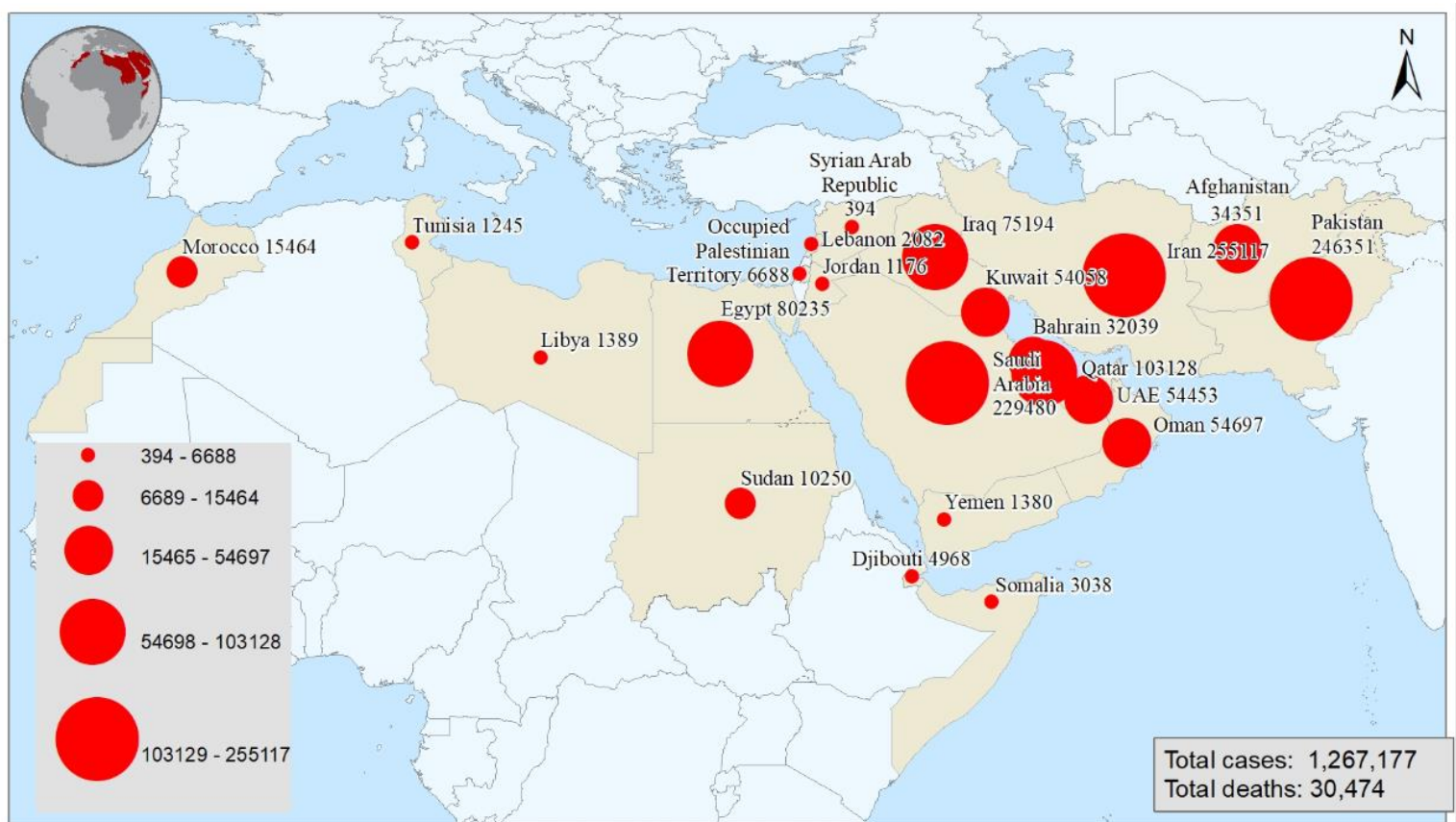




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Countries and territory reporting cases	Total laboratory-confirmed cases reported as of 11 July (10% increase from previous week)	Total deaths reported as of 11 July (13% increase from previous week)	Total recovered cases reported as of 11 July	Medical supply shipments to 105 countries from the Regional logistics hub in Dubai as of 8 July	Health workers protected globally through shipments from the Regional logistics hub in Dubai as of 8 July

