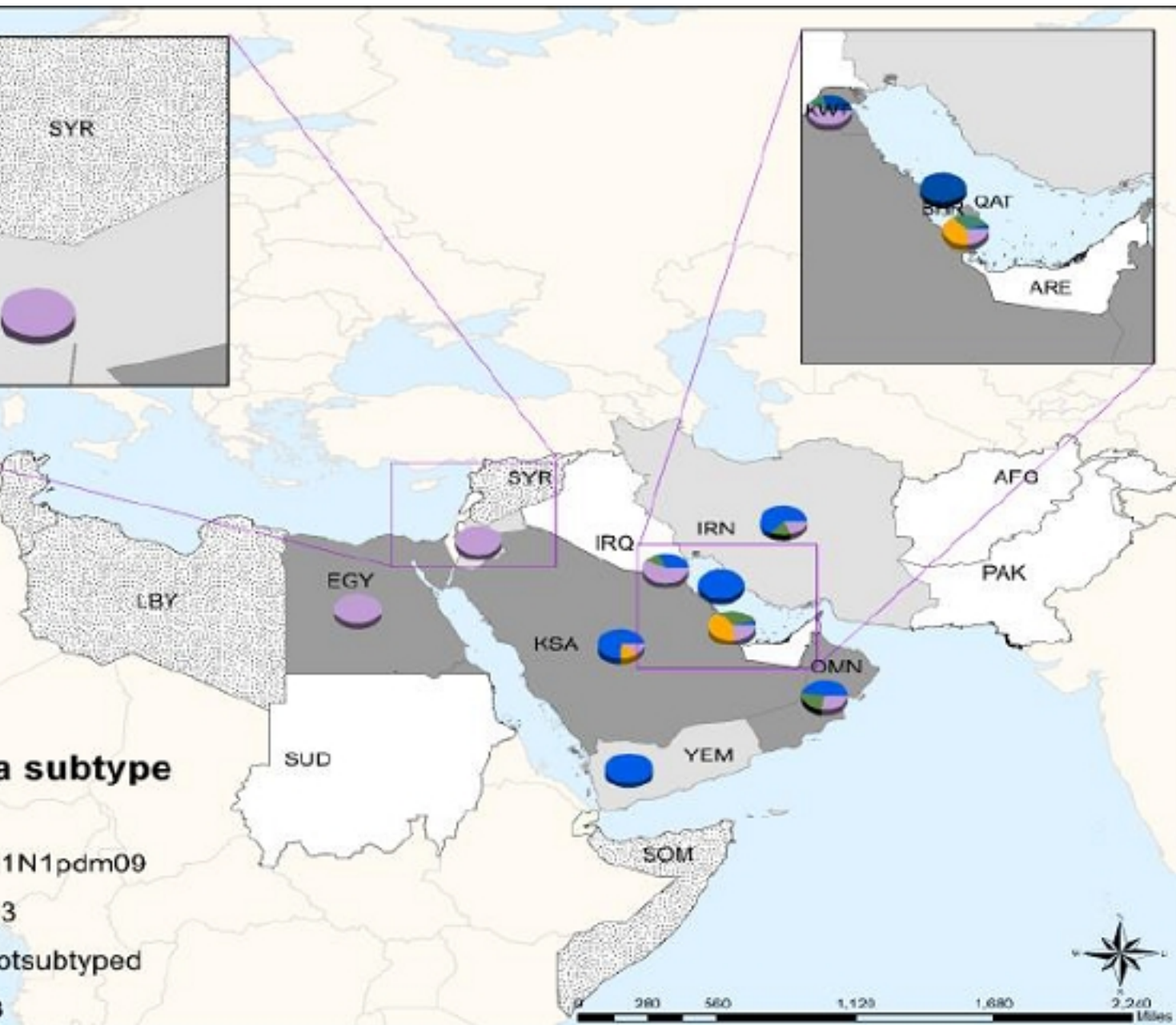


In the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, influenza activity continues to decrease in the month of August in many countries reporting data to FluNet and EMFLU namely, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates.

In August 2019, proportion of tested cases for influenza in EMR is 76.9% out of 2,999 enrolled cases, 14.6% of the tested cases is positive and 85.4% is negative.

Figure 1: Influenza geographic spread by type and subtypes, August 2019.



Influenza A (H1N1) pdm09 virus was first identified in Egypt in August 2009 and spread rapidly to other countries in the region. In August 2019, the virus was identified in Syria, Iraq, Iran, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. The virus was also identified in Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Yemen. The virus was not subtyped in Libya, Sudan, Somalia, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

