

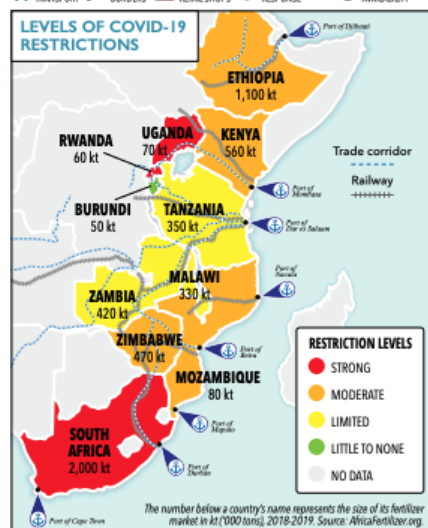
COVID-19 FERTILIZER WATCH

PROVIDING WEEKLY INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA FERTILIZER MARKET

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lockdown Status:** The Lockdown status of countries in the region has not changed in the past week. South Africa is looking to reduce its restrictions from total lockdown (Level 5) to Level 4 from May the 1st. Zambia lifted a 48-hour lockdown on Kafue and Kenya and Uganda extended lockdowns for short terms as they try to manage the balance between limiting the spread of COVID-19 and reopening the economy. Most are following WHO guidelines for lifting the lockdowns. Tanzania and Burundi have limited restrictions in place. Many countries have received aid from various donors including grants to provide funding for medical staffing and equipment and increased testing capacity.
- Fertilizer Availability:** There have been no reported shortages of fertilizer. The cropping season in East and Southern Africa occurs from November in the South to April in the North, and so, the majority of fertilizers are in country and applied or well down the distribution channel before the impact of COVID-19. Only small amounts of top-dressing fertilizers are currently arriving.
- Ports:** All vessels entering ports are required to have an isolation time since previous port of 14 days. Ports have generally reduced shifts (1/3 operational on a 15-day cycle) and have had to modify operations that do not meet social distancing requirements. This has led to the banning of bagging at quayside at Mombasa. Product is to be bulk discharged and bagged off site. South Africa (SA) has seen backlogging of non-essential cargo at port storages due to restrictions on road freight. This is likely to clear with eased restrictions in SA from May 1st. Container freight unavailability persists but is lessening as container hub countries re-establish trade.
- Road Freight:** Issues related to freight costs, rather than availability, in the SADC region have been eased slightly since SA has re-opened up its mining sector, which allows for two-way freight efficiency. Reduced copper freight out of Zambia is having an impact on two-way freight efficiency to Durban and Dar es Salaam, resulting in more fertilizer for Zimbabwe and Zambia fertilizer being pushed through Beira.
- Border Crossing:** Transport in the Kenya/Tanzania/Uganda/Rwanda corridor is experiencing significant delays. Rwanda has closed its borders to international truck drivers, requiring transporters to have a "relay driver". Uganda is considering similar measures. Countries with labor restrictions have reduced staffing at border posts in an attempt to limit staff exposure. This is compounded by closure of some border posts, countries requiring testing at the border post and in some cases mandatory isolation crossing a border and extra documentation and checking to ensure it is "essential freight".
- Fertilizer Sector Response:** In most countries fertilizer associations and private sector companies are working closely with ministry officials to ensure efficiency in distribution channels within the needs of the COVID-19 restrictions.

STATS	COVID-19 CASES	PUBLIC MEASURES	MEASURES AFFECTING FERTILIZER SECTOR
COUNTRY			
BURUNDI	15		
ETHIOPIA	126		
KENYA	374		
MALAWI	36		
MOZAMBIQUE	76		
RWANDA	212		
SOUTH AFRICA	4,994		
TANZANIA	300		
UGANDA	79		
ZAMBIA	95		
ZIMBABWE	32		



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Introduction to the Fertilizer Watch

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Fertilizer Development Center ([IFDC](#)) and our AfricaFertilizer.Org ([AFO](#)) initiative launched a weekly **East & Southern Africa (ESA) COVID-19 Fertilizer Watch**, which was initiated on Thursday, April 23rd with the first release of the Watch Bulletin, a one-page document tracking the impact of COVID-19 country-specific mitigation measures on the delivery and use of fertilizers in ESA countries. In doing so, the Fertilizer Watch will allow public and private sector stakeholders, as well as the international development partners of international donor agencies to monitor agricultural production and food security in the region.

