



# UGANDA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

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## UGANDA @100 CONFIRMED CASES

- 38 of the Cases are Truck Drivers
- President Museveni warns Uganda Women against complaisant behavior



### KEY HEADLINES

- National News Round up
- Demographics of confirmed cases
- Transmission Classification
- Testing for Corona virus
- Rates across the East African Community

*This Analytical Compilation is per COVID-19 national data available up to May 06, 2020*

## LOCKDOWN BEGINS TO EASE AS GOVERNMENT ALLOWS SECTIONS OF WORKERS AND BUSINESSMEN TO RETURN TO WORK



*H.E Gen (Rtd) Yoweri Kaguta Museveni,  
President of the Republic of Uganda.*

**O**n Monday May 04, 2020 H.E President Museveni addressed the country for the 13th time on COVID-19. Among other issues, in his communication, he thanked the health workers and the Ugandan public for adhering to the directives aimed at controlling the spread of the virus. The combined efforts have increasingly flattened the COVID-19 curve.

### Open Going Forward

- Wholesale shops.
- Garages.
- Metal and woodwork shops.
- Insurance providers.
- Lawyers.
- Restaurants but **ONLY** for takeaway.
- Warehouses.

### To Remain Closed

- Schools, Institutions and Universities.
- Airports and borders save for cargo clearance.
- Public and private transport. Only such cars with stickers are allowed.

#### NOTE:

- To facilitate the mobility of workers; marked buses, cycling and / or walking will be used.
- Going forward, its mandatory to wear masks in public.
- **All other directives and protective measures stay in force for another 14 days.**

## IMF MOVES IN TO SUPPORT UGANDA'S ECONOMIC STABILITY DURING THE PANDEMIC

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an organization of 189 countries that work to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade and sustainable economic growth aimed at reducing poverty levels around the world.
- Owing to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Ugandan economy, the IMF under its Rapid Credit Facility arrangement has approved USD 491.5 million assistance to the Ugandan government.
- This assistance will help in balancing the balance of payments and fiscal gaps, many arising out of the otherwise unplanned and / or immediate scaling up of health sector (and related) spending to contain the spread of COVID-19 as well as cushioning its impact on the most vulnerable sections of the population and the private sector.