Map 1. Distribution of COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths in EMR as of 11 July 2020 (18:00 Cairo time)



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Data source: World Health Organization
Map production: Health Emergency Information and Risk Assessment (HIM) Unit
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Key situation highlights

- Cases in the Region increased from 1 153 229 to 1 267 177 (10% increase compared to 13% previous week) during EpiWeek 28.
- 67% of the new cases this week were reported from four countries (21% from KSA; 16% from Pakistan and 15% from each Iran and Iraq).
- Egypt reported a decreased number of cases in the last few days, with a stabilization of the number of reported deaths and a slight increase in the case fatality rate.
- Lebanon reported the highest number of reported cases (71 cases).
- Countries with the largest relative increase in reported cases:
 - The occupied Palestinian territory (from 4250 to 6688 (57%))
 - Libya (from 989 to 1389 (40%))
 - Iraq (from 58 354 to 75 194 (29%))
- Deaths associated with COVID-19 in the Region increased from 27 073 to 30 474 (13% increase compared to 15% previous week).
- The occupied Palestinian territory, Syria and Libya had the largest relative increase in deaths (68%, 60% and 41%, respectively).
- More countries have eased the restrictions imposed in early stage of the outbreaks, and business and government offices have started to reopen. Governments are advising the people to wear face masks in public places where social distancing cannot be maintained.

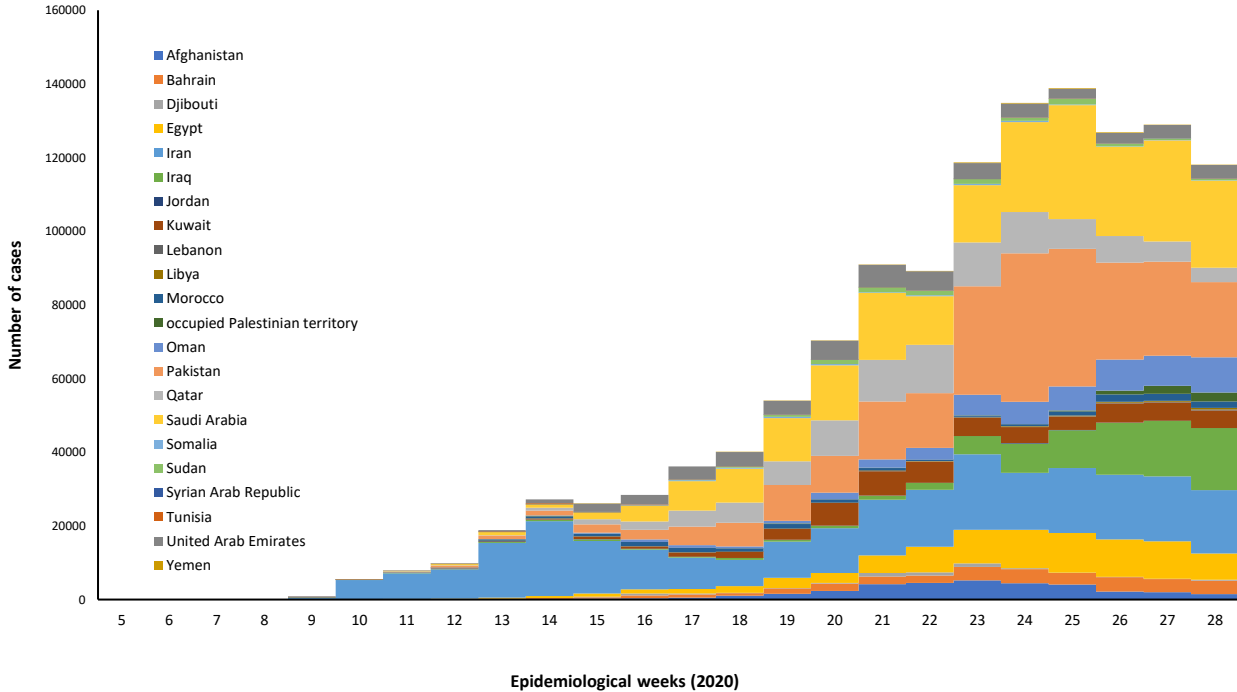
Table 1. Regional update of COVID-19 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region as of 11 July (18:00 Cairo time)

