



An estimated 1.2 million deaths occurred in children under-5 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in 2007, a 26% decline from the 1990 level. Four countries ([Egypt](#) , [Morocco](#) , [Oman](#) and [Tunisia](#) ) are close to achieving MDG 4, having reduced their under-5 mortality rate by 60% or more during the same period; many others are on track to achieve the goal by 2015 if current trends continue. Of concern are 6 out of 8 countries, most plagued by conflict, in which the under-5 mortality rate has decreased by less than a third in the 17-year period and remains high, namely Afghanistan, Djibouti, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia and Sudan. Close to a million deaths occurred among under-5 children in these countries in 2007, almost 80% of all under-5 deaths in the Region. The challenge of achieving MDG 4 in these countries is substantial. Detailed information on mortality rates and trends by country, based on the [World Health Statistics, WHO, 2009](#) , is presented in tables and illustrated with graphs in the section on "Data and statistics: Under five mortality and its causes".

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