## UBOS RECALLS STAFF TO WORK ON SITE TO FURTHER BOOST QUICK PRODUCTION OF OUTPUTS

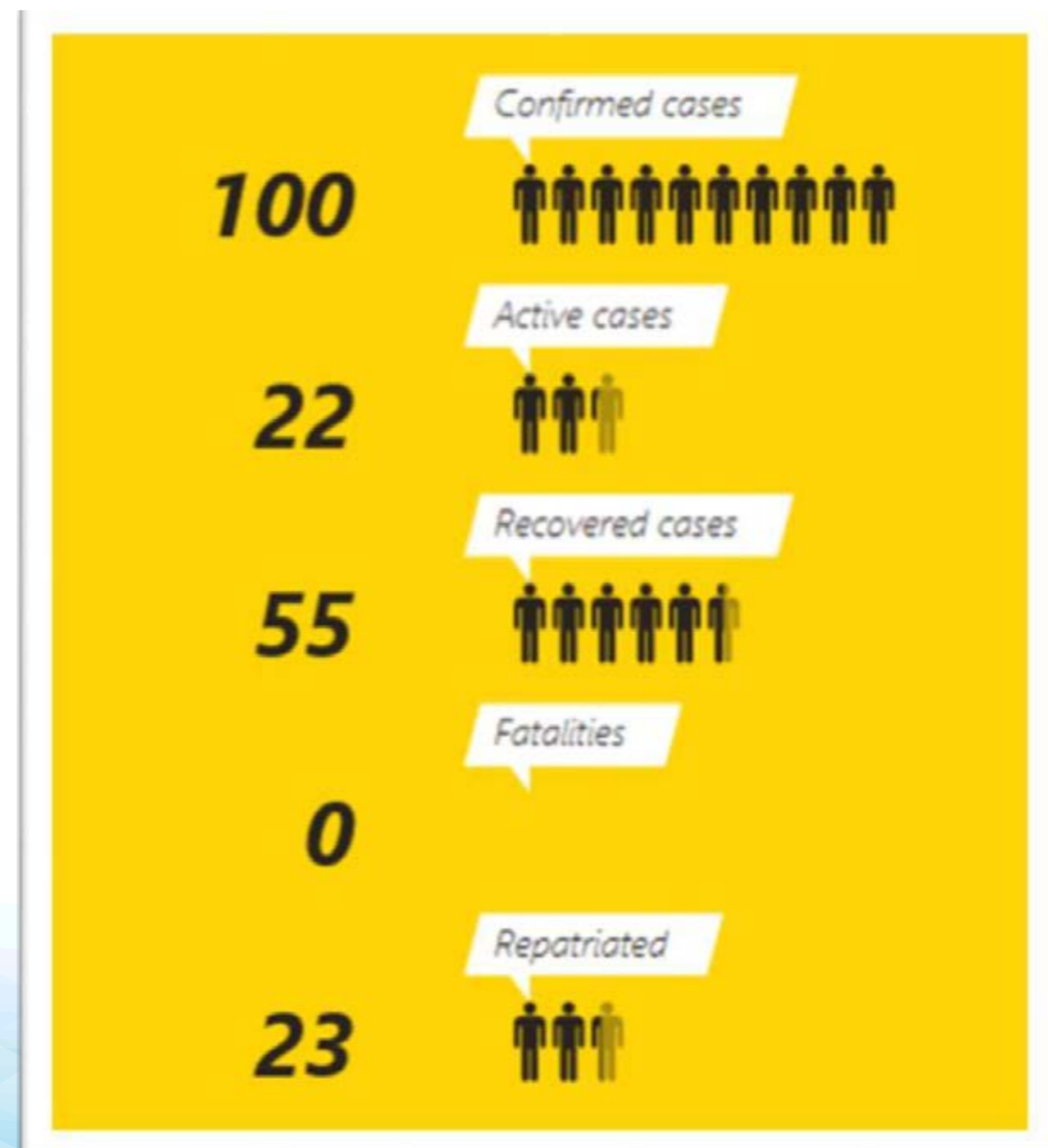
- The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect different sectors of the economy. It remains debatable how the different sectors will cope during or post the pandemic. What remains clear however, is that quality statistics remain central in shaping the decisions and / or reactions of public / private businesses.
- Different indicators remain on high demand in different sectors such as leisure and hospitality, sports and recreation, local manufacturing, public sector innovations among others.
- UBOS' importance in supporting investment decisions for effective economic recovery and sustainable development becomes even more essential during this period.
- In line with H.E President's directives, UBOS management has availed public transport for essential staff to routinely access office and work on key and other emerging deliverable statistical outputs to enable the government and the private sector make the necessary economic interventions.
