

SITUATION IN NUMBERS (as of midnight GMT+2, 23 April 2022)



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country reporting biweekly increase in numbers of cases



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country reporting biweekly increase in number of deaths



21 687 970

Total laboratory-confirmed cases



21 113 536

Total reported recovered cases



342 085

Total reported deaths



379 637 483

Total tests



Syria strives to increase COVID-19 vaccination coverage amid the long-lasting conflict.

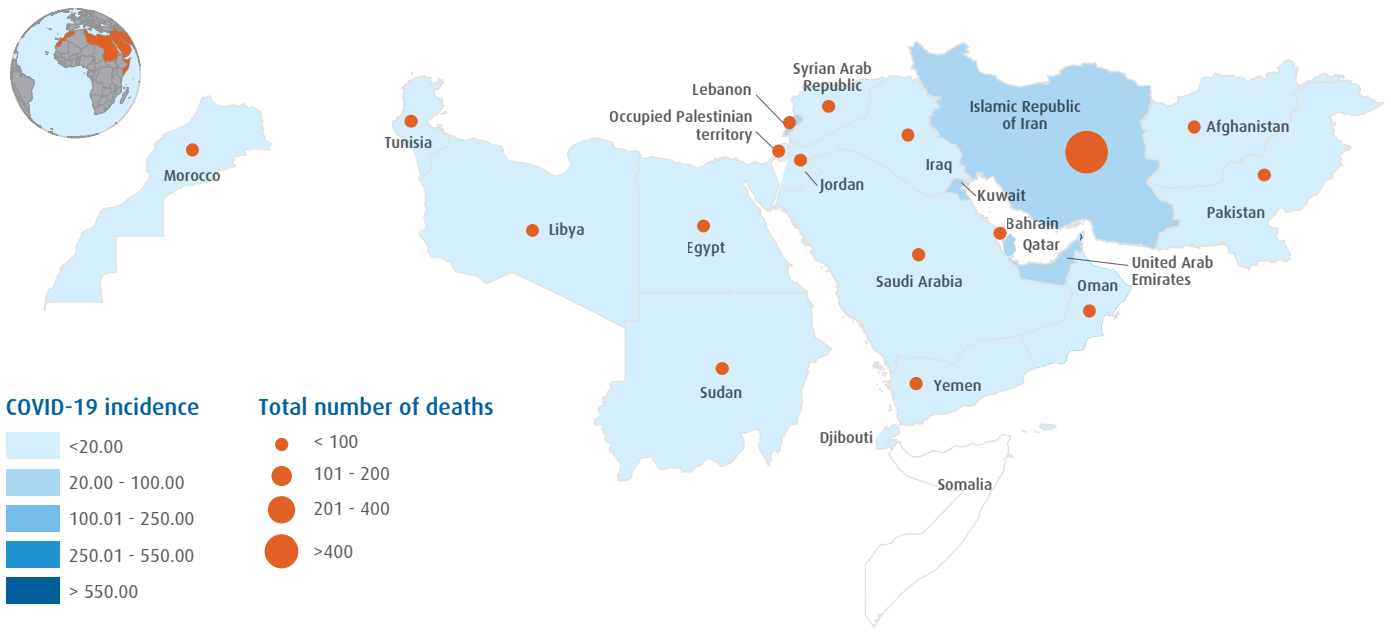
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EPIDEMIOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **COVID-19 cases and deaths:** As of 23 April 2022, the Eastern Mediterranean Region has reported 21 687 970 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 342 085 deaths since the start of the pandemic.
- **Epidemiological trend:** during the reporting period, in comparison with the previous two weeks:
 - The number of reported cases decreased by 38%
 - The number of reported deaths decreased by 44%
 - The number of conducted tests stabilized
 - Two countries reported an increase in cases
 - Two countries reported an increase in deaths
 - One country has reported a simultaneous decrease in cases and deaths
- **COVID-19 testing:** The total number of tests in the Region has reached 379 637 483 with a median cumulative positivity ratio of 10.2% (range from 0.6% to 34%).
- **Variants of concern (VOCs):**
 - 21 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Alpha VOC.
 - 18 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Beta VOC.
 - 6 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Gamma VOC.
 - 20 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Delta VOC.
 - 17 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Omicron VOC.

