

COVID-19 FERTILIZER WATCH

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

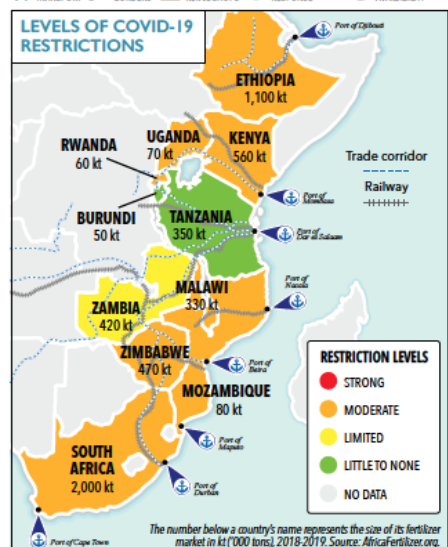
HIGHLIGHTS

- Lockdown Status:** The lockdown status of several countries in the region has been widely revised, with some taking a phased approach to ease restrictions and to allow their economies to re-open. Such steps include revising curfew hours, re-opening schools, and imposing targeted lockdowns for localized viral 'hotspots', or the at district or provincial levels. Zambia and South Africa have had primary and secondary schools re-open, with students who are candidates for national exams being the first to resume courses. Tanzania and Uganda are in the process of re-opening their borders to allow for international passenger flights. Zambia has started operating regional passenger flights and Kenya is reviewing plans to resume domestic passenger flights. Many countries continue to receive aid from various sources such as World Bank grants and IMF loans to help with both medical staffing and equipment requirements, including testing capacity.
- Fertilizer Availability:** There have been no reported shortages of fertilizer from a supply side, barring some minor issues with shipping lines sending out blank sailing notices, possibly affecting lead times for future fertilizer orders in the coming months. The long rains are ongoing in East Africa and the winter cropping season in Southern Africa is also under way.
- Ports:** Modified operations continue largely unchanged. Isolation periods, restrictions for and quarantining of returning crew members are still standard requirements. Ports continue to operate on reduced shifts (1/3 operational on a 15-day cycle).
- Road Freight:** Normal movement of cargo has been observed in the region, however the unavailability or reduction in back-freight cargo is causing losses for logistics companies. Countries are still undertaking mandatory testing and isolation of truck drivers at border crossings, as well as testing for motorcycle drivers as countries look to reinstate some limited passenger services.
- Border Crossing:** Truck driver testing is operational at all border crossings. However, the rigor applied to testing regimes can often depend on the country of departure. Additional measures to limit viral transmission by transporters crossing borders range from the use of "relay drivers" for the transport of goods internally, to isolation at border posts, to escorted/tracked mandatory isolation, to denial of entry and repatriation to the country of origin. There are some border posts in countries only requiring temperature testing.
- Fertilizer Sector Response:** As the winter cropping season is underway in most countries, fertilizer associations and private sector companies continue working closely with Ministry of Agriculture officials to ensure efficiency in the distribution channel within the needs of the COVID-19 restrictions.

STATS

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASES	PUBLIC MEASURES	MEASURES AFFECTING FERTILIZER SECTOR
BURUNDI	83		
ETHIOPIA	2,506		
KENYA	1,094		
MALAWI	455		
MOZAMBIQUE	472		
RWANDA	476		
SOUTH AFRICA	55,421		
TANZANIA	509		
UGANDA	794		
ZAMBIA	1,252		
ZIMBABWE	320		

PANDEMIC INDICATORS:	NO CHANGE OR IMPROVED	UP TO 25% INCREASE	25-50% INCREASE	>50% INCREASE	NO DATA REPORTED
LOGISTICS INDICATORS:	LITTLE TO NO IMPACT	LIMITED IMPACT	MODERATE IMPACT	STRONG IMPACT	NO DATA OR N/A
CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES	COVID-19 NEW CASES PERCENT INCREASE	HEALTH MEASURES	ECONOMIC MEASURES	PORT OPERATIONS	FERTILIZER STOCKS AVAILABILITY
DOMESTIC TRANSPORT	TRANSPORT BORDERS	AGRO INPUT RETAIL SHOPS	FERTILIZER SECTOR RESPONSE		



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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 allows 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.

