



Ministry of Health

COVID-19 Updates

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Issues for discussion

- What is the general situation
- Where are we now
- What are we doing now
 - Operationalize new guidelines at KIA
 - Operationalize land borders
 - Vaccination Update
- What is the Outlook

What is the general impression

- Ghana is currently experiencing low numbers of recorded cases of COVID-19
- Daily reported cases less than 20
- Twelve (12) Regions do not have active cases
- No Severe or critical case nationwide
- Cases among International Arrivals seen a significant decline
- Land borders are opened
- More than 14 million COVID-19 vaccination doses administered
- Reduced vaccination uptake with reasonable vaccine hesitancy

Where are we now.....

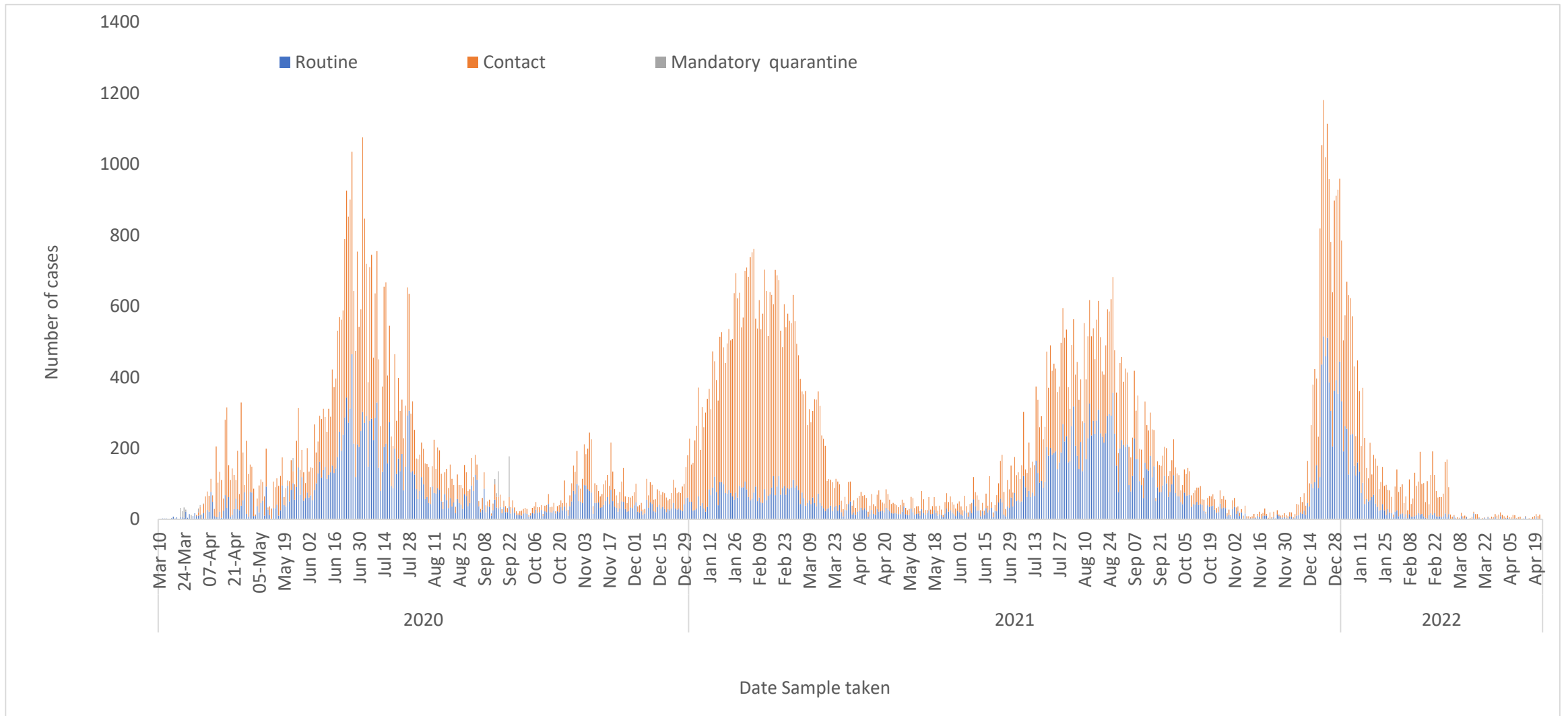
Ghana's COVID-19 situation as of the 23rd April 2022

- Total confirmed cases: **161,172**
- Total tests done: **2,435,606** (overall positivity- **6.6%**)
- Total recoveries: **159,679**
- Total deaths: **1,445**
- Active cases: **40**
- Severe cases: **0**
- Critical cases: **0**

