

GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS (GMP) COVID UPDATE¹ 45 MAY 18 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.

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 164.2m and fatalities at 3.4m.

Generally speaking, the second wave through Europe and North America has ebbed. The US is at 21,000 cases per day, and England had its first day last week without a recorded death for many months. Poland and France, which were concerns, have also seen their numbers drop – as has Mexico. However, south-east Asia and Japan are worrying. Singapore has locked down for a month, Thailand is seeing an explosion of cases and Taiwan has implemented partial lockdowns, including Taipei. Africa has so far avoided the worst of the new variants. Argentina's surge has now exceeded the worst of the first wave.

Partner	Cases Total/Day	Deaths Total/Day	Ranking ²	Status	Commentary
India	25,228,996/263,045	278,751/4,340	3	Critical	Over the past week, the daily case rate has fallen below 300K. However, fatalities have increased, suggesting that the health system is overloaded. 35 of India's 36 States & Territories have imposed restrictions, but the PM is adamant that no national lockdown will occur.
Indonesia	1,744,045/4,295	48,305/212	17	Concerning	There has been a fall in cases, but the figures are still high. The Govt fears a COVID spike as an estimated 1.5 million people travelled for mudik, despite bans being in place.
Philippines	1,149,925/5,979	19,262/72	28	Concerning	Only 700,000 people have been vaccinated. While the situation has stabilised and ICU rates are down in Manila, the daily cases are stubbornly high. Lockdowns have eased.
Bangladesh	780,857/698	12,181/32	37	Stable	Bangladesh is seeing results from its quick responses to its 2 nd wave. There are now 45,000 active cases.
Zimbabwe	38,560/-	1,582/-	91	Stable	Active cases dropped by almost 20% to 649. 580,000 people have been vaccinated. Teen pregnancies have jumped in the pandemic.

¹ Obviously, these numbers change rapidly. This is current as of 5pm on 18/5/21, according to <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

² This number indicates – in terms of fatalities – where a nation is ranked of the 222 nations/territories/international conveyances that recorded cases of COVID-19.

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Australia	29,983/5	910/-	101	Controlled	Cases are significantly down, and the commentary is now about when Australia's borders will reopen, with the Federal Budget suggesting it will be mid-2022.
Thailand	113,555/2,473	649/35	117	Critical	Thailand's active cases jumped to 43,000 from 30,000. There are 28 clusters in Bangkok (including Klong Toey) and yesterday's daily figure (9,000+) was a record by 5,000.
Papua New Guinea	13,707/-	127/-	151	Concerning	Active cases rose from 1,300 to 2,500. Reporting has become irregular. On May 13, there were 284 cases and 8,000 people have been vaccinated (health and frontline workers).
South Sudan	10,652/-	115/-	155	Stable	Reporting on COVID figures is still sporadic, and therefore unreliable. Only 6,500 people have received vaccinations – leaving 126,000 surplus Astra-Zeneca jabs, as attendance at vaccination centres is very low.
Vietnam	4,359/184	37/1	174	Concerning	Active cases have doubled to 1,600, and the first deaths in many months were recorded. Da Nang, Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi are all introducing more COVID restrictions.
Fiji	174/2	4/-	196	Concerning	Fiji's active cases have risen again, to over 50. Rations have been instituted for those in lockdown areas.
Vanuatu	4/-	1/-	208	Controlled	No active cases.