Country	New cases	New deaths	Total cases	Recovered	Total deaths	CFR	Tests/100,000	Positivity ratio %
Afghanistan	157	4	34,351	21,105	975	2.8	204	43.3
Bahrain	511	1	32,039	27,213	104	0.3	38,142	4.9
Djibouti			4,968	4,689	56	1.1	5,116	9.8
Egypt	981	85	80,235	23,274	3,702	4.6	373	21.0
Iran	2,397	188	255,117	217,666	12,635	5.0	2,318	13.1
Iraq	2,734	95	75,194	43,079	3,055	4.1	1,669	11.2
Jordan	3		1,176	991	10	0.9	4,512	0.3
Kuwait	478	3	54,058	43,961	386	0.7	10,057	12.6
Lebanon			2,082	1,402	36	1.7	2,412	1.3
Libya	47		1,389	340	38	2.7	558	3.6
Morocco	270	1	15,464	11,895	244	1.6	2,319	1.8
oPt	859	2	6,688	710	32	0.5	2,611	5.0
Oman	1,083	4	54,697	35,255	248	0.5	4,603	23.3
Pakistan	2,755	65	246,351	153,134	5,123	2.1	696	16.0
Qatar	498		103,128	98,934	146	0.1	14,203	25.2
Saudi Arabia	2,994	30	229,480	165,396	2,181	1.0	6,395	10.3
Somalia			3,038	1,209	92	3.0	17	41.3
Sudan	46	1	10,250	5,341	650	6.3	127	50.6
Syria			394	126	16	4.1	28	8.1
Tunisia	5		1,245	1,076	50	4.0	657	1.6
UAE	403	1	54,453	44,648	331	0.6	38,722	1.4
Yemen	24	3	1,380	630	364	26.4	14	32.7
TOTAL	16,245	483	1,267,177	902,074	30,474	Med=1.9	Med=2,318	Med=10.8

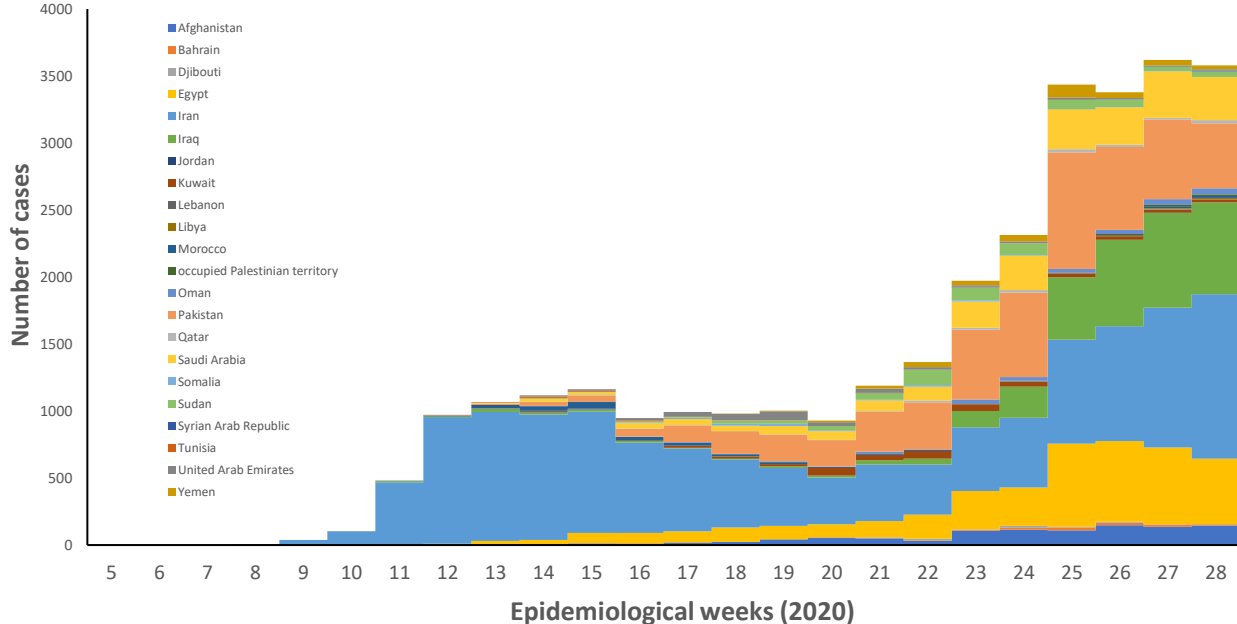
■ Highest CFR, Positivity >20% – Lowest tests
■ Lowest CFR, Positivity <5% – Highest tests