- Heads of directorates and divisions shall identify key staff that will be supported to access office. The identified staff are encouraged to fully observe the health guidelines and directives from authorities while executing their duties.
- The UBOS Bus and Coaster shall operate at half capacity of passengers each during this period.
- This initiative will continue to flag UBOS' name as a leading center of excellence.



## COVID-19: THE UGANDA SITUATION

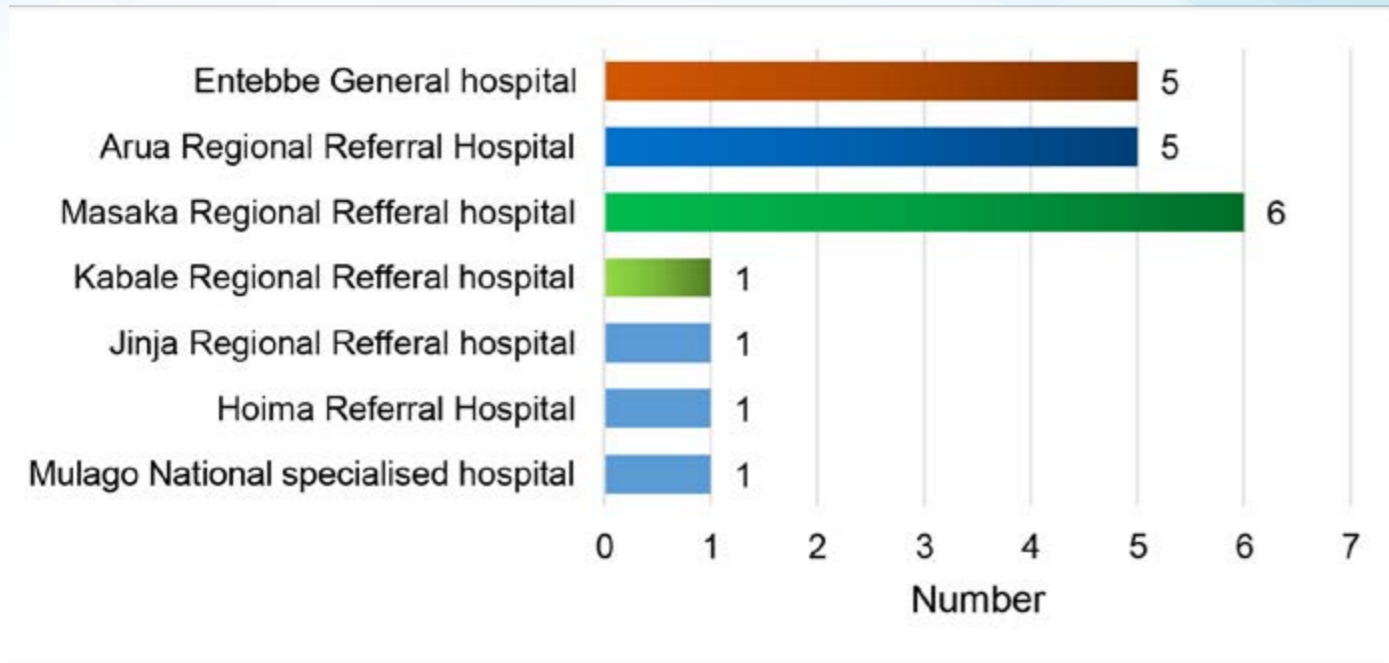
As of May 06, 2020, Uganda has 100 confirmed cases with 55 recoveries and zero death. **Figure 1** shows that out of the 100 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Uganda, 23 of these have returned / been repatriated to their respective countries of nationality. Many of these are truck drivers from Kenya and Tanzania.

