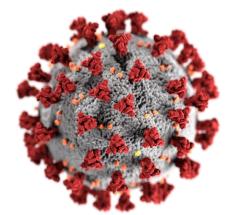


#### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

Epidemiological Situation as of 4 June 2021

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## COVID-19 Vaccination in Africa, and A Call to Action for Safe Re opening of Borders

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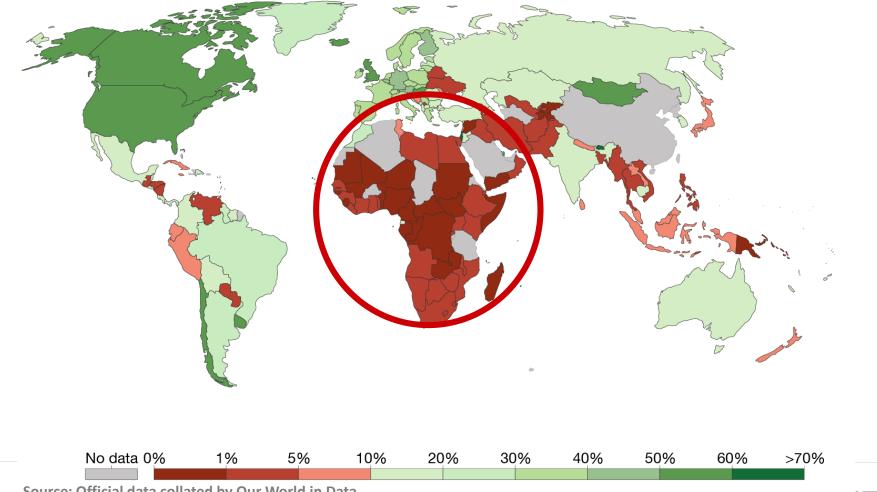








#### Share of people who received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine





Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data



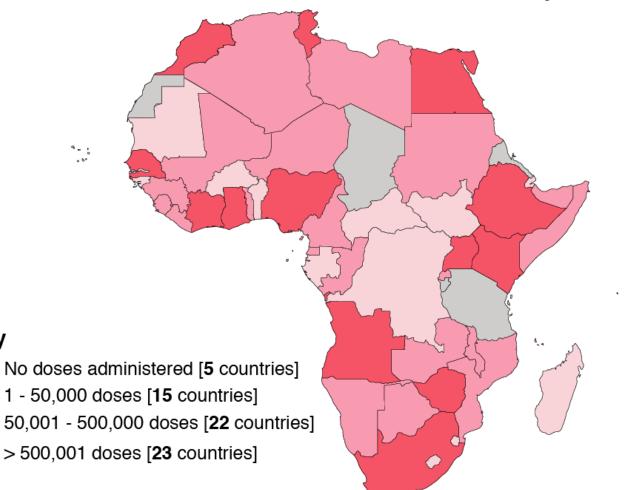
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Total number of vaccination doses administered by country

