

SITUATION IN NUMBERS (As of midnight GMT+2, 14 August 2021)



12

Countries reporting biweekly increase in numbers of cases



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Countries reporting biweekly increase in numbers of deaths



13 609 788

Total laboratory-confirmed cases



12 134 593

Total reported recovered cases



249 573

Total reported deaths



200 904 384

Total tests performed



Health care workers continue to be at the frontlines of the COVID-19 response.

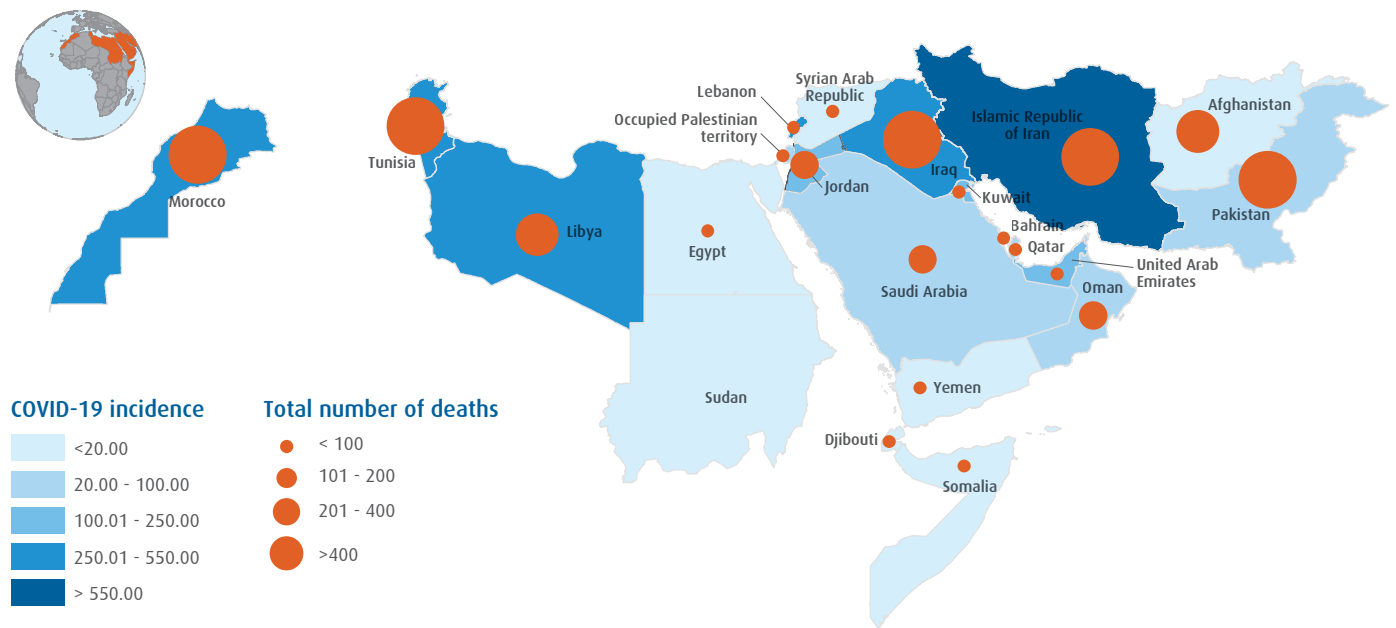
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EPIDEMIOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **COVID-19 cases and deaths:** As of 14 August 2021, the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) has reported 13,609,788 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 249,573 deaths since the start of the pandemic.
- **Epidemiological trend:** during the reporting period and compared to the two previous weeks:
 - The number of reported cases has increased by 25%.
 - Deaths have increased by 32%.
 - Tests rates have increased by 7%.
 - 12 countries have reported an increase in cases and an equal number of countries have reported an increase in deaths.
 - A decrease in both cases and deaths was reported by 8 countries.
- **COVID-19 testing:** The total number of tests conducted in the Region has reached 200,904,384, with a median cumulative positivity ratio of 9.6% (range from 1.0% to 30.8%).
- **SARS-CoV-2 variants:**
 - 21 countries in the Region have officially reported the detection of the **Alpha variant of concern (VOC):** Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, the occupied Palestinian territory, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.
 - 18 countries in the Region have officially reported the detection of the **Beta VOC:** Bahrain, Djibouti, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Morocco, the occupied Palestinian territory, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.
 - 4 countries have officially reported the **Gamma VOC:** Jordan, Pakistan, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates.
 - 15 countries in the Region have officially reported the detection of the **Delta VOC:** Afghanistan, Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, the occupied Palestinian territory, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

