

### EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION


- As of 30 September 2022, the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) has reported **23 086 449** confirmed COVID-19 cases and **348 379** deaths since the start of the pandemic with the total number of tests reaching **432 068 004**.
- During the reporting period, in comparison with the previous month<sup>1</sup>:
  - The number of cases decreased by 69%
  - The number of deaths decreased by 68%
  - The number of conducted tests decreased by 12%
  - No countries reported an increase in cases<sup>2</sup>
  - One country reported an increase in deaths<sup>2</sup>
  - 13 countries reported a simultaneous decrease in cases and deaths
- To date, 20 EMR countries have reported the detection of the Omicron variant of concern (VOC) including the BA.1 sub-lineage (19 countries), the BA.2 sub-lineage (16 countries), the BA.3 sub-lineage (2 countries), the BA.4 sub-lineage (9 countries), and the BA.5 sub-lineage (9 countries).

### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

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

 **0** countries reported an increase in the number of cases this month

 **1** country reported an increase in the number of deaths this month

 **23 086 449**  
Total laboratory-confirmed cases

 **348 379**  
Total reported deaths

 **432 068 004**  
Total tests

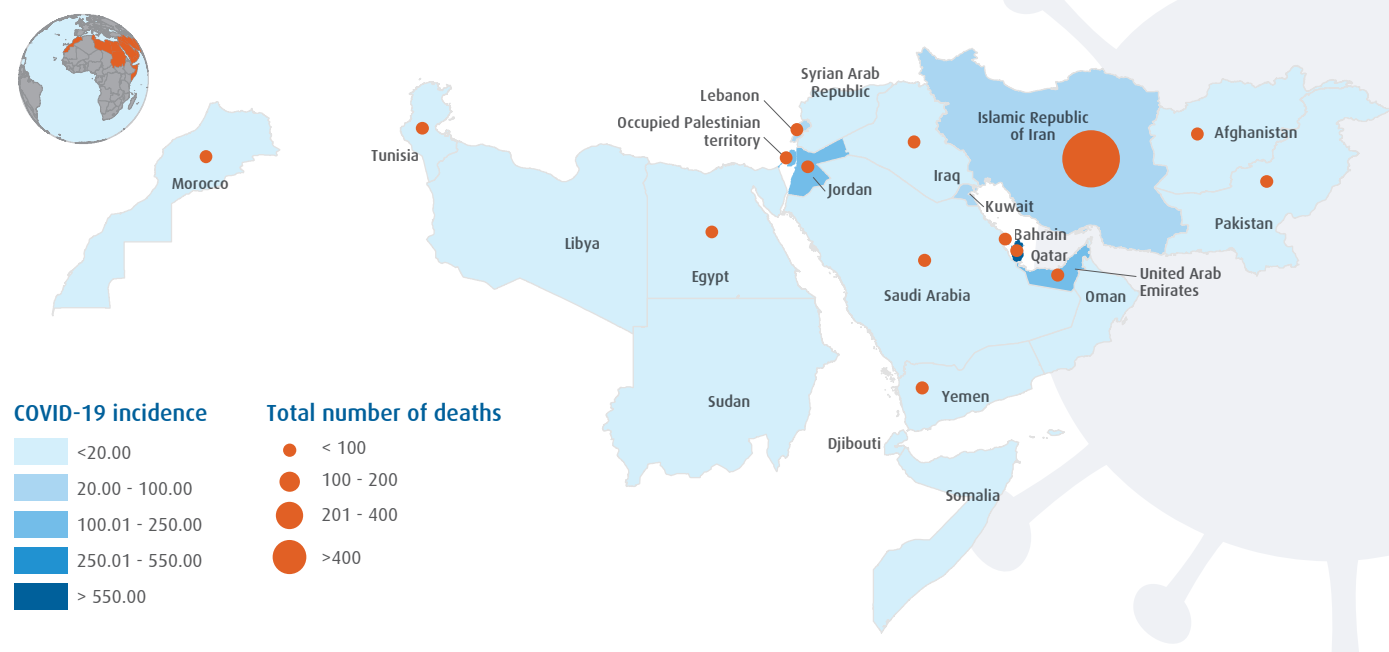
<sup>1</sup> Among countries having reported updated and complete monthly data.

Figures should be interpreted with caution in countries on weekly reporting.

<sup>2</sup> An increase or decrease is defined here by a monthly change of at least 5%.

