

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH



COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT: NO. 27  
From 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

1. Key highlights

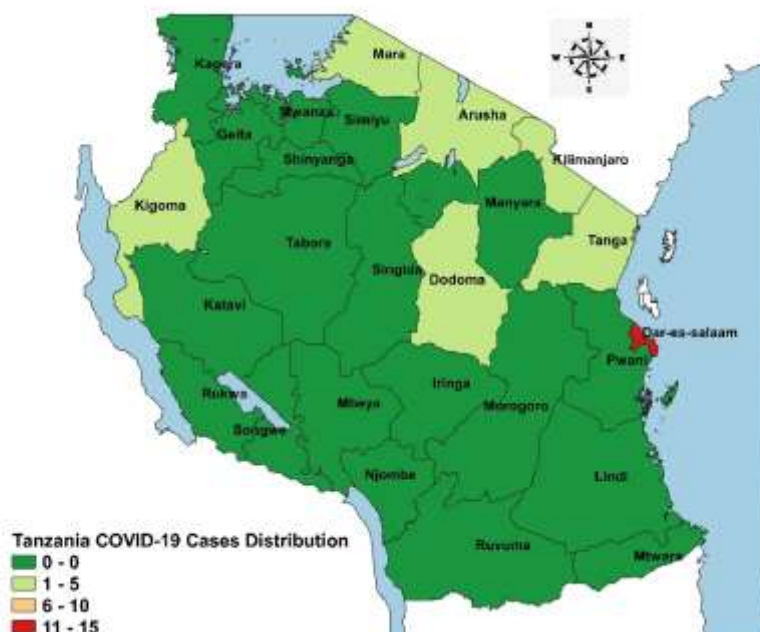
Highlight 1: COVID-19 Cases, Deaths and Laboratory Testing

- Cumulative total of **33,797 confirmed cases** and **800 deaths (CFR 2.4%)** reported since March 2020
- Cumulative total of **484,354** Laboratory tests (RT PCR) performed, with a **7% Positivity Rate**
- Total of **5,321** new laboratory tests (RT PCR) performed during the week with a positivity rate of **0.5%**
- **Less new confirmed cases (24)** were reported during the week, compared to those reported in the previous week (**47 new cases**), showing a **48.9% decrease**
- **No new death** was reported during the week.
- **No new cases or deaths** were reported among healthcare workers during the week
- Cumulative total of **3,351** confirmed cases among healthcare workers

Highlight 2: COVID-19 Vaccination Status

- Cumulative total of **2,955,650** people fully vaccinated to-date

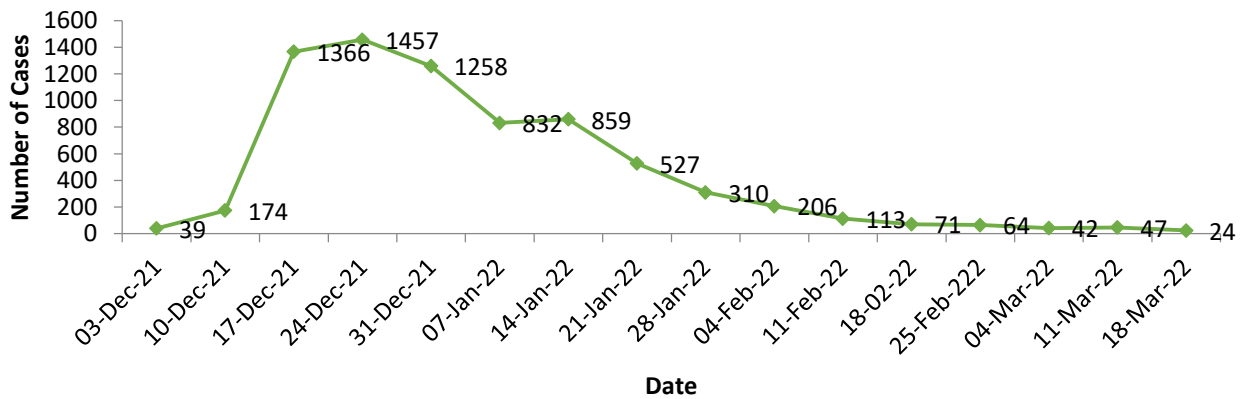
Highlight 3: Geographical Distribution of COVID-19 Cases from 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Tanzania Mainland



## 2. Epidemiology and Surveillance

A. Cases, Deaths, and Alerts	
New confirmed cases during the week	24
Cumulative confirmed cases	33,797
New deaths during the week	0
Cumulative deaths	800
Number of alerts validated during the week	6

