

SITUATION IN NUMBERS (As of midnight GMT+2, 1 January 2022)



14

Countries reporting biweekly increase in numbers of cases



10

Countries reporting biweekly increase in numbers of deaths



17 203 559

Total laboratory-confirmed cases



16 609 171

Total reported recovered cases



316 176

Total reported deaths



294 992 406

Total tests performed



WHO works with countries in the Region to strengthen and enhance their testing and surveillance capacities for COVID-19, especially as variants of concern spread.

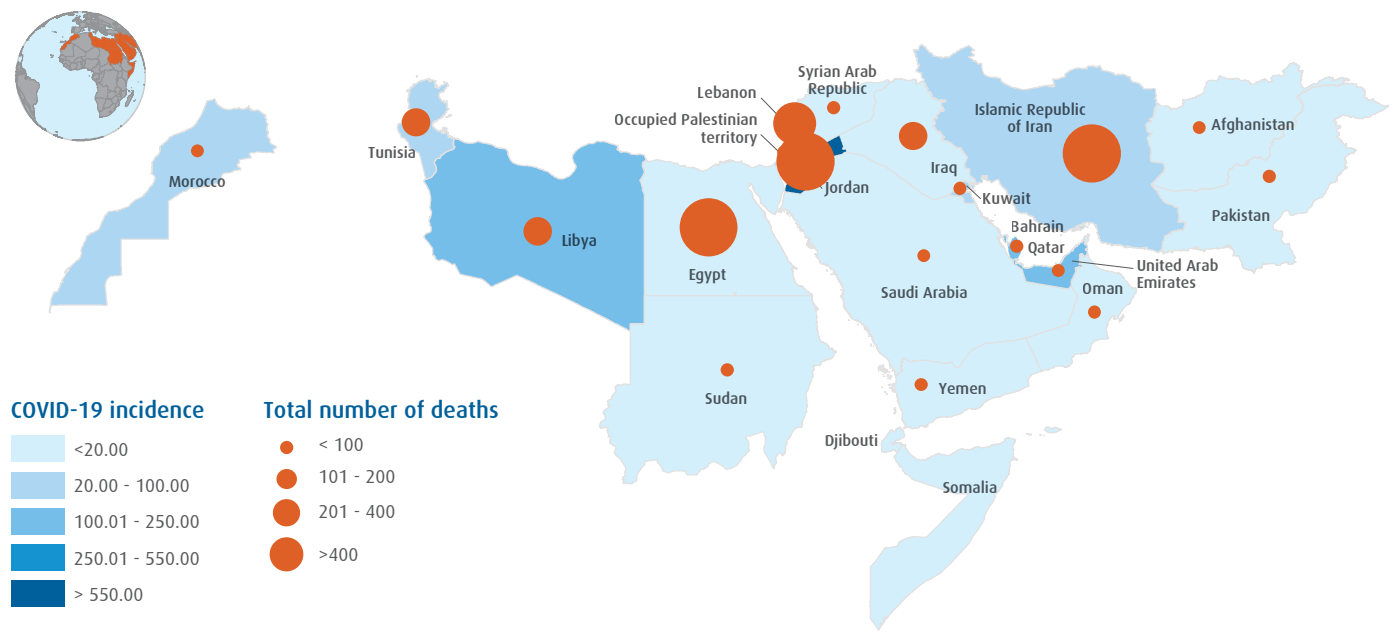
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EPIDEMIOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **COVID-19 cases and deaths:** As of 1 January 2022, the Eastern Mediterranean Region has reported 17 203 559 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 316 176 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 increased by 9%.
 - The number of reported deaths decreased by 16%.
 - The number of conducted tests increased by 16%.
 - Fourteen and ten countries reported an increase in cases and deaths respectively.
 - A decrease in both cases and deaths reported by ten countries.
- **COVID-19 testing:** The total number of tests in the Region has reached 294 992 406 with a median cumulative positivity ratio of 7.9% (range from 0.7% to 30.9%).
- **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.
 - 18 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Delta VOC.
 - 14 countries 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