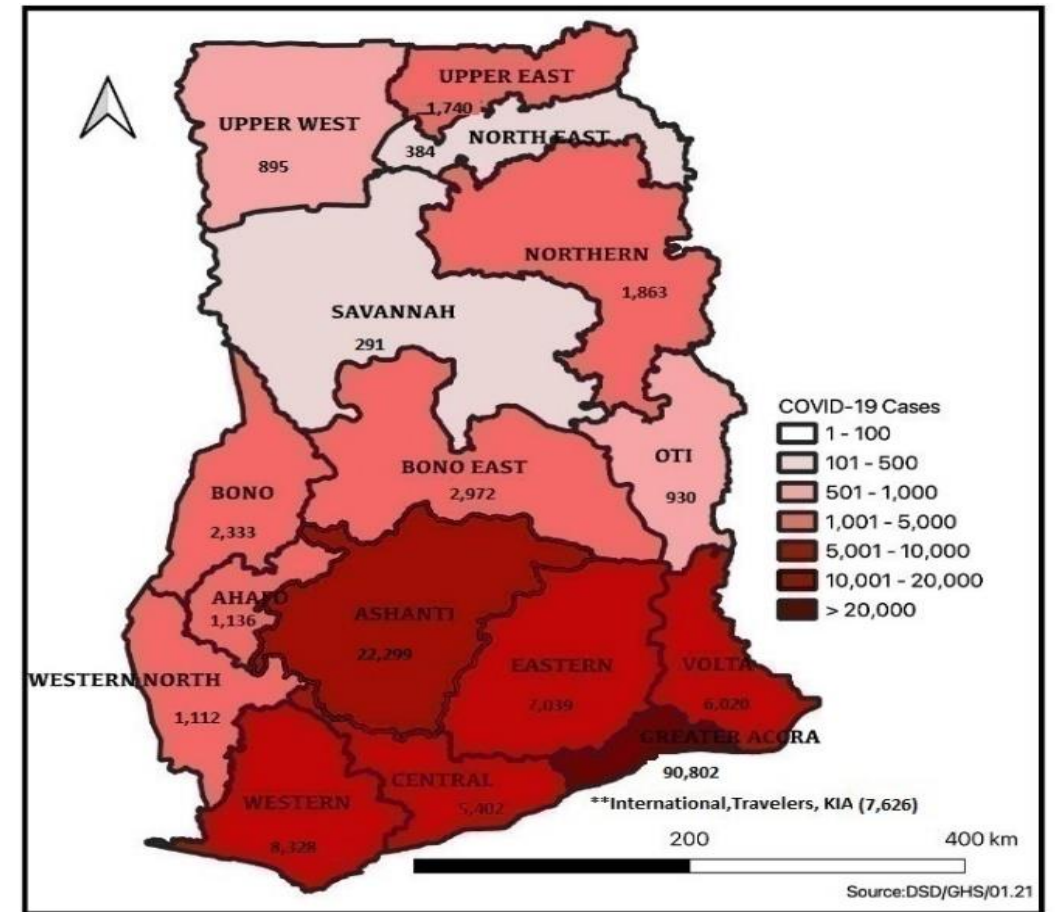
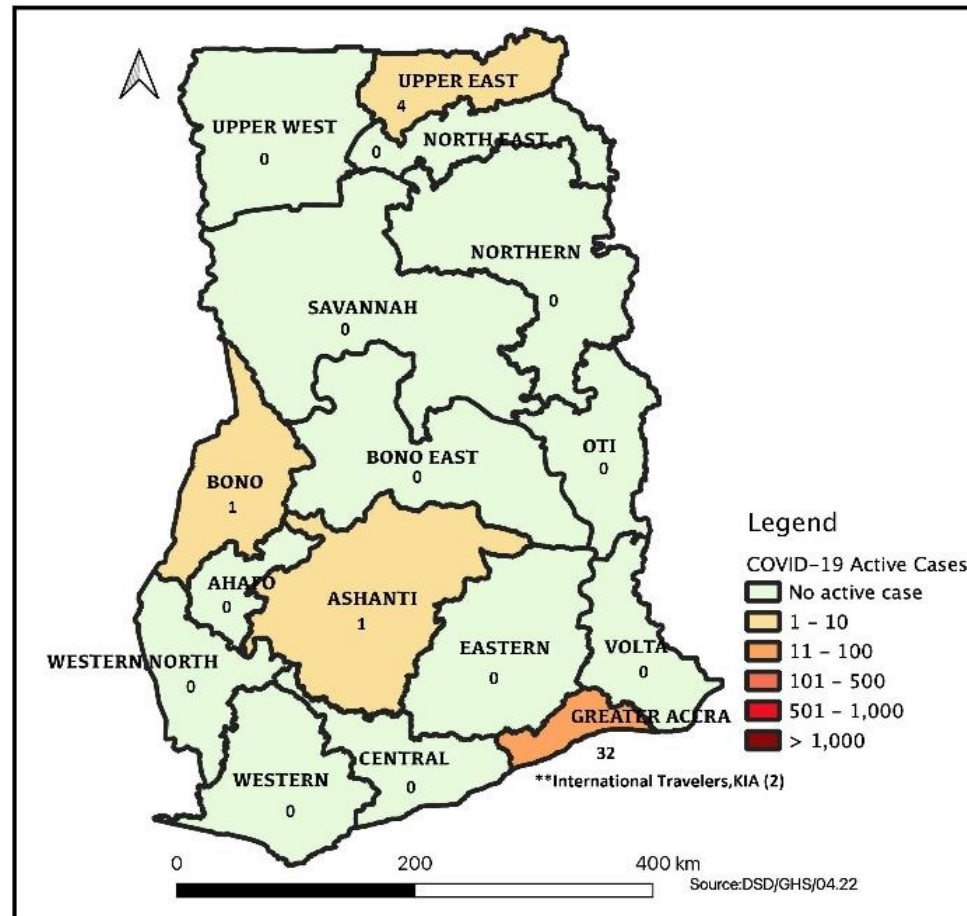
Summary Performance comparing Ghana, West Africa and Africa, March 2022

