# **UKEMT** Eswatini





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### Eswatini /Swaziland





#### **Kingdom of Eswatini**

17,000 square km1.2 million people (young)chiefdomsabsolute monarchy (Mswati III)land locked

health budget \$271 pc

HIV / Aids & tuberculosis



#### Scottish Highlands

32,500 square km 320 thousand (old) clans ?!! long coastline

health budget \$4,500 pc







- EMT secretariat at WHO
- minimum standards for sudden onset disasters
- UK-Med recruits, trains and coordinates the UKEMT
- in partnership with FCDO / UKaid / H&I / NFCC & Palladium
- UK-Med has evolved to meet demand worldwide
- outbreak response (ebola, diphtheria, measles, COVID-19)
- currently active in multiple locations world wide



# partnerships





#### **NFCC** National Fire Chiefs Council







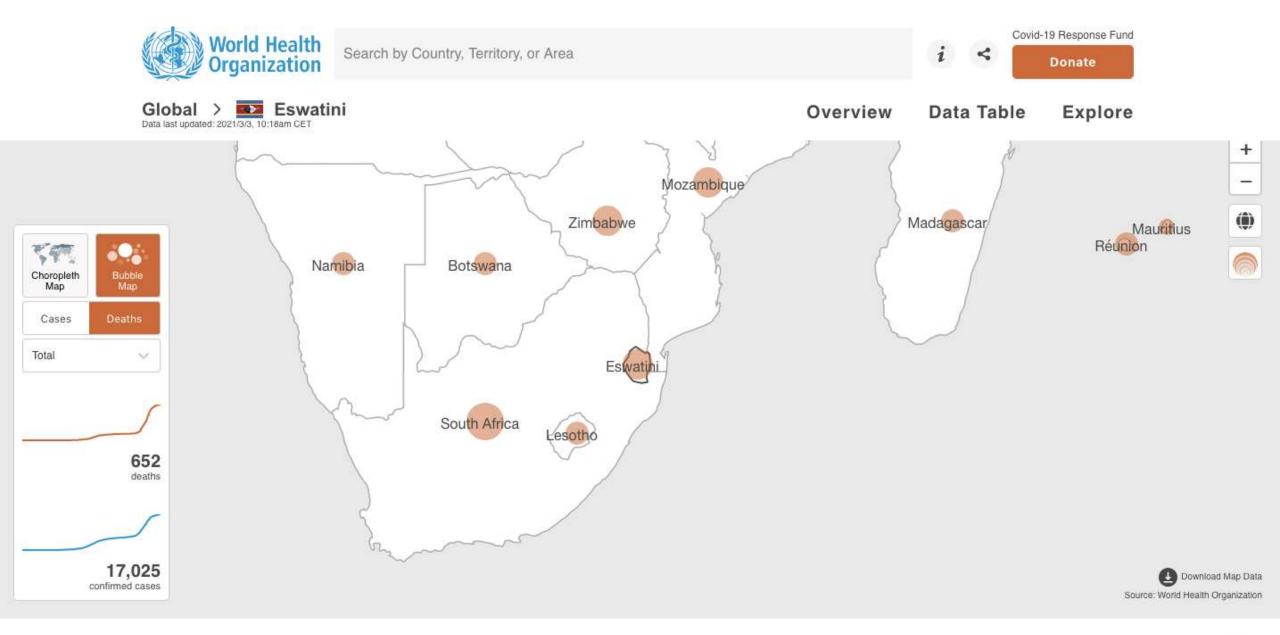
# my medical journey

- University of Edinburgh Medical School
- Royal Army Medical Corps
- RMO Gordon Highlanders
- 16 CSMR
- Raigmore Hospital, Inverness
- Surgical Lead UK-Med
- HALO Trust / PTCF / FRRHH / SSAFA





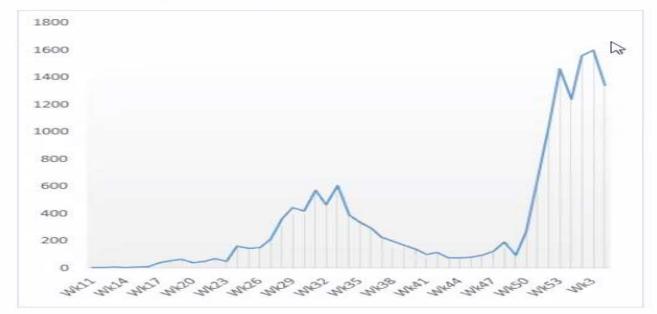




In Eswatini, from Jan 3 to 10:18am CET, 3 March 2021, there have been 17,025 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 652 deaths.