Map 1: COVID-19 bi-weekly attack rate per 100,000 population and number of new deaths per country in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

1-14 August 2021



Map 2: Countries reporting SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOCs) and variants of interest (VOIs) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

1-14 August 2021

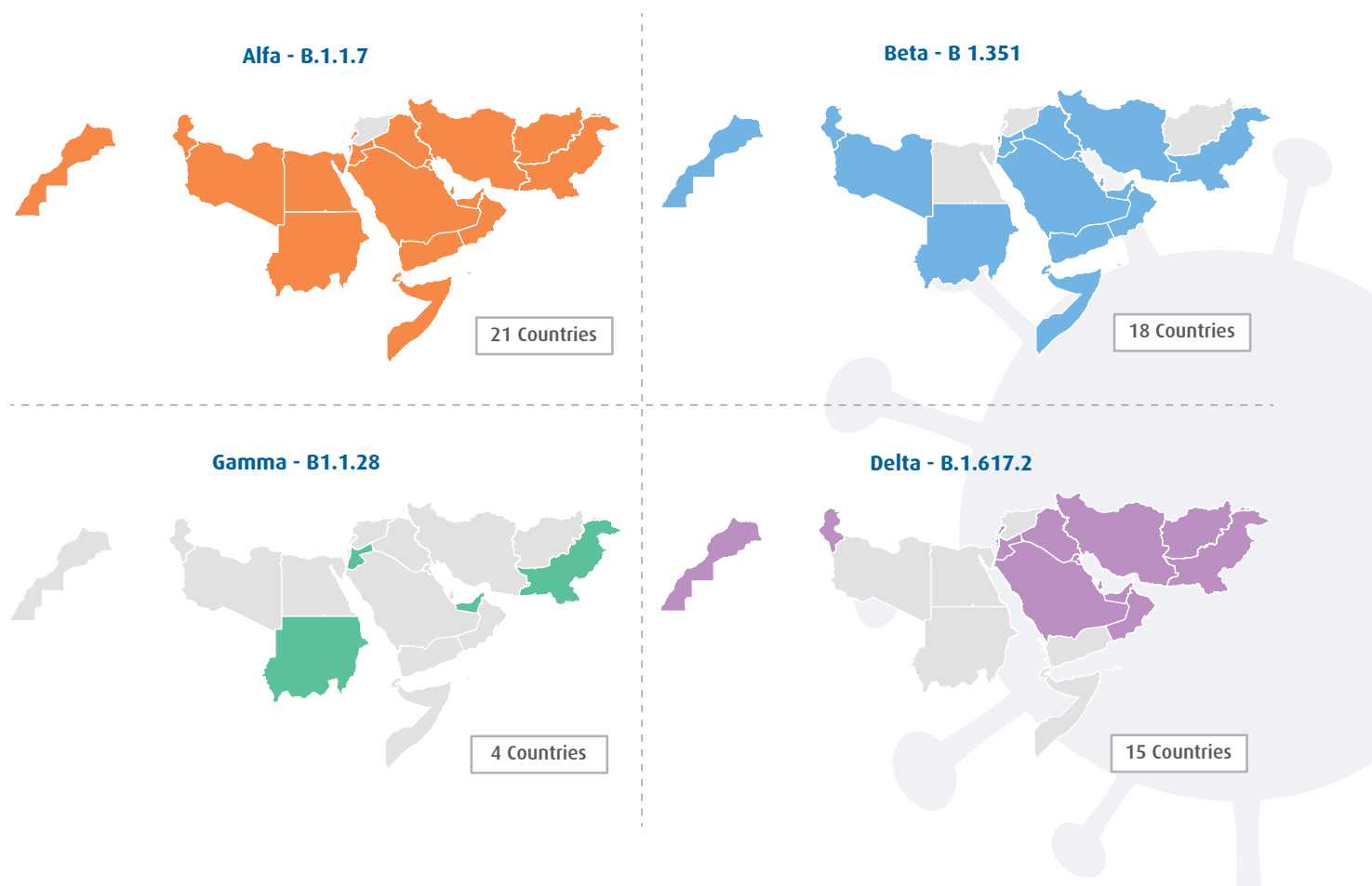


Table 1: Epidemiological situation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

1-14 August 2021

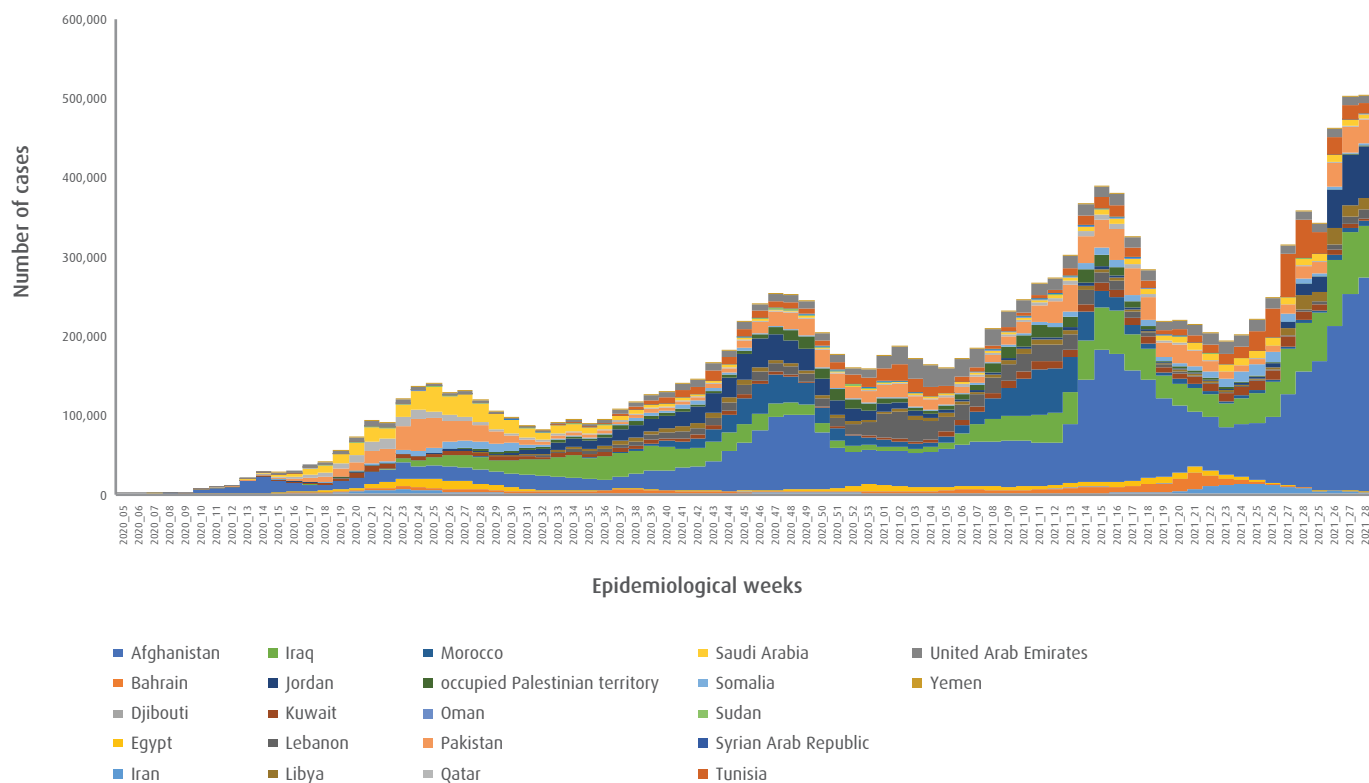
Country	New Confirmed Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths	CFR	Total recovered	Total Tests
