



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Omicron variant has been detected in Ethiopia



**169** new confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the last 24 hours (positivity rate of **2.6%**) bringing the total confirmed cases to **467,860** as of 15 February 2022



**1** new deaths reported adding to total **7,429** deaths reported since the beginning of the outbreak with a case fatality rate of **1.58%**



**409,308 (87.5%)** cases have recovered, however **271** confirmed cases are undergoing treatment in treatment centers of which **142** are severe



**6,573** RT-PCR and Ag-RDT tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, giving a cumulative **4,445,370** RT-PCR and Ag-RDT tests conducted

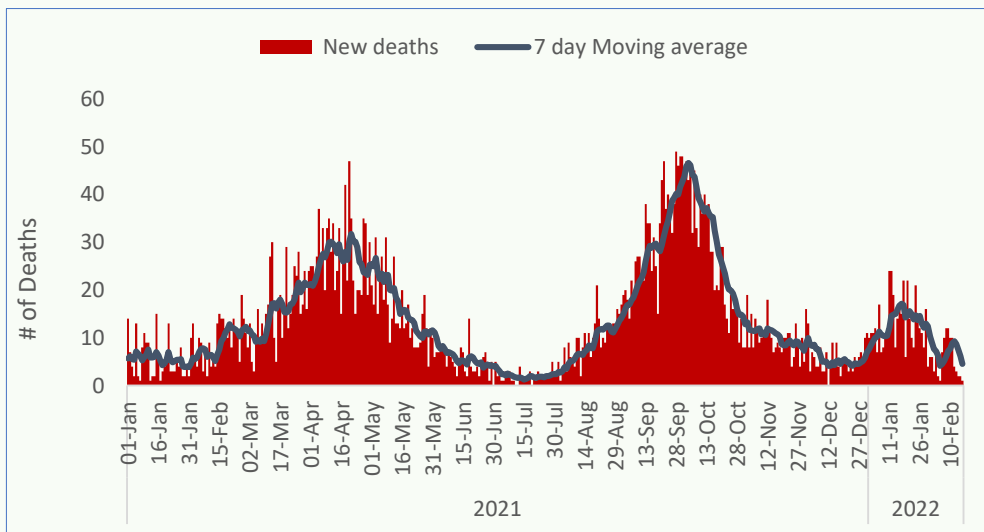
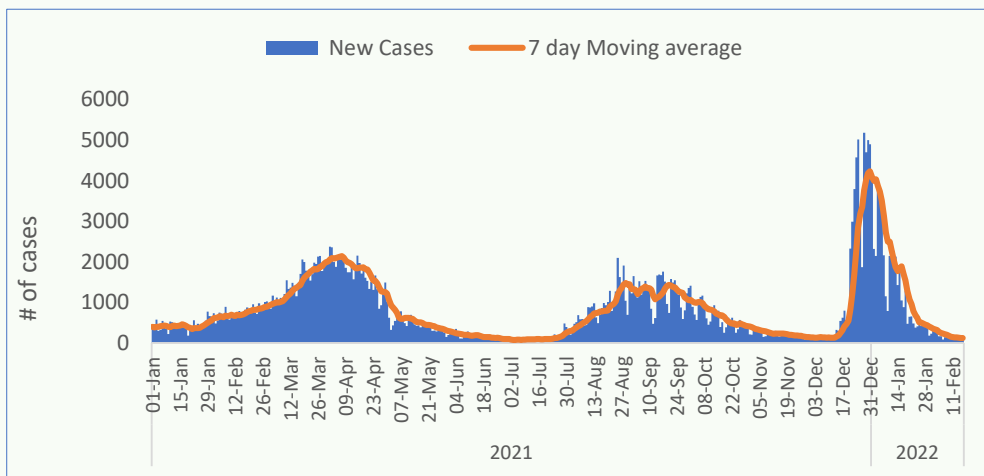


**51,121** total active cases and **68** recovered and discharged on the same day



A total **11,958,438** vaccine doses administered, and **10,122,093** people have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine

