

# Africa CDC Saving Lives and Livelihoods

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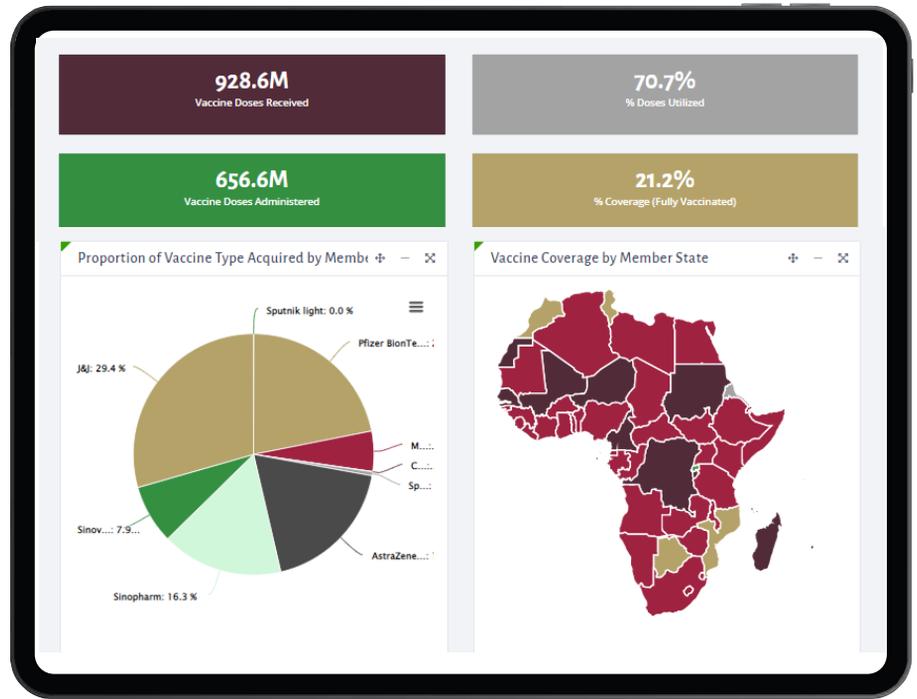
## Newsletter - August 2022

In June 2021, the Mastercard Foundation partnered with the [Africa CDC](#) to launch a \$1.5 billion initiative called [Saving Lives and Livelihoods](#). Together, we are purchasing vaccines for more than 65 million people, deploying vaccines to millions more across the continent, enabling vaccine manufacturing in Africa by developing the workforce, and strengthening the Africa CDC's capacity.



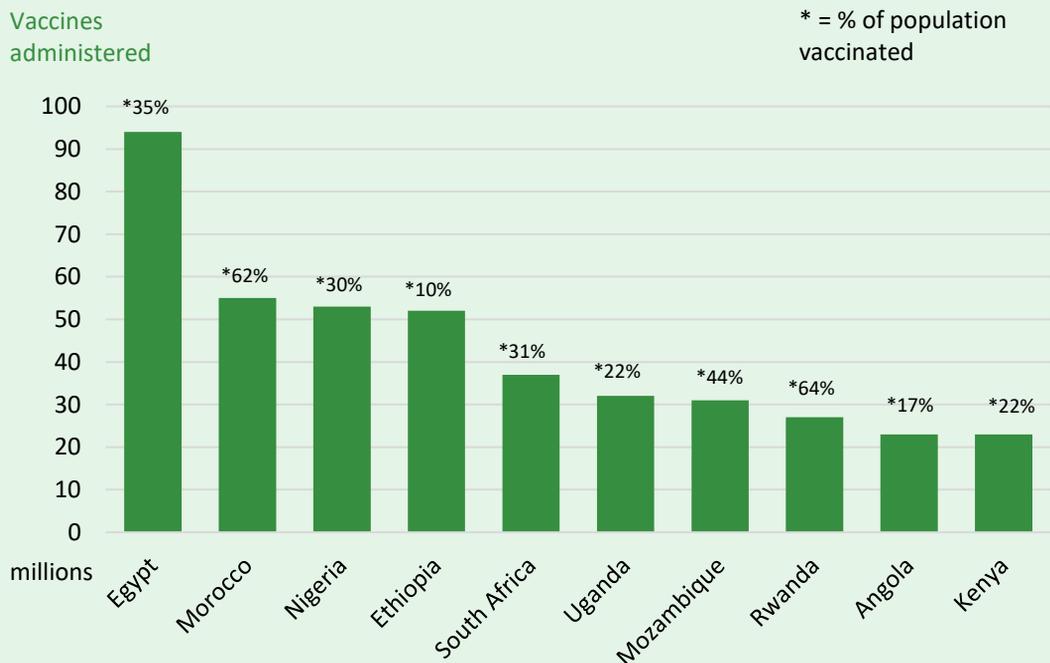
# COVID-19 in Africa: Where we are today

The following countries have surpassed the 70% vaccination target: Seychelles at 81.3%, Mauritius at 76.6% and Rwanda at 76.5%. Countries which have attained a target of between 40% and 70% include: Comoros, Lesotho, Liberia, Mozambique, Botswana, Cape Verde, Tunisia, Morocco, Sao Tome and Principe. Meanwhile, about 21.2% percent of the continent's population is fully vaccinated.



Africa has registered over 12 million COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic. Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, Morocco, South Africa, and Tunisia are among countries with the highest number of cases on the continent. [Read more](#)

The latest data from the Africa CDC indicates that the following 10 countries have administered the most vaccines so far:



Source: [Africa CDC](#) (2022) | As of 25/08/2022

## Shots in arms: Updates on Saving Lives and Livelihoods initiative



**Country Implementation Launch for Rwanda.** The in-country implementation was launched on August 8<sup>th</sup> to accelerate COVID-19 vaccination across the country.