**Figure 1: Distribution of Confirmed Cases**



**Figure 2** shows that Masaka regional referral Hospital has the highest number of active cases admitted compared to the other hospitals that are treating confirmed cases.

**Figure 2: Distribution of Active COVID 19 Cases**

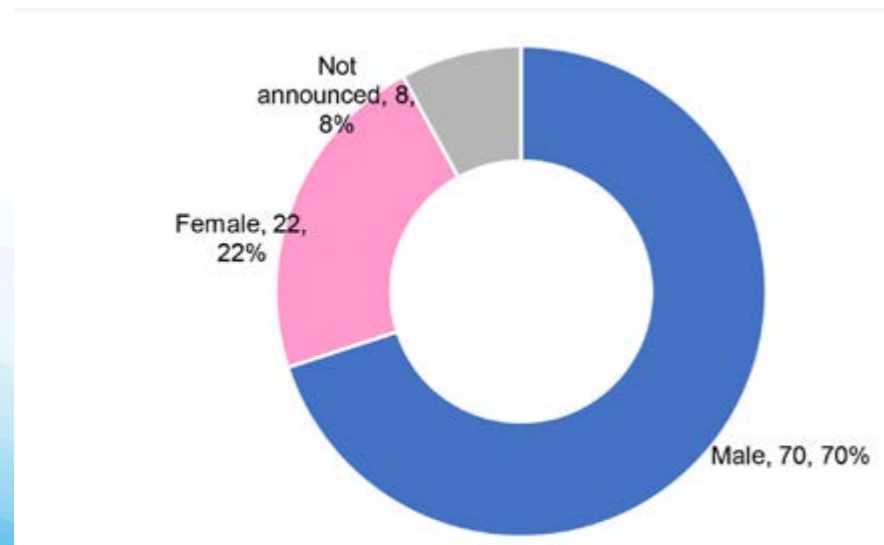


**\*\* It is unknown where the 02 confirmed cases of May 06, 2020 are and /or will be admitted.**

## DEMOGRAPHICS OF CONFIRMED CASES

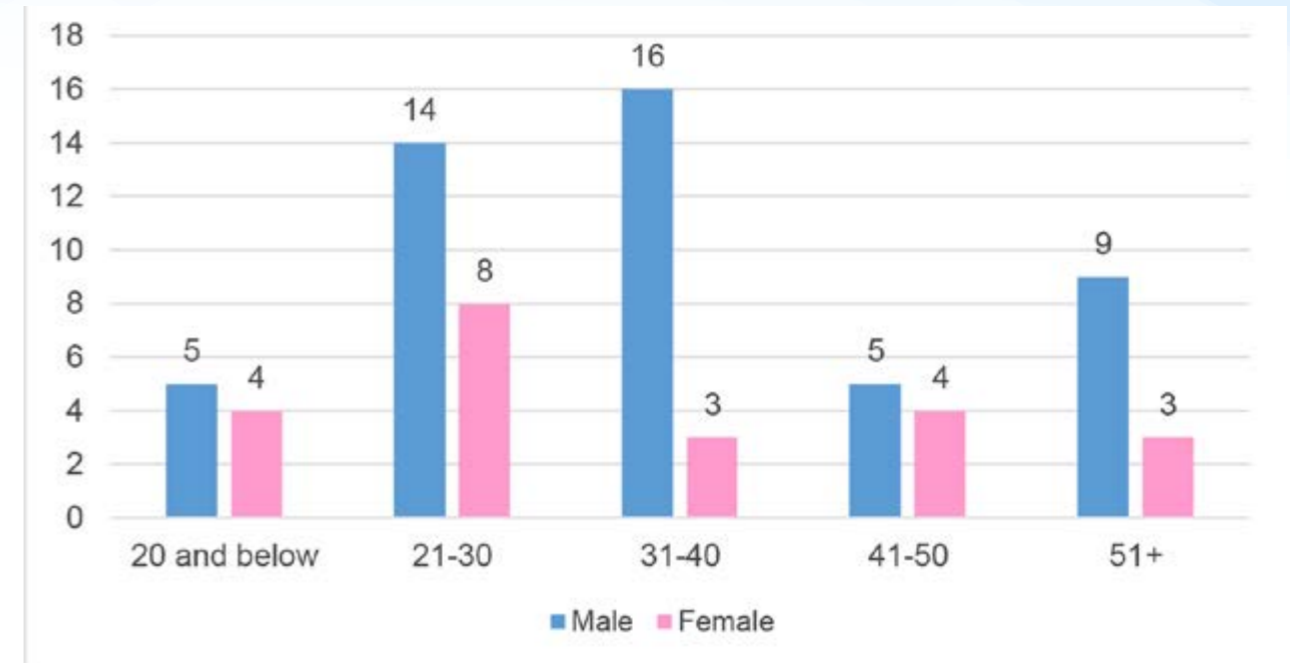
Men continue to be the majority of confirmed cases (70) constituting 70% as shown in **figure 3**.

**Figure 3: Sex distribution of COVID 19 Confirmed Cases**



The available data shows that the most affected persons are aged 21 to 40 years with slightly more males (30) than females (11) as seen in **figure 4**. Men aged above 50 years are three times more likely than women to be infected with corona virus.

**Figure 4: Number of COVID 19 confirmed cases by age and sex**



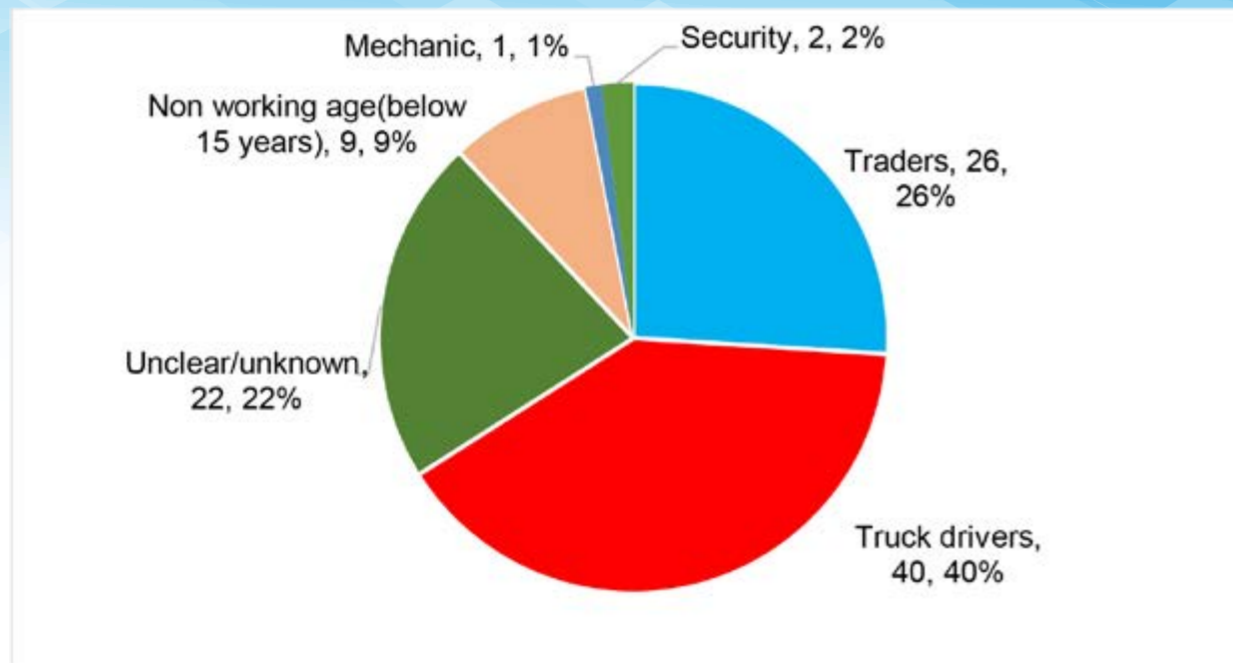
More than half of the confirmed COVID 19 cases are Ugandans (56). However, the non-Ugandans are majorly constituted of Kenyans (21) and Tanzanians (14) as seen in **figure 5**. All the Kenyan and Tanzanian cases are truck drivers.

