



# COVID-19 Situation Report November 2022

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION

- As of 30 November 2022, the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) has reported **23 196 258** confirmed COVID-19 cases and **348 910** deaths since the start of the pandemic with the total number of tests reaching **440 967 755**.
- During the reporting period, in comparison with the previous month:<sup>1</sup>
  - The number of cases decreased by 42%
  - The number of deaths decreased by 37%
  - The number of conducted tests decreased by 47%
  - 3 countries reported an increase in cases<sup>2</sup>
  - 1 country reported an increase in deaths<sup>2</sup>
  - 5 countries reported a simultaneous decrease in cases and deaths<sup>2</sup>
- To date, 20 EMR countries have reported the detection of the Omicron variant of concern (VOC) including 19 countries reporting the BA.1 sub-lineage, 16 countries reporting the BA.2 sub-lineage, two countries reporting the BA.3 sub-lineage, 9 countries reporting the BA.4 sub-lineage, and 9 countries reporting the BA.5 sub-lineage.

<sup>1</sup> Among countries having reported updated and complete monthly data. Figures should be interpreted with caution in countries on weekly reporting.  
<sup>2</sup> An increase or decrease is defined here by a monthly change of at least 5%.

## SITUATION IN NUMBERS

(as of midnight GMT+2, 30 November 2022)

**3** countries reported an increase in the number of cases this month

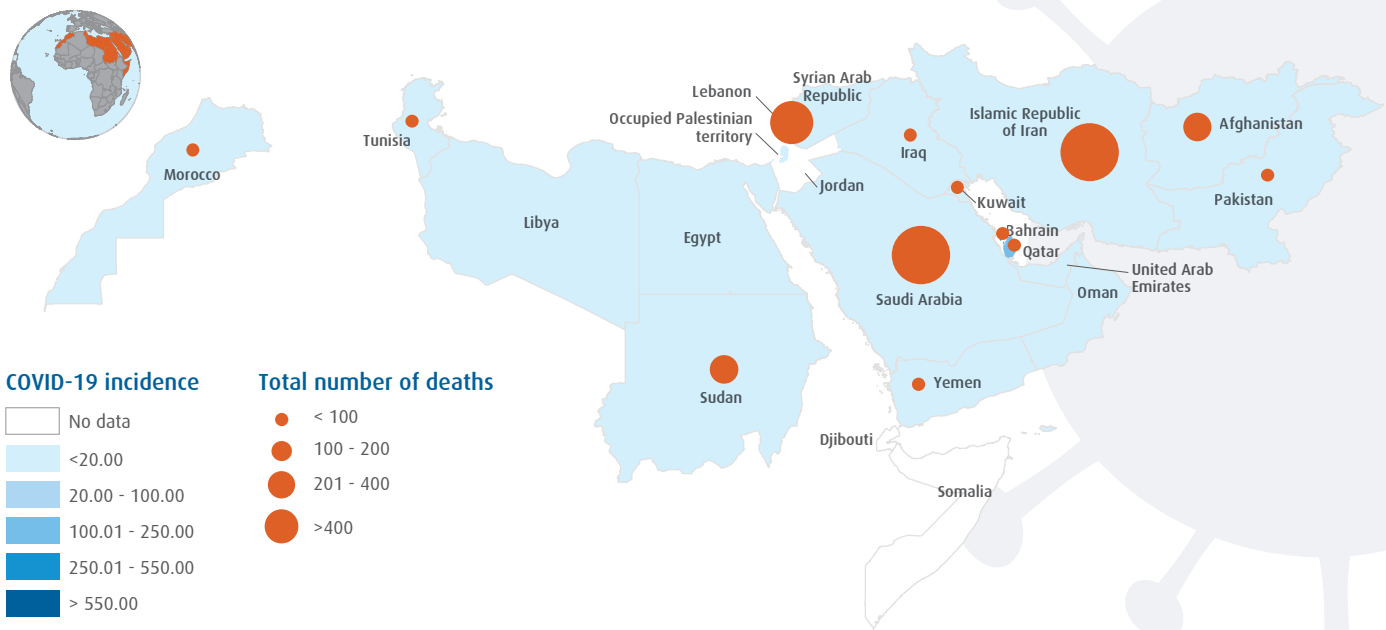
**1** country reported an increase in the number of deaths this month

