

# Timeline of Events

2021

**1 FEBRUARY**

Continuous drop in COVID-19 cases across the Region

**7 FEBRUARY**

Outbreaks of Ebola are declared in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

**14 FEBRUARY**

Outbreaks of Ebola are declared in Guinea

**18 FEBRUARY**

Launch of the Global SPRP for 2021

**12 MAY**

- The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response commissioned by the WHO Director-General on the COVID-19 pandemic response releases its report
- 80 000 people cross the border from Goma, in the DRC to Rwanda, fleeing from the eruption of Mount Nyiragongo volcano, one of many multihazard emergencies

**22 APRIL**

Launch of the 2021 WHO African Region COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan

**12-13 APRIL**

Summit on “Expanding Africa’s Vaccine Manufacturing for Health Security” by the African Union and Africa Centres for Disease Control (Africa CDC)

**24 FEBRUARY**

Ghana receives first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility

**24 MAY**

The WHO African Region enters the third wave

**13 JUNE**

G7 summit pledges donation of 870 million vaccine doses by 2023 to poorer nations

**15 JULY**

19 countries in the WHO African Region are considered to be experiencing a resurgence; increase in the number of COVID-19-related deaths.

**27 JULY**

South Africa announces plans to manufacture 400 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine – 100 million per year –, in a partnership between Pfizer and the public-private consortium Biovac Institute, in Cape Town.