

GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS (GMP) COVID UPDATE¹ 43 APRIL 28 2021

These updates incorporate all nations where GMP programs (COCOA, ICP and IMA) operate. GMP programs operate independently of one another, and adhere to their own processes and practices in line with the relevant oversight bodies.

Brackets indicate figures from (21/4).

Green = No cases, or situation under control.

Yellow = Cases growing or stable but well monitored, or cases potentially getting out of hand and a serious situation is likely to occur.

Red = Situation out of control and/or official figures cannot be trusted.

Global cases sit at 149.2m and fatalities at 3.14m.

Given the rise in daily cases, we have reverted to a weekly update as the global situation is changing rapidly. Obviously, what we have been reporting with some concern in India has made it into the mainstream media over the last few days. With Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata all experiencing major outbreaks, the official stats in India are being underplayed. Thailand, Brazil, Turkey, Japan and France continue to cause concern. On a positive note, the US and UK have reduced their cases significantly from their peaks.

Partner	Cases Total/Day	Deaths Total/Day	Ranking ²	Status	Commentary
India	17,988,637/362,902	201,165/3,285	4	Critical	The past day saw records in both cases and fatalities. Over 2m people contracted the virus in India in the past week. Delhi is in lockdown until May 3. Other states have imposed varying restrictions. Crematoriums and health facilities are overrun.
Indonesia	1,651,794/4,656	44,939/168	17	Concerning	The past week has been stable in terms of daily cases. But with low testing, little government intervention & underreporting, the figures are misleading. Restrictions have been placed on religious festivals.
Philippines	1,013,618/7,204	16,916/63	30	Concerning	The Philippines went past 1m cases. Cases are slowly falling but are still high. Talks re extending the Manila lockdown are in process.
Bangladesh	751,659/3,031	11,228/78	37	Stabilising	The lockdown has been extended another week. This is having a positive impact on cases, but exposes the poor to economic stress.
Zimbabwe	38,164/62	1,565/5	88	Stable	Active cases stabilised (1,100). Only 2.4% of Zimbabweans have been fully vaccinated, meaning it is vulnerable to another outbreak.

¹ Obviously, these numbers change rapidly. This is current as of 11am on 28/4/21, according to <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

² This number indicates – in terms of fatalities – where a nation is ranked of the 221 nations/territories/international conveyances that recorded cases of COVID-19.

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Australia	29,718/23	910/-	99	Controlled	Flights to Australia from India have been stopped until May 15. The Perth/Peel regions experienced a three-day lockdown, and this seems to be the response until vaccinations become widespread.
Thailand	59,687/2,179	163/15	139	Critical	Active cases are at 26,000 and there has been a significant jump in daily cases and fatalities. Bangkok and 40 other areas have made mask-wearing compulsory, and venues have been shut down such as gyms and nightclubs. The vaccine rollout has been slow.
South Sudan	10,538/-	114/-	151	Stable	Reporting on COVID figures is sporadic, and therefore unreliable. Only 700,000 vaccines are planned to be available by July.
Papua New Guinea	10,835/166	105/3	157	Critical	There are still over 2,000 active cases in PNG. Reporting is not on a daily basis. Most cases still in the Port Moresby district, but testing rates are still low by global standards.
Vietnam	2,857/5	35/-	173	Controlled	Active cases in Vietnam are at 306. All new cases were imported.
Fiji	109/6	2/-	198	Concerning	There are now 42 active cases in Fiji stemming from the quarantine breach. Cases have appeared in Suva, so Nadi, Lautoka and parts of Suva are in lockdown. Villages are also in lockdown.
Vanuatu	4/-	1/-	207	Controlled	One death, but no active cases since then.

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