Map 1: COVID-19 biweekly cumulative incidence rate per 100,000 population and numbers of new deaths per country in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

10-23 April 2022



Map 2: Countries reporting SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern (VOCs) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

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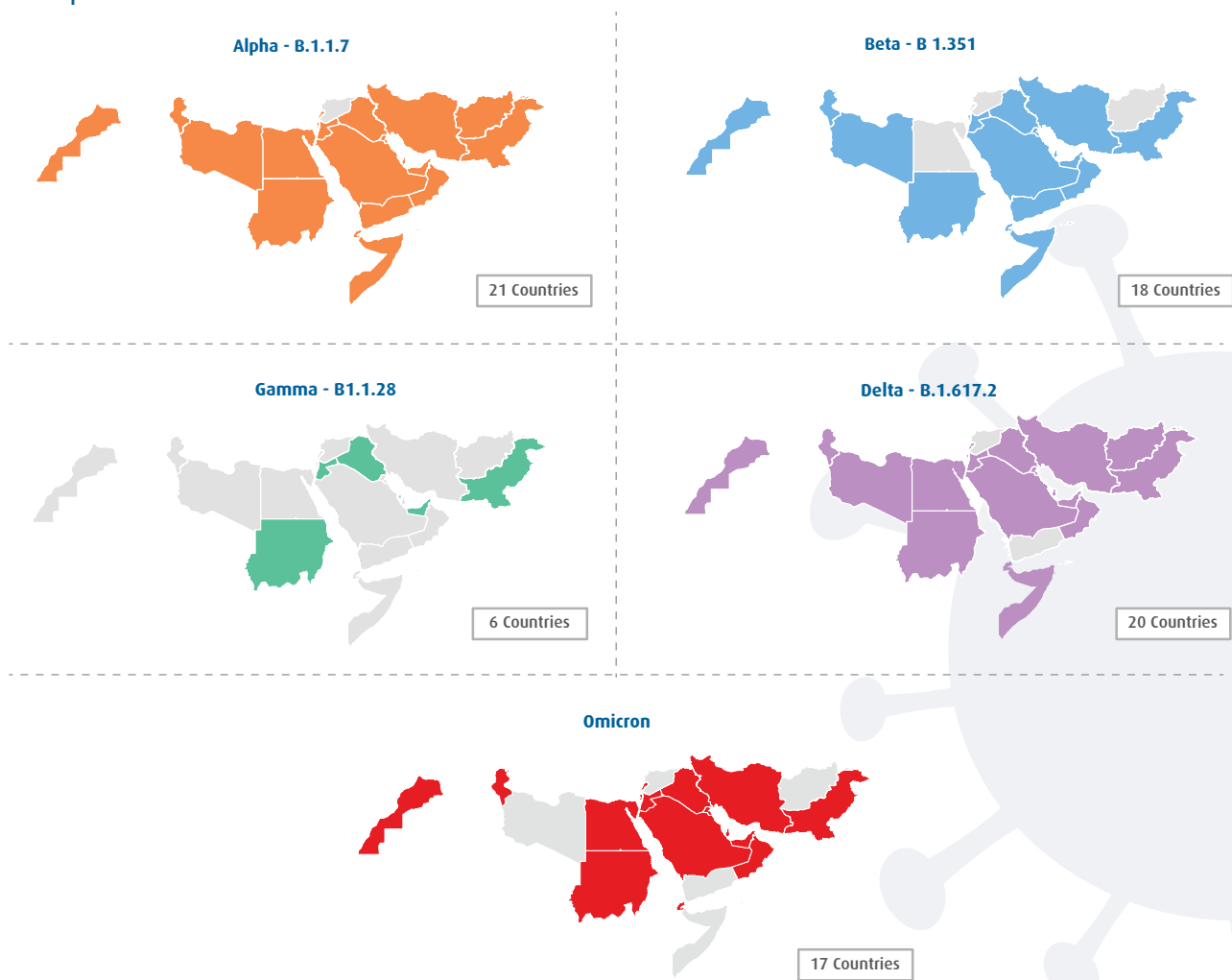


Table 1: Epidemiological situation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