**Fig 1: Trend of confirmed COVID-19 cases / deaths in Ethiopia; 16 February 2022**



**Tested** **4,445,370**

**Confirmed** **467,860**

**Positivity Rate** **10.5%**

**Recovered** **409,308**

**Active** **51,121**

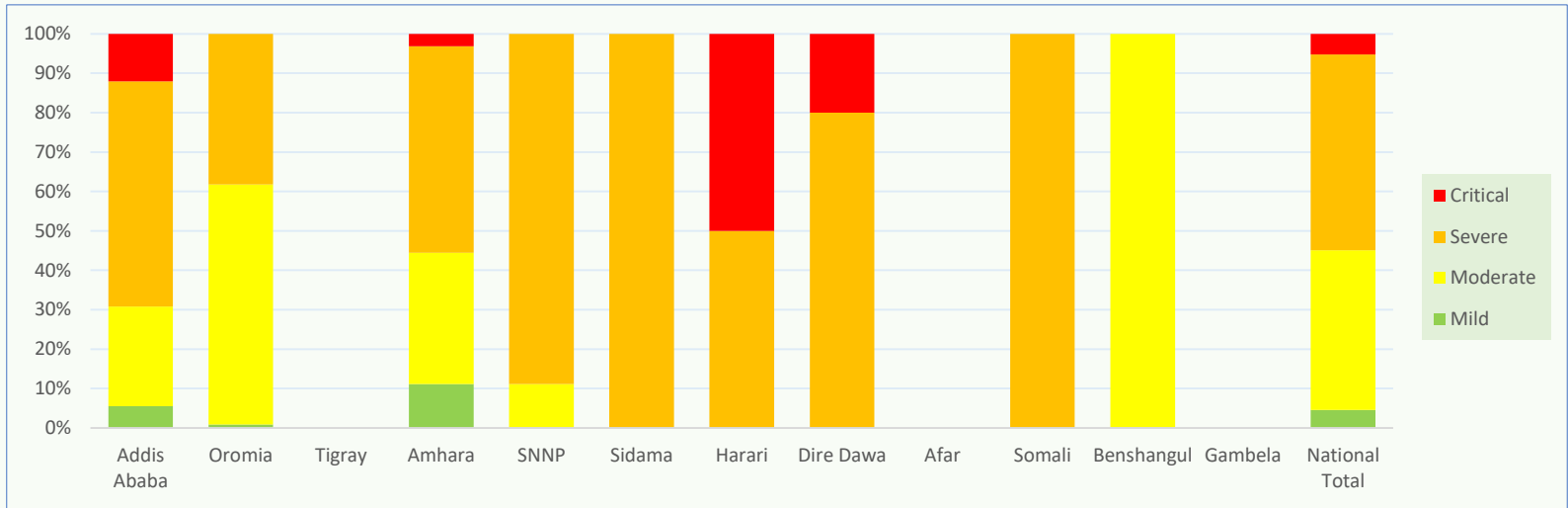
**Death** **7,429**

**CFR** **1.59%**

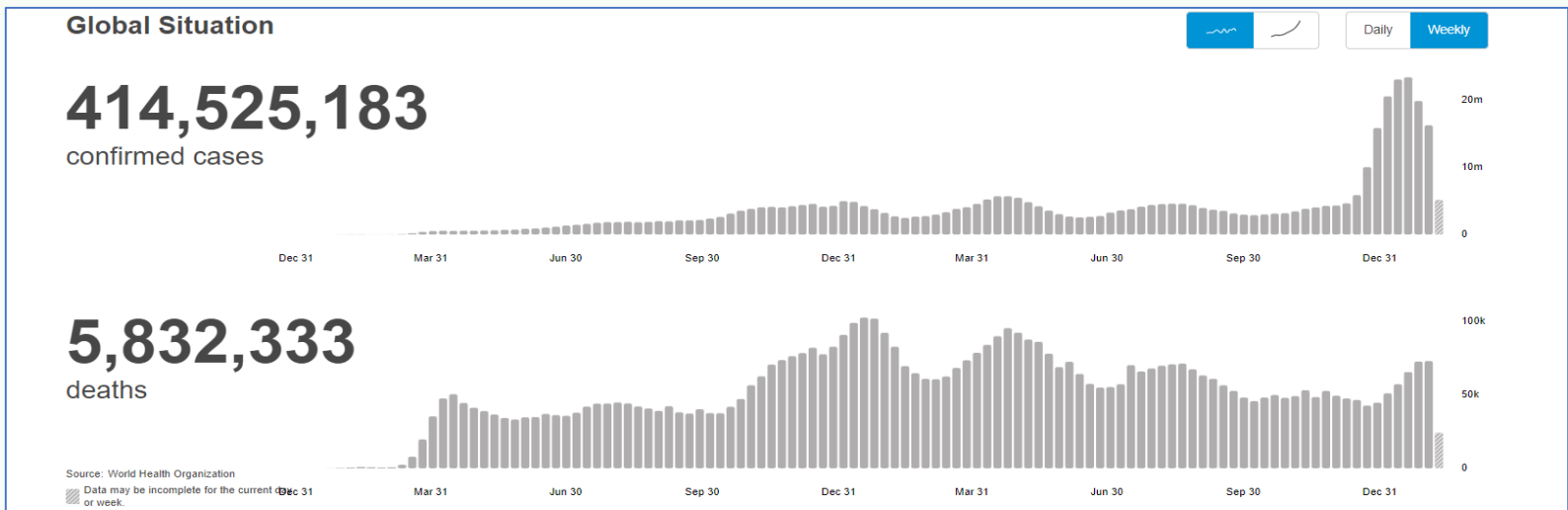
**Vaccine Doses** **11.98M**

**Vaccinated People  
(at least one dose)** **10.49M**

**Fig 2: COVID 19 Active Cases by diseases category & regions, 16 February 2022**



**Fig 3 Global COVID-19 Cases and Deaths Trend as of 16 February 2022**





## Omicron Variant

- **Still a variant of concern (VOC) as designated earlier and has been detected in the country**
- **Evidence from both laboratory and surveillance data have indicated that Omicron more transmissible than previous VOCs**
- **Vaccines provide a high level of protection against severe disease and death caused by VOCs**
- **Time to increase social and public health mitigation measures including vaccination and improve genomic surveillance systems to ensure timely detection of variants**