Variable	Ghana	West Africa/ECOWAS	Africa
Cumulative cases	160,925	901,124	11,323,949
Recoveries	159,409	855,233	10,635,124
Deaths	1,445	12,161	250,948
CFR	0.9	1.3	2.2
Tests	2,410,734	14,910,874	102,558,714
Tests/1000 pop	75	36	73

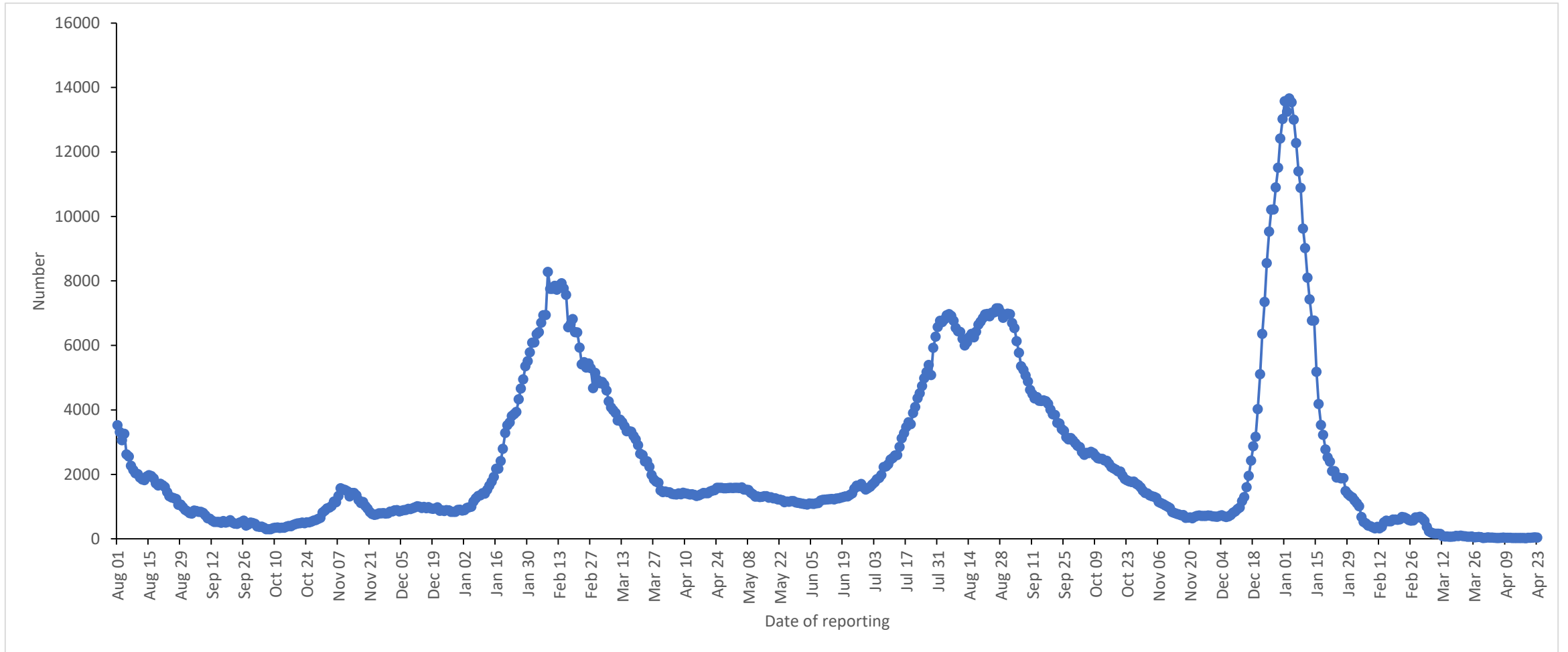
Epi Curve of COVID-19 Cases in Ghana- Daily



