

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION

- As of 30 July 2022, the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) has reported 22 649 341 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 345 100 deaths since the start of the pandemic.
- During the reporting period, in comparison with the previous month<sup>1</sup>:
  - 583 447 new cases reported with 1441 deaths
  - Number of cases increased by 109%
  - Number of deaths increased by 281%
  - Number of conducted tests decreased by 7%
  - 15 countries reported an increase in cases
  - 14 countries reported an increase in deaths
  - One country reported a simultaneous decrease in cases and deaths
- To date, 17 EMR countries have reported the highly transmissible Omicron variant of concern (VOC), with 15 countries reporting BA.1 sub-lineage, 13 countries reporting BA.2 sub-lineage, one country reporting BA.3 sub-lineage, four countries reporting BA.4 sub-lineage, and two countries reporting BA.5 sub-lineage.

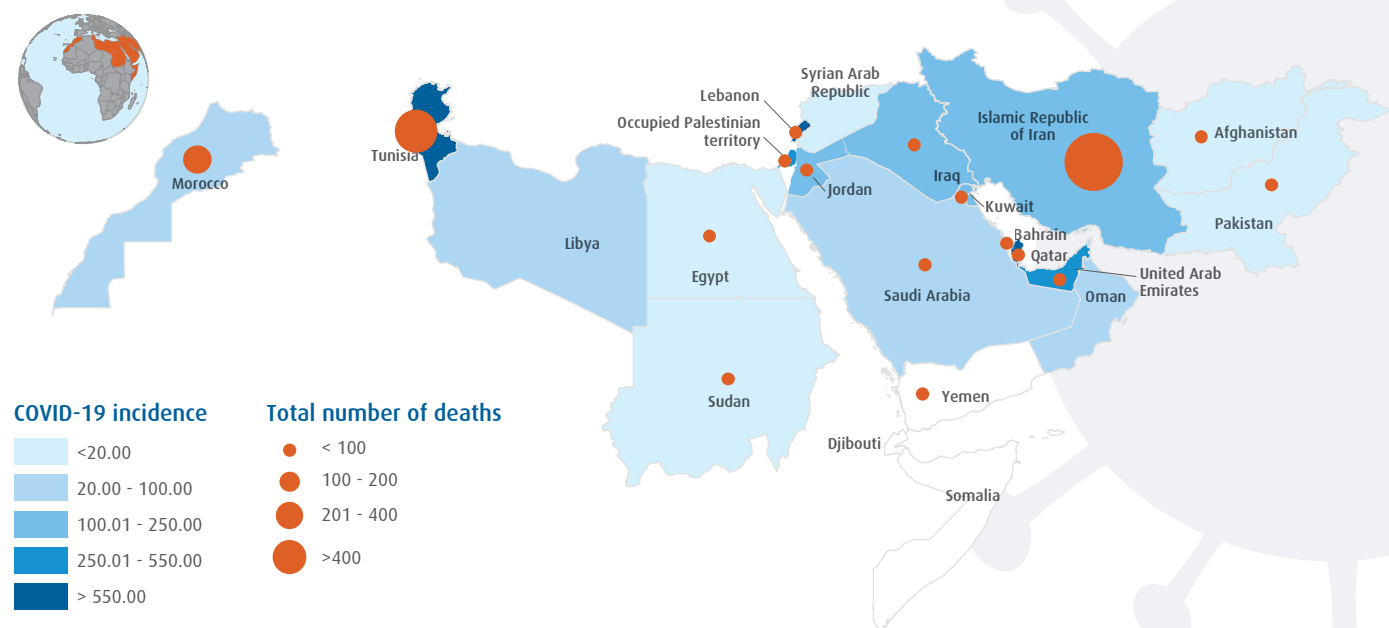
<sup>1</sup> Among countries having reported updated and complete monthly data

## SITUATION IN NUMBERS

(as of midnight GMT+2, 30 July 2022)

