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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

ETHIOPIA

- Ethiopia reported **1,621 new** confirmed COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours giving a total **301,713** confirmed cases as of **26 August 2021**. A total of **4,606** deaths have been reported since the beginning of the outbreak with a Case Fatality Rate is **1.53%**
- 271,819 (90.1%)** cases have recovered, however **859** confirmed cases are undergoing treatment in the treatment centers of which **561** are in severe condition
- In the **last 24 hours**, **10,620 RT-PCR and Ag-RDT tests** were conducted giving a **cumulative 3,200,770 RT-PCR and Ag-RDT tests** conducted
- 25,286 total** active cases and **707** recovered and discharged on the same day
- A total **2,394,866 vaccine doses administered** that consist of health workers (**23%**), population between 30-54 years (**02%**), population between 55-64 years (**33%**) and persons 65 years and above (**42%**)

Fig 1: Trend of confirmed COVID-19 cases/ deaths in Ethiopia; 26 August 2021

Tested	3 200 770
Confirmed	301 713
Positivity rate	9.4%
Recovered	271 819
Active	25 286
Deaths	4 606
CFR	1.53%
Vaccine doses	2 394 866

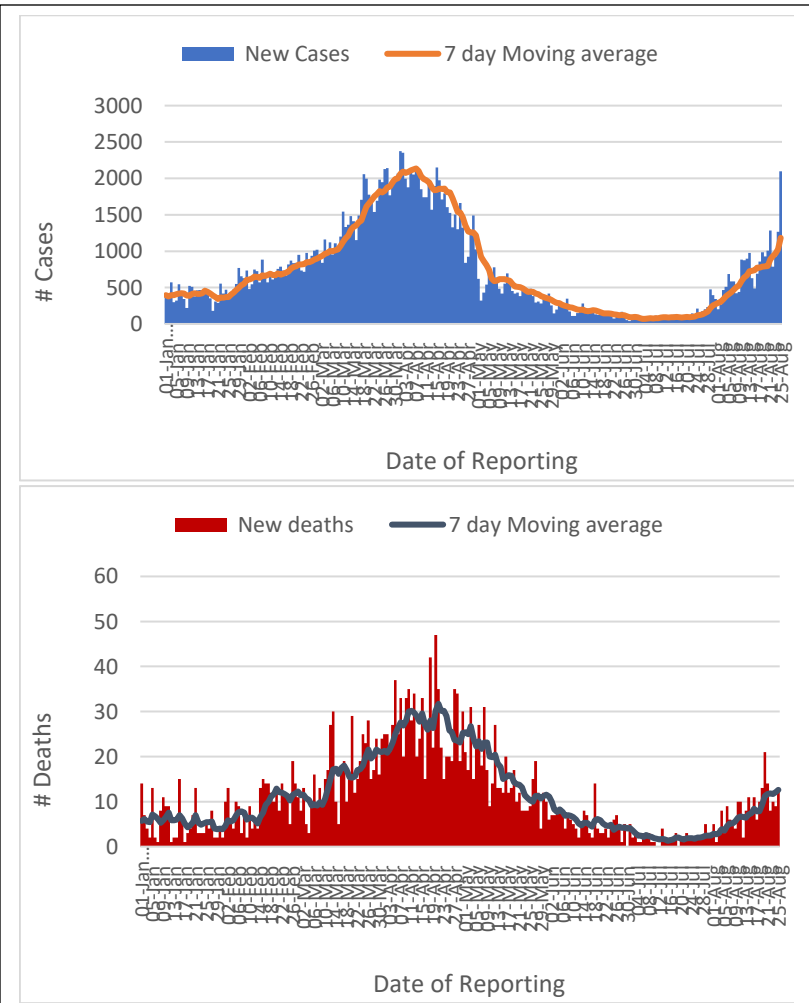
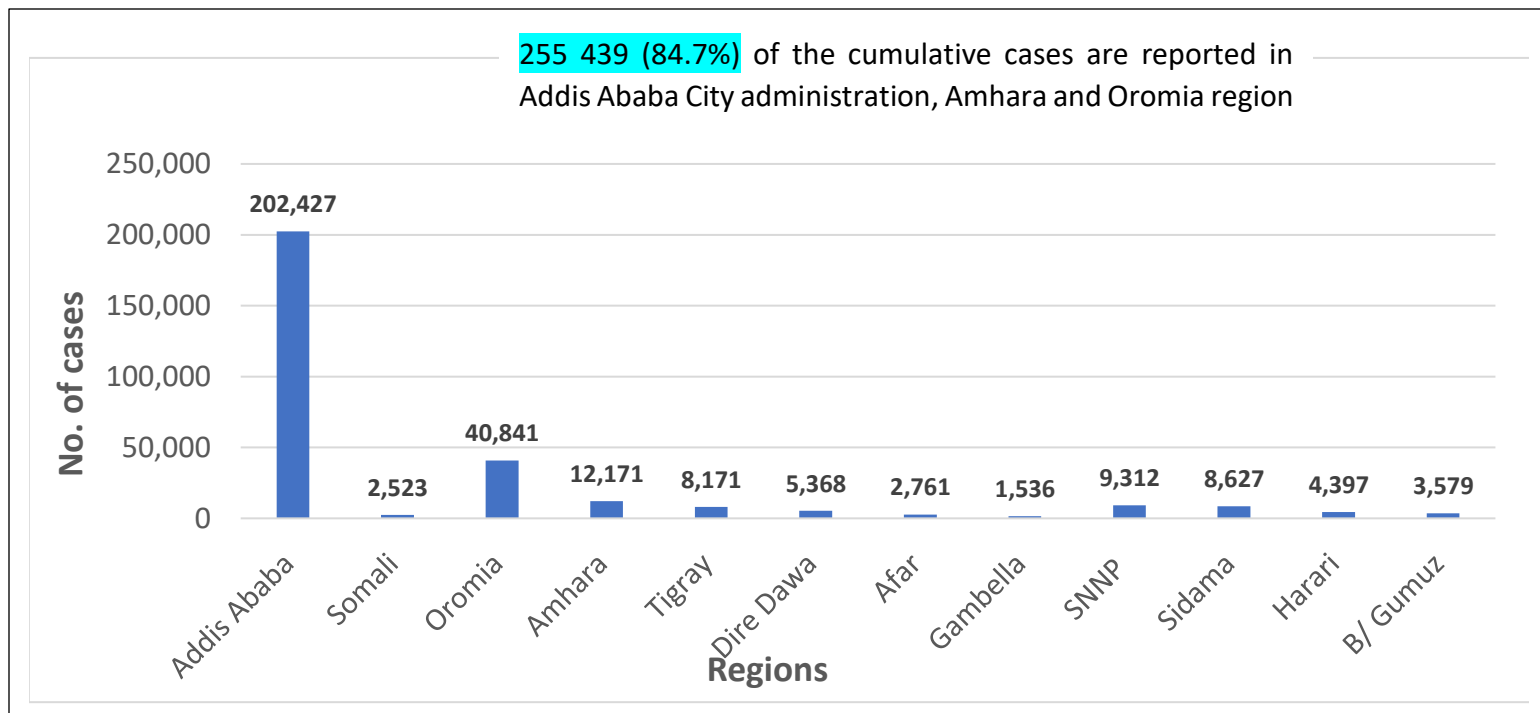