This week is the third bi-weekly, and fifth overall release of the Watch since its initiation by IFDC. The objective of the Watch is to ensure monitoring continues as to whether 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 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. Both Watches have 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.

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Please [click here to visit IFDC's ESA Fertilizer Watch webpage](#) in order to download the one-page Bulletins for the current fifth release as well as ask for prior weeks, or the full *Country Status Reports* from April and May. [Click here to subscribe](#) for future updates and releases.

Bi-Weekly Highlights | May 30 – June 12, 2020

This bi-weekly release, *Report No. 5* for the **East and Southern Africa (ESA) COVID-19 Fertilizer Watch** by IFDC's AfricaFertilizer.org initiative, continues its regional monitoring of the COVID-19 pandemic health emergency for impacts on the fertilizer sector in eleven (11) ESA regional countries. The Watch provides highlights as a 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 is not causing significant issues for fertilizer supply and distribution. However, more countries are easing restrictions on movement and transport as they anticipate having to deal with global and regional economic impacts of COVID-19; while concerns still remain over cross-border trade and transport enabling the spread of the virus between countries. Active measures such as testing and isolation periods to track and contain transport personnel testing positive at border crossings remain in place but are varied in terms of robustness. Additional highlights for this week's release include:

- **Lockdown Status:** The lockdown status of several countries in the region has been widely revised, with some taking a phased approach to ease restrictions and to allow their economies to re-open. Such steps include revising curfew hours, re-opening schools, and imposing targeted lockdowns for localized viral 'hotspots', or the at district or provincial levels. Zambia and South Africa have had primary and secondary schools re-open, with students who are candidates for national exams being the first to resume courses. Tanzania and Uganda are in the process of re-opening their borders to allow for international passenger flights. Zambia has started operating regional passenger flights and Kenya is reviewing plans to resume domestic passenger flights. Many countries continue to receive aid from various sources such as World Bank grants and IMF loans to help with both medical staffing and equipment requirements, including testing capacity.
- **Fertilizer Availability:** There have been no reported shortages of fertilizer from a supply side, barring some minor issues with shipping lines sending out blank sailing notices, possibly affecting lead times for future fertilizer orders in the coming months. The long rains are ongoing in East Africa and the winter cropping season in Southern Africa is also under way.
- **Ports:** Modified operations continue largely unchanged. Isolation periods, restrictions for and quarantining of returning crew members are still standard requirements. Ports continue to operate on reduced shifts (1/3 operational on a 15-day cycle).
- **Road Freight:** Normal movement of cargo has been observed in the region, however the unavailability or reduction in back-freight cargo is causing losses for logistics companies. Countries are still undertaking mandatory testing and isolation of truck drivers at border crossings; as well as testing for motorcycle drivers as countries look to reinstate some limited passenger services.
- **Border Crossing:** Truck driver testing is operational at all border crossings. However, the rigor applied to testing regimes can often depend on the country of departure. Additional measures to limit viral transmission by transporters crossing borders range from the use of "relay drivers" for the transport of goods internally, to isolation at border posts, to escorted/tracked mandatory isolation, to denial of entry and repatriation to the country of origin. There are some border posts in countries only requiring temperature testing.
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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			-Burundian incumbent president dies; president of legislature to lead country before future president is sworn in on August 20. -No lockdown	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	83	31.7% [10 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	20	-4.8% [4-10 June 2020] <i>Note: negative/zero 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. Encouraged to observe sanitary and hygienic measures.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		None.	
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.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit cargo.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

Ethiopia

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-State of emergency in place until September. International Organization for Migration (IOM), and other humanitarian organizations coordination +15,000 returnees' arrival and quarantine in govt facilities since 1st April. -State-owned telecom <i>Ethio Telecom</i> reaches all citizens through SMS alerts on the importance of hygiene measures. -Govt implemented a strict regime of rigorous contact tracing, isolation, compulsory quarantine, and treatment.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	2,506	86.5% [11 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	1,162	80.7% [4-11 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		- 34 trained frontline workers deployed in quarantine facilities in Addis Ababa to provide mental health and psychosocial support. -Govt conducting house-to-house screenings and diagnostic tests.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Government subsidies manufacturing exporters through zero-cost rail transport and lower export logistics costs.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Normal operation at Port of Djibouti.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		N/A	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods. Passenger movement discouraged.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal Trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

