

Mbandaka, a city in the province of Ecuador located about 600 kilometers from the capital, Kinshasa, and connected to it by the Congo River. This area already experienced an Ebola epidemic between May and July 2018, and it resulted in 54 cases and 33 deaths. In addition, the DRC faces two other epidemics: one of measles, which has caused more than 6,000 deaths in the past year; and covid-19, with 3,200 cases and 72 deaths, according to official figures. The adoption of preventive measures to prevent contagion has led to the suspension of vaccination campaigns, which could further aggravate the health situation. **Chronicle of José Naranjo**  
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**More afraid of hunger in Malawi.** A survey conducted in recent weeks in Malawi has revealed that 81% of citizens are more afraid of hunger than of covid-19. Those over 55, in particular, fear it less, even though they are at greater risk than young people. In addition, 60% of respondents are concerned about the collapse of the health system and another 76% say they are afraid of social stigma in case of contracting the disease. The survey was carried out between May 7 and 28 by the Malawi Institute of Public Opinion and Research (Ipor). The country has 284 registered positives and no deaths. In the tweet, one of the national newspapers, which echoed this news on its cover.

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**South Africa delays the opening of schools.** The students from 7th to 12th of Education – between 11 and 17 years old – have not finally resumed classes on Monday as the authorities had announced, but will have to wait until June 8. The Ministry of Education announced on Sunday

The branch minister, Angie Motshekga, explained that the reports received made it clear that the schools were not ready. In particular, the teachers did not have the necessary protection material. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa stressed that student safety is “non-negotiable”, the “main priority of the Government” coinciding with the country’s entry on Monday in the so-called Level 3. South Africa has confirmed 34,357 positive cases and 705 related deaths with the new disease.

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