### Eswatini sitrep – January 2021

#### Distribution of cases by Week



- This is epidemiological week 05.
- 1336 COVID- 19 cases have been reported in the last seven days.
- Weekly COVID- 19 cases decreased by 16% during week 4 compared to week 3.
- NB: Please note that the week numbers have been changed to be in line with WHO epidemiological weeks.

Summary of COVID-19 Cases in Eswatini as at 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021				
Region	New cases	Cumulative confirmed cases	Cumulative deaths	Case fatality rate (%
Hhohho	100	6848	211	3.1
Manzini	67	6177	227	3.7
Lubombo	6	1407	54	3.8
Shiselweni	22	1234	70	5.7
National	195	15 666	562	3.6

# UKEMT(Eswatini) Team Configuration

 Andy Kent Team Lead **Mavuso Treatment Centre** DRC • Dr Emery Ebele **Rwanda** • Dr Ngoni • Alphonse Tuyishime Deputy T.L. Nyambawaro **RCCE** Lead Zipporah Onyancha Kenya David Anderson Health Coord **RFMH (Nazarene)** • Dr Franklin Umenze Nigeria • Sean Ryder BioMed Samuel Emechebe Nigeria Sophia Otieno Kenya

Log's

• Rory Peters

# UKEMT goals

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#### • mission "creep"

- regional --> national
- oxygen capacity
- training medical - biomedical
- vaccine rollout

### assess local facilities

• Mavuso Treatment Centre

• Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital





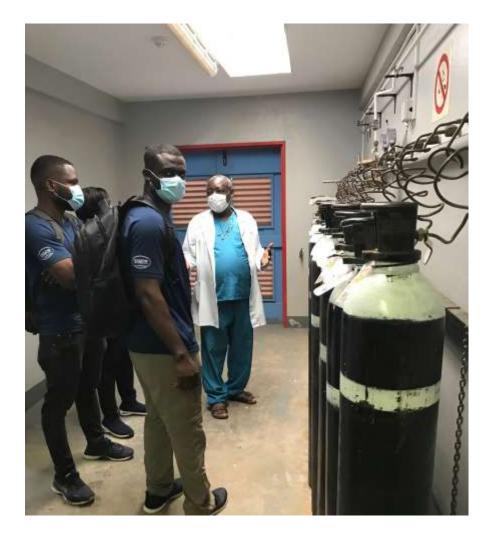
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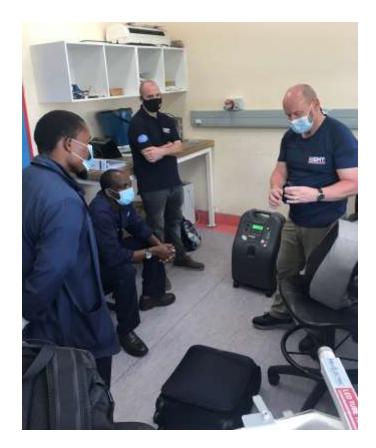
# oxygen capacity