**Figure 5: Nationality of COVID 19 confirmed cases in Uganda**



Traders make up the biggest percentage of the confirmed cases. These include truck drivers (40%) and international traders (26%) who had travelled to Dubai, China and Turkey (these are common destinations for these traders). While 9% are considered non-working because they are out of the working age bracket of 14 to 64 years, these include the Watoto children who have since recovered.

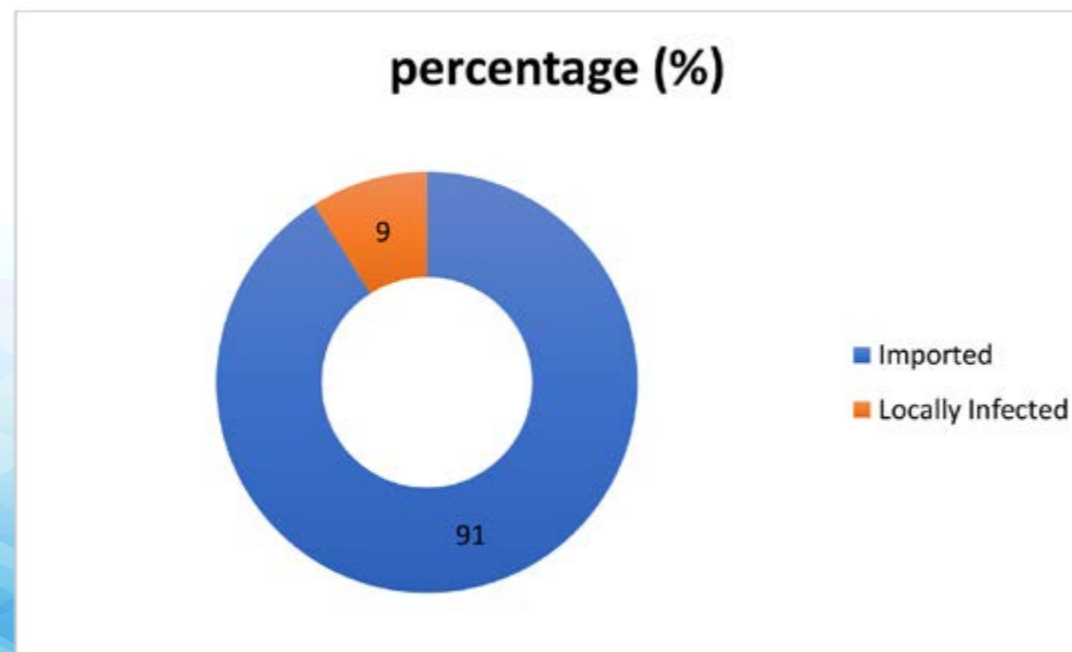
**Figure 6: Work status of COVID 19 Confirmed Cases in Uganda**