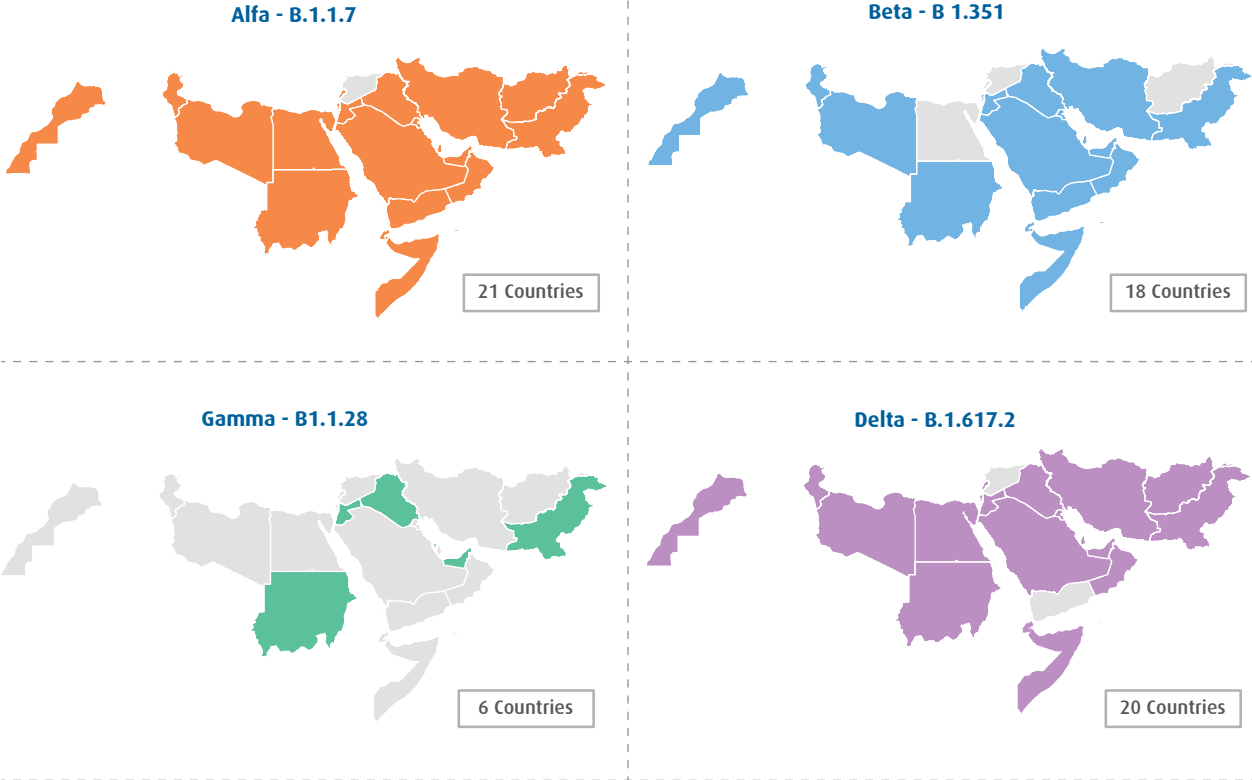
## Map 1: COVID-19 monthly attack rate per 100,000 population and numbers of new deaths per country in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