New cases/deaths are reported since previous day 06 pm

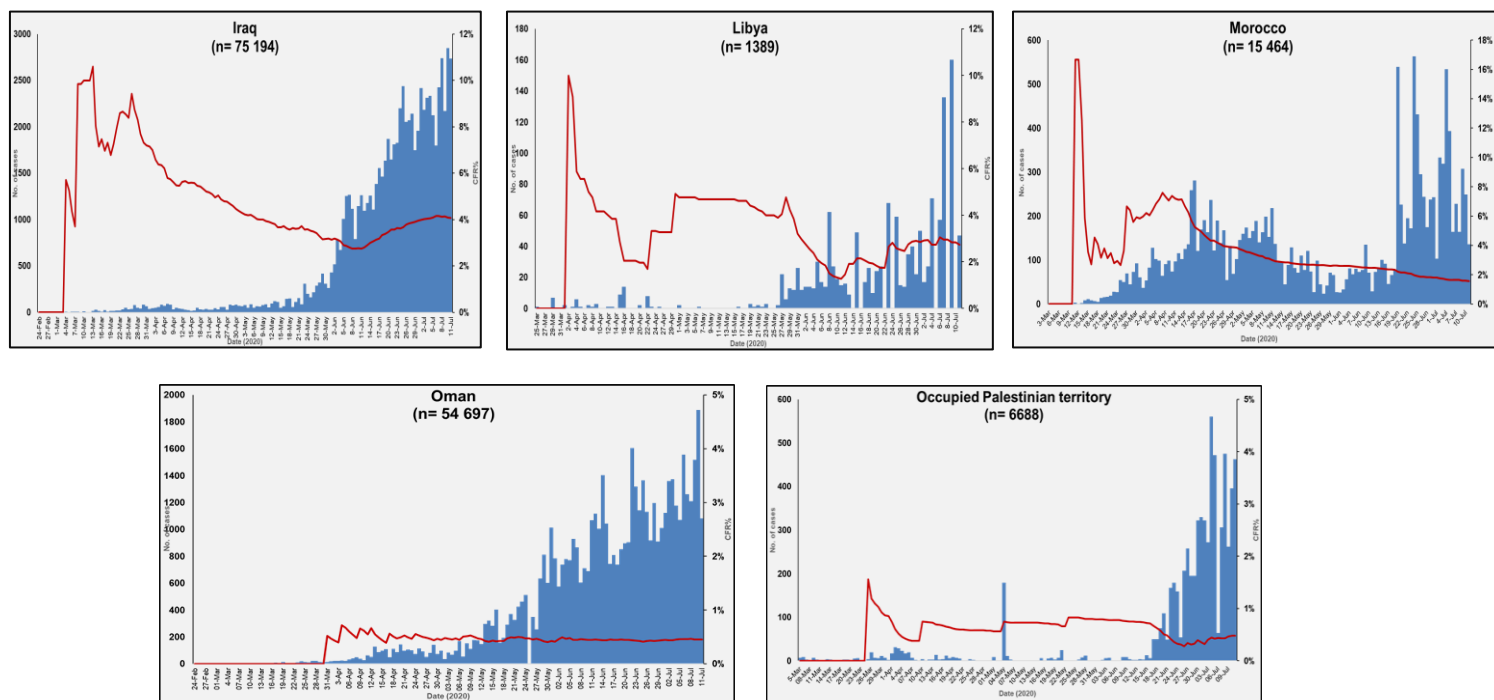
Graph 1: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 29 Jan – 11 July (18:00 Cairo time)



Graph 2: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 deaths in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 29 Jan – 11 July (18:00 Cairo time)



Graphs 3-7: Countries reporting increasing numbers of cases as of 11 July (18:00 Cairo time)