## TRANSMISSION CLASSIFICATION

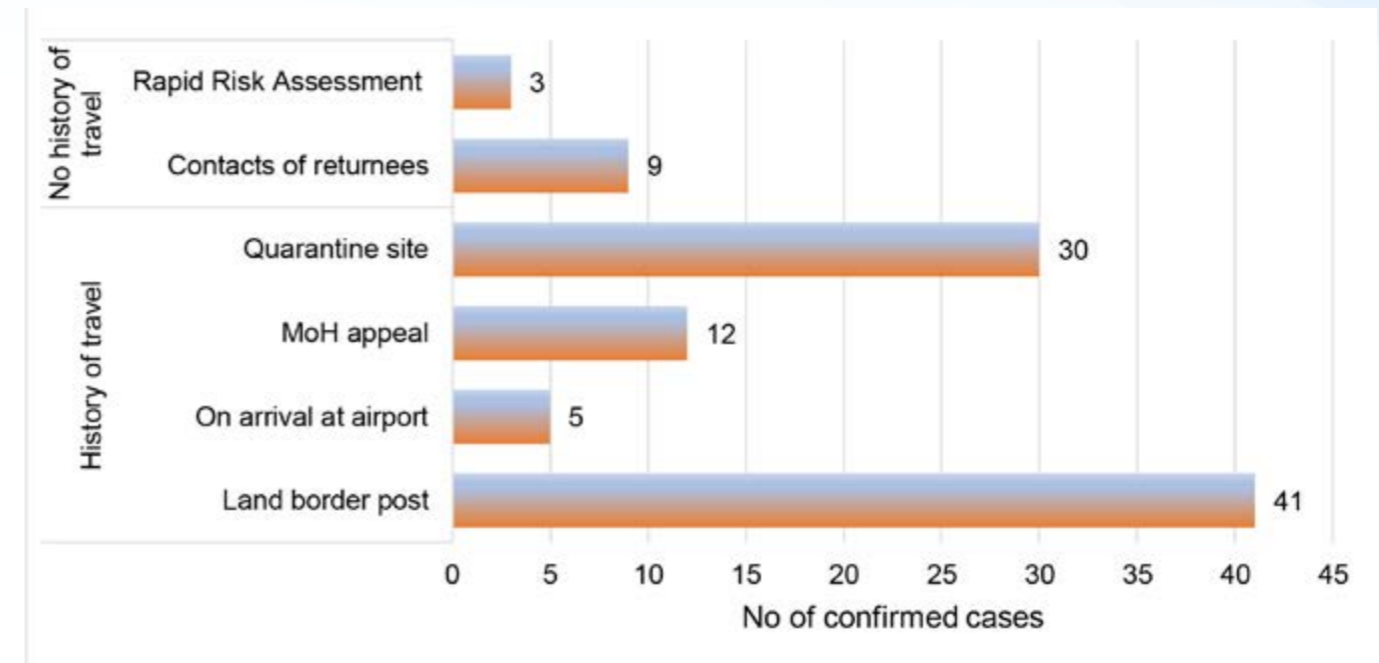
**Figure 7** shows that of the 100 confirmed cases, 91% were imported from other countries and 9% were infected from Uganda. This gives a greater justification for closing entry and exit points of the country and calls on greater vigilance to adhere to control measures and / or directives from authorities to avoid further spread of the virus.

**Figure 7: Distribution of COVID 19 Confirmed Cases by chain of Transmission**



Travelling involves mixing with a lot of people and has shown to be the source of the majority of confirmed cases in Uganda. **Figure 8** shows that entry to Uganda through the land borders is the greatest contributor because of the cargo truck drivers that are permitted to move into Uganda.

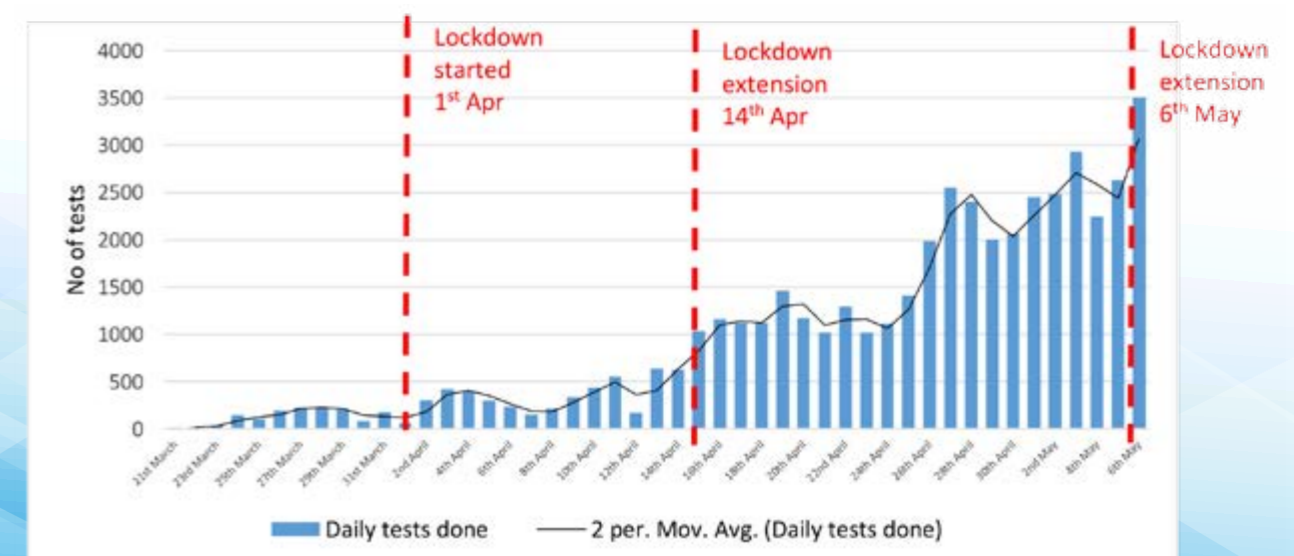
**Figure 8: Number of Confirmed Cases by point of Tracking**