Active and Cumulative COVID-19 Cases by Region



Trends in Active COVID-19 Cases



COVID-19 Among International Arrivals (1 Sept 2020 to 27 Mar 2022)

- New protocols effective 28 March 2022
- Number tested: **875,998**
- Number of Positives: **7,610**
- Positivity rate: **0.87%**
- Ghanaian (**44%**) : Non-Ghanaian (**56%**)
- Male **59%**: Female **41%**

Re-opening of Land Borders

- All the borders are currently open to human traffic and trade
- Togo, Burkina Faso and Cote D'Ivoire are yet to open
- International travelers are to be screened
- Cross border relations (requirement of neighboring countries)
- Ghana's travel advisory is currently Revision 14 for the KIA

Pre-arrival Requirements

- International travelers (Ghanaian, non-Ghanaian and foreign resident) will require full vaccination status prior to departure
- The first dose of Johnson and Johnson and 2nd dose of all other approved vaccines received **prior** to embarkation are to be qualified as fully vaccinated
- Every traveler must fill the Ghana Health Declaration form here: <https://www.ghs-hdf.org>

Ghanaians and Foreign Residents

- Full vaccination status prior to travel into Ghana for persons 18 years and above
- Fully vaccinated will:
 - be exempted from pre-departure COVID-19 PCR testing from point of embarkation
 - be exempted from COVID-19 testing upon arrival
- **Partially vaccinated** or **unvaccinated** will be required to:
 - present a **NEGATIVE 48hrs PCR** test result to the airline before embarkation and upon arrival at KIA
 - undergo **COVID-19 testing** at the KIA upon arrival
 - undergo **COVID-19 vaccination** at upon arrival (airport, seaport and land)

Non-Ghanaians

- Must provide evidence of full vaccination status to the **Airline** prior to embarkation
- For land borders the traveler will be held responsible
- Transit passengers will be required to have proof of full vaccination status

Activities at the Border Post Re-opening

Screening activities

- General physical screening of travelers (temperature monitoring)
- Physical verification of COVID-19 Vaccination certificates
- Digital verification of COVID-19 vaccination certificates using the PanaBIOS platform
- Inspection of Yellow Fever vaccination certificates

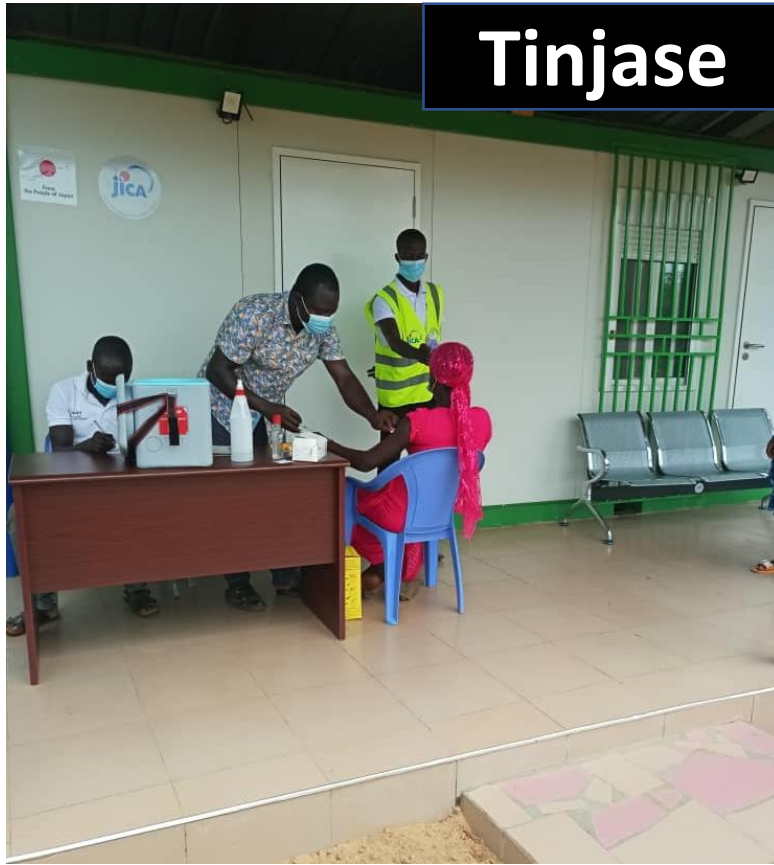
COVID-19 Vaccination at the borders and NID

