

## SITUATION IN NUMBERS (as of midnight GMT+2, 26 February 2022)



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Countries reporting biweekly increase in numbers of cases



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Countries reporting biweekly increase in numbers of deaths



21 130 608

Total laboratory-confirmed cases



19 877 489

Total reported recovered cases



333 296

Total reported deaths



347 209 478

Total tests performed



In efforts to boost national vaccination coverage, 100 800 additional doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine arrived in Aden, Yemen, through COVAX. WHO and partners are working tirelessly to accelerate vaccination, given the country has not yet reached 10% coverage.

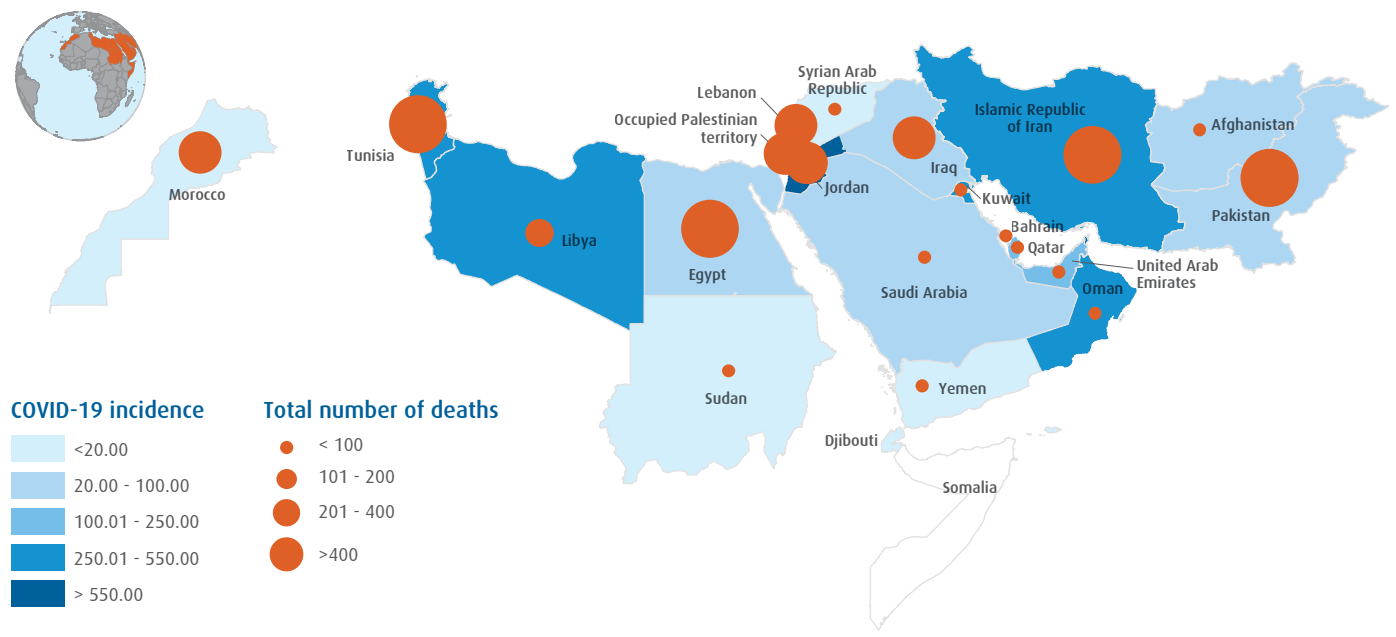
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## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **COVID-19 cases and deaths:** As of 26 February 2022, 21 130 608 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 333 296 deaths have been reported in the Eastern Mediterranean Region since the start of the pandemic.
- **Epidemiological trend:** during the reporting period, in comparison with the previous two weeks:
  - The number of reported cases decreased by 49%
  - The number of reported deaths increased by 12%
  - An increase in cases and deaths was reported by 1 and 6 countries respectively
  - 10 countries reported a simultaneous decrease in cases and deaths
- **COVID-19 testing:** The number of tests conducted has decreased by 21% in the reporting period compared to the two previous weeks. The total number of tests in the Region has reached 347 209 478 with a median cumulative positivity ratio of 10.3% (range from 0.6% to 34.3%).
- **Variants of concern (VOCs):**
  - 21 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Alpha VOC.
  - 18 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Beta VOC.
  - 6 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Gamma VOC.
  - 20 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Delta VOC.
  - 16 countries/territories in the Region have officially reported the detection of the Omicron VOC.