Over the coming months, IFDC will use the weekly Watch to ensure that fertilizers are moving freely across the region, from ports and plants to farms, and that sufficient quantities and appropriate fertilizers are reaching farmers in time for planting, and to ensure that COVID-19 impacts on productivity and food security can be identified early and met with an effective and coordinated response by development partners and the private sector. We expect that as the seasonal agricultural production progresses and the COVID-19 global health emergency evolves, other related indicators and data will need to be tracked, whereupon IFDC and AfricaFertilizer.org will update the Watch accordingly.

IFDC has already launched the [COVID-19 Fertilizer Watch in West Africa](#) and intends to launch an Africa-wide COVID-19 Fertilizer Watch shortly. The West Africa Watch has been greatly appreciated by private sector businesses all along the value chain, public sector and development partners responsible for policy and food security interventions, including Government Ministries, Regional Economic Communities, IFA (International Fertilizer Association) and the African Union as a valuable tool to monitor actions and analyze data to help in decision making related to fertilizer availability and use.

The AFO team would like to thank the private and public sector partners who have provided input and vital information for the ESA Watch. We would also like to thank USAID for their support through the USAID-funded Bureau of Resilience and Food Security (RFS) Feed the Future project on Soil Fertility Technology Adoption, Policy Reform, and Knowledge Management (RFS-SFT) implemented by IFDC.

Please [click here to visit IFDC's ESA Fertilizer Watch webpage](#), or [here to download the one-page Bulletin for Week 2](#), or [here for the full Country Status Report No. 1](#) from the 23rd April Fertilizer Watch release in English. [Click here to subscribe](#) for future updates and releases.



Weekly Highlights | April 27 – May 1, 2020

This week's second release of the **East and Southern Africa (ESA) COVID-19 Fertilizer Watch** by the International Fertilizer Development Center's (IFDC) AfricaFertilizer.org initiative, resumes its monitoring of the global COVID-19 pandemic health emergency for impacts on the fertilizer sector in eleven (11) ESA regional countries. The Watch is designed to provide key highlights in a weekly snapshot for key stakeholders and programming partners relative to the impacts of COVID-19 on the fertilizer sector and related to regional agricultural production. Overall the situation remains similar to the previous week's report with the continued spread of the COVID-19 and active national-level health and economic measures in place, are not causing significant supply issues for fertilizer supply and distribution. The concern remains that cash availability in the on-farm sector will potentially limit demand in the coming season(s) with the remaining uncertainty in both export and national markets. Additional highlights for this week's release include:

- **Lockdown Status:** The Lockdown status of countries in the region has not changed in the past week. South Africa is looking to reduce its restrictions from total lockdown (Level 5) to Level 4 from May the 1st. Zambia lifted a 48-hour lockdown on Kafue and Kenya and Uganda extended lockdowns for short terms as they try to manage the balance between limiting the spread of COVID-19 and reopening the economy. Most are following WHO guidelines for lifting the lockdowns. Tanzania and Burundi have limited restrictions in place. Many countries have received aid from various donors including grants to provide funding for medical staffing and equipment and increased testing capacity.
- **Fertilizer Availability:** There have been no reported shortages of fertilizer. The cropping season in East and Southern Africa occurs from November in the South to April in the North, and so, the majority of fertilizers are in country and applied or well down the distribution channel before the impact of COVID-19. Only small amounts of top-dressing fertilizers are currently arriving
- **Ports:** All vessels entering ports are required to have an isolation time since previous port of 14 days. Ports have generally reduced shifts (1/3 operational on a 15-day cycle) and have had to modify operations that do not meet social distancing requirements. This has led to the banning of bagging at quayside at Mombasa. Product is to be bulk discharged and bagged off site. South Africa (SA) has seen backlogging of non-essential cargo at port storages due to restrictions on road freight. This is likely to clear with eased restrictions in SA from May 1st. **Container freight** unavailability persists but is lessening as container hub countries re-establish trade.
- **Road freight:** Issues related to freight costs, rather than availability, in the SADC region have been eased slightly since SA has re-opened up its mining sector, which allows for two-way freight efficiency. Reduced copper freight out of Zambia is having an impact on two-way freight efficiency to Durban and Dar es Salaam, resulting in more fertilizer for Zimbabwe and Zambia fertilizer being pushed through Beira.
- **Border Crossing:** Transport in the Kenya/Tanzania/Uganda/Rwanda corridor is experiencing significant delays. Rwanda has closed its borders to international truck drivers, requiring transporters to have a "relay driver". Uganda is considering similar measures as testing at borders has shown a high risk of truck drivers testing positive for COVID-19. Countries with labor restrictions have reduced staffing at border posts in an attempt to limit staff exposure. This is compounded by closure of some border posts, countries requiring testing at the border post and in some cases mandatory isolation crossing a border and extra documentation and checking to ensure it is "essential freight".
- **Fertilizer Sector Response:** In most countries fertilizer associations and private sector companies are working closely with ministry officials to ensure efficiency in distribution channels within the needs of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Methodology & Sources

