10 pm to 4 am was imposed.</li> <li>• <b>Mauritania:</b> Curfew imposed from 12 am to 6 am.</li> <li>• <b>Sudan:</b> Residents of North Kordofan told to stay at home from 3 May due to declaration of state health emergency.</li> </ul>
<b>C7: Restrictions on Internal movement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kenya:</b> Authorities announced plans to resume domestic flights between Nairobi and the cities of Kisumu and Mombasa beginning May 2.</li> <li>• <b>Mauritius:</b> Certain areas designated as red zones and movement to these areas has been restricted.</li> </ul>
<b>C8: International Travel Controls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kenya:</b> Travelers from Brunei, Kuwait, Thailand, Pakistan and the Czech Republic are required to undergo 14 days of mandatory quarantine.</li> <li>• <b>Lesotho:</b> Air travel to Moshoeshoe I International Airport (MSU) and land border movement is ongoing.</li> <li>• <b>Uganda:</b> Ban on Indian travelers from 1 May.</li> </ul>
<b>H2: Testing Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major changes recorded</li> </ul>
<b>H3: Contact Tracing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major changes recorded</li> </ul>
<b>H6: Facial Coverings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major changes recorded</li> </ul>
<b>H7: Vaccination Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major changes recorded</li> </ul>
<b>H8: Protection of elderly people</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major changes recorded</li> </ul>

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## Cases vs Containment and Health Index:



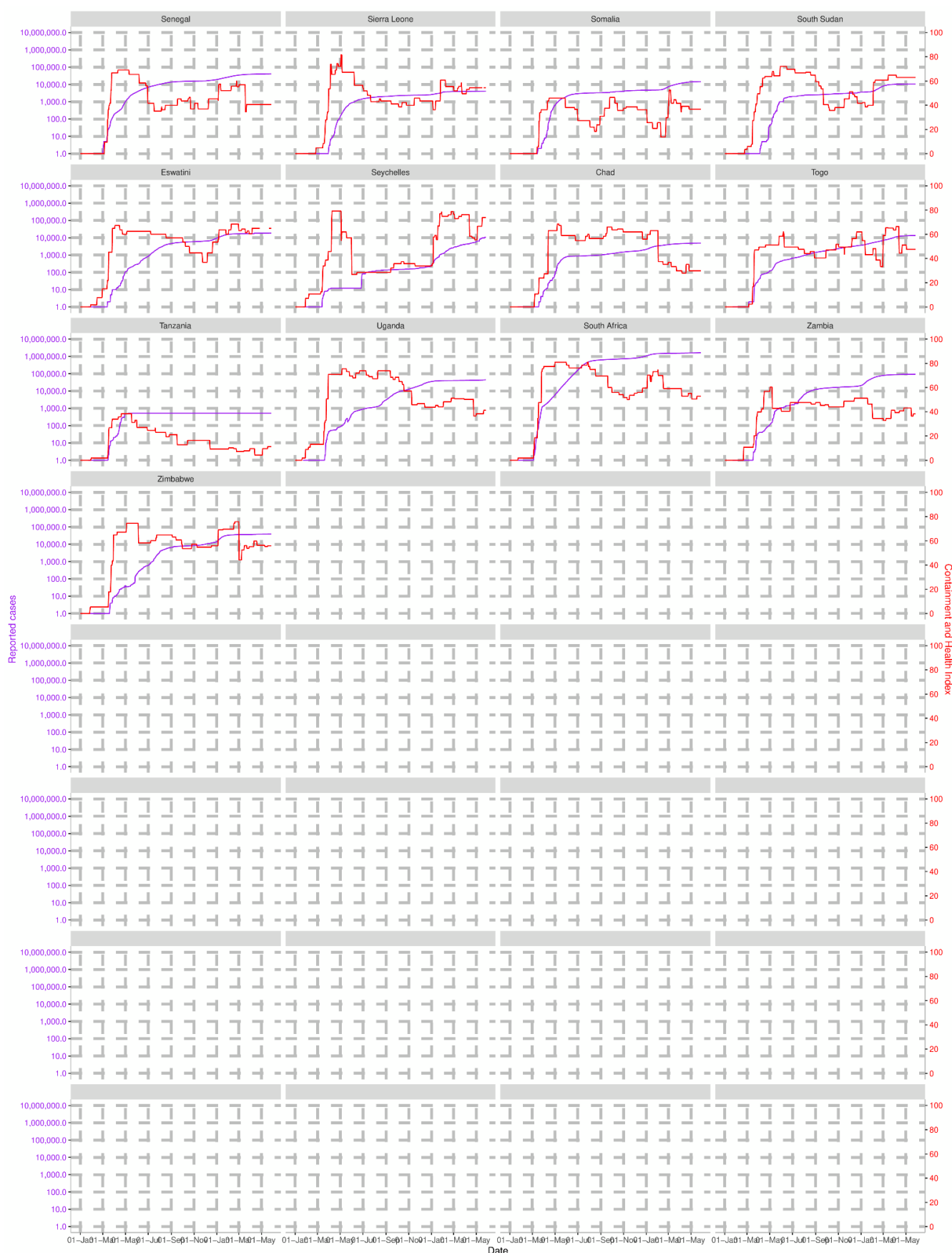
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