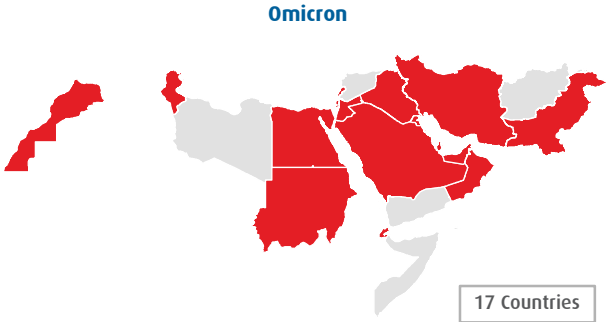
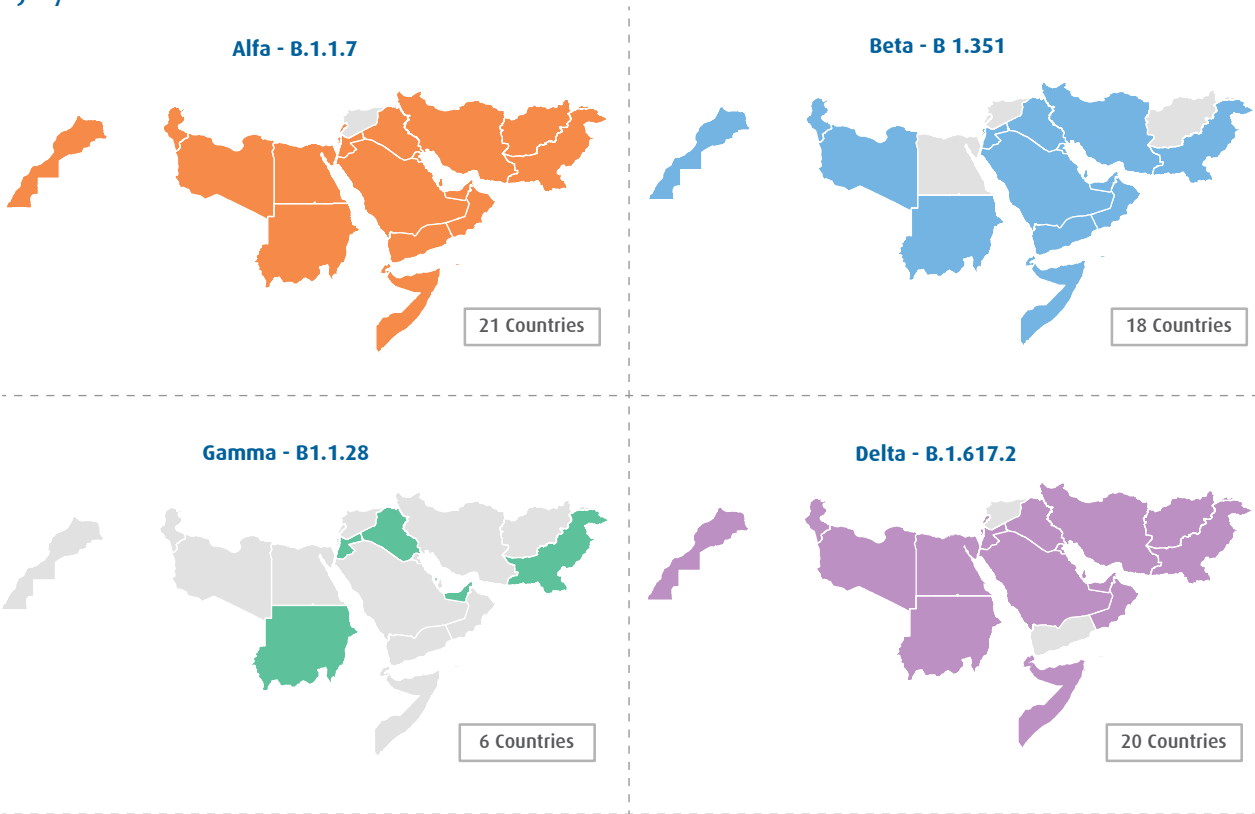


**Map 1: COVID-19 monthly attack rate per 100,000 population and numbers of new deaths per country in the Eastern Mediterranean Region 3-30 July 2022**