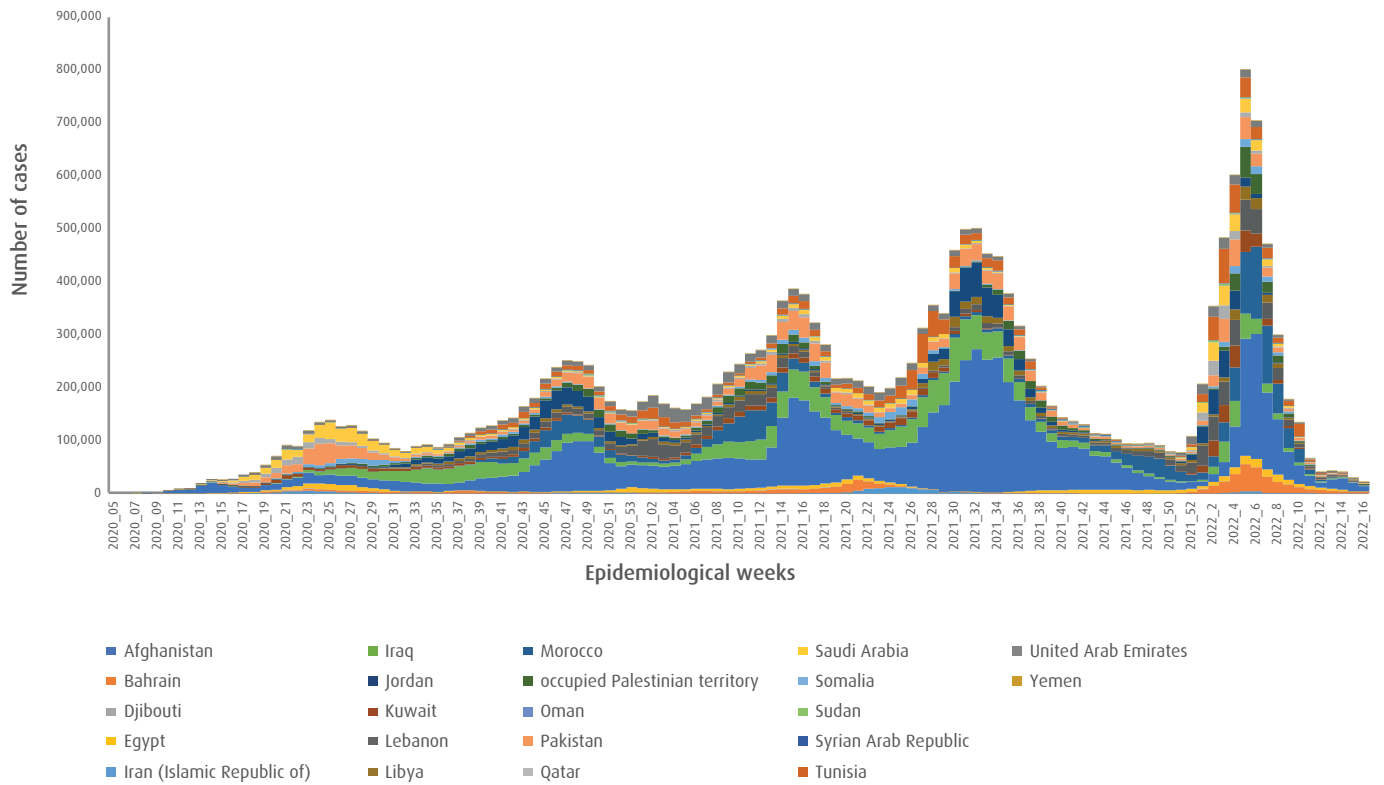
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Country	New Confirmed Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths	CFR	Total Recovered
Afghanistan	548	178 689	7	7 682	4.3%	161 748
Bahrain	6 399	565 830	3	1 475	0.3%	560 795
Djibouti	17	15 611	0	189	1.2%	15 411
Egypt	1 491	513 468	84	24 606	4.8%	444 703
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26 763	7 215 512	385	140 962	2.0%	6 963 991
Iraq	2 360	2 324 141	21	25 204	1.1%	2 295 947
Jordan	788	1 695 745	9	14 064	0.8%	1 681 429
Kuwait	1 087	631 409	0	2 555	0.4%	628 090
Lebanon	1 817	1 096 320	38	10 375	0.9%	1 079 455
Libya	70	501 904	1	6 430	1.3%	490 973
Morocco	708	1 164 670	4	16 065	1.4%	1 148 154
Occupied Palestinian territory	443	657 060	1	5 657	0.9%	650 998
Oman	374	389 036	4	4 257	1.1%	384 055
Pakistan	1 288	1 527 856	8	30 369	2.0%	1 494 050
Qatar	1 466	364 089	0	677	0.2%	362 568
Saudi Arabia	1 615	753 332	21	9 076	1.2%	740 467
Somalia		26 485		1 361	5.1%	13 182
Sudan	63	62 115	3	4 931	7.9%	30 928
Syrian Arab Republic	56	55 795	4	3 150	5.6%	52 090
Tunisia	1 525	1 040 193	41	28 550	2.7%	1 026 075
United Arab Emirates	3 354	896 892	0	2 302	0.3%	879 426
Yemen	5	11 818	1	2 148	18.2%	9 001
Total	52 237	21 687 970	635	342 085	1.6%	21 113 536