## TESTING FOR CORONA VIRUS

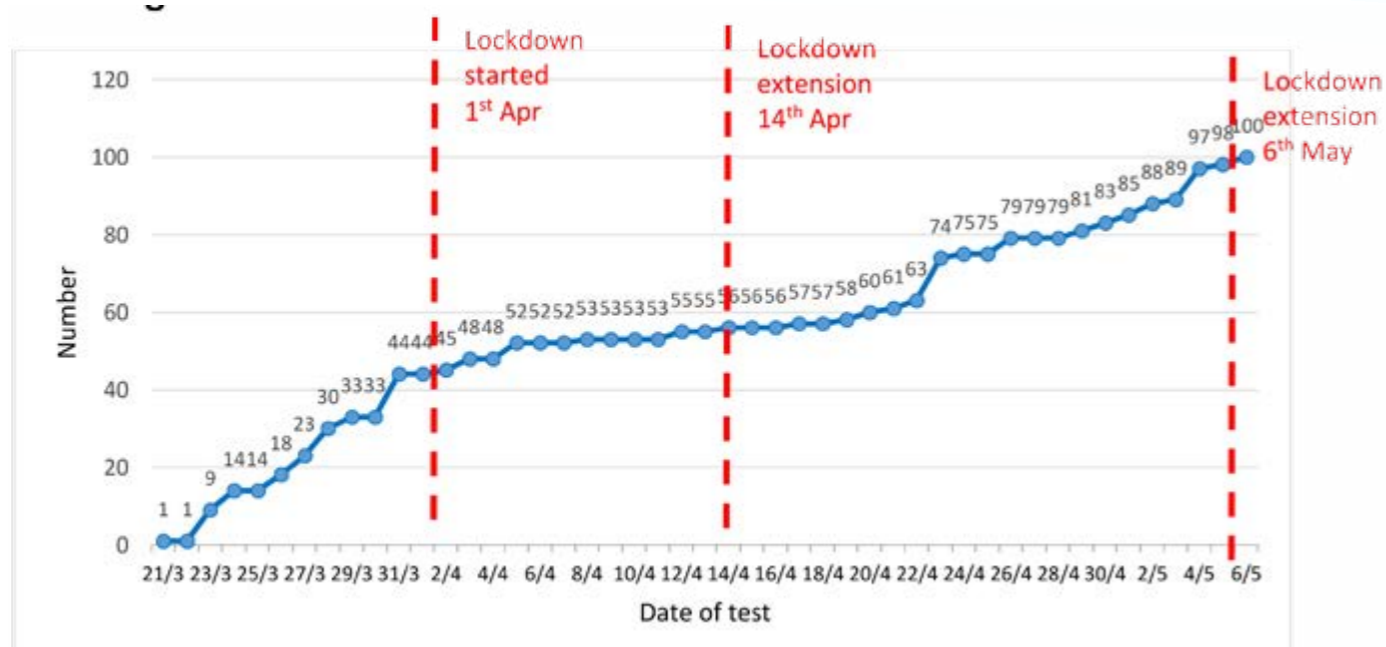
**Figure 9** shows that daily number of tests for corona virus that causes COVID 19 has increased gradually from 11 cases on March 21, 2020 to 3,509 cases on May 06, 2020

**Figure 9: Number of tests done daily**



**Figure 10** shows that the cumulative curve of confirmed cases was on a steep raise before the lockdown and thereafter it started flattening. After the extension of the lockdown, it has continued to rise to 100 from 55 cases. The increase can be attributed due to the increased testing of truck drivers at border posts where a number of the tests have since turned out positive.