- Vaccination of unvaccinated travelers who arrive at the border, mostly Ghanaians and foreign residents
- Vaccination of border residents as part of the COVID-19 ongoing NIDs
- Community health nurses have been posted to some borders to support
- Provision of logistics support for vaccination activities at the borders

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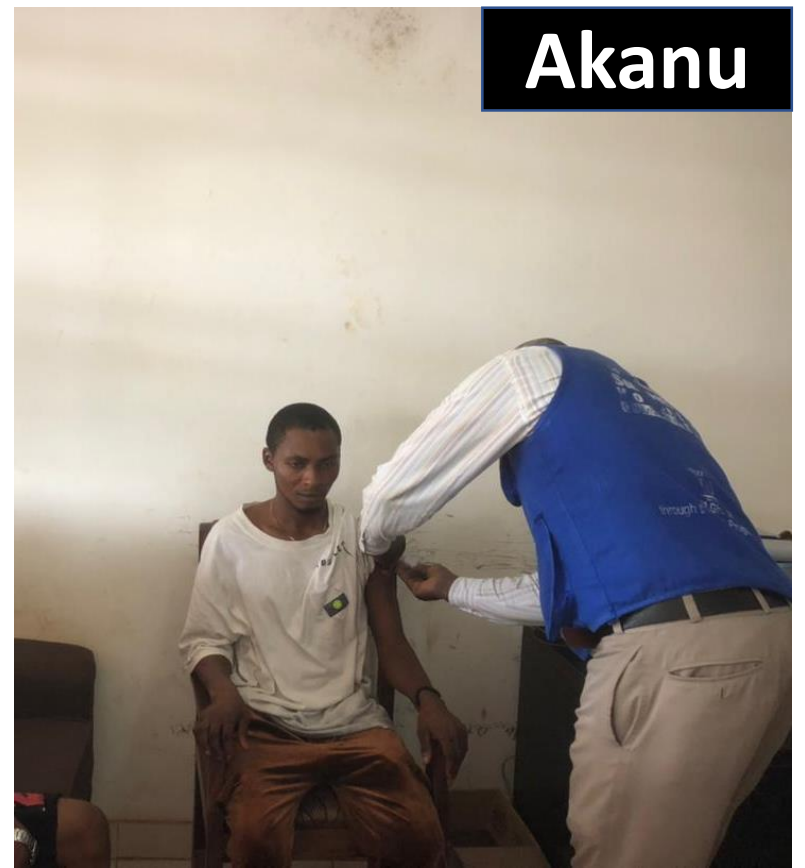
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Vaccination Picture Gallery 1/2



Vaccination Picture Gallery 2/2

Infrastructure Development – 1/3

- Construction of laboratories (Aflao, Elubo and Paga)



Artistic Impression

Infrastructure Development 2/3



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Logistics Support at the borders



Role of Travelers

- Uploading the vaccination card onto the PanaBIOS trusted travel platform a. Create an account on the AU-endorsed site: <https://trustedtravel.panabios.org> or on the UNDP-endorsed Global Haven site: www.globalhaven.org
- Fill the vaccination record (i.e., Batch number, manufacturer, vaccination date and vaccination card number)
- Upload the vaccination card.
- The system will verify your vaccine records and issue you with a code and a pass.
- Either the vaccine code or the pass is adequate for travel.

Vaccine Receipt Update

Summary of COVID-19 vaccines received in Ghana @ 26.04.2022

<i>Vaccine Brand Name_1</i>	SUM of Quantity	Prop (%)	Doses Distributed	Doses available
AstraZeneca	12,971,470	42.7%	12,971,470	0
COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen	8,788,850	28.9%	4,152,050	4,636,800
Moderna COVID-19 vaccine	1229620	4.0%	1229620	0
Pfizer-BioNTech	7,367,538	24.3%	5,368,008	1,999,530
Sputnik-V	21,000	0.1%	21,000	0
Grand Total	30,378,478	100.0%	23,742,148	6,636,330