#### As of 31 May 2021

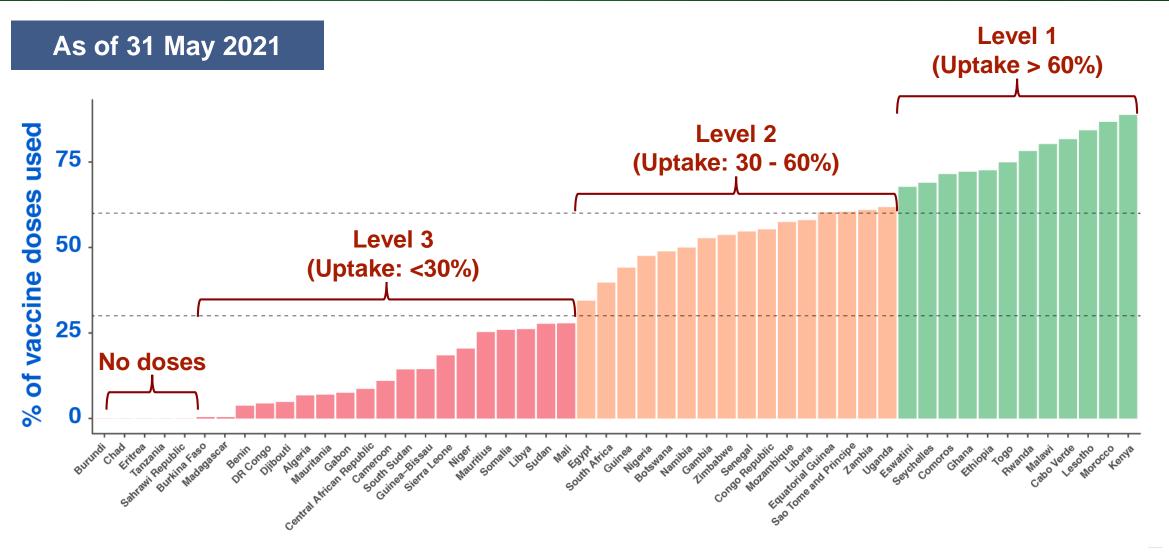
**53,340,800** Total doses Obtained







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Data available for 52 of the 55 Member States



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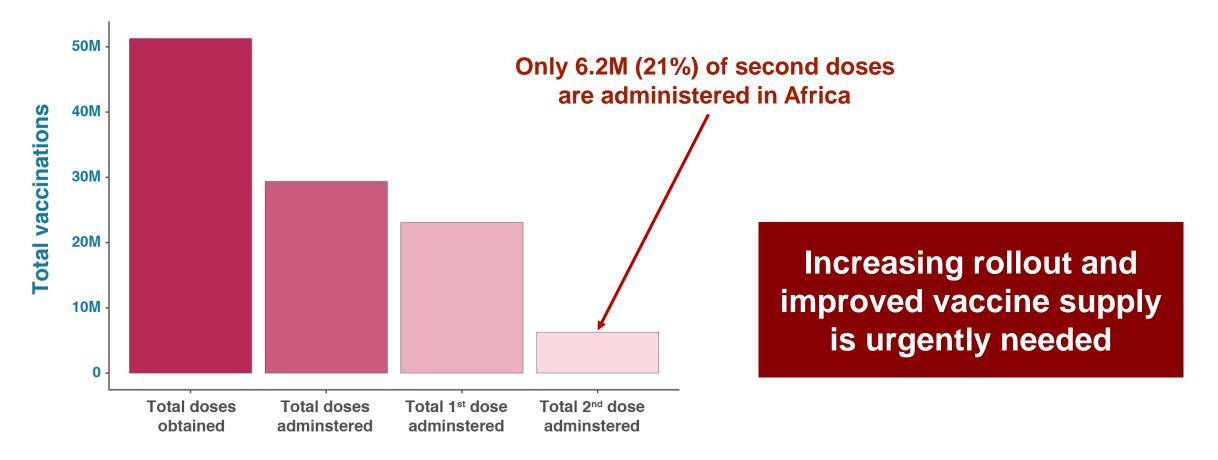


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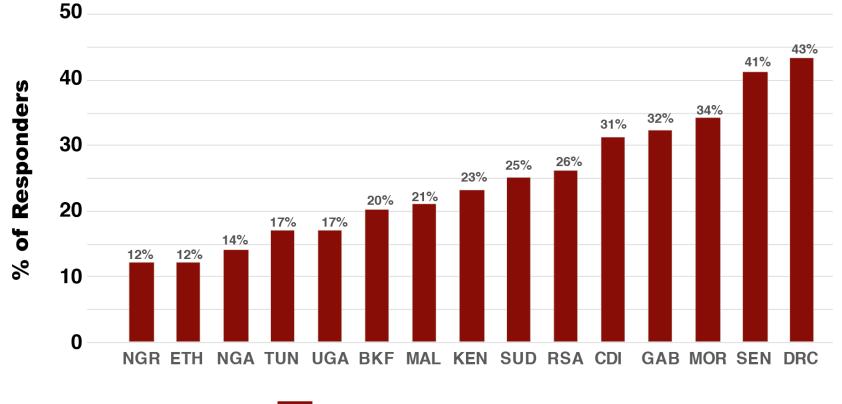






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#### Fighting the COVID-19 misinformation