Afghanistan	4,157	152,142	251	7,025	4.6%	106,210	744,706
Bahrain	1,630	270,816	0	1,384	0.5%	268,299	5,660,278
Djibouti	27	11,678	0	156	1.3%	11,507	199,058
Egypt	995	285,257	91	16,615	5.8%	233,881	3,504,171
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	518,077	4,389,085	6,578	97,208	2.2%	3,700,828	27,078,261
Iraq	142,154	1,768,753	949	19,606	1.1%	1,586,671	13,712,059
Jordan	11,498	782,210	171	10,203	1.3%	760,509	8,782,890
Kuwait	8,403	406,234	66	2,386	0.6%	396,641	3,588,341
Lebanon	20,117	581,497	66	7,972	1.4%	541,455	5,943,335
Libya	28,494	281,930	356	3,904	1.4%	205,476	1,436,232
Morocco	128,548	752,076	1,148	10,933	1.5%	657,958	7,550,276
Occupied Palestinian territory	3,406	349,108	19	3,891	1.1%	341,761	2,051,737
Oman	3,397	299,967	152	3,988	1.3%	275,236	1,986,264
Pakistan	63,573	1,098,410	984	24,406	2.2%	986,795	16,848,371
Qatar	2,742	228,981	0	601	0.3%	225,881	2,407,381
Saudi Arabia	12,253	537,983	162	8,399	1.6%	522,009	26,338,561
Somalia	862	16,265	67	878	5.4%	7,913	233,752
Sudan*	116	37,556	0	2,780	7.4%	30,867	475,025
Syrian Arab Republic	329	26,292	21	1,935	7.4%	22,133	79,630
Tunisia	30,156	625,688	1,838	21,905	3.5%	569,736	2,404,667
United Arab Emirates	19,729	700,587	48	1,997	0.3%	678,341	69,626,431
Yemen	212	7,273	26	1,401	19.3%	4,486	252,958
Total	1,000,875	13,609,788	12,993	249,573	1.8%	12,134,593	200,904,384