19 December 2021- 1 January 2022



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

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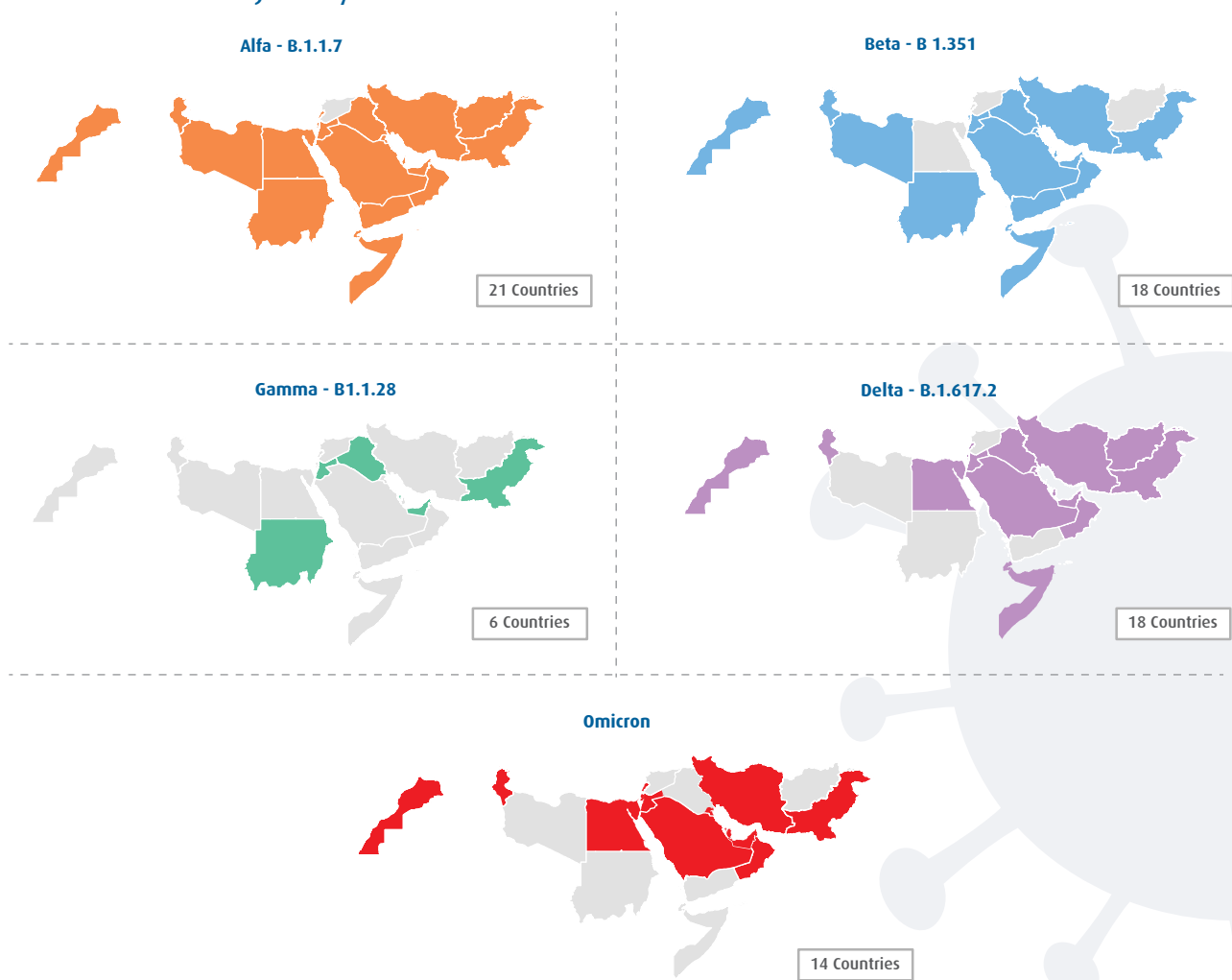


Table 1: Epidemiological situation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