Fig 2: Cumulative COVID-19 cases in the regions in Ethiopia; 26 August 2021

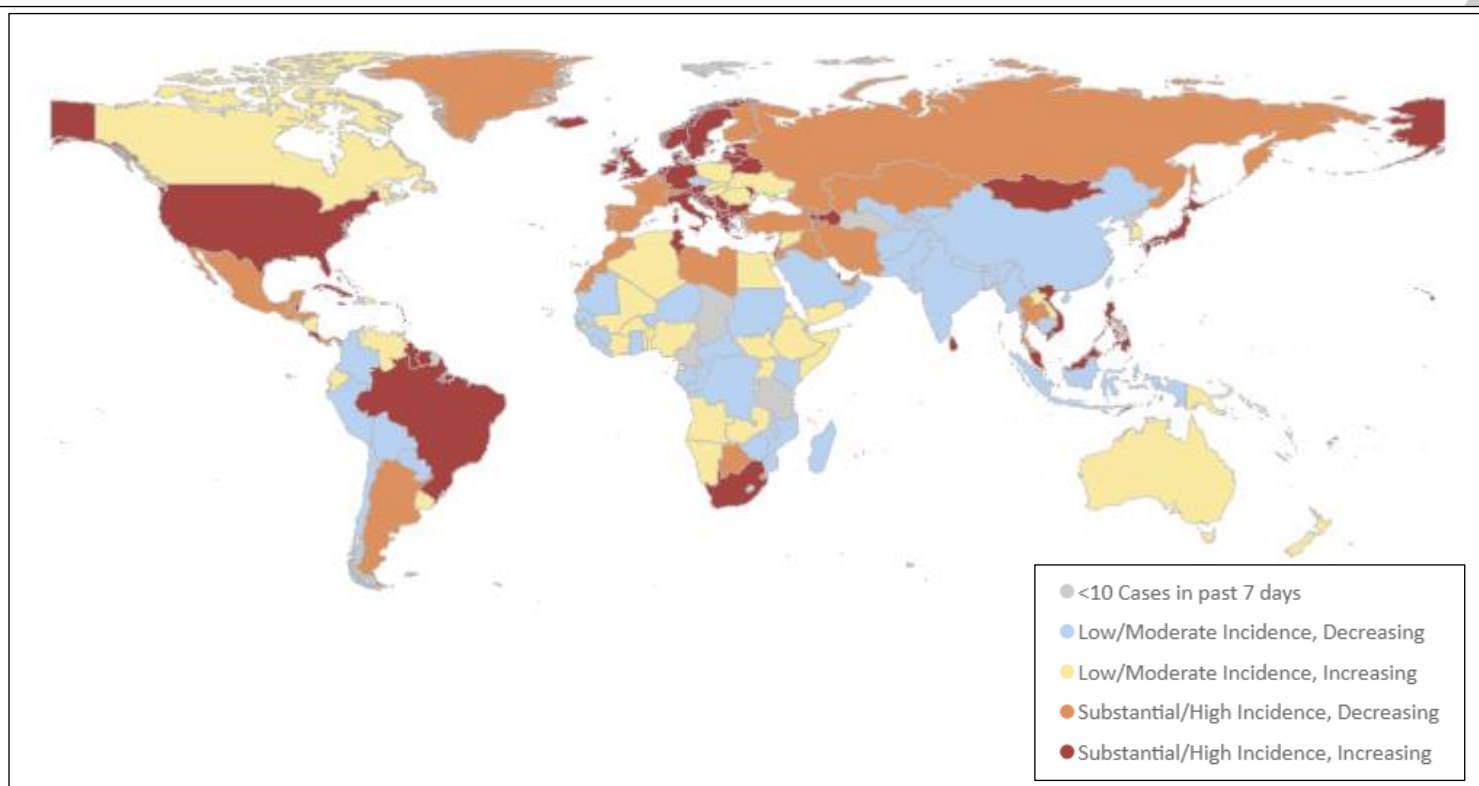


COVID-19 cases/ deaths summary; 26 August 2021

	Cases	Deaths & Case fatality rate (%)	
Global	213,752,662	4,459,381	2.09
Africa	7,620,106	191,818	2.52
Ethiopia	301 713	4 606	1.53



Fig. 3: Global 7-day incidence per 100 000 population in the past week, 26 August 2021



- There was a substantial increase in cases in United States, Brazil and United Kingdom among a few others.
- On the African continent, South Africa and Algeria reported the high incidences in the past seven days. In all the countries, the substantial increase in cases have been mainly driven by the COVID-19 variants most especially the Delta. The greatest percentage of the new cases were the unvaccinated with a small proportion of the fully vaccinated.
- However, the fully vaccinated people with breakthrough infections from this variant appear to be infectious for a shorter period.
- Therefore, get vaccinated and wear masks indoors, in public spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 including the more infectious variants.