**COVID-19 AFRICA HEADLINES**

- **Kenya**: Nurses threaten to strike over lack of Covid-19 risk compensation.
- **Kenya**: The mass testing campaign by the health ministry records a low turnout after members of the public are unwilling to comply.
- **Malawi**: The government announces a $51 million emergency cash program to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on vulnerable groups.
- **Nigeria**: Authorities relax lockdown restrictions in Kano state, Abuja and Lagos.
- **Rwanda**: Authorities begin gradual easing of lockdown restrictions after 45 days.
- **Senegal**: President Macky Sall extends the state of emergency for another 30 days.
- **Somalia**: Mogadishu reports an unusual number of deaths and the mayor warns that positive cases are being under-counted.
- **Tanzania**: President John Magufuli suspends the director of the National Health Laboratory, after questioning the credibility of testing kits used by the lab.

**MEDIA TRENDS**

- #MaskupLagos; #Covid-19
- **South Africa**: 10K+ on “Coronavirus vaccines”

**FIGURE(S) OF THE DAY: 127 million**

Primary and secondary students remaining at home in south and eastern Africa.

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*Data compiled from WHO Regional Office for Africa and online media sources.*