**23 196 258**  
Total laboratory-confirmed cases

**348 910**  
Total reported deaths

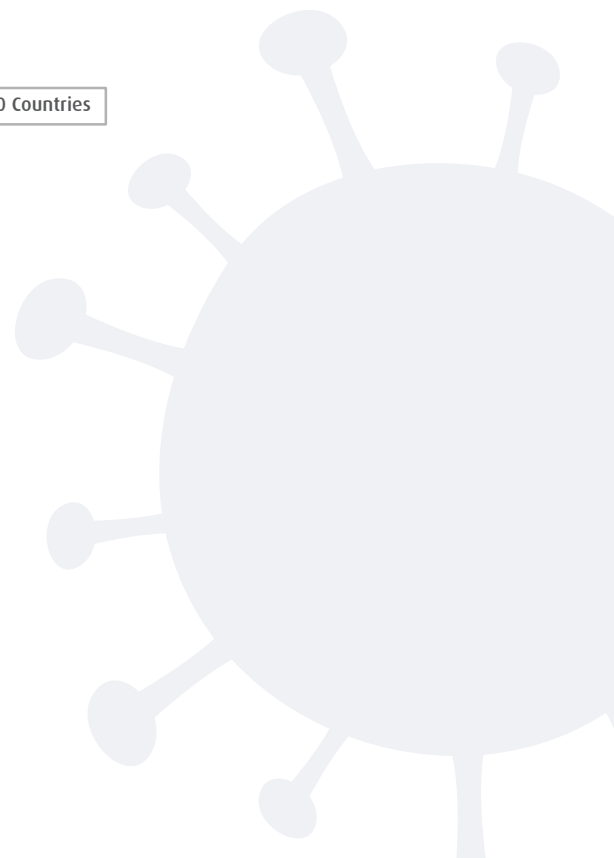
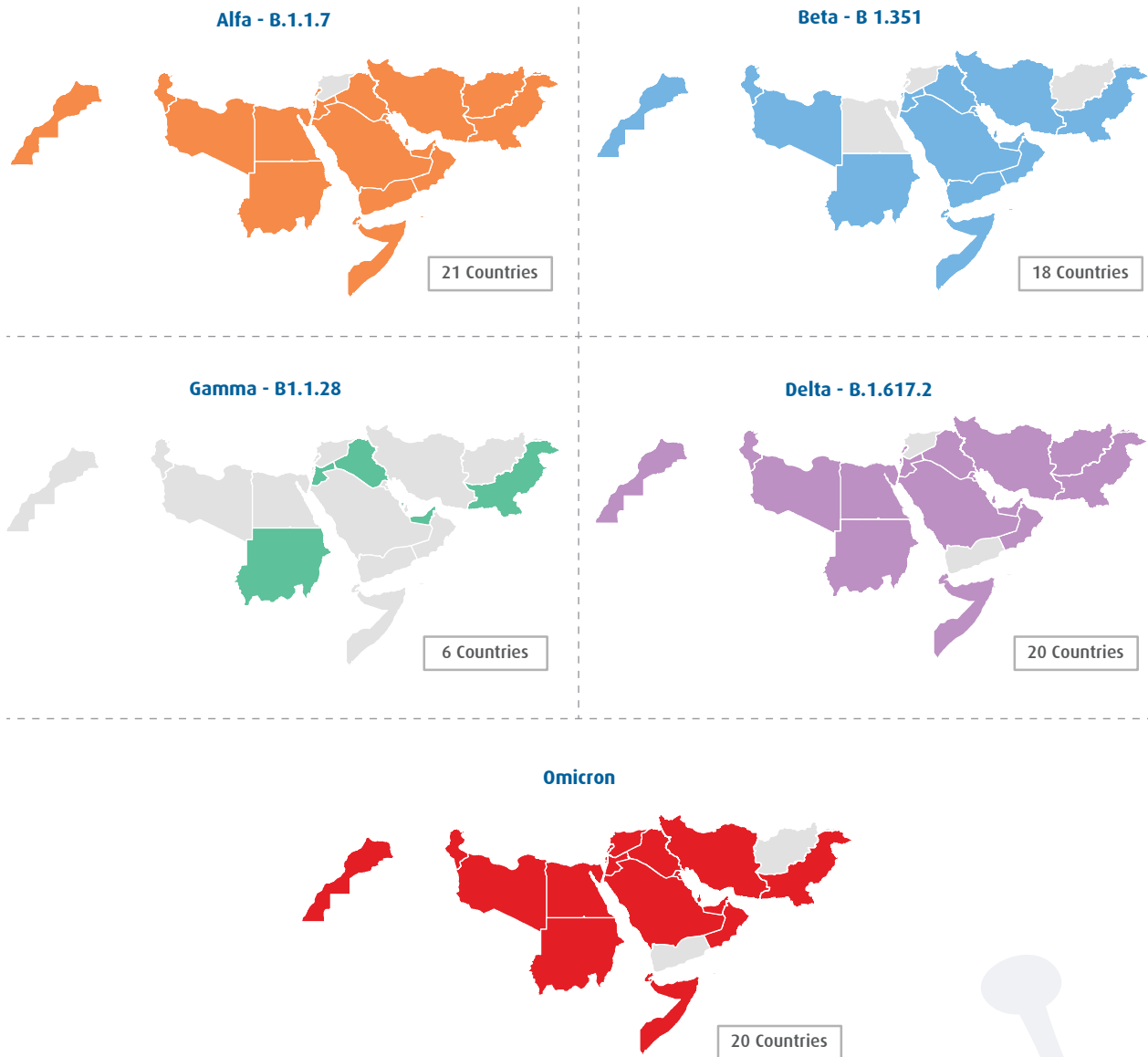
**440 967 755**  
Total tests