Methodology

- This Watch monitors a series of indicators aiming at facilitating access and use of fertilizers and agro-inputs by small holder farmers across East and Southern Africa, which will evolve according to further developments in the COVID-19 pandemic (new cases over previous 7 days and total confirmed cases); on the government/public measures taken (health and economy); and on fertilizer-specific measures and/or logistic issues affecting movement and transport out of ports to farms as planting seasons start (ports, roads, borders, retail, stocks and sector-wide responses).
- IFDC and AfricaFertilizer.org will report on these indicators every Thursday, for the coming 3 months. The ESA Fertilizer Watch will be available on the AfricaFertilizer.org, IFDC websites, and disseminated through social media, emails and WhatsApp alerts.
- This Country Status, compiling information from 11 ESA countries serves as a basis for publication of the Weekly Watch.

Sources and Note of Thanks

- IFDC and AFO private and public sector partners.
- AfricaFertilizer.org for historical statistics on fertilizer consumption and trade.
- World Health Organization ([WHO COVID-19 Dashboard](#))

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Country Status Indicators – Legend

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			General notes/comments.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	# To-date	Cumulative total case number to-date and % change over past week's cumulative figure reported, DATE sourced as of Watch update.	WHO or National sources
	# NEW Cases	7-day #	Cumulative case number over previous 7 days and % change over the preceding 7-day cumulative figure reported, DATE sourced as of Watch update.	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Main public health and sanitary measures taken by government.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Main economic measures taken by government, e.g. tax relief, business operations, curfews, lockdowns etc.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Any issues affecting Port operations?	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Are transporters allowed to transport fertilizer across the country? Any restrictions, delays, any other issues?	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Are transporters allowed to move fertilizer across borders? Any restrictions, delays, any other issues?	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Are there any issues affecting trade?	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		Are fertilizer stakeholders (associations, companies, partners, govt, NGOS) undertaking any activities to facilitate supply, access in the value chain? Finance? Subsidy? Donor Response?	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		Is there enough fertilizer in stock to supply expected demand (basal, top-dressing)? Any indication of volumes in-country?	

COLORS	5 logistics indicators: ports, roads, borders, agro dealer shops and fertilizer sector responses	Pandemic indicator: weekly changes of diagnosed cases of COVID-19
	Little to no impact	Stable/No Change/Negative Change
	Limited impact	Up to 25%
	Moderate impact	From 25% to 50%
	Strong impact	More than 50%
	No information/data	No information reported

Burundi

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-No restrictions on road borders or trade -International airport has closed	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	15	36.4% [28 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	4	-33.3% [23-28 April 2020] <i>Note: negative figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	
Government Measures	Health Measures		No restrictions. World Bank approved \$5Mill Grant to strengthen Burundi Health systems.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Burundi's political parties started campaigning for May 20th's presidential elections.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Dar es Salaam. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Normal operation. No restrictions or delays.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal operation at border.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		FSNP National Subsidy program on going.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