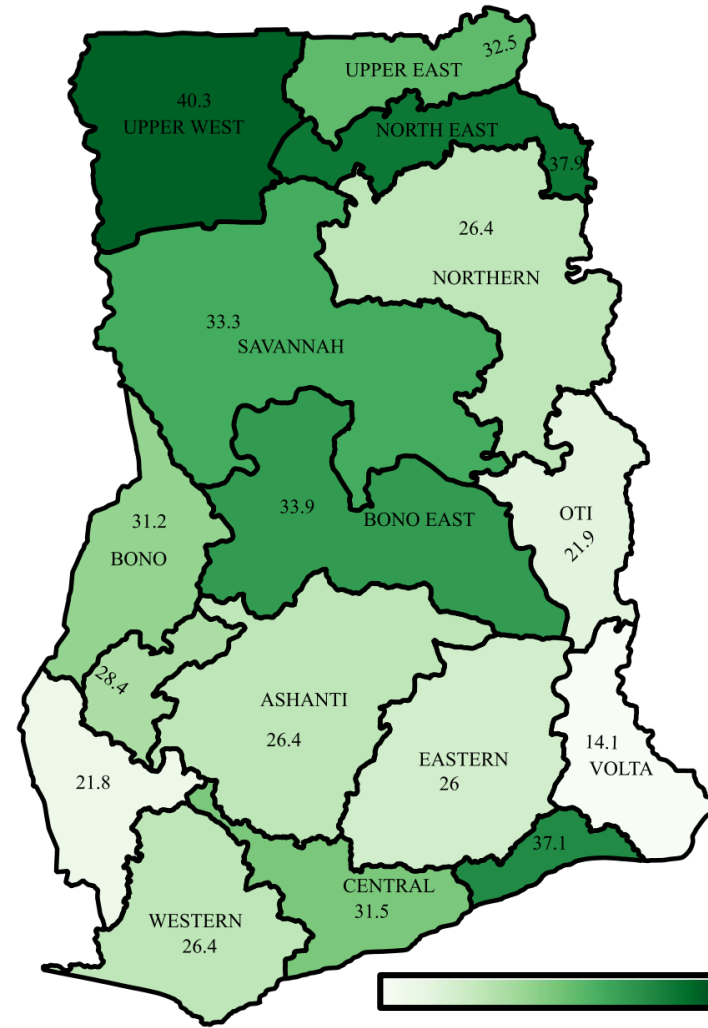
*AVATT/AU/WB includes the **314,850** donation from the **MTN**

Total doses administered to date: 25.04.2022

14,268,269

Vaccine type	Total doses
AstraZeneca	9,076,341
Sputnik-V	17,982
Moderna	1,063,397
Pfizer-BioNTech	2,667,099
COVID-19 vaccine Janssen	1,443,450
Total	14,268,269