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

3-30 July 2022



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

3-30 July 2022

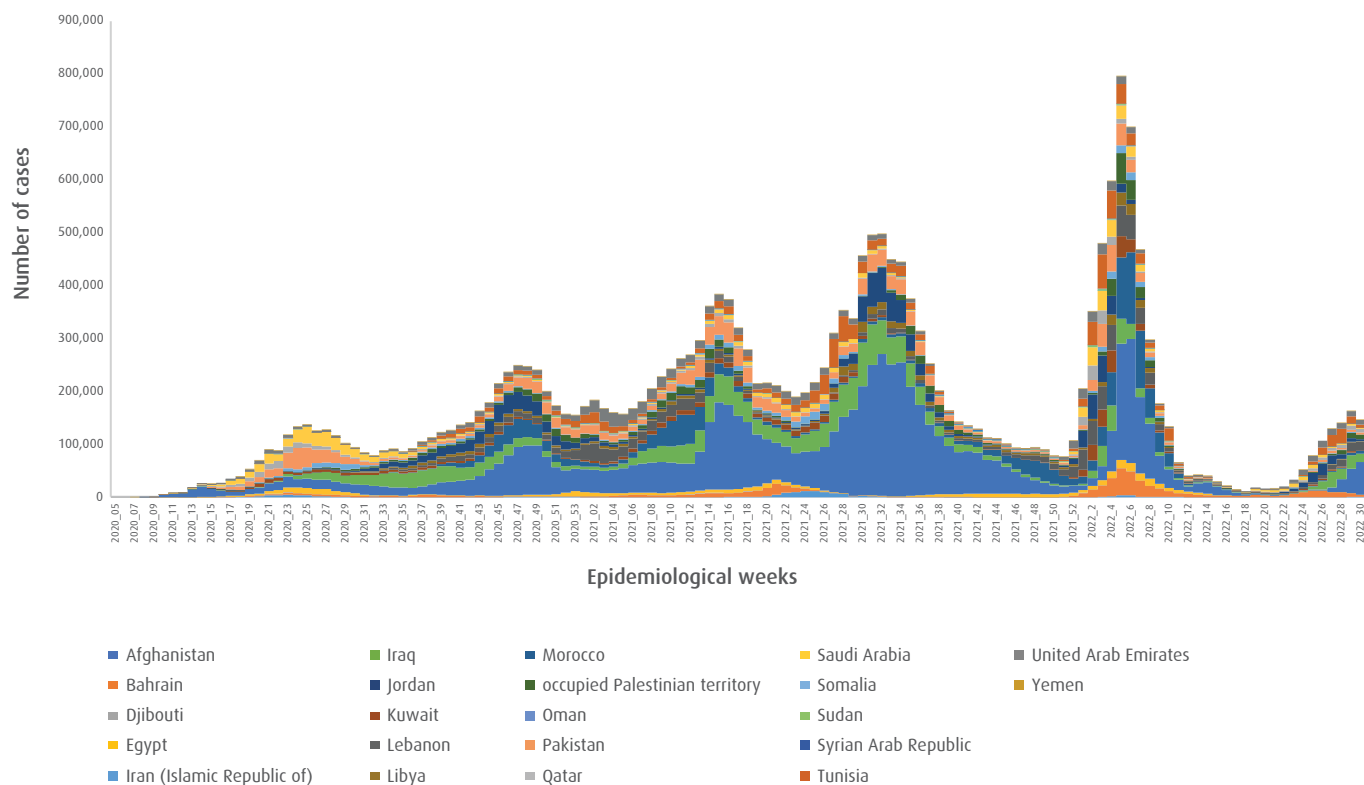
Country	New Confirmed Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths	CFR	Total Recovered	Total Tests <sup>2</sup>
Afghanistan	3 025	185 749	24	7 748	4.2%	166 564	1 029 031
Bahrain	30 481	659 224	15	1 509	0.2%	652 484	10 167 293
Djibouti		15 690		189	1.2%	15 497	319 153
Egypt	758	514 891	51	24 775	4.8%	447 753	11 921 194
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	142 459	7 381 299	547	141 937	1.9%	7 079 239	53 176 227
Iraq	89 872	2 443 772	70	25 313	1.0%	2 387 706	19 066 348
Jordan	14 770	1 715 296	15	14 083	0.8%	1 696 674	17 018 240
Kuwait*	7 905	653 730	4	2 559	0.4%	647 555	8 282 574
Lebanon	57 455	1 172 269	61	10 529	0.9%	1 087 587	10 696 009
Libya	2 635	504 824	1	6 431	1.3%	496 842	2 521 955
Morocco	37 174	1 260 759	118	16 234	1.3%	1 239 508	12 230 925
Occupied Palestinian territory	28 575	691 065	26	5 688	0.8%	667 842	3 444 461
Oman*	4 096	395 737	0	4 628	1.2%	384 946	3,737,036
Pakistan	16 644	1 554 591	86	30 487	2.0%	1 516 008	29 575 354
Qatar	23 942	407 749	2	681	0.2%	399 822	3 747 568
Saudi Arabia	13 181	809 449	39	9 250	1.1%	794 844	43 876 848
Somalia	154	26 957	0	1 361	5.0%	13 182	525 782
Sudan	370	63,074	6	4,958	7.9%	41 137	475 025
Syrian Arab Republic	349	56 279	0	3 150	5.6%	52 835	169 670
Tunisia	68 533	1 134 660	357	29 105	2.6%	1 114 359	4 863 059
United Arab Emirates	41 016	990 400	17	2 334	0.2%	969 359	177 159 339
Yemen	53	11 877	2	2 151	18.1%	9 117	329 592
<b>Total</b>	<b>583 447</b>	<b>22 649 341</b>	<b>1 441</b>	<b>345 100</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>21 880 860</b>	<b>414 332 683</b>