**Map 1: COVID-19 monthly attack rate per 100,000 population and numbers of new deaths per country in the Eastern Mediterranean Region 1-30 November 2022**



## Map 2: Countries reporting currently and previously circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOCs) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region as of 30 November 2022

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## Table 1: Epidemiological situation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

1-30 November 2022

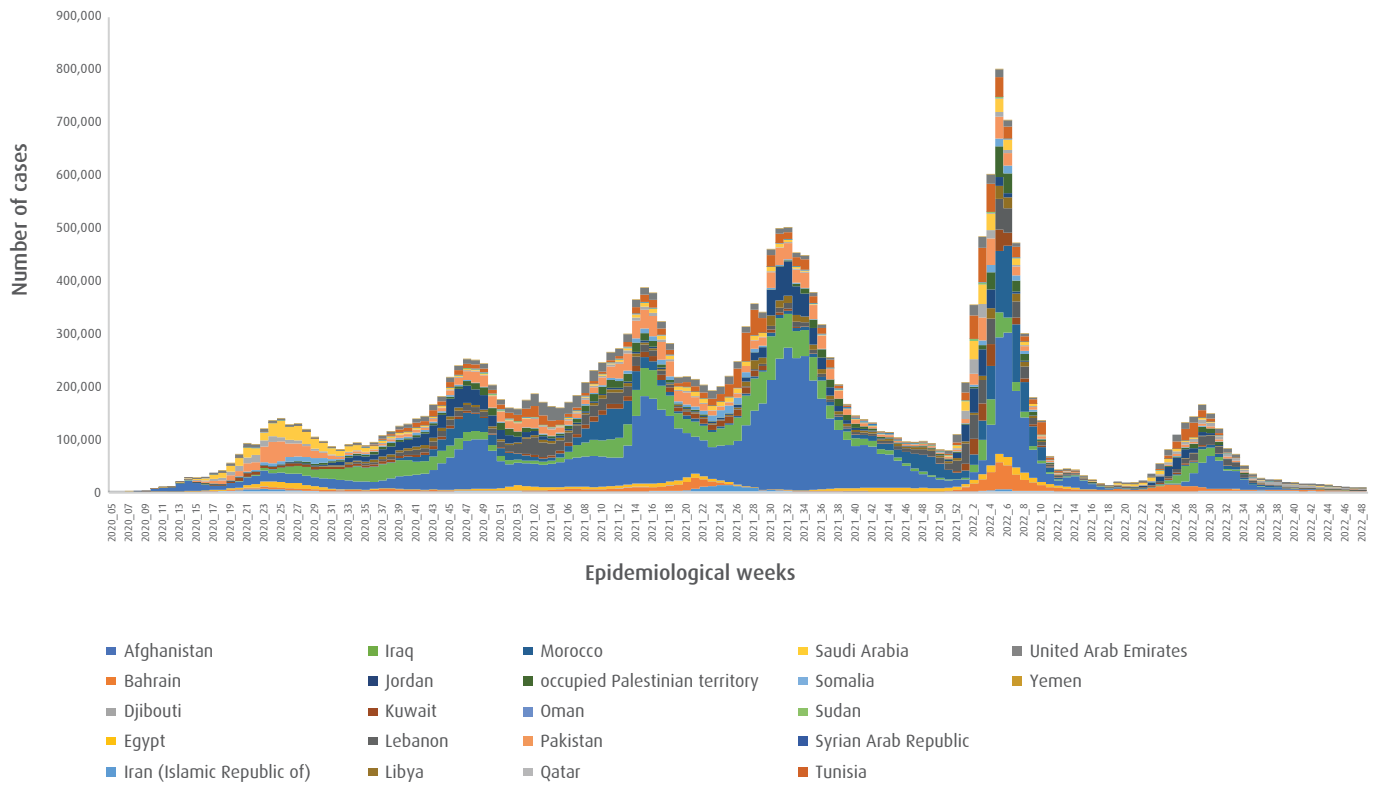
Country	New Confirmed Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths	CFR	Total Recovered	Total Tests <sup>3</sup>
Afghanistan	2905	206 072	11	7834	3.8%	183 817	1 159 157
Bahrain	6145	696 332	8	1536	0.2%	693 773	10 572 291
Djibouti*		15 690		189	1.2%	15 497	319 153
Egypt	36	515 442	0	24 798	4.8%	475 618	12 318 690
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2056	7 559 706	57	144 633	1.9%	7 335 178	54 569 706
Iraq*	1846	2 463 296	3	25 363	1.0%	2 436 875	19 467 921
Jordan*		1 746 997		14 122	0.8%	1 731 007	17 201 885
Kuwait*	517	662 747	1	2570	0.4%	660 095	8 447 300
Lebanon	1781	1 220 560	29	10 737	0.9%	1 087 596	10 696 009
Libya	33	507 084	0	6437	1.3%	500 604	2 536 457