Proportion (%) of persons FULLY vaccinated by region

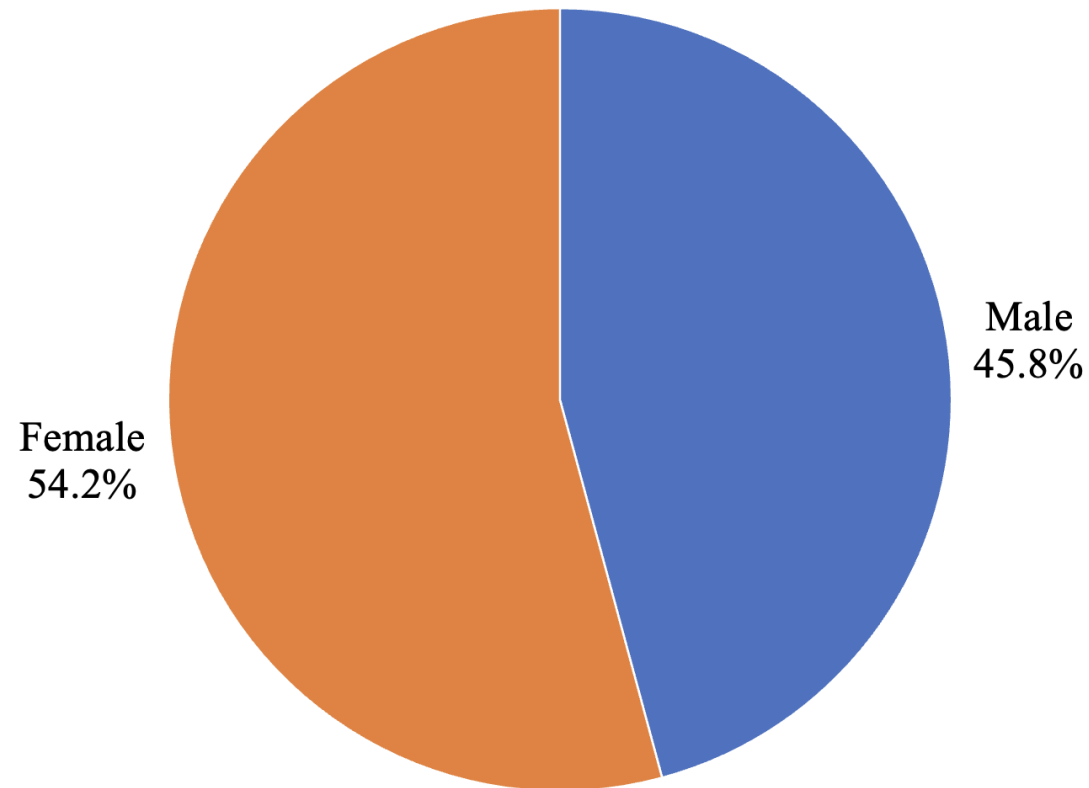


- Persons receiving at least 1 dose
 - 9,491,108 (47.5% of the 20 m)
 - 29.9% of total pop
- Persons fully vaccinated
 - 5,807,263 (29% of 20 m)
 - 18.3% of total pop
- Persons receiving 1st Booster dose
 - 360,201

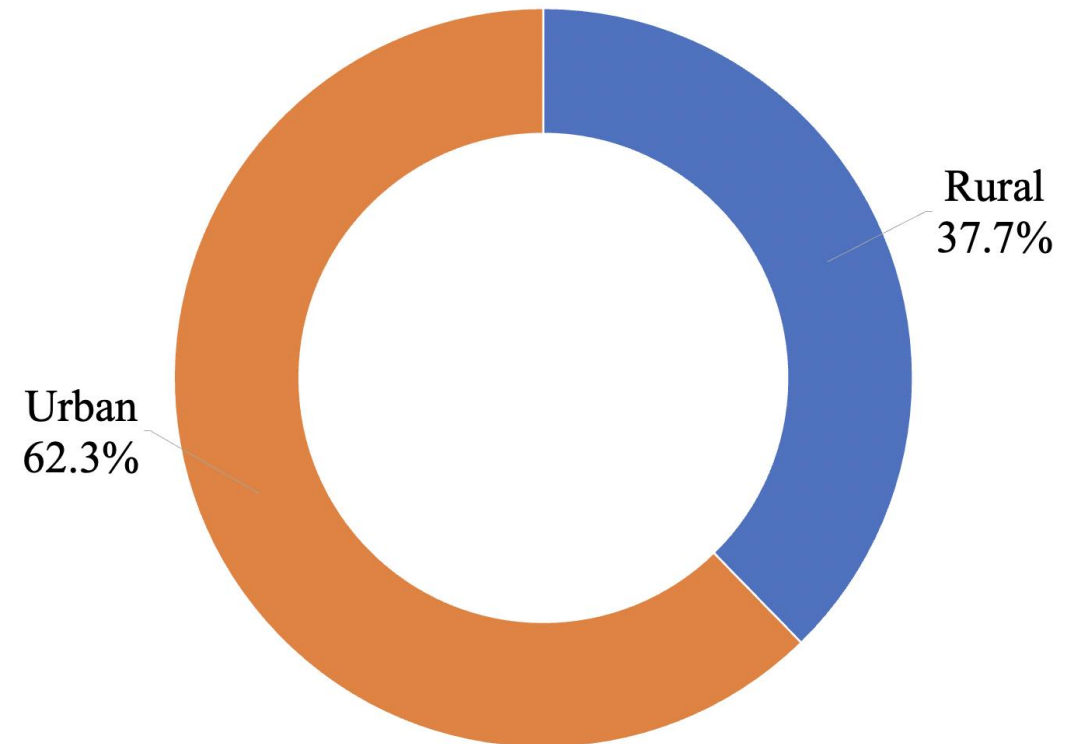
Indicators on this slide are based on initial 20 million target

Distribution of persons receiving at least one dose by Sex and area_25.04.2022

Sex distribution for persons receiving at least one dose



Locality distribution for persons receiving at least one dose



Vaccinations in Dec 2021 & Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr 2022

Vaccine type	December 2021 vaccinations	Jan 2022 vaccinations	Feb 2022 vaccinations	Mar 2022 vaccinations	April 2022 vaccinations
AstraZeneca	1,217,440	877,106	2,302,226	814,811	439,408
Sputnik-V	-	-	-	-	-
Moderna	440,958	160,214	9,875	6,488	-
Pfizer-BioNTech	1,078,092	261,264	1,145,996	525,515	313,744
COVID-19 vaccine Janssen*	230,435	355,806	697,627	283,913	206,162
Total	2,966,925	1,654,390	4,155,724	1,630,727	959,314
*Single dose					