**Figure 10: Trend of cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases**

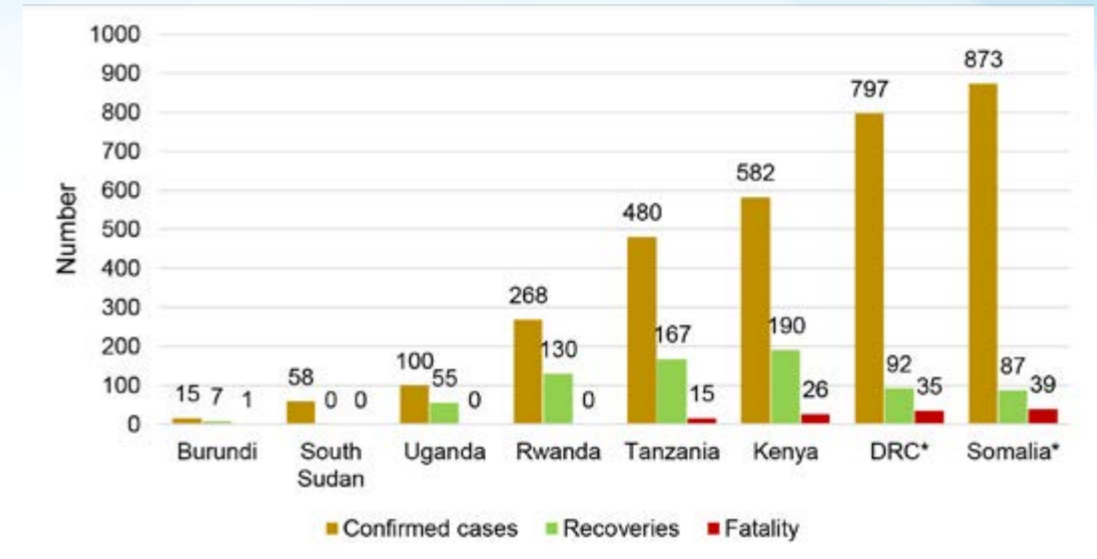


## RATES ACROSS THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

According to the corona virus worldo-meter as of May 06, 2020, within the EAC member states, Kenya ranks highest (582) followed by Tanzania (480) with the highest number of confirmed cases. On the other hand, Kenya has the highest number of recoveries (190) followed by Tanzania (167). Uganda however, has the highest rate of recovery (55 out of 75 treated in Uganda making 73%). The DRC and Somalia, which are close to East Africa, continue to record a high number of COVID 19 cases. These should be a concern given the porous nature of borders across the region. Tanzania has not reported any

statistics to the global tracker for more than a week having raised concern over the authenticity of the testing protocols in the country.

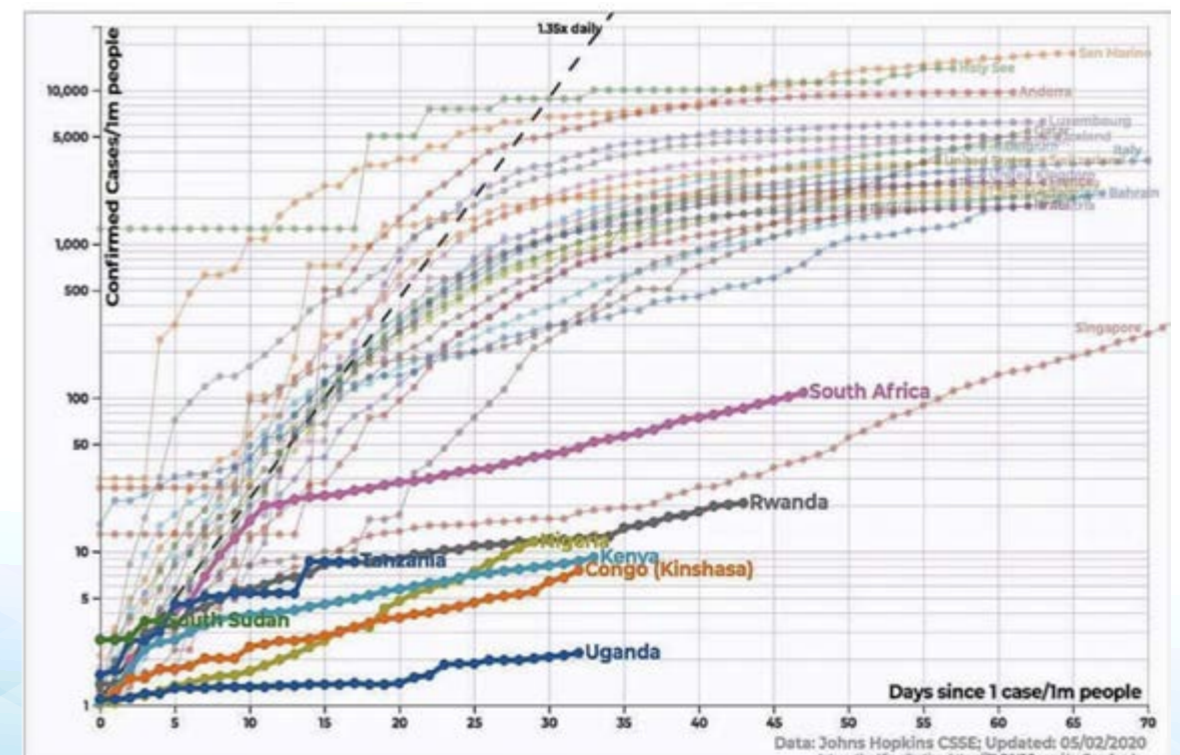
**Figure 11: Comparison across the EAC Countries**



*\*Countries neighboring East Africa but not in the EAC*

Uganda's COVID-19 curve is not as alarming compared to other countries as seen in figure 12.

**Figure 12: COVID-19 Cases by Country, normalized by Country Population**



## BOOST YOUR IMMUNITY AGAINST COVID-19 THROUGH ORGANIC NUTRITION



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