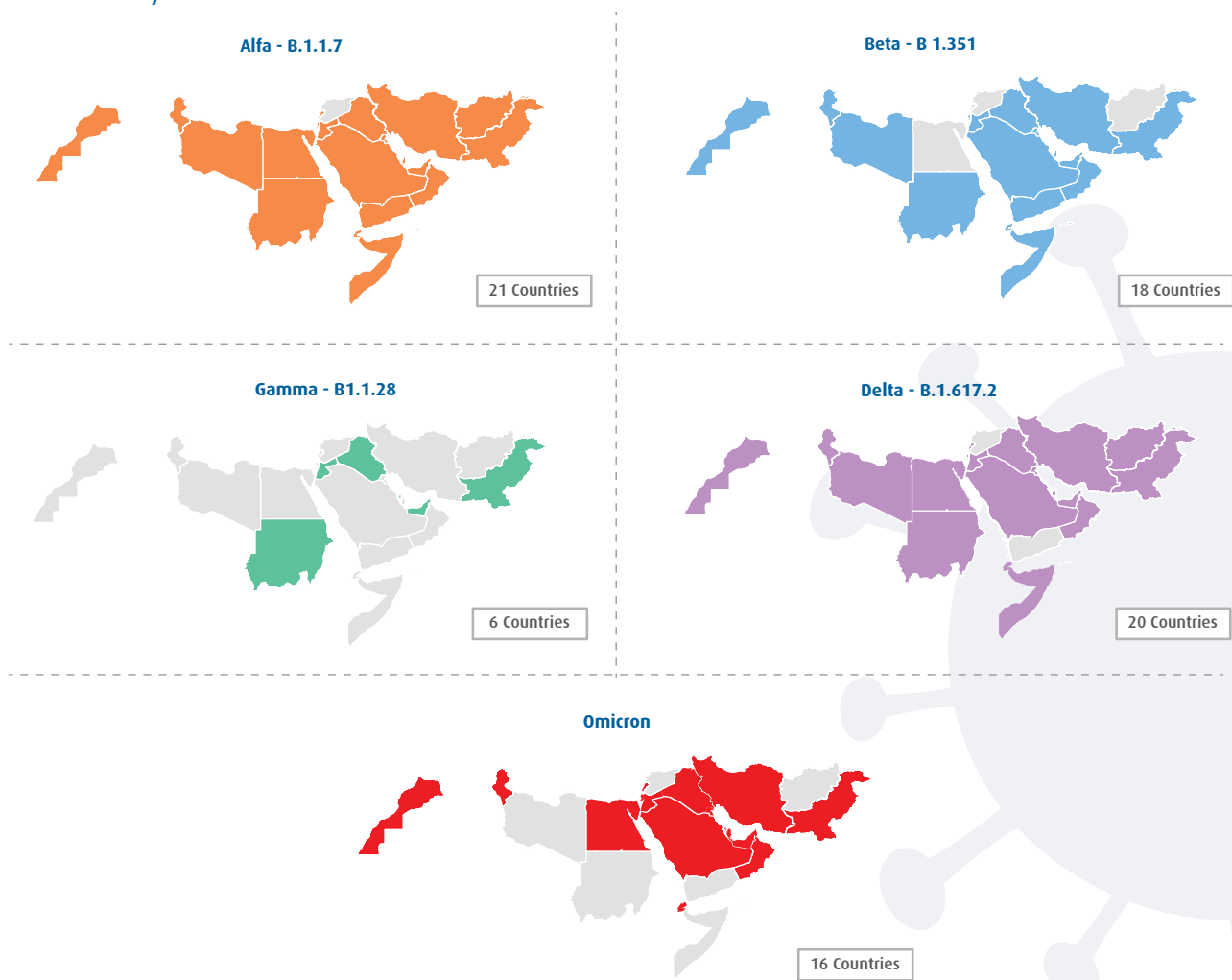
# Map 1: COVID-19 biweekly cumulative incidence rate per 100,000 population and numbers of new deaths per country in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