The vaccination drive has been launched as the government plans mass vaccination for children aged between 5 and 11 years old and administration of second booster doses to people aged 60 years and above. Through the initiative, the Africa CDC and the Ministry of Health are targeting to reach more than 700,000 citizens, while strengthening the country's cold chain capacity and bolstering 21 new COVID-19 vaccination centres in the Northern, Southern, and Western parts of the country to ensure vaccine accessibility and equity. [Read more](#)

**Country Implementation Launch for Nigeria.** Through this partnership, the Federal Government of Nigeria has launched its mass vaccination campaign, 'SCALES 3.0' which will focus on Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), vaccine capacity, logistics, and vaccine surveillance to enable Nigeria to reach its COVID-19 vaccination target. The implementation of the Saving Lives and Livelihoods initiative, launched on August 8<sup>th</sup>, will synergize the efforts of the Government, Africa CDC, and other partners in increasing COVID-19 vaccine uptake. [Read more](#)



**Country Implementation Launch for Namibia.** The initiative, launched on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, will synergize efforts by the Government of Namibia, the Africa CDC, and other partners to increase COVID-19 vaccine uptake. The vaccination drive comes at a time when the country has only fully vaccinated 26% of the adult population. The initiative spearheaded by the country's Ministry of Health targets 27 new vaccination centres while strengthening 70 COVID-19 vaccination centres and vaccinating more than 500,000 within 12 months in selected sites. [Read more](#)

## Shots in arms: Updates on Saving Lives and Livelihoods initiative



**Country Implementation Launch for Lesotho.** The vaccination drive, launched on August 10<sup>th</sup>, is coming at a time when the country has only 55% of the adult population fully vaccinated. The initiative and the Ministry of Health of Lesotho are aiming to strengthen 22 COVID-19 vaccination centres and vaccinate more than 270,000 people in the next 12 months. [Read more](#)



**The AU COVID-19 Vaccination *Bingwa* Initiative.** Speaking during the COVID-19 Vaccination Scalable Models Workshop in Lagos, Nigeria, Ngwenya Prudence Nonkululeko, the acting director of the AU Commission's Women, Gender and Youth Directorate said the initiative aims to boost COVID-19 vaccination rates to 70 percent by 2023. This is a public-private, youth initiative driven by partnerships, including UNICEF, the Mastercard Foundation, GIZ, Trace TV, Meta, TikTok, and One Campaign, which is aimed at creating content to promote COVID-19 vaccination across the continent's youth. [Watch the briefing](#)



**Community Engagement in Nigeria.** The efforts are supporting the government in organizing Training of Trainers workshops in preparation for the roll out of the upcoming strategy to scale up COVID-19 vaccination in the country. [Read more](#)



**Strengthening the Africa CDC.** The Africa CDC, the first continent-wide public health agency, has launched a recruitment drive to fill various positions as it expands its capacity to oversee continental COVID-19 vaccination efforts. As of August 2022, 26 positions were yet to be filled. To view the open positions, visit [Oxford HR – AFENET – Search for a Better World](#)

## Other important developments

**Africa CDC says it is hopeful that South African pharmaceutical firm, Aspen Pharmacare (APNJ.J) will get orders for its brand of the COVID-19 vaccine.** The health agency disclosed that it is in detailed discussions with buyers to generate demand for Aspen's COVID-19 vaccine, Aspenovax. [Read more](#)



**A data-driven approach to addressing COVID-19 vaccine uptake in Africa.** According to the Africa CDC, 16 African nations have undergone at least five waves of the COVID-19 infection, as of June 2022. Improving uptake of COVID-19 vaccines is as important as ever, but it will require a deeper understanding of the barriers to, and drivers of, vaccine uptake—an understanding informed by practical, localized research. [Read more](#)



### Now is the moment to launch an African vaccine industry.

The Africa CDC has undertaken an ambitious plan, outlined in the Partnerships for African Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM) Framework for Action, to develop the nascent African vaccine manufacturing sector into an end-to-end industry by 2040. While Africa should not dismiss these valuable and long-standing partnerships, it must seize the opportunity to advance its interests and to assume leadership in this important area. [Read more](#)



**The global COVID-19 response, particularly the development of vaccines, highlighted the importance of working together to deal with the crisis.**

Learning lessons from the past and taking a multilateral approach will be key to preparing for future outbreaks and addressing global health inequities.

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**COVID-19 vaccine uptake 'rising in Africa'.** Infectious disease specialists have indicated that the uptake of COVID-19 vaccines means better protection for high-risk individuals. African governments should partner with non-governmental organizations to boost access and uptake of vaccines. [Read more](#)





**Impact of COVID-19 on Ethiopian migrants and their households in five communities of high emigration.** Given the emergence of new migratory trends by Ethiopians along the Eastern and Southern Corridor during the COVID-19 pandemic, five communities were affected by the health emergency which impacted their mobility. [Read more](#)



**Travelling to Ghana during COVID-19: What you need to know before you go.** Non-resident travellers aged 18 years and above must be fully vaccinated to enter Ghana. They no longer need to undergo any COVID-19 testing. Ghanaians and resident foreigners who are not fully vaccinated will be offered vaccination upon arrival. Alternatively, they can undergo a mandatory quarantine at a government-assigned facility for seven days at their own expense. [Read more](#)