COVID-19 VACCINES ARE NOT SAFE

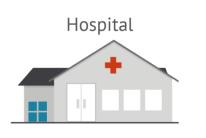


15 countries survey of public opinion: August - December 2020



#### Improved vaccine logistics and strengthening vaccination centres

Vaccination centers/ hospitals/health centres





Health centres

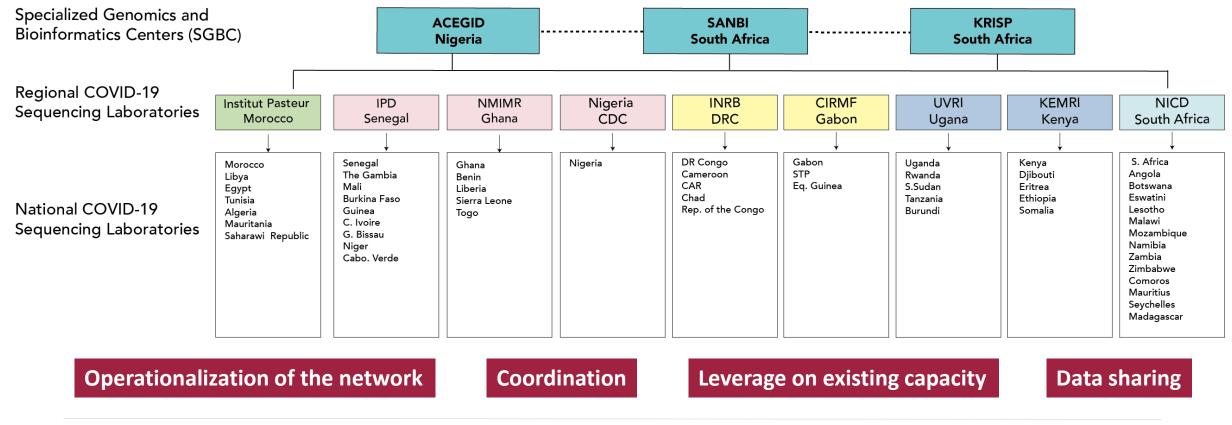


- Sufficient vaccine storage capacity
- Sufficient healthcare workers
- Sufficient ancillary supplies & PPEs
- IT infrastructure
  - centralized database to monitor outcomes and adverse events and timing of second dosage





#### Strengthen genomic surveillance for vaccine escape variants







#### Strengthen monitoring of adverse events

- Document
- Record
- Report





Statement to African Union Member States on the deployment of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to the continent and concerns about adverse event reports coming from Europe





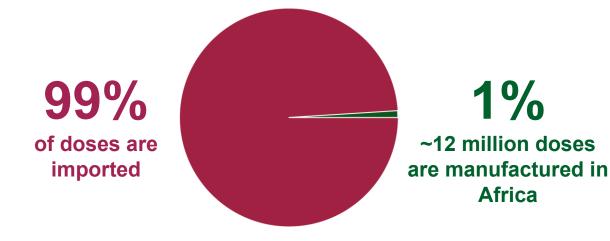
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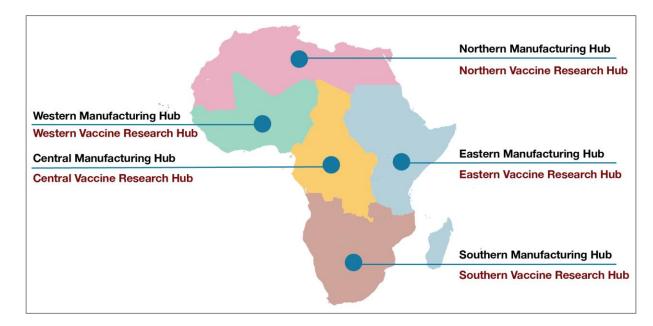




#### Strengthen local vaccine manufacturing and fill & finish capacity



#### Regional vaccine research and manufacturing hubs







#### Coordination of the different stakeholders



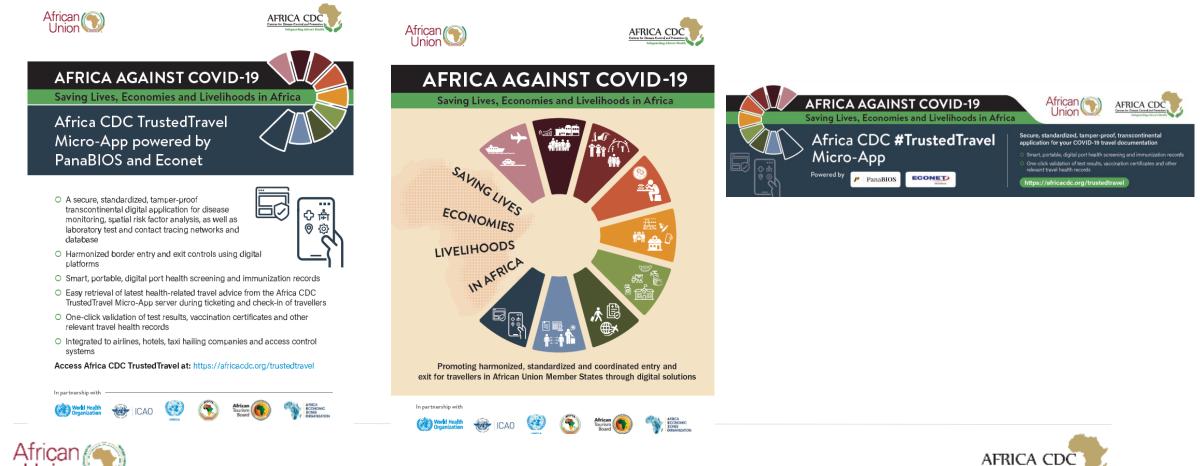
## ACT NOW, COLLECTIVELY & DECISIVELY!!!





