

# 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 July, 2021
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## Brief summary of major changes:

Containment measures have not seen significant changes in July across Sub Saharan Africa with the exception of Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe. **Rwanda** which has closed schools and businesses combined with the imposition of curfews. **Sierra Leone** has closed places of worship from 2 July and also requires restaurants/bars to close by 21:00. **Zimbabwe** has imposed a ban on internal movement since 6 July. With regard to international travel controls, **Mauritius** has banned the entry of unvaccinated tourists from 15 July.

<b>C1: School Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rwanda:</b> Schools and higher learning institutions in Kigali, Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana, and Rutsiro are closed from 1 July.</li> <li>• <b>South Africa:</b> Schools reopened on 26 July, after a month-long closure.</li> </ul>
<b>C2: Workplace Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rwanda:</b> Since 1 July, all businesses are required to close by 17:00. Additionally, all businesses in Kigali, Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana, and Rutsiro are closed from 17 July, except those providing essential items.</li> <li>• <b>Sierra Leone:</b> Restaurants and bars are required to close by 21:00 from 2 July</li> <li>• <b>South Africa:</b> Non-essential establishments, such as restaurants, bars, and fitness centres were allowed to reopen on 25 July, but must close by each night by 21:00.</li> <li>• <b>Uganda:</b> shopping malls and business centres were allowed to reopen on 31 July, but they must adhere to COVID-19 prevention procedures.</li> </ul>
<b>C3: Cancel Public Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rwanda:</b> Places of worship in Kigali, Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana, and Rutsiro are closed from 1 July.</li> <li>• <b>Sierra Leone:</b> Churches, mosques, and all religious places of worship are closed from 2 July.</li> </ul>
<b>C4: Restrictions on Gatherings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rwanda:</b> Beginning 17 July, attendance is restricted to 10 people for wakes or vigils, or 15 people for funerals.</li> <li>• <b>Sierra Leone:</b> Attendance at weddings, funerals, and all other social events is limited to 50 people from 2 July.</li> </ul>