Ethiopia

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Declared state of Emergency for 5 months from the 10th of April continues unchanged -Restrictions on inter-district movement -Schools closed, ban on social gatherings -International airport closed	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	126	10.5% [29 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	12	-62.5% [23-29 April 2020] <i>Note: negative figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Elections Postponed with a ban on public gatherings. Chinese pandemic medical team arrived on the 17th of April. Disinfection of the metro-carriage	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		All four major agricultural regional states, namely: Oromia, Amhara, SNNP and Tigray have introduced various forms of state lockdowns where interregional and intraregional travels are suspended.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Djibouti Port remains fully operational for all commercial vessels. Shortage in staff and labor impacting on quality control and discharge rates. Customs Office has waived the requirement for the Original Certificate of Origin for all manufacturers importing raw material.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		No restrictions on transportation of essential goods including fertilizers.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Trucking business is negatively impacted by the economic slowdown--travel bans and stigmatization. Suspension of movement of people along the border. Truck shortages fueled by increased demand. Disruption of courier services has had negative repercussions on freight clearance processes for importers unable to present required documentation on time.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		MOA has put up Govt subsidies program for food insecure households.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		Fertilizer supply ongoing through at the various government levels.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		Adequate fertilizer stocks in country from carryover stocks and imports.	

Kenya

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Partial lockdown remains in Kenya. -Nairobi, Mombasa, Kilifi and Kwale counties locked down. -Lockdown extended for a further 21 days from the 26th of April. -Heavy police presence on roads limits transport to daytime hours for essential goods -Received test kits and PPE from China. Commenced testing in high risk groups	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	374	26.4% [29 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	78	-11.4% [23-29 April 2020] <i>Note: negative figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	
Government Measures	Health Measures		-Country wide curfew (7:00pm- 5:00am) remains in place -Extension of the closure of education institutions until the end of May	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Government disbursed cash payments to vulnerable households in informal settlements in the counties locked down. Engaged youth and the vulnerable to make PPE (i.e. masks, etc.).	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Quayside bagging suspended from the 24th of April. Bulk discharge onto tipper trucks, bagging at the offsite warehouses. Increase in positive cases at KPA. Ship crew change is temporarily suspended until further notice. Slight delays from limited congestion	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		A continuation of restrictions from last week, i.e. Movement of essential goods during curfew permitted. Fertilizers are categorized as essential goods. Increase police check points / roadblocks causing delays.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Testing of truck drivers on all border points-starting at the Mombasa port.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading during non-curfew hours.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		The National Subsidy program concluded, with the government no longer purchasing fertilizer through the NCPB. Implementation of the new National Value Chain Program (NVSP) ongoing.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

Malawi

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Declaration of COVID-19 as a National Disaster -No Lockdown, Supreme Court has overruled governments proposal for a full lockdown -Employees to work in Shifts -Mandatory isolation on entry	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	36	100.0% [28 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	18	800.0% [23-28 April 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Restricted public gatherings to 100 people.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Government ordered the opening of tobacco markets and the authorization to operate undisturbed to protect small farmers and boost foreign exchange earnings. Declaration of COVID-19 as a national disaster. Slashing of fuel prices. Waiver placed on non-tourist levy. Reduction of salaries of the President, Cabinet and deputy ministers by 10 percent for three months. Gov't to receive IMF debt relieve service. Gov instructed the Reserve Bank of Malawi to allow banks to offer a three-month moratorium on interest payments on loans to small and medium-sized businesses.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Beira and Nacala. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods by duly accredited operators is permitted No real delays in transport.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		All cargo from Mozambique is moving through Dedza border only (Mwanza closed). This has added minor delays due to congestion, but no major impact felt yet.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None, out of season.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

Mozambique

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			- Level 3 Lockdown still in place. The Mozambique Govt announced a Level 3 State of Emergency on April 1. (Level 4 would include prohibition on leaving house, no travel and closing all public and private activities. Level 3 includes: closure of schools; Use of face masks in public, transport and public gatherings; closure of entertainment establishments-hotels, beaches theatre; Suspension of religious services; Reduction of workforce to 1/3 with staff turnover ever 15 days; Markets remain open 6am to 5 pm)	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	76	95.9% [28 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	37	236.4% [23-28 April 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Mandatory use of masks in public places. Initially imposed measure for allowing travel of 1/3 passengers on public transport was relieved, now allowed to accommodate 2/3 passengers but with mandatory use of masks.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Disbursement of US\$309 million by International Monetary Fund (IMF) under Rapid Credit Facility (RCF) to help Mozambique meet urgent balance of payment and fiscal needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		No delays at the port. Port shifts continue to operate at a 1/3 capacity of the workforce. Covid-19 screening at ports of entry. All crew members are screened; crew movement limited. Port authority ensuring social distancing and sanitization practices	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods by duly accredited operators is permitted. No shortage of trucks. No impact on fertilizer delivery.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Ressano-Garcia / Lebombo post near Komatipoort is the only open land border between South Africa and Mozambique, cargo only. Slight congestion at the borders due to screening. Slight delays at borders to inland countries	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading. Not high season.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None, out of season.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