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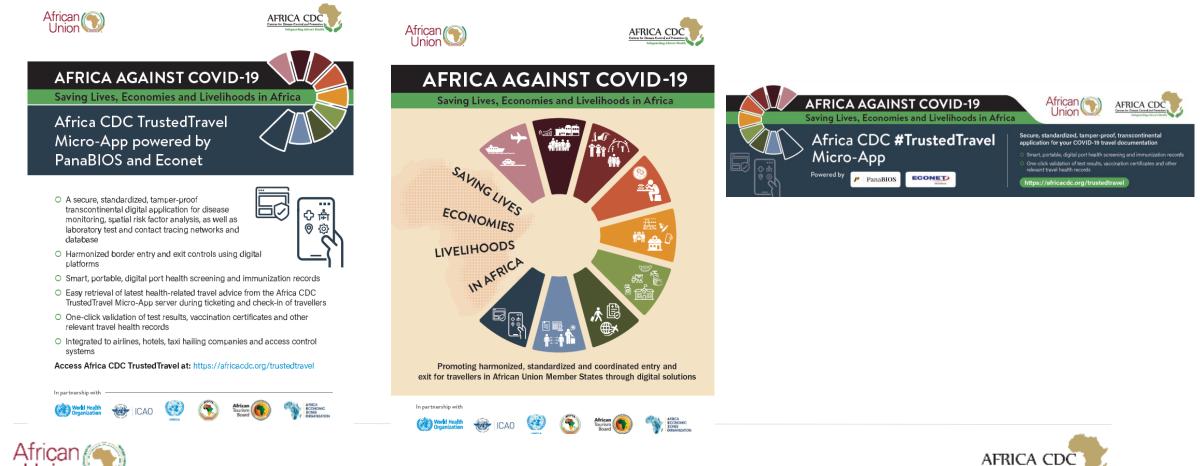




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#### Multi-Sectorial Technical Taskforce on Trusted Travel and Re-Opening of Borders

The following organizations have committed their different strengths, mandates, and functional personalities, to support the AU Member States and the African continent at large in fulfilling a trusted travel and safe re-opening of borders:



In partnership a call for action document has been published with recommendations for Action by AU Members States/ Governments

Accessible: <u>https://africacdc.org/download/call-to-action-safe-reopening-of-borders-to-save-lives-</u> economies-and-livelihoods-in-africa/





#### A Call to Action by Africa Union Member sates for Safe-reopening of borders

#### **Recommendations for Action by African Governments**

#### A. Pre-entry and exit requirements



Application of alternative measures to border closure and quarantine through a risk-based approach.



Harmonization of measures, mutual recognition and trust of information shared about travelers among the Member States (e.g. validity period of the negative SARS-CoV-2).



Consider alternative testing protocol that utilizes the rapid diagnostic antigen test (RDT) when PCR testing is not readily available or result delivery takes a long time.



States should not impose COVID-19 vaccination as a mandatory travel criterion until when:

- There is satisfactory access to the vaccine;
- · Reasonable vaccination coverage and sufficient evidence;
- Guidance on the use of the vaccine for travel is available.

B. Maintaining safe public health corridor before, during, and after travel



All States should ensure the preventive measures are observed at all times.

#### C. Compliance to multi-national treaties and set of regulations



Compliance with article 40 of the International Health Regulations (2005): States should not charge travelers for interventions meant to protect public health. The complete call for Action document can be accessed via the link: https://africacdc.org/downl oad/call-to-action-safereopening-of-borders-tosave-lives-economiesand-livelihoods-in-africa/





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