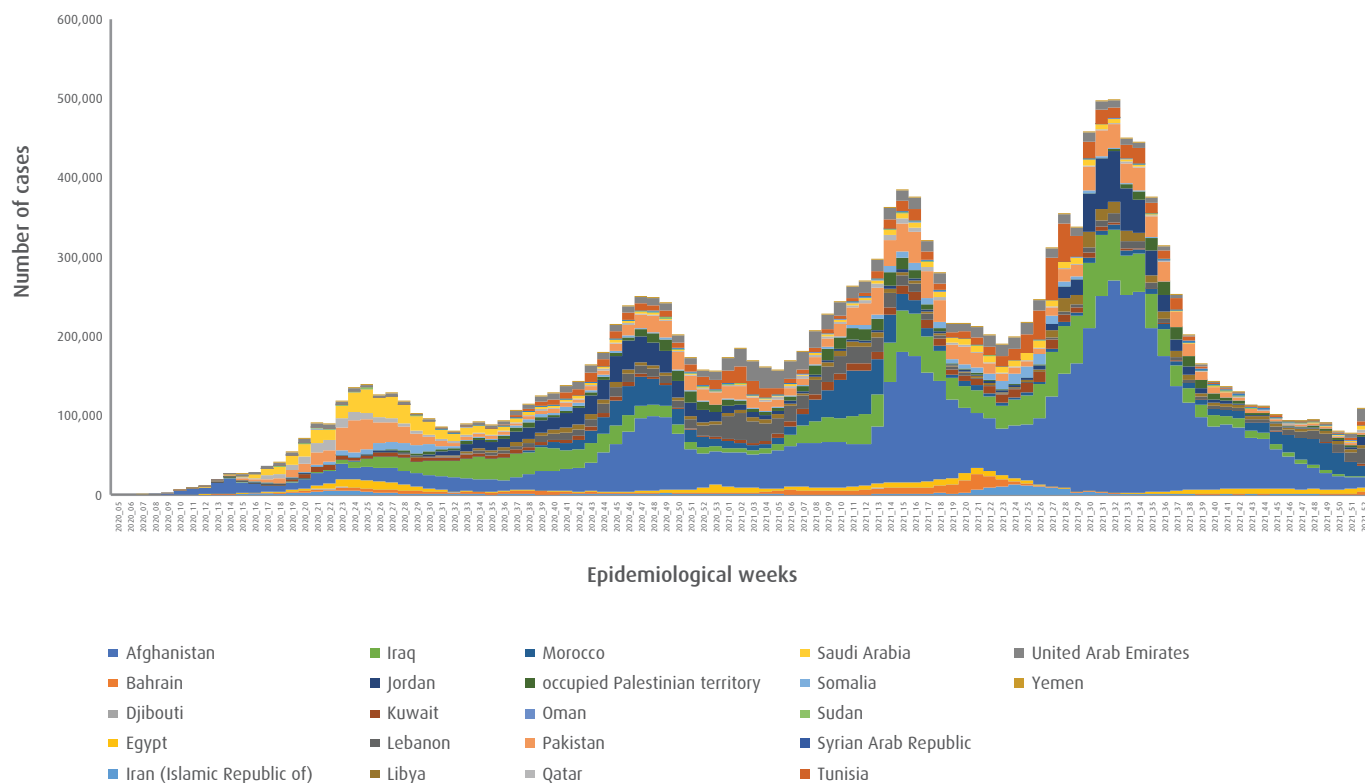
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Country	New Confirmed Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths	CFR	Total Recovered	Total Tests
Afghanistan	369	158,156	26	7,361	4.7%	145,675	823,562
Bahrain	4,267	282,677	0	1,394	0.5%	277,501	8,049,445
Djibouti	140	13,668	0	189	1.4%	13,384	259,209
Egypt	11,947	386,358	453	21,768	5.6%	321,132	5,791,635
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26,392	6,195,403	606	131,639	2.1%	6,039,171	42,078,937
Iraq	3,683	2,093,891	112	24,163	1.2%	2,065,208	16,840,100
Jordan	30,808	1,064,277	493	12,684	1.2%	1,020,785	13,575,729
Kuwait	3,700	417,723	2	2,468	0.6%	411,788	5,984,074
Lebanon	31,824	731,288	212	9,136	1.2%	663,429	8,354,100
Libya	7,901	389,650	124	5,722	1.5%	376,968	2,056,153
Morocco	12,792	965,420	43	14,851	1.5%	941,008	9,899,598
Occupied Palestinian territory	4,331	470,658	75	4,942	1.1%	461,915	2,856,092
Oman	881	305,710	3	4,116	1.3%	300,381	1,986,264
Pakistan	5,419	1,296,527	69	28,941	2.2%	1,257,024	23,469,131
Qatar	4,994	251,361	4	618	0.2%	245,698	3,180,056
Saudi Arabia	6,344	557,082	17	8,878	1.6%	542,115	33,310,519
Somalia	363	23,532	0	1,333	5.7%	12,948	387,436
Sudan	1,087	46,988	42	3,337	7.1%	30,867	475,025
Syrian Arab Republic	617	50,310	60	2,901	5.8%	32,639	79,630
Tunisia	7,229	728,260	116	25,586	3.5%	696,548	3,390,992
United Arab Emirates	20,641	764,493	14	2,165	0.3%	745,963	111,815,127
Yemen	30	10,127	8	1,984	19.6%	7,024	329,592
Total	185,759	17,203,559	2,479	316,176	1.8%	16,609,171	294,992,406



