As of 30 November 2015 the global number of reported Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus cases reached 1621, including 652 deaths (case fatality rate of 39.9%). In Saudi Arabia the total number of reported cases reached 1277 (78.8% of the global number) with a CFR of 42.5%.

A total of 476 laboratory-confirmed cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) including 192 deaths (CFR: 40%) were reported from the countries of WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region between 01 January to 08 November 2015. Majority of the cases were reported from Saudi Arabia (448 cases) followed by Jordan (12 cases), United Arab Emirates (7 cases), Qatar (4 cases), Oman (3 cases) and one case from each Iran and Kuwait.

Compared to 2014, although the cases have not registered a significant increase, hospital outbreaks continue to be reported from Saudi Arabia and remain a major concern.

Compared to 2014, there has not been any substantial increase in number of reported cases and the age characteristics of the cases reported in 2015 do not show any significant difference when compared with age characteristics of cases reported from 2012 to 2014 (combined).

The age group of 50-59 years continues to be main risk group for acquiring infection for (combined).

Compared to 2014, the age group of 50-59 years continues to be main risk group for acquiring infection for primary cases, while the risk group for secondary cases is observed to be 30-39 years. Majority of deaths amongst the primary and secondary cases have been seen to have occurred in the age group of 50-59 and 70-79 years respectively.

Compared to 2014, although the cases have not registered a significant increase, hospital outbreaks continue to be reported from Saudi Arabia and remain a major concern.