Regional response highlights

- A multi-disciplinary Regional technical support mission to Syria began on 7 July. The mission's main objective are to assess the capacity of the COVID19 national laboratory network, provide on-site technical support and training, and identify strengths and gaps to guide response priorities. So far, the team have met with health authorities, national and international stakeholders to review and discuss the COVID-19 response efforts in Syria. The team has also visited Al-Zabadani hospital, the main isolation facility for #COVID-19 patients in Damascus/Rural Damascus, to assess its readiness and identify needs to strengthen case management.
- Support is being provided to Pakistan on its participation in the Seroprevalence studies, and a discussion is also ongoing on the use of Rapid Diagnostic Testing and ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) testing in the country.
- Technical support is being provided with Yemen to revise the clinical management and surveillance/laboratory strategies, as well as ensure scaling up of technical and operational support.
- Afghanistan and Jordan are being supported to improve knowledge and skills for non-ICU (Intensive Care Unit) doctors in complex settings. Pakistan has completed the first batch of COVID-19 critical care training among ICU staff.
- The Regional inventory tool for biomedical equipment for COVID-19 case management has been updated.
- A Regional Webinar on: "Anti-Microbial Resistance threat during the COVID-19 response: taking action on antimicrobial stewardship" was successfully organized and 317 participants attend the webinar from countries in the Region. The Regional Office continues to collaborate with the patient safety and quality group to prepare for World Patient Safety Day. Another Regional online webinar was conducted to provide guidance to countries on general Infection Prevention and Control measures for patients with suspected/confirmed COVID-19.
- Work is ongoing with Afghanistan and Pakistan on maintaining family planning services (with a focus on post-partum & quality of care), and with Pakistan, Sudan and Yemen to follow up on modelling to assess the impact of COVID-19 impact on reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health care (RMNCH) services. A virtual meeting was conducted with UNICEF and UNFPA to discuss a joint advocacy letter to countries on maintaining RMNCH services.

- Data collection is ongoing at the Regional level for a rapid assessment on mental health service delivery and psychosocial work environment survey. Mental health and psychosocial support working groups are active in 6 priority countries of the Region (Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Pakistan and Jordan) and receiving regular support from the Regional Incident Management Support Team. A webinar on staff mental health and wellbeing, chaired by the Regional Director, was held for all staff in the Region.
- A pilot exercise has been initiated in Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Pakistan and north Syria to map and document work done by national Rapid Response Teams as part of the response to COVID-19 and other public health threats. Findings will be presented when the exercise is complete.
- A webinar on 'Health Systems Today and 'Post'-COVID' was held in collaboration with the Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET). The Regional Office is also supporting a webinar, delivered by the Regional Director, on Medical Education in the Context of COVID-19, focusing on bridging the gap between practice and education. Another webinar on the 'Role of Primary Health Care in COVID-19' was also held in collaboration with the Arab Public Health Association.
- The peer-review process for more than 120 COVID-19 research proposals is now completed. High rated proposals will be recommended for funding soon.
- The fourth webinar on: "Ethics of COVID-19 research: Governance, Regulations, Monitoring Mechanisms", was held on 7 July with speakers from WHO Geneva, WHO collaborating centres on bioethics in Pakistan and Iran, and the American University in Beirut, Lebanon.
- A concept note is being finalized for a special issue of the Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal on "Response of the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the COVID-19 Pandemic".
- The Regional logistics hub in Dubai continues to support the medical commodity response to COVID-19, dispatching critical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and laboratory supplies to support infection prevention and control as well as surveillance and detection operations to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19. The team of seven logistics staff have so far handled 236 COVID-19 shipments to 105 countries in 6 WHO Regions while simultaneously responding to ongoing health emergency needs around the world. This week, the Libya charter flight is being finalised, while shipments to Sudan, Somalia, Pakistan, the occupied Palestinian territory and Djibouti are ready and awaiting transportation.

Challenges

- Limited data reporting from some countries in the region is preventing WHO from fully understanding the situation.
- In countries facing emergencies, such as Syria, Libya, and Yemen, the situation may be underestimated due to the limited testing capacity and under-reporting of the actual number of cases.
- In countries where the situation seems to be stabilizing, there are significant reductions in the numbers of people being tested, which affects the number of positive cases reported.
- Vulnerable populations such as refugees and internally displaced populations, who do not seem to have been significantly affected, are still at high risk.
- Countries in the Region are slowly opening points of entries and there is need for surveillance systems in place to screen and monitor the travelers.

Regional and country response highlights

- [Facebook live session on the status of research in the context of COVID-19](#)
- [Africa records over 500 000 COVID-19 cases](#)

- [WHO support bridges shortfall in oxygen supplies in Iraq](#)
- [WHO delivers essential COVID-19 supplies to Afghanistan](#)
- [UN Envoy praises Somalia's frontline health care workers](#)
- [WHO welcomes Kuwait donation to support COVID-19 response measures at points of entry](#)

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