Kenya

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			Covid-19 active cases present in 36 out of the 47 counties in the country. Cessation of movement in Mombasa, Nairobi and Mandera counties extended for 30 days. Cessation of movement lifted in and out of Kwale and Kilifi counties, Eastleigh and Old Town estates in Nairobi and Mombasa, respectively. Schools to re-open gradually from September. International travel still banned. Countrywide curfew in place for 30 days with revised timing for curfew: 9pm-4am.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	3,094	47.8% [11 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	1,001	34.4% [4-11 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Public gatherings banned for further 30 days. MoH considering community isolation through the home-based care and community-based facilities to decongest and prevent health care facilities overrun. Measures on 50% occupancy on public service vehicles, supermarkets and banking halls being disregarded.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Government disbursed a conditional grant of \$500 million to all the 47 counties to improve health facilities. East Africa governments exploring options to maintain or decrease excise taxes, impose zero tax on essential goods, and to reduce VAT to from 16 to 14%, and reduce pay-as-you earn taxes.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Normal operations.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted. Movement of essential goods (including fertilizers) permitted during curfew. Increased police checkpoints at roadblocks causing delays.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit cargo at border. However, delays and congestion attributed to mandatory testing of truck drivers.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		Preparations for farmer and agro-dealer registration for the e-voucher subsidy program.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage. Season ongoing.	

Malawi

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			Malawi declared State of Disaster still in place since March 2020. Malawi presidential re-run to go ahead on June 23. Concerns in increase of COVID-19 cases from repatriated nationals and residents. No lockdown. Discussions underway to re-open schools	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	455	27.1% [10 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	97	-62.3% [4-10 June 2020] <i>Note: negative/zero 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		-Extra laboratory staff deployed to Mwanza to support sample collection for repatriated nationals/residents. -14 laboratories processing COVID-19 samples.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		-The National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan have been revised upwards to US\$345 million due to revised budgets from Health and Education Clusters and inclusion of Agriculture and Nutrition cluster. Currently, the resource gap is at US\$251 million.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Beira and Beira. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted. Passenger public service vehicles in operation with strict enforcement of new seating capacity of 50%.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

Mozambique

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-State of Emergency extended to June 29 th . -Schools to remain closed. -Ban of all public gatherings.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	472	53.7% [11 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	165	75.5% [4-11 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		UNICEF donates to Ministry of Health: 134,400 surgical masks; 30,375 coveralls; 10,752 face shields; 600 googles and 192 infrared thermometers (delivered by a chartered flight from China). UNICEF developed standard kit contents for WASH supplies for school reopening in collaboration with Education Cluster. UNICEF disbursement of First round of IPC-WASH supplies for health facilities to the provinces.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Retail stores and open markets re-open. Transport companies petition for fuel prices to be further reduced, as they are currently facing losses with reduced cargo. Social security system allowing for agricultural companies among others, to register so as to benefit from reduced electricity and water bills. Deferral of fixed rates for small and medium-sized companies in the agricultural, industrial, commercial and fishing sectors for a period of 6 months.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Normal operations at all ports.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods at the border. However, flow of cargo from South Africa still experiencing delays and congestion at the border crossing.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

Rwanda

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			Rwandan govt cancels plans to further loosen COVID-19 lockdown after reporting 1st related death. Cessation of movement in and out of Rusizi and Rubavu districts. Countrywide curfew from 9pm-5 am. Schools remain closed.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	476	24.0% [11 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	92	104.4% [4-11 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Mandatory wearing of masks while in public. Public gatherings banned. Funeral gatherings not to exceed 30 people. Non-contact outdoor sports allowed.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Public and private businesses resume work with essential staff only. Other employees continue to work from home. East Africa governments exploring options to maintain/decrease excise taxes, impose zero tax on essential goods; and reduction of the VAT to from 16 to 14%.	
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		Movement of essential goods is permitted. Inter-provincial travel restrictions motorcycle taxis not permitted.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods with relay driving system.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