13-26 February 2022



# Map 2: Countries reporting SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern (VOCs) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

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## Table 1: Epidemiological situation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

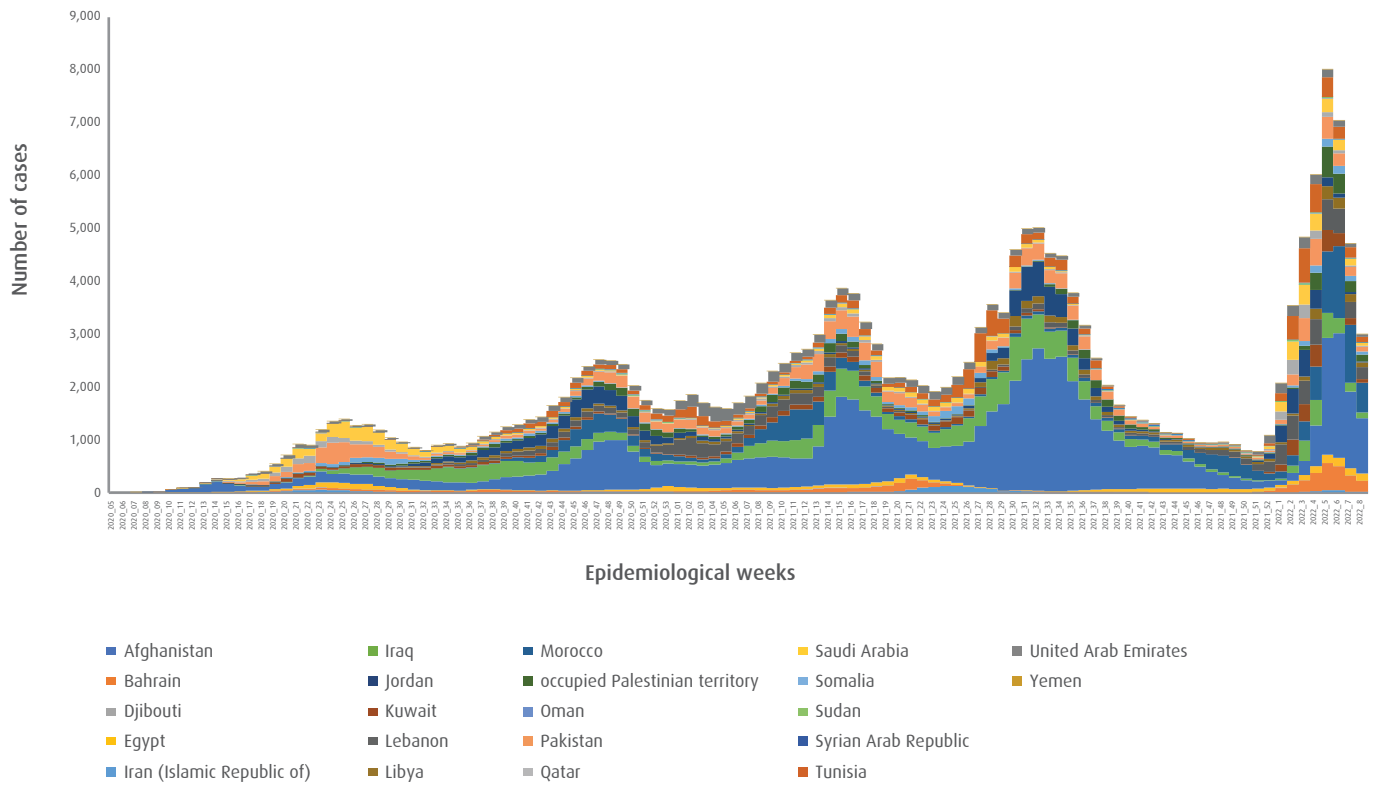
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Country	New Confirmed Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths	CFR	Total Recovered	Total Tests
Afghanistan	2 791	173 395	99	7 593	4.4%	155 749	889 430
Bahrain	50 851	509 390	25	1 450	0.3%	481 914	9 373 559
Djibouti	16	15 547	0	189	1.2%	15 352	284 464
Egypt	27 906	480 727	700	23 992	5.0%	410 948	5 982 739
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	250 490	7 030 943	2 820	136 390	1.9%	6 616 633	47 087 743
Iraq	27 110	2 300 645	282	24 960	1.1%	2 238 457	17 948 826
Jordan	166 368	1 617 178	321	13 798	0.9%	1 497 632	16 211 019
Kuwait	19 664	618 703	17	2 536	0.4%	604 869	7 604 126
Lebanon	53 263	1 065 307	245	10 069	0.9%	881 913	10 115 253
Libya	23 234	493 548	125	6 250	1.3%	461 102	2 439 131
Morocco	6 219	1 160 750	204	15 970	1.4%	1 139 693	11 028 453
Occupied Palestinian territory	33 379	644 637	231	5 496	0.9%	617 563	3 293 229
Oman	16 460	380 818	43	4 238	1.1%	362 800	1 986 264
Pakistan	24 706	1 508 504	401	30 173	2.0%	1 441 528	26 393 595
Qatar	6 175	356 363	11	667	0.2%	351 746	3 370 001
Saudi Arabia	17 491	743 742	23	8 994	1.2%	721 473	40 578 171
Somalia		26 313		1 348	5.1%	13 182	425 557
Sudan	1 558	61 458	89	3 908	6.4%	30 897	475 025
Syrian Arab Republic	1 754	54 380	42	3 068	5.6%	46 728	156 185
Tunisia	30 702	997 754	654	27 773	2.8%	947 817	4 341 110
United Arab Emirates	11 775	878 746	17	2 301	0.3%	830 805	136 896 006
Yemen	96	11 760	31	2 133	18.1%	8 688	329 592
<b>Total</b>	<b>772 008</b>	<b>21 130 608</b>	<b>6 380</b>	<b>333 296</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>19 877 489</b>	<b>347 209 478</b>