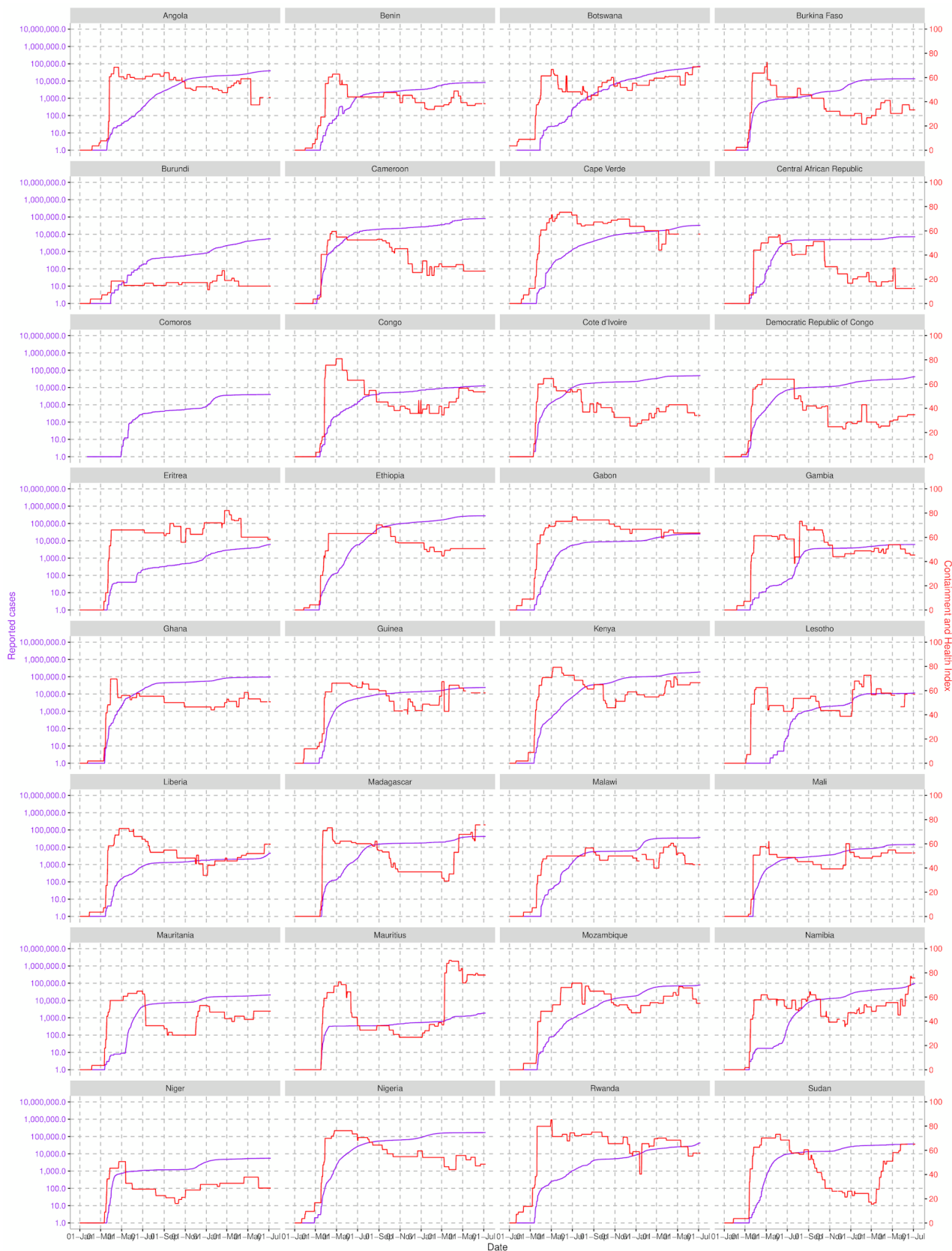
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>South Africa:</b> As of 25 July, social gatherings are allowed with a maximum of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.</li> <li>• <b>Uganda:</b> Weddings and funerals are allowed, but limited to 20 people from 31 July.</li> </ul>
<b>C5: Close Public Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lesotho:</b> Limitations on public transport capacity from 24 July.</li> <li>• <b>Rwanda:</b> Public transport is prohibited in Kigali, Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana, and Rutsiro beginning 17 July.</li> <li>• <b>Uganda:</b> Motorcycle taxis are now allowed to carry a single passenger from 31 July.</li> </ul>
<b>C6: Stay at Home requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rwanda:</b> Since 17 July, individuals in Kigali, Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana, and Rutsiro are not allowed to leave their homes except for essential services.</li> <li>• <b>Sierra Leone:</b> A curfew from 23:00 to 05:00 has been in effect since 5 July.</li> <li>• <b>South Africa:</b> The curfew was shortened by 1 hour on 25 July, it now begins at 22:00 and ends at 04:00.</li> </ul>
<b>C7: Restrictions on Internal movement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rwanda:</b> On 1 July, curfew hours were lengthened to restrict movement between 18:00 and 04:00.</li> <li>• <b>South Africa:</b> Individuals can travel between provinces for leisure from 25 July.</li> <li>• <b>Uganda:</b> Starting 31 July, private vehicles are allowed to move throughout the country, but with no more than 2 passengers.</li> <li>• <b>Zimbabwe:</b> Internal movement has been banned since 6 July; exemption letters are required to pass checkpoints.</li> </ul>
<b>C8: International Travel Controls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mauritius:</b> Unvaccinated tourists not allowed to enter from 15 July. Only unvaccinated Mauritian nationals allowed to enter, subject to quarantine requirements.</li> <li>• <b>Togo:</b> Passengers arriving from Brazil, South Africa, India, the United Kingdom, Russia, and Portugal are to be quarantined for 10 days, beginning 14 July.</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>• <b>South Sudan:</b> All vaccination centres have been closed after the supply of vaccines was exhausted on 19 July. An additional 60,000 AstraZeneca vaccines are expected to arrive in August.</li> <li>• <b>Tanzania:</b> Vaccination rollout began on 28 July, with President Samia Hassan receiving her vaccine on national television.</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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