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# COVID-19 pandemic in São Tomé and Príncipe

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<b>Disease</b>	<a href="#">COVID-19</a>
<b>Virus strain</b>	<a href="#">SARS-CoV-2</a>
<b>Location</b>	<a href="#">São Tomé and Príncipe</a>
<b>Arrival date</b>	12 April 2020 (3 months, 1 week and 4 days)
<b>Confirmed cases</b>	741 (as of 17 July) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Active cases</b>	402 (as of 17 July)
<b>Recovered</b>	325 (as of 17 July)

<b>Deaths</b>	14 (as of 17 July)
<b>Government website</b>	
<a href="#">Government of São Tomé and Príncipe via Facebook</a>	

The [COVID-19 pandemic](#) was confirmed to have reached [São Tomé and Príncipe](#) on 6 April 2020.<sup>[2]</sup> The first death was recorded on 30 April.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Background<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

On 12 January 2020, the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) confirmed that a [novel coronavirus](#) was the cause of a respiratory illness in a cluster of people in [Wuhan](#) City, [Hubei](#) Province, [China](#), which was reported to the WHO on 31 December 2019.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

The [case fatality ratio](#) for COVID-19 has been much lower than [SARS of 2003](#),<sup>[6][7]</sup> but the [transmission](#) has been significantly greater, with a significant total death toll.<sup>[8][6]</sup> Model-based simulations indicate that the 95% [confidence interval](#) for the time-varying reproduction number  $R_t$  of São Tomé and Príncipe was below 1.0 in May and June 2020 but has since increased to around 1.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Timeline<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

## COVID-19 cases in São Tomé and Príncipe (

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**Deaths**

**Recoveries**

**Active cases**

**Apr May Jun Jul Last 15 days**

Date		# of cases	# of deaths
2020-07-02		717(+0.28%)	13(=)
2020-07-03		719(+0.28%)	13(=)
2020-07-04		719(=)	13(=)
2020-07-05		720(+0.14%)	13(=)
2020-07-06		721(+0.14%)	13(=)

2020-07-07	724(+0.42%)	13(=)
2020-07-08	724(=)	13(=)
2020-07-09	726(+0.28%)	14(+7.7%)
2020-07-10	727(+0.14%)	14(=)
2020-07-11	727(=)	14(=)
2020-07-12	729(+0.28%)	14(=)

2020-07-13		732(+0.41%)	14(=)
2020-07-14		736(+0.55%)	14(=)
2020-07-15		737(+0.14%)	14(=)
2020-07-16		740(+0.41%)	14(=)
Data sourced from <a href="#">Government of São Tomé and Príncipe via Facebook</a>			

On 6 April, the first four cases in the country were confirmed.<sup>[2]</sup>

On 30 April, the first death was reported. At the time, São Tomé and Príncipe had 16 cases, four of which had recovered and one of which had died.<sup>[3]</sup> The deceased was a 55-year-old man living in [Cantalago](#).<sup>[10]</sup> There were 11 active cases.

In May there were 279 new cases and 9 deaths, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 295 and the death toll to 10.<sup>[11]</sup>

In June there were 99 new cases and one death, bringing the total

number of confirmed cases to 394 and the death toll to 11.<sup>[12]</sup>

## Prevention<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

In order to prevent the spread of the virus, the government has put in place various travel restrictions and quarantining measures.<sup>[13]</sup>

## Economic impact<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

Tourism accounts for more than 20% of employment in the country, and with activity in the sector coming to a near-halt, the economic impact has been severe.<sup>[14]</sup>

## See also<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

- [COVID-19 pandemic in Africa](#)
- [COVID-19 pandemic by country and territory](#)

## References<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>