Morocco	3222	1 268 823	3	16 284	1.3%	1 251 256	12 754 669
Occupied Palestinian territory*		703 036		5708	0.8%	696 878	3 473 206
Oman*	270	399 119	0	4628	1.2%	384 946	3 737 036
Pakistan	1131	1 575 225	6	30 632	1.9%	1 543 849	31 041 720
Qatar	9581	478 848	1	685	0.1%	471 629	4 063 664
Saudi Arabia	3138	825 597	57	9464	1.1%	813 132	44 813 727
Somalia*	49	27 286	0	1361	5.0%	13 182	586 620
Sudan	130	63 639	19	4991	7.8%	58 625	476 655
Syrian Arab Republic	39	57 399	0	3163	5.5%	54 229	202 513
Tunisia	479	1 147 072	9	29 268	2.6%	1 133 897	4 975 826
United Arab Emirates	6707	1 044 343	0	2348	0.2%	1 023 936	197 223 958
Yemen*	1	11 945	1	2159	18.1%	9124	329 592
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 066</b>	<b>23 196 258</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>348 910</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>22 574 743</b>	<b>440 967 755</b>

\* No available data or incomplete data for November 2022

<sup>3</sup> Test data is based on data collected by WHO and is affected by the national publishing frequency. Hence, presented figures for some countries may not be up-to-date and the COVID-19 epidemiological situation should therefore be interpreted with caution.