* Sudan last reported as of 12 August 2021



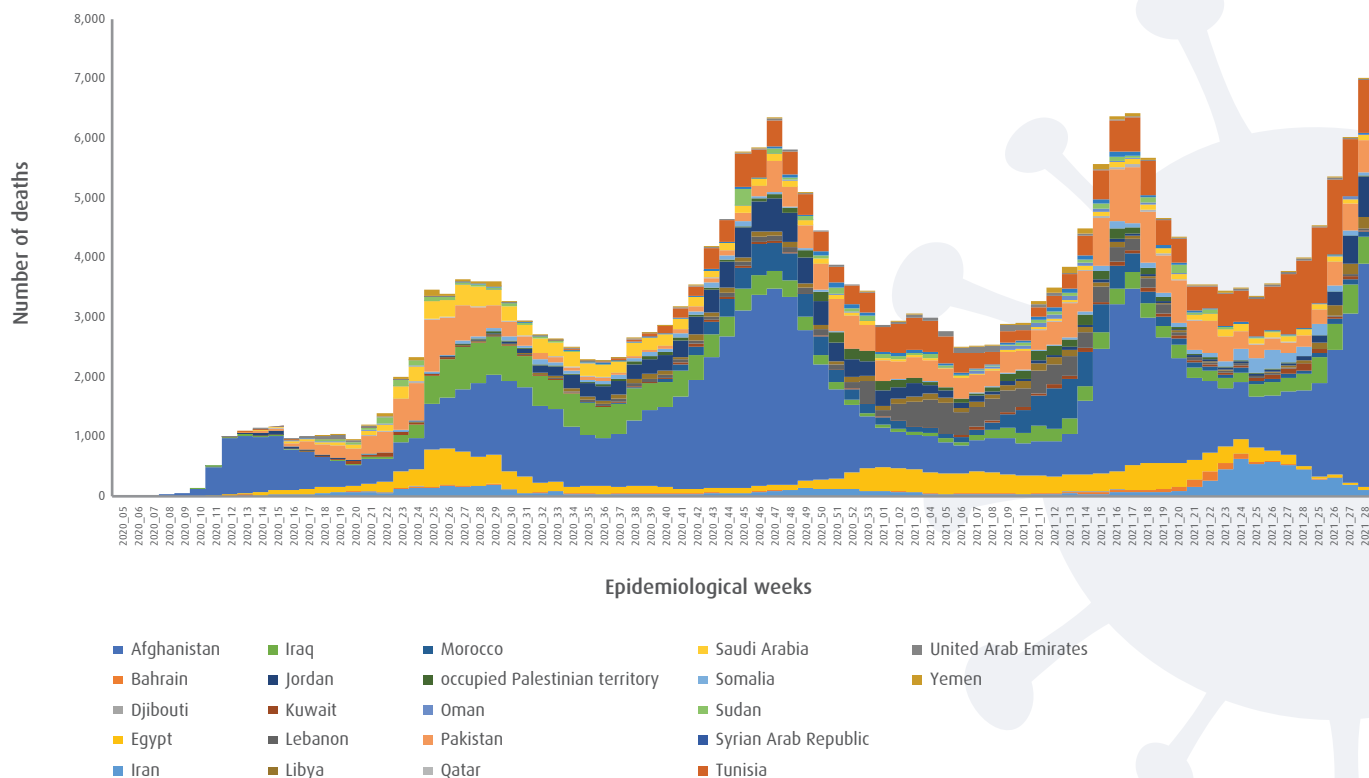
Graph 1: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020 – 14 August 2021



Graph 2: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 deaths in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020 – 14 August 2021



REGIONAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Health Operations and Technical Expertise

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- Reviewed and updated the IPC guidelines in the context of COVID-19 for Somalia.
- Conducted an IPC training targeting the national IPC focal persons in Libya on how to use the WHO IPC assessment tools for health care facilities.

Clinical Management

- Held a regional webinar on IPC and the clinical management of COVID-19 patients in intensive care units on 5 August, in collaboration with King Abdulaziz Medical City's IPC program in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- Conducted training workshops on oxygen safety for over 100 participants in Iraq, on 2 and 3 August, including the safe use of medical oxygen and biomedical equipment in hospital and community settings, and oxygen safety, fire safety, and risk assessments in hospitals.

International Health Regulations and Social Measures

- Screened public health and social measures (PHSMs) for 11 countries (Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Sudan, Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Kuwait and the occupied Palestinian territory) using the Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) software. Data is analyzed against epidemiological data to assess the effectiveness of implementing PHSMs and to better inform governments and policymakers based on evidence.
- Conducted an online webinar on Community-Centered Contact Tracing targeting risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) for contact tracing focal points in WHO, partner organizations, and governments

COVID-19 Vaccine

- Held a joint meeting with WHO Country Offices involved in COVID-19 vaccine deployment to improve coordination among all stakeholders and identify the support needed.
- Organized a webinar to orient WHO and UNICEF Country Office teams in Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, and the occupied Palestinian territory on how to access the COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment Support early access grant for COVID-19 vaccine deployment.
- Held a meeting with the Regional working group for COVID-19 on 12 August.

Vaccination against COVID-19 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in Numbers



179 million COVID-19 doses administered across the Region



COVAX facility shipped **39 million** doses; delivered to **21 countries** in the EMR region



An additional **170 million** doses expected to arrive by the end of September 2021

Regional COVID-19 website: <http://www.emro.who.int/health-topics/corona-virus/index.html>

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