Rwanda

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Rwanda remains under lockdown until the 30th of April. -Increased testing capacity and undertaking aiming to do 1000 tests per day, abiding by WHO guidelines to allow lifting of lockdown as soon as possible, This requires capacity to test, detect, isolate, and treat all infections and prevent incoming sources	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	212	41.3% [29 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	62	287.5% [23-29 April 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Ban of all social gatherings. Institution of teleworking. No Public Transport. Non-essential travel is forbidden.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		The suspension of all international flights remains in place and the closure of all non-essential businesses.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Dar es Salaam and Mombasa. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Transit cargo to be escorted to final destination and drivers to stop at designated areas.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Screening of the truck drivers (Max 2 per truck). All cargo and conveyors shall be offloaded and trans-shipped at customs point of entry (Rusumo & Kagitumba). Drivers are not allowed across the border. Warehousing facilities available at entry point. Pre-clearance mechanisms to be used. Inland cargo depots to be availed	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading. Groups working together to do last mile delivery.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

South Africa

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Ease of country's lockdown restrictions from May 1st to level 4. Some provinces with high caseloads may remain in level 5--to be decided	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	4,996	44.2% [29 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	1,531	45.8% [23-29 April 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Restrictions on public transport and public movement. Only essential services can operate. Travel restrictions. Alcohol banned.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Mining has been opened again at a reduced rate.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		No delays, running efficiently. Decrease in vessel traffic at the Durban port due to drop in copper and tobacco output/exports and drop in world prices. Ships from highly COVID-affected countries quarantined for up to 14days before discharge. Backlog of non-essential cargoes at the port	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Back freight available however, limited volumes of fertilizer are moving because it is not the season. South African trucking companies now quoting in \$USD (used to quote in rand). This is a result of a very much weakened Rand (\$USD 1 = ZAR 19) and to a lesser extent lack of back freight.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Limited congestion at border posts--due to mandatory screening, cargo inspection and documentation verification. Reduced back loading from Zambia and Zimbabwe.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Northern distribution points/hubs closed because out of season.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		Adequate stock available.	

Tanzania

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-No Lock down, limited restrictions -Extension of closure of educational institutions	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	300	17.6% [28 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	45	-78.2% [22-28 April 2020] <i>Note: negative figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Banning all public gatherings of 100 people or more, except at places of worship.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Government ruled out lockdown in the commercial capital, Dar es Salaam. International passenger flights remain closed and tourist hotels remain closed. Air freight still operational.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Vessel arriving Dar es Salaam port are subjected to quarantine 14 days. Written confirmation on COVID-19 status of crews before arrival. No shore pass given to crews. Suspension of crew change. Bulk discharge, bagging off-site.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Normal operation. No restrictions or delays.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Borders are open, open for exports, but exporters must abide by the importing country's restrictions. Mandatory screening and isolation for 14days on entry into Tanzania. Max of 3 people per truck.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Slight decline of sales activities at Agro-dealer shops as a result of decline crop prices.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		Normal Bulk Procurement System (BPS) for fertilizers in progress.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		Adequate fertilizer stocks in-country.	