# oxygen demand

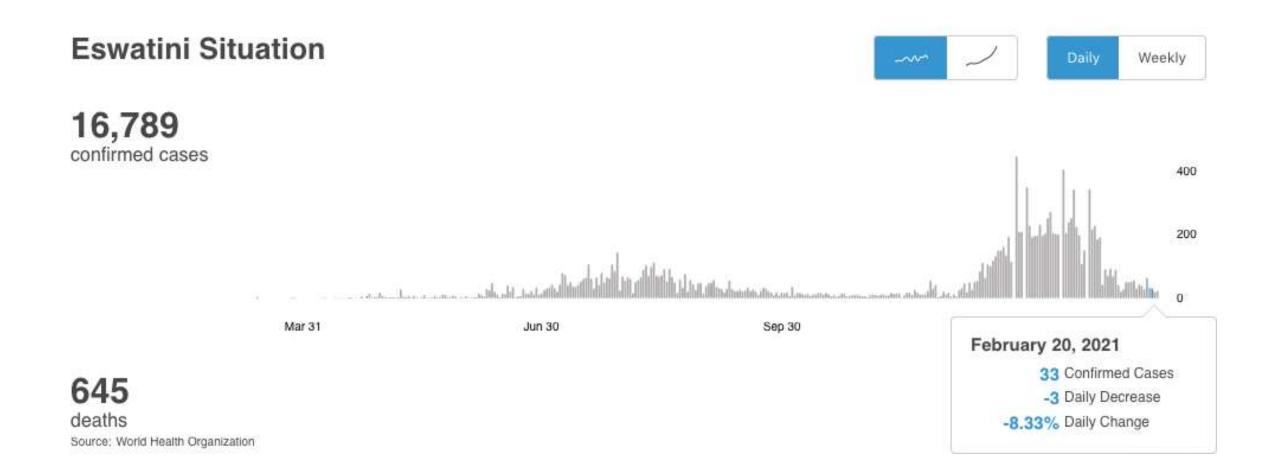




# capacity building



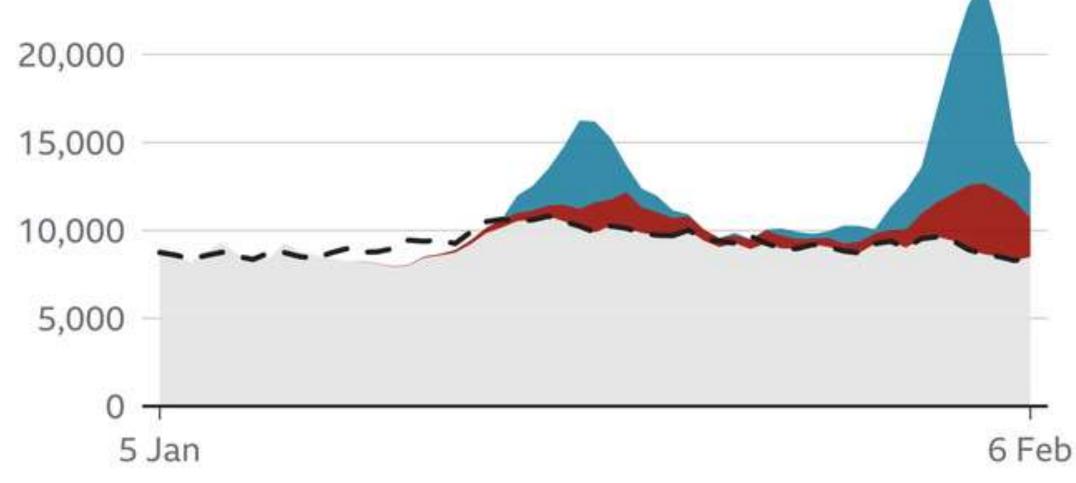
#### observations – UKEMT clinical teams



### **Excess deaths in South Africa**

#### Deaths per week



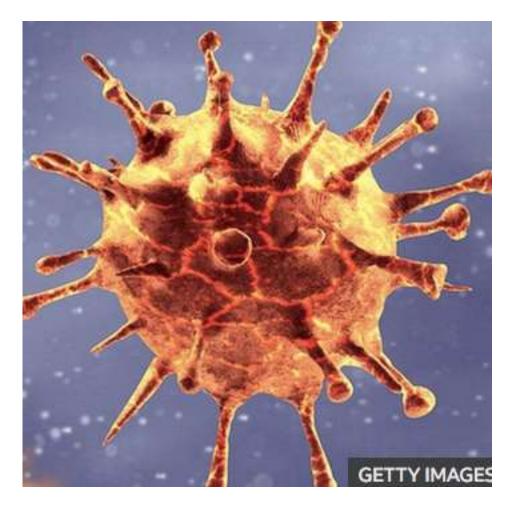


## observations – UKEMT clinical team

- dramatic downturn in case numbers multifactorial
- case-fatality rate remains approx. 3.8% (regional variation)
- current in-patient numbers at Mavuso: 14 out of 143 beds occupied with mild/moderate cases. Staffing unchanged.
- ideal opportunity to revise & consolidate staff training:
  esp. IPC & PPE
  - BLS and Oxygen therapy
- consider "re-boot" of facility...

#### lessons learned

- plan for a 3rd wave of cases
- COVID-19 "variants of concern" - rapid transmission
  - more aggressive
  - different demographics
- avoid overwhelming treatment facilities
- can't rely on vaccinations at this stage....





### administration



# Siyabonga!



#### Our mind is enriched by what we receive,

# ....our heart by what we give.