\* Presented data is for weeks 27, 28, and 29-2022 (3 - 23 July 2022)

<sup>2</sup> Test data is based on data collected by WHO and is affected by the national publishing frequency. Hence, presented figures for some countries may not be up-to-date and the COVID-19 epidemiological situation should therefore be interpreted with caution.

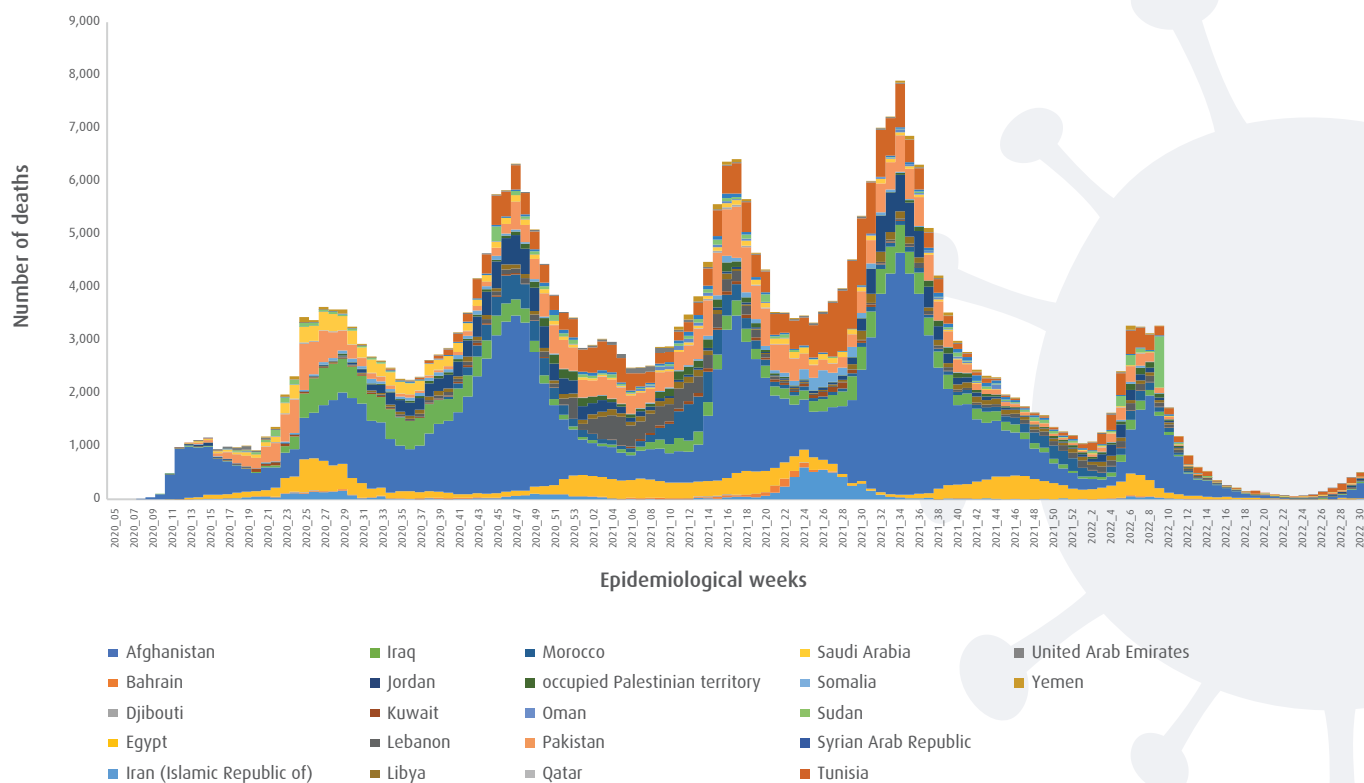
# Graph 1: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020 – 30 July 2022