Uganda

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Extension of Lockdown for a further 14 days from 24th April. -Two mobile test facilities received and focusing on border entry points -All public transport banned	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	79	41.1% [28 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	23	2200.0% [23-28 April 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Ongoing relief food distribution exercise to help people in Kampala and Wakiso districts directly affected by the lockdown. Concern that spread of COVID is being accelerated by transit truck drivers originating from Kenya and Tanzania. To be discussed this weekend at the EAC.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Farming to continue. Factories and construction sites could continue operating - as long as they encamp their workers. Essential services to continue - hospitals, water generation, telecommunications, etc.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Mombasa. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		All public transport severely restricted. Cargo trucks limited to 12 major pre-identified stopping points within Uganda.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Mandatory covid-19 testing of cross border cargo truck drivers at Kenya-Uganda border. Proposing truck drivers not be allowed to enter country--proposing a "Relay driving" arrangement where-drivers hand over vehicles to their Ugandan counterparts at the border.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Lockdown affected the operation of agro-dealer outlets, with those open operating from 9am to 2 pm. Restrictions on public transport use have limited ability to transport last mile.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		ACDP-the government subsidy program has reduced volumes significantly since the lock down.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

Zambia

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-No Lockdown -Lock down on Kafue lifted after 48hrs -Borders open. Screening of all entrants and mandatory isolation -Concerns over low test kits availability and testing numbers	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	95	35.7% [29 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	25	0.0% [23-29 April 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		The mandatory use of masks in public places and normal social distancing measures are in place.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Depressed international copper prices and the closure of Glencore's MCM copper mine is impacting Zambia's economy and freight to Durban, Dar es Salaam and Beira.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Fertilizer into Zambia comes through the ports of Dar es Salaam, Beira and Durban. See relevant comments in the relevant country comments. No delays on supply.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		No restrictions.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Borders remain open but under tight screening.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

Zimbabwe

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-State of Disaster declaration is still in place -extended for an additional 14 days from the 21st of April. -People confined to homes -Limited social gatherings (50 People) and school closures still in place. -Borders closed to people, not freight	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	32	14.3% [29 April 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	4	-60.0% [23-29 April 2020] <i>Note: negative figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Quarantine for returning residents reduced to 7 from 21 days to limit costs. Only critical staff in workplace.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Mining & manufacturing companies now allowed to operate with critical staff and put measures to safeguard employees, from the 21st of April. Public transport not running, only national bus service (ZUPCO).	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Fertilizer into Zimbabwe comes through the ports of Beira and Durban. See relevant comments in the relevant country comments. No delays on supply.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of essential goods permitted. Fertilizers are categorized as essential goods.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Borders open; congestion due to screening.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Activity delayed waiting commodity sales during 1st phase of lockdown. Normal trading resumed, with restricted working hours 9am-3pm.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		Unavailability of foreign exchange to the fertilizer industry-due to decline in exports of tobacco and minerals.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

About IFDC, AfricaFertilizer.org and USAID/RFS-SFT

About IFDC

As an independent non-profit organization, [IFDC](#) works throughout Africa and Asia to increase soil fertility and develop inclusive market systems. Combining science-backed innovations, an enabling policy environment, holistic market systems development, and strategic partnerships, the organization bridges the gap between identifying and scaling sustainable agricultural solutions, resulting in improved household food security and enriched family livelihoods around the world. Using an inclusive approach, IFDC employs locally driven solutions that are environmentally sound and impact oriented that bring change at local, regional, and national levels.

About AfricaFertilizer.org

The [AfricaFertilizer.org \(AFO\)](#) initiative is the premier source for fertilizer statistics and information in Africa. It is hosted by IFDC and supported by several partners key among them being IFA, Argus Media, and Development Gateway. Since 2009, AFO has been collecting, processing, and publishing fertilizer production, trade, and consumption statistics for the main fertilizer markets in sub-Saharan Africa. AFO has an extensive network of fertilizer industry players in the main fertilizer trade corridors and maintains key information on the major producers, their production facilities and capacities, importers/suppliers, various distribution channel.

About USAID/RFS Project on Soil Fertility Technology Adoption, Policy Reform, and Knowledge Management (RFS-SFT)

IFDC is implementing the USAID-funded Bureau of Resilience and Food Security (RFS) Feed the Future (FTF) project on Soil Fertility Technology Adoption, Policy Reform, and Knowledge Management (RFS-SFT) under cooperative agreement with USAID/RFS. The project aims at bridging the gap between scientific research and technology dissemination to smallholder farmers. RFS-SFT conducts research with partners from universities, national and international research and development institutions, and the private sector.