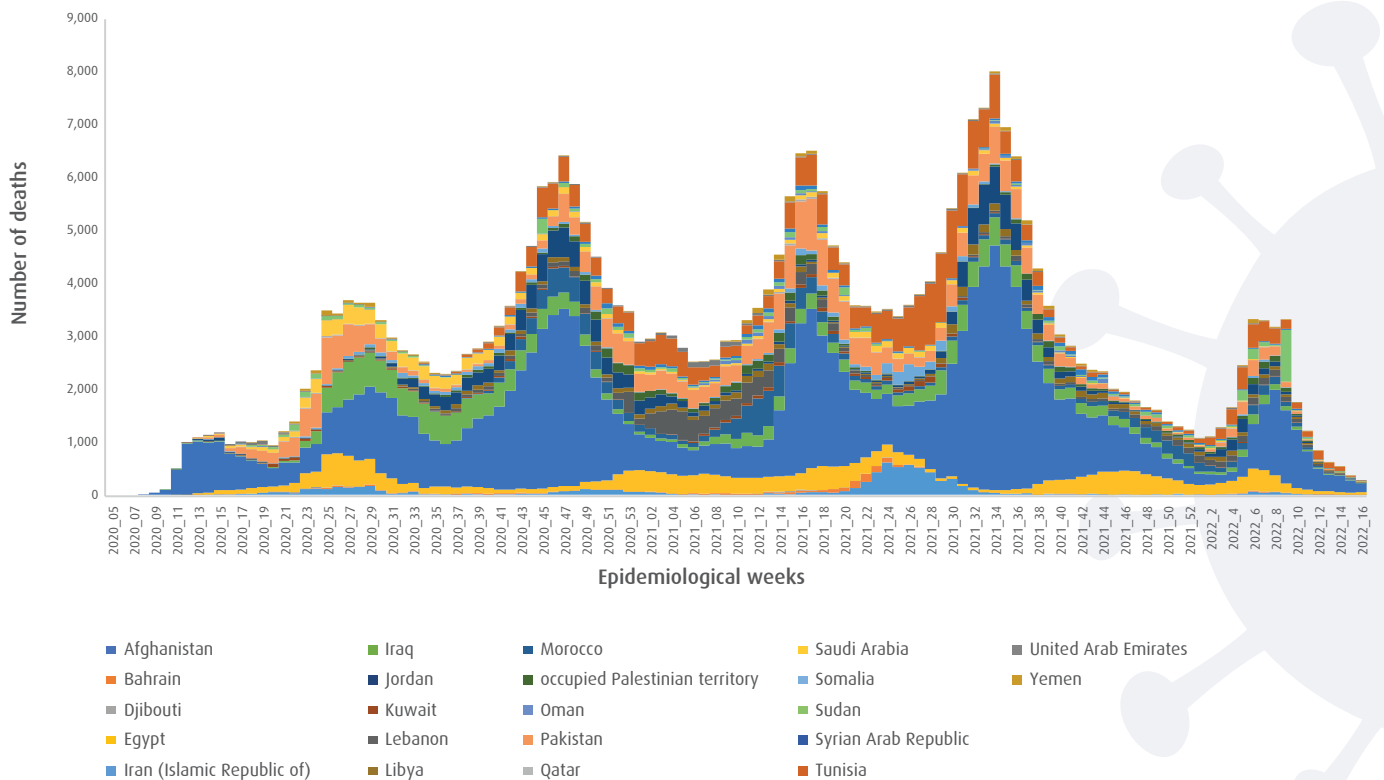
Graph 1: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020-23 April 2022



Graph 2: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 deaths in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020-23 April 2022



REGIONAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Operations Support and Logistics

- Dispatched US\$ 2.08 million in health supplies to eleven countries across five WHO regions, of which US\$ 1.3 million were COVID-19 related supplies.
 - Managed an increasing demand for supplies, processing a number of orders in 2022 that is on track to exceed those processed in total during 2020 and 2021.
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Health Operations and Technical Expertise

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- Conducted a virtual regional webinar on “IPC best practices in COVID-19 response in surgical settings” on 21 April 2022 in collaboration with a WHO Collaborating Center. 160 participants attended from across the Region.
- Held a two-day refreshment IPC training workshop on IPC auditing methods and tools on 17 and 19 April 2022 for thirteen national IPC focal persons from Libya.

Case Management and Clinical Operations

- Disseminated new recommendations for COVID-19 therapeutics: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-therapeutics-2022.3>. This tenth version of the WHO living guideline includes two new recommendations regarding nirmatrelvir-ritonavir and remdesivir (a new strong recommendation for the use of nirmatrelvir-ritonavir in patients with non-severe illness at the highest risk of hospitalization and an updated conditional recommendation for the use of remdesivir in patients with non-severe COVID-19 at the highest risk of hospitalization).
 - Conducted the third demonstration of the WHO regional Live Oxygen Platform for country oxygen focal persons of ministries of health and WHO country offices. The Live Oxygen Platform serves as a real-time tracker of national oxygen capacity and biomedical equipment, and as a repository for oxygen policies, plans, source options, partner involvement and showcasing of innovative approaches and other oxygen scale-up activities, to facilitate needs and response activities.
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Essential Health Services and Systems

- Coordinated contributions to the Afghanistan Frontline Service Readiness Assessment and policy dialogue experience in the Health Systems Learning Hub (HLH).

Regional COVID-19 website:

<http://www.emro.who.int/health-topics/corona-virus/index.html>

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