### Weekly trend of COVID-19 Confirmed Cases



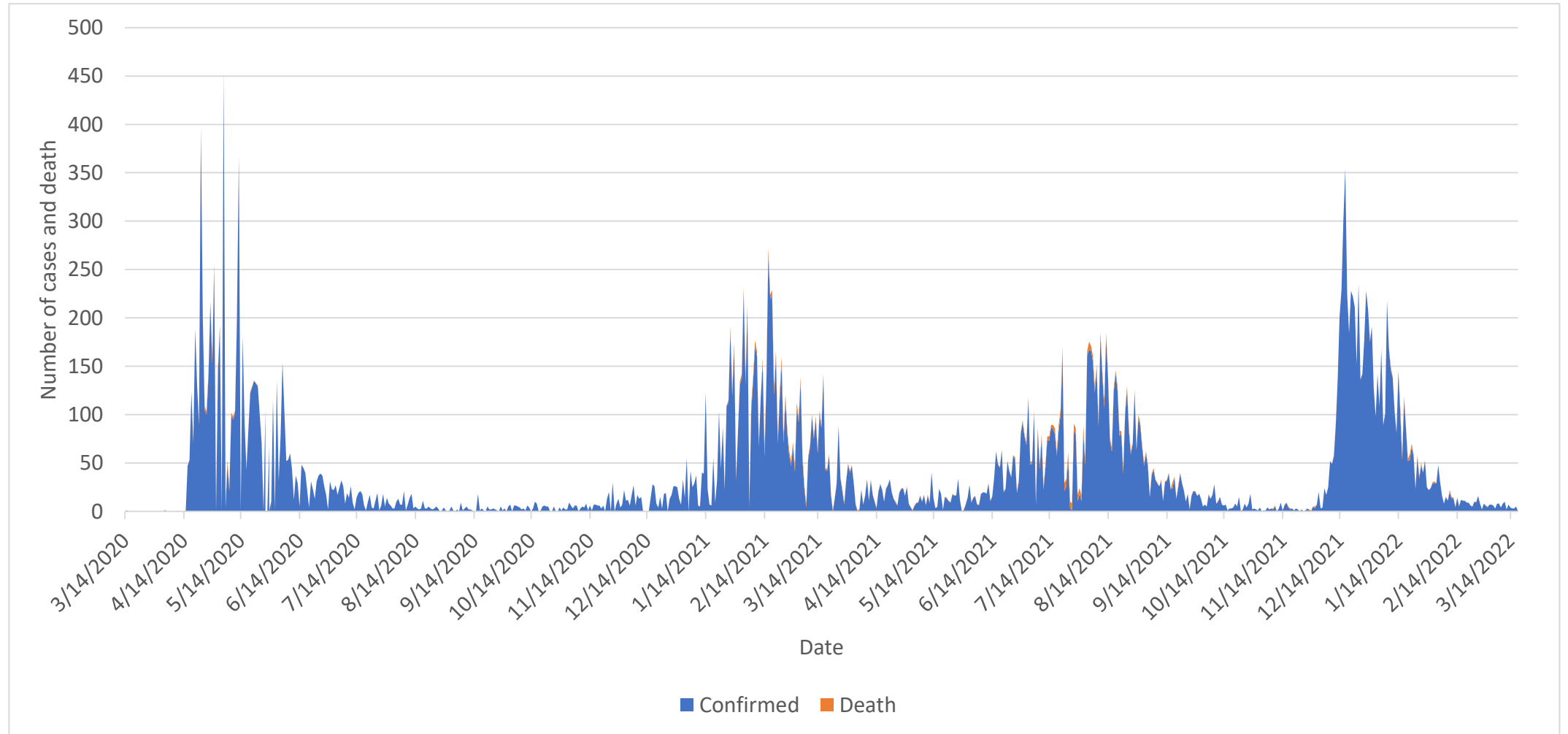
- A downward trend of the number of new confirmed cases has been observed from the end of December 2021. In the current week, there was a decrease in the number of new confirmed cases reported, by 48.9% from the previous week.

**Table 1. Daily reporting of cases and deaths during the week**

Date of reporting	Confirmed cases	Confirmed COVID-19 deaths
12-Mar-22	2	0
13-Mar-22	7	0
14-Mar-22	4	0
15-Mar-22	3	0
16-Mar-22	3	0
17-Mar-22	5	0
18-Mar-22	0	0

## COVID-19 Epidemiological situation

Figure 2: COVID – 19 Confirmed Cases and Deaths, From 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Tanzania Mainland



<b>B. Laboratory Testing</b>	
Total number of new tests performed (RT PCR)	5,321
New tests performed for exiting travellers (RT PCR)	5,235
Cumulative number of tests (RT PCR)	484,354
New screening tests were performed for arriving travellers at PoE (RDT)	7,517

<b>C. Bed occupancy on 18 March 2022</b>	
Total COVID-19 beds	4,361
Number of COVID-19 beds occupied at the end of the day	6
Total ICU beds	237
Number of ICU beds occupied at the end of the day	0