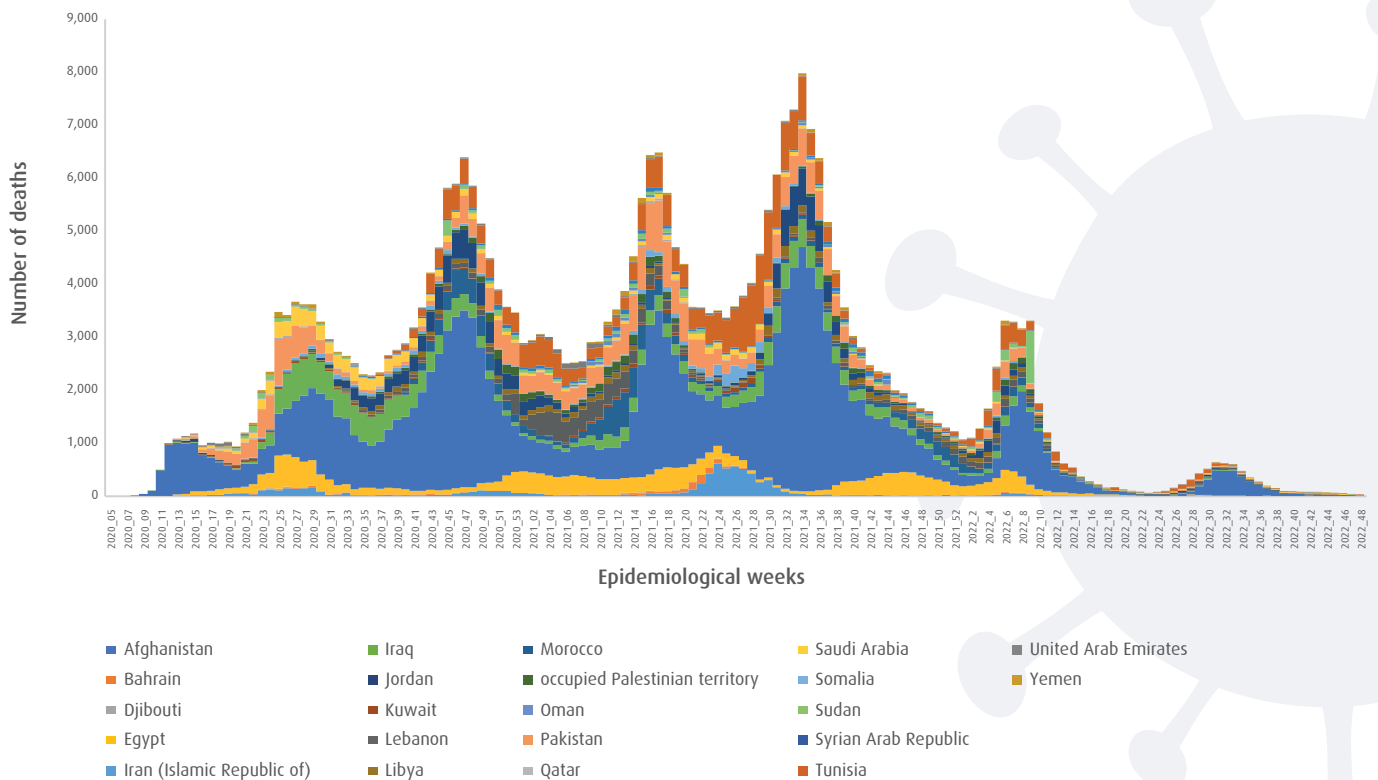
# Graph 1: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020 – 3 December 2022



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

26 January 2020 – 3 December 2022



## REGIONAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

### Operations Support and Logistics

- Dispatched US\$ 800,000 in personal protective equipment and biomedical supplies to 8 countries across the EMR and WHO's African Region.
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### Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- Conducted a 3-day training workshop on multimodal IPC interventions targeting 30 IPC professionals from Tunisia's national and hospital IPC teams.
  - Conducted a live session for the Global IPC Community of Practice entitled "Leadership in infection prevention and control: what we can learn in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic" on 29 November in collaboration with WHO Headquarters and attended by over 100 participants.
  - Trained 40 frontline health workers in two tertiary healthcare facilities in Afghanistan on standard precautions and specific IPC measures in response to public health emergencies.
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### COVID-19 Vaccine

- Developed a template plan for health care worker vaccination and shared it with countries.
- Supported countries to prepare and submit their COVID-19 vaccine demand forecasting for 2023 to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.
- Supported the national integrated vaccination campaign in Sudan, where full immunization coverage has increased from 10% to 17%.

Regional COVID-19 website:

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

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