

Recent WHO burden of disease studies show that modifiable environmental risk factors are killing more than 1 million people in the Region annually, and causing about 24% of the total burden of disease. These lives could be saved and diseases prevented by implementing appropriate environmental health interventions. Such interventions exist and are proven to be cost effective. Table 1 provides country data on the burden of disease and the number of deaths due to modifiable environmental risk factors.

**Table 1. Country data on burden of disease (%) and the number of deaths due to modifiable environmental risk factors**

Country	Burden of disease due to modifiable environmental risk factors (%)	Deaths due to modifiable environmental risk factors
Afghanistan	33	176 800
Bahrain	14	400
Djibouti	24	2000
Egypt	17	88 700
Iran, Islamic Republic of	17	79 200
Iraq	22	87 200
Jordan	17	4500
Kuwait	14	900
Lebanon	17	5300
Libya	17	4900
Morocco	18	32 000
Oman	17	1400
Pakistan	22	318 400
Gaza and West Bank	–	–
Qatar	14	300
Saudi Arabia	20	21 000
Somalia	31	49 200
Sudan (including South Sudan)	24	97 000
Syrian Arab Republic	17	13 300
Tunisia	18	12 100
United Arab Emirates	14	1300
Yemen	26	50 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1 046 400</b>

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