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

26 January 2020 – 30 July 2022



## REGIONAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

### Partnership and Coordination

- Held weekly and monthly support meetings with Health Cluster Coordination (HCC) teams in EMR countries.
  - Shared updated WHO guidance and recommendations with all partners.
  - Continued to follow up on information shared by country health cluster coordination teams such as the latest epidemiological trends, vaccination data, gaps in the COVID-19 response, coordination of risk communication and community engagement activities, integration of the COVID-19 response in essential health services, and partner activities.
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### Operations Support and Logistics

- Dispatched US\$ 1.1 million across 3 WHO geographic regions to support health emergency operations
  - Delivered critical COVID-19 health supplies including Dexamethasone, oxygen concentrators, and vaccine carriers to countries from WHO's logistics hub in Dubai
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### Health Information and Technical Expertise

#### Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- Conducted a one-day training on basic requirements for the IPC programme with a special focus on IPC in emergencies and infection outbreaks targeting 35 directors of nursing units from 21 tertiary and primary health care facilities in Gaza strip, Palestine.
  - Reviewed and updated the national COVID-19 IPC guidelines and documents in Sudan.
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### International Health Regulations and Social Measures

- Worked with country offices to identify their COVID-19 transmission setting and launch online awareness campaigns to provide better insights and understanding of risk perceptions in the various settings
  - Developed a social listening report to guide message development and sharing in response to current rising cases.
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### Essential Health Services and Systems

- Initiated the implementation of the Strategic Preparedness, Readiness and Response plan (SPRP); Pillar 9 plan of action for 2022.
  - Initiated the second round of the Frontline Service Readiness Assessment in Libya and Afghanistan.
  - Supported the Model of Care team in the expert consultation meeting.
  - Obtained clearance and submitted a manuscript describing the WHOEMRO approach to developing UHC-PBP; universal health coverage-priority benefits package.
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### COVID-19 Vaccine

- Conducted a country mission to Afghanistan to support the large COVID-10 vaccination campaign.
- Updated the regional and countries partners on the newly-published Global Strategy on COVID-19 Vaccination through the regional working group meeting.
- Supported the eight priority countries (with less than 20% coverage) through the bi-weekly individual country support call which includes all partners and is facilitated by WHO Regional Office colleagues.
- Issued Daily update on COVID-19 vaccination coverage.

## IN FOCUS: Donors making a difference towards ending COVID-19

### WHO and ECHO support of Sudan for COVID-19 helped scale up the local response to further health emergencies

Thanks to the continued support of the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) in Sudan, WHO has not only been able to navigate the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic but also respond to other health emergencies, particularly traumatic injuries.

WHO supported with 15 vehicles, payment for rapid response teams, capacity-building, provision of PPE and test kits, as well as technical support on surveillance data management. Seven ambulances equipped with PPE and medical supplies to transport COVID-19 patients from the community to primary isolation centers and from hospitals to secondary isolation centers were also donated by WHO. Accordingly, the response to alerts jumped from 2 to 3 days to a maximum of 24 hours.



Read more:

<http://www.emro.who.int/media/news/who-and-echo-support-of-sudan-for-covid-19-helped-scale-up-local-response-to-further-health-emergencies.html>

Regional COVID-19 website:

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

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