South Africa

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Lockdown reduced to Level 3 -Country to adopt a 'district-based' lockdown as part of its move to Level 3; reviewed every 2 weeks. -Re-opening of schools from 8th June, guided by a phased approach, starting with Grades 7 and 12. Teachers and parents protest full re-opening of schools.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	55,421	54.8% [11 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	19,609	69.8% [4-11 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Approximately 60,000 community health workers conducting door-to-door to contact tracing and screening.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		High turnout at liquor stores following the lifting of the ban on alcohol sales. Limited domestic air travel for business purposes permitted, with restrictions on the number of flights per day and authorization based on the reason for travel.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Normal operation. South African registered seafarers to embark and disembark ships with a mandatory quarantine for those returning.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of essential goods is permitted. Travel restrictions across provinces still enforced.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods, with delays and congestion at border crossings, at Lebombo border post and Beitridge, due to reduced staff capacity, operating in shifts.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Off season. Limited trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

Tanzania

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-President declares country COVID-19 free. -International passenger flights opened.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	509	0.0% [10 June 2020] <i>Note: Tanzania has not reported any new cases since 7 May.</i>	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	0	0.0% [4-10 June 2020] <i>Note: negative/zero 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.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Tanzania is to draw on the IMF's Rapid Credit Facility (RCF). Businesses operating normally. Hotels to resume operations; tertiary institutions to re-open.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Business as usual, no delays.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Normal operations.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Mandatory testing at all border crossings.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

Uganda

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			Preparations underway to re-open the Entebbe International Airport for passenger flights. Dusk to dawn curfew still in place until June 21. All govt ministers are being tested for COVID-19. Re-opening schools postponed for another month, until beginning of July.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	794	35.5% [11 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	208	-15.1% [4-11 June 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		Mandatory testing at all borders including the Entebbe Airport once re-opened. Public gatherings banned at churches, mosques, bars, nightclubs and gyms, all closed until June 21.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Private Sector Foundation Uganda (OSFU) launched the Covid-19 Economic Recovery & Resilience Response Program with a commitment of \$8.3 million from the Mastercard Foundation. East Africa governments exploring options to maintain/decrease excise taxes, impose zero tax on essential goods; and reduction of the VAT to from 16 to 14%. Uganda proposing to defer taxes in manufacturing, horticulture and tourism sectors, until September. Shopping malls allowed to re-open.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Uganda rejects Naivasha dry port claim that it has no amenities for facilitation of cross-border trade. Asks Kenya to fix basic facilities.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted. Shortage of public transport after resumption as operators of long-haul buses and mini-bus taxis have to register afresh and be assigned specific routes. Motorcycle taxis not permitted to carry passengers but can ferry goods.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit cargo at border. However, delay and congestion attributed to mandatory testing of truck drivers who must obtain a negative result certificate to enter the country.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading, with restrictions in operating hours from 9am-2pm.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

Zambia

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Candidates sitting the national examinations resumed school on June 1st. -Several businesses permitted to re-open. -2 ministers test positive for COVID-19.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	1,252	15.0% [11 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	163	-3.6% [4-11 June 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		Social distancing encouraged. Gatherings limited to 50 people. Students provided with free masks and encouraged to social distance.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Zambia's budgeted revenue is estimated to drop by 20% as a result of economic adjustments due to COVID-19. Hotels, lodges and other businesses to re-open.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Beira. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted. Passenger public service vehicles in operation with strict measures of use of masks and sanitizing.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit cargo at the border. Mandatory drivers testing at the border.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage. Winter cropping season ongoing.	

Zimbabwe

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Extension of lockdown, which will be reviewed every 14 days.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	320	55.3% [11 June 2020]	WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
	# NEW Cases	114	-24.0% [4-11 June 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		Mandatory wearing of masks and social distancing measures still in place.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Several sectors not permitted to re-open: Bars, churches, gym, crowds & restaurants & the informal sector.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Beira. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Normal operation. National bus company to operate public service transportation.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit cargo, with driver testing. No quarantine requirements.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

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.