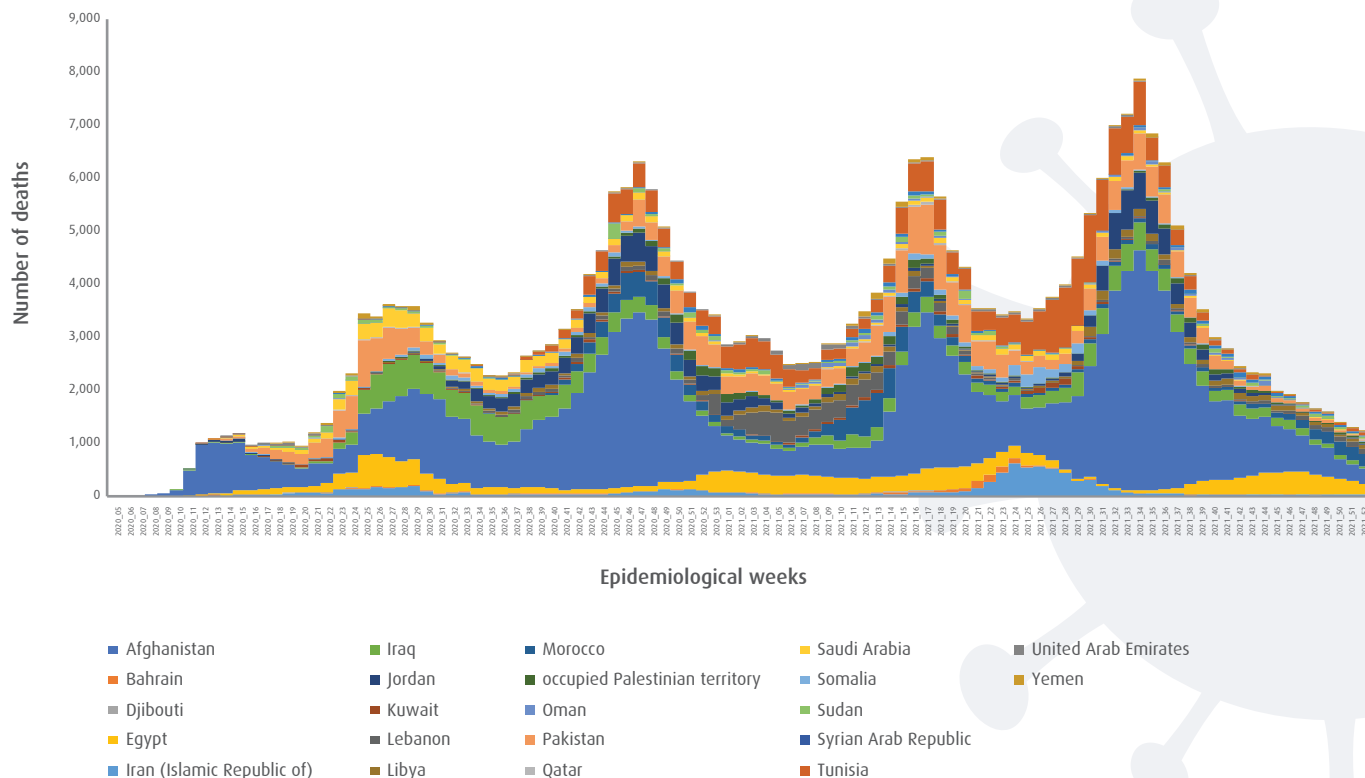
Graph 1: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020 – 1 January 2022



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

26 January 2020 – 1 January 2022



REGIONAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Partnership and Coordination

- Provided technical support to WHO's Country Office in Yemen on stakeholder engagement in the review and implementation of the revised Universal Health Coverage Priority Benefits Package.

Operations Support and Logistics

- Dispatched over US\$ 2.971 million in health supplies to 9 countries across the WHO African Region and the Eastern Mediterranean Region during this reporting period.
- Fulfilled over 545 requests in 2021 representing a 60% increase in demand over 2020. Supported the distribution of over US\$ 102 million in health supplies through over 800 shipments to 129 countries across all 6 WHO geographic regions. Shipments from the WHO's logistics hub in Dubai now account for approximately 10% of WHO's global supply chain activity.

Health Operations and Technical Expertise

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- A surge team visited Aden and Sana'a to capacity building of 40 professionals from the national health facilities' IPC teams.
- Conducted a regional virtual IPC webinar for 80 participants on the "management of waste and linen in health care settings" on 23 December 2021.
- Held a 4-day IPC training on outbreak management, health care-associated infection surveillance and IPC standards in critical care from 20 to 29 December 2021, targeting 17 national IPC teams from the Gaza Strip, occupied Palestinian territory.
- Deployed an IPC surge capacity mission to Yemen for two weeks (9 to 23 December 2021), conducting field visits and meetings with stakeholders to assess and strengthen the implementation of IPC in response to COVID-19.

Case Management and Clinical Operations

- Finalized the "Live Oxygen Platform" dashboard and user guide. The platform enables the real time identification of national oxygen production capacities and needs, so countries can monitor and respond to gaps in a timely manner.

COVID-19 Vaccine

- Monitored COVID-19 vaccine supply and coverage.
- Support countries in the application of the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Support (CDS), costing of the National Deployment and Vaccination Plans (NDVPs) and risk communication and community engagement activities.

Regional COVID-19 website:

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

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