<b>D. Vaccination</b>	
New People vaccinated during the week 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose (Sinopharm)	49,545
New People vaccinated during the week 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose (Sinopharm)	43,027
Cumulative number of people vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of Sinopharm	1,529,980
Cumulative number of people vaccinated with 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of Sinopharm	1,067,092
New people vaccinated with Janssen during the week	44,767
Cumulative number of people vaccinated with Janssen (JJ)	1,346,698
New people vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of Pfizer	64,768
New people vaccinated with 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of Pfizer	51,349
Cumulative number of people vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of Pfizer	679,306
Cumulative number of people vaccinated with 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of Pfizer	394,474
New people vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of Moderna	13,002
New people vaccinated with 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of Moderna	14,376
Cumulative number of people vaccinated with 1st dose of Modena	127,743
Cumulative number of people vaccinated with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose of Moderna1	45,317
Cumulative number of people fully vaccinated in the URT	2,955,650

## **Key interventions**

### **Surveillance**

- Continued with follow-up of daily submission of COVID-19 line-lists from regions.
- Conducted piloting of the COVID-19 Digital Tool in Dodoma Region in 25 health facilities.
- Conducted a session with Regional Medical Officers to orient them on IHR 2005 and the Public Health Act. Challenges of daily reporting of COVID-19 data and line list sharing were also addressed.
- Front Line Field Epidemiology training aiming at strengthening surveillance was done to health care workers from Katavi and Rukwa regions.

### **Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)**

- Continued community-based initiatives countrywide through community outreach programs which are being implemented engaging vaccinators, Community Health Workers and other community influencers to promote and enable community uptake of COVID-19 vaccines. Currently, these initiatives are enhanced in 16 regions through USAID and CDC support.
- Continued with preparation to conduct advocacy meeting with regional high-level leaders including Regional Commissioners for enhancing efforts to promote community uptake of COVID-19 vaccines countrywide.
- Continued implementation of a strategy to reach out to places of work and Institutions to provide opportunity for workers and employees to receive COVID-19 health education and COVID-19 vaccines services to those who consent while at their places of work.

### **Vaccination**

- Training on backload data entry to Regional Immunization and vaccination Officer.
- Strengthened country preparedness and readiness following Polio outbreak in Malawi to avoid risk of importation of wild polio virus (WPV 1) in the country by involving different stakeholders within and outside the country who conduct surveillance of vaccine preventable diseases.

### **Points of Entry**

- Screening of travelers at Points of Entry was done. A total of 130,060 travelers were screened, of whom 29,024 (22.3%) were international travelers, 89,035 (68.5%) domestic and 12,001 (9.2%) were crew members. Out of the travelers, 7,517 (5.8%) were screened for COVID 19 using a rapid antigen test.

- Verification of COVID 19 certificates was performed to overcome the challenge of counterfeit certificates. A total of 18,061 certificates were verified at Julius Nyerere International Airport.

### **Logistics**

- Registration of health care workers on electronic COVID PORTAL system was done, for reporting on the availability of covid-19 health commodities.
- Updating users and facility information about the Covid portal system and its application
- Received and analyzed reports on the availability of COVID-19 health commodities from registered health facilities on COVID PORTAL
- Followed-up on the number of registered health facilities that reports on the COVID PORTAL.
- Prepared the distribution list of various health commodities donated. The list has been circulated to stake holders including case management pillar for inputs before being submitted to MSD.
- Facilitated training on ventilators installation and maintenance to 83 health workers from 30 health facilities and 23 regions

### **Continuation of Essential Health Services**

- Inception meeting was conducted between MOH, WHO and UDSM Consultants on the Assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on essential health services.
- The councils to be assessed are Mafia, Temeke, Ilala, Morogoro Mc, Kasulu DC, Ukerewe, Ilemela, Tabora MC, Kaliua, Songea MC, Tunduru, Nanyumbu, Mtwara DC, Tanga CC, Mkinga, Korogwe DC, Moshi MC, Rombo, Arusha CC, Longido, Mbeya MC and Tunduma TC. Amana, Temeke, Morogoro, Bombo, Sekotoure, Kitete, Mawenzi and Mt. Meru Regional Referral Hospitals will also be involved on this assessment. Mbeya Zonal Referral Hospital will also be involved in exercise.

## Distribution of cases and deaths by region

**Table 1: COVID-19 Confirmed Cases and Deaths by Region, 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Tanzania Mainland**

S/N	REGION	NEW CONFIRMED CASES	NEW DEATHS
1	Arusha	1	0
2	Dar Es Salaam	14	0
3	Dodoma	1	0
4	Geita	0	0
5	Iringa	0	0
6	Kagera	0	0
7	Katavi	0	0
8	Kigoma	4	0
9	Kilimanjaro	1	0
10	Lindi	0	0
11	Manyara	0	0
12	Mara	2	0
13	Mbeya	0	0
14	Morogoro	0	0
15	Mtwara	0	0
16	Mwanza	0	0
17	Njombe	0	0
18	Pwani	0	0
19	Rukwa	0	0
20	Ruvuma	0	0
21	Shinyanga	0	0
22	Simiyu	0	0
23	Singida	0	0
24	Songwe	0	0
25	Tabora	0	0
26	Tanga	1	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>