

Table 3 Key facts on palliative care development in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Egypt	Islamic Republic of Iran	Iraq
Palliative care is not included in the health benefits package. Injectable morphine is occasionally available, while oral morphine is not. Opioid consumption is 2.4 mg per capita. 26 specialized services (0.03/100 000 inhabitants)	National palliative care strategy. Injectable morphine is always available. The consumption of opioids per capita is 0.4 mg. 20 specialized services (0.02/100 000 inhabitants)	No national palliative care strategy, nor palliative care included in the health benefits package. Injectable morphine is usually available but oral morphine only occasionally. 2 specialized palliative care services (0.01/100 000 inhabitants)
Jordan	Kuwait	Lebanon
National palliative care plan and palliative care included in health benefits package. Oral and injectable morphine are always available. Opioid consumption is 3.8 mg per capita. 20 specialized services (0.02/100 000 inhabitants)	National palliative care plan and palliative care included in health benefits package. Oral and injectable morphine are available. Consumption of opioids is 5.4 mg per capita. 3 specialized services (0.07/100 000 inhabitants)	Strategic palliative care plan, and palliative care included in health benefits package. Injectable and oral morphine are usually available. Opioid consumption is 4.5 mg per capita. 6 specialized palliative care services (0.09/100 000 inhabitants)
Morocco	Oman	Occupied Palestinian Territories
No specific allocation of funds for palliative care. Availability of injectable morphine occasional, while oral morphine is usually available. Consumption of opioids is 0.09 mg per capita. 6 specialized PC services (0.02/100 000 inhabitants)	Palliative care included in health benefits package. General availability of oral and injectable morphine. Consumption of opioids is 1.1mg per capita. 1 specialized palliative care.	No regulatory or financial framework for palliative care. Even though oral and injectable morphine is always available, opioid consumption is unknown. No specialized palliative care services.
Qatar	Pakistan	Saudi Arabia
Strategic palliative care plan and palliative care included in health benefits package. Oral and injectable morphine always available. Consumption of opioids is 4.4 mg per capita. 2 specialized services (0.07/100 000 inhabitants)	No specific allocation of funds for palliative care. Oral and injectable morphine occasionally available. 16 specialized palliative care providers (0.01/100 000 inhabitants)	National palliative care strategy, and palliative care included in health benefits package. Oral and injectable morphine always available. Opioid consumption is 7.2 mg per capita. 20 specialized palliative care services (0.07/100 000 inhabitants)