Vaccinations in Apr 2022

Region	AstraZeneca	Moderna	Sputnik-V	Pfizer-BioNTech	COVID-19 vaccine Janssen	Total doses_ All vaccine types
Ahafo	7,029	-	-	4,301	2,036	13,366
Ashanti	33,651	-	-	-	14,974	48,625
Bono	14,859	-	-	9,376	4,031	28,266
Bono East	41,949	-	-	28,310	9,617	79,876
Central	39,026	-	-	41,807	20,909	101,742
Eastern	10,387	-	-	30,362	14,197	54,946
Greater Accra	80,983	-	-	31,970	21,048	134,001
North East	1,919	-	-	1,820	167	3,906
Northern	49,336	-	-	39,873	33,290	122,499
Oti	19,378	-	-	12,163	8,188	39,729
Savannah	13,088	-	-	15,735	15,702	44,525
Upper East	33,850	-	-	22,515	23,682	80,047
Upper West	65,133	-	-	55,245	22,862	143,240
Volta	11,442	-	-	5,219	4,364	21,025
Western	3,718	-	-	6,373	6,223	16,314
Western North	13,660	-	-	8,675	4,872	27,207
National	439,408	-	-	313,744	206,162	959,314

Updates of Vaccination in schools

(Schools on vacation now)

**15th November
2021:**
Pfizer-BioNTech
given an extension
of EUA by FDA

Region	Pfizer-BioNTech (Sch age 15-17yrs)
Ahafo	11,759
Ashanti	20,218
Bono	24,841
Bono East	26,832
Central	45,812
Eastern	56,652
Greater Accra	24,342
North East	586
Northern	19,188
Oti	8585
Savannah	16236
Upper East	26,286
Upper West	5,135
Volta	20,162
Western	17,888
Western North	15,703
National	340,225

Ranking of Regions by COVID-19 Cases and % Fully Vaccinated

Region	Number of Cases	Rank by no of cases	Fully Vaccinated	% fully vaccinated	Rank by % fully vaccinated
Greater Accra	90,802	1st	1,208,107	26.4	10th
Ashanti	22,299	2nd	1,012,971	26	13th
Western	8,328	3rd	375,111	21.8	15th
Eastern	7,039	4th	554,620	21.9	14th
Volta	6,020	5th	173,705	33.3	5th
Central	5,402	6th	532,570	33.9	4th
Bono East	2,972	7th	235,431	31.5	7th
Bono	2,333	8th	228,310	14.1	16th
Northern	1,836	9th	333,855	29.4	9th
Upper East	1,740	10th	267,924	26.4	12th
Ahafo	1,136	11th	113,600	32.5	6th
Western North	1,112	12th	130,117	40.3	1st
Oti	930	13th	103,095	37.9	2nd
Upper West	895	14th	224,877	37.1	3rd
North East	384	15th	144,621	26.4	11th
Savannah	291	16th	128,495	31.2	8th

Ranking of Regions by COVID-19 Cases and % receiving at least one dose

Region	Number of Cases	Rank by no of cases	Total vaccine doses administered	% Vaccinated	Rank by % at least one dose
Greater Accra	90,802	1st	2,729,150	54.1	2nd
Ashanti	22,299	2nd	2,837,162	51.6	4th
Western	8,328	3rd	947,479	43.9	12th
Eastern	7,039	4th	1,316,688	42.9	13th
Volta	6,020	5th	464,464	24.1	16th
Central	5,402	6th	1,185,922	49.6	7th
Bono East	2,972	7th	575,935	51	6th
Bono	2,333	8th	618,279	51.6	5th
Northern	1,836	9th	848,546	46.5	11th
Upper East	1,740	10th	631,376	47.9	9th
Ahafo	1,136	11th	284,410	46.7	10th
Western North	1,112	12th	337,113	37.8	14th
Oti	930	13th	262,752	35.4	15th
Upper West	895	14th	525,690	58.9	1st
North East	384	15th	300,051	53.9	3rd
Savannah	291	16th	293,518	49.4	8th

Improving vaccination

- NaCVaDs: February, April, May and June 2022
- Special vaccination events; School-based, religious groups, sports stadia, durbars/festivals other events with
- Enhanced advocacy drive; eg. COVID-19 Vaccination Champions, Advocacy Flame
- Continuing with regular vaccinations across all centers

Face Masks

- It is not mandatory to wear Face masks but recommended under the following locations:
 - Enclosed and congested places: E.g
 - Banking Halls
 - Aircrafts and Airport terminals
 - Schools (the least vaccinated population)

Outlook

- Various interventions have contributed to generalized reduction in cases but the **pandemic is not over!**
- Some countries are experiencing a worse form of the pandemic
- We need to maintain our focus at preventing the worse case scenario
- Vaccination remains the lowest hanging fruit to put the pandemic at bay
- We have enough vaccines! Get vaccinated if you have not.

THANK YOU