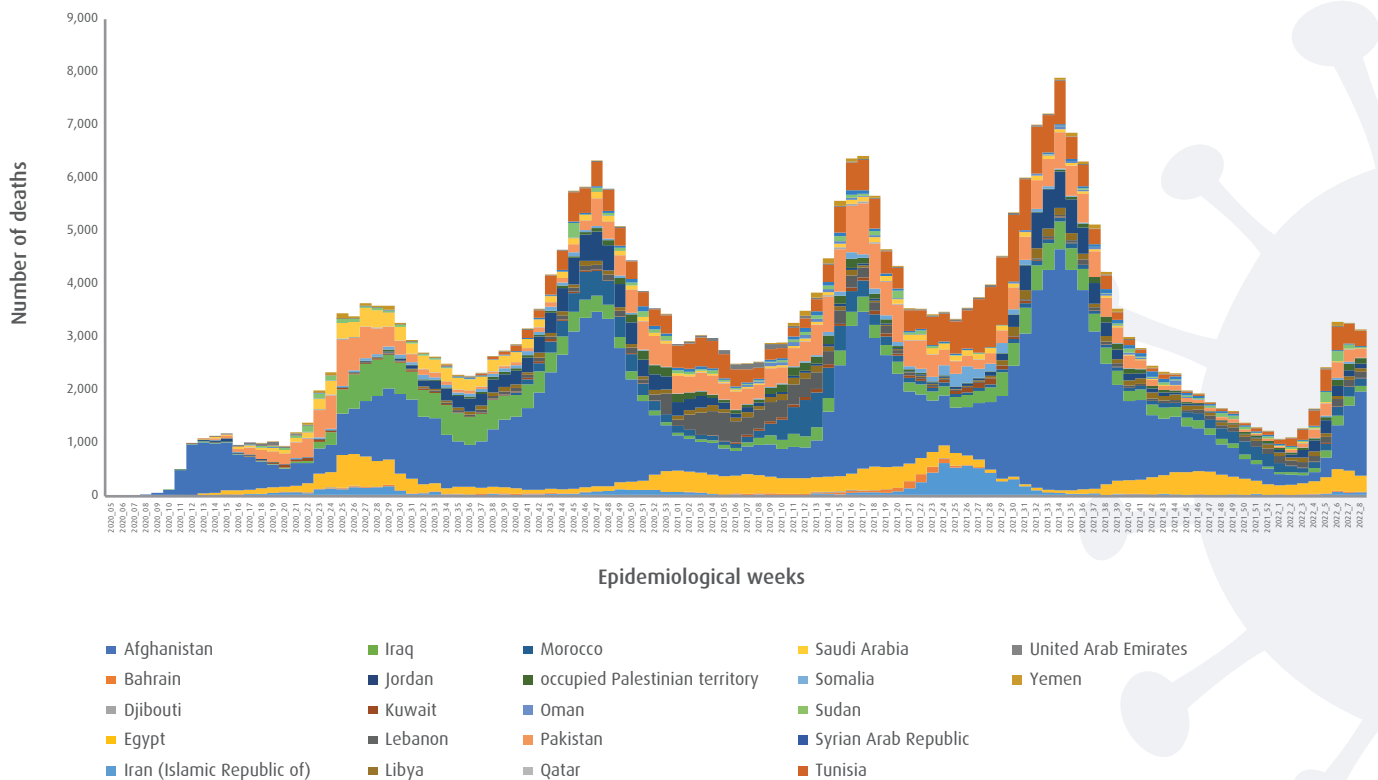
# Graph 1: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020-26 February 2022



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

26 January 2020-26 February 2022



## REGIONAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

### Operations Support and Logistics

- Dispatched US\$ 411 289 in health commodities in support of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lebanon, Somalia, and Sudan from WHO's Logistics Hub in Dubai.
- Reached over 100 active requests for emergency support across all six WHO Regions, valued at US\$ 7 725 170.

### Essential Health Services and Systems

- Planned the communication of the upcoming Pulse Survey.
- Initiated the plan to collaborate with the Health Services Learning Hub.

### COVID-19 Vaccine

- Kicked off the COVID-19 vaccine Delivery Partnership for Afghanistan and Sudan, where all partners support the countries in a concerted manner.
- Conducted country missions in Afghanistan, Djibouti, and Sudan to support the countries in ramping up the COVID-19 vaccine rolling out.

#### COVID-19 vaccination coverage in the Eastern Mediterranean Region 23 February 2022

Over 650 million vaccine doses administered in the Region



46% of the population have received at least one dose

## FROM THE FIELD

### COVID-19 triggers critical care and ICU capacity-building by WHO in fragile, conflict-affected and vulnerable countries

The arrival of COVID-19 has further exacerbated the need for strengthening intensive care unit (ICU) and critical care capacity in most fragile, conflict-affected, and vulnerable (FCV) countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. At the very early stages of the response, WHO provided medical ventilators and other biomedical equipment for the treatment of COVID-19 cases. However, avoidable deaths continued to occur, and high case fatality ratios were observed in FCV countries, with COVID-19 mortality following hospital admission nearing 100% in some instances.

Read more:

<http://www.emro.who.int/media/news/covid-19-triggers-critical-care-and-icu-capacity-building-by-who-in-fragile-conflict-and-vulnerable-countries.html>

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

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