1-30 September 2022



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

Till 30 September 2022



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

1-30 September 2022

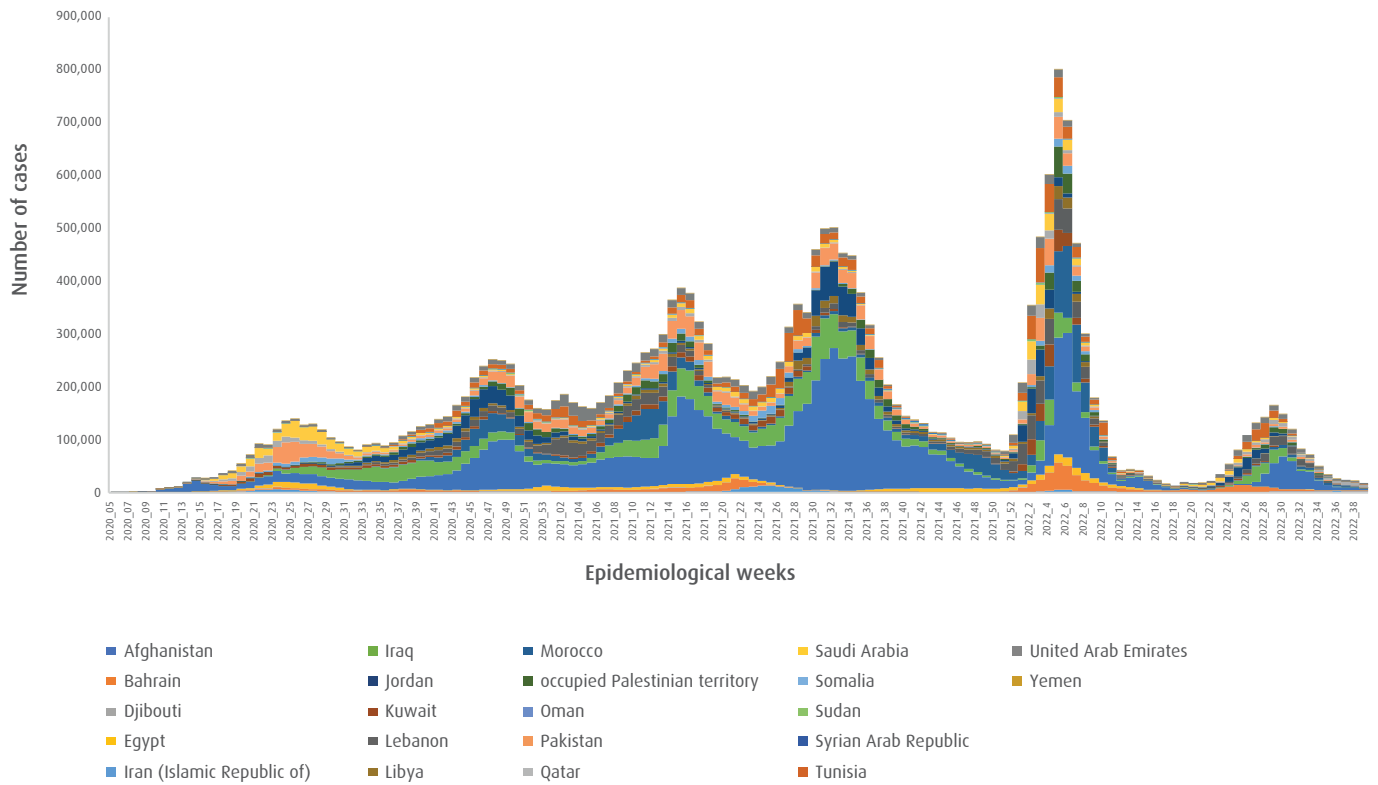
Country	New Confirmed Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths	CFR	Total Recovered	Total Tests <sup>3</sup>
Afghanistan	5 657	199 272	21	7 799	3.9%	177 998	1 105 029
Bahrain	8 862	680 559	5	1 520	0.2%	676 040	10 379 786
Djibouti*		15 690		189	1.2%	15 497	319 153
Egypt	73	515 381	3	24 797	4.8%	456 985	12 153 628
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	19 359	7 548 320	554	144 421	1.9%	7 325 370	54 095 556
Iraq	2 447	2 460 318	10	25 356	1.0%	2 433 989	19 307 013
Jordan*	11 502	1 746 997	12	14 122	0.8%	1 731 007	17 201 885
Kuwait*	907	658 520	0	2 563	0.4%	655 316	8 365 279
Lebanon	6 327	1 215 805	49	10 676	0.9%	1 087 596	10 696 009
Libya	172	506 994	0	6 437	1.3%	500 510	2 534 413
Morocco	510	1 264 945	5	16 278	1.3%	1 248 549	12 580 294
Occupied Palestinian territory*	436	702 768	3	5 707	0.8%	690 665	3 470 937
Oman*	431	398 424	0	4 628	1.2%	384 946	3 737 036
Pakistan	3 303	1 572 598	34	30 616	1.9%	1 537 813	30 532 471
Qatar	21 052	450 448	1	682	0.2%	443 418	3 951 470
Saudi Arabia	3 037	816 498	57	9 352	1.1%	803 623	44 321 147
Somalia*	26	27 207	0	1 361	5.0%	13 182	560 351
Sudan*	28	63 280	0	4 961	7.8%	41 323	475 025
Syrian Arab Republic	259	57 302	0	3 163	5.5%	54 091	198 618
Tunisia	1 824	1 145 686	15	29 249	2.6%	1 132 266	4 948 208
United Arab Emirates	12 104	1 027 502	4	2 345	0.2%	1 006 731	190 805 104
Yemen*	9	11 935	2	2 157	18.1%	9 124	329 592
<b>Total</b>	<b>98 325</b>	<b>23 086 449</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>348 379</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>22 426 039</b>	<b>432 068 004</b>

\* No available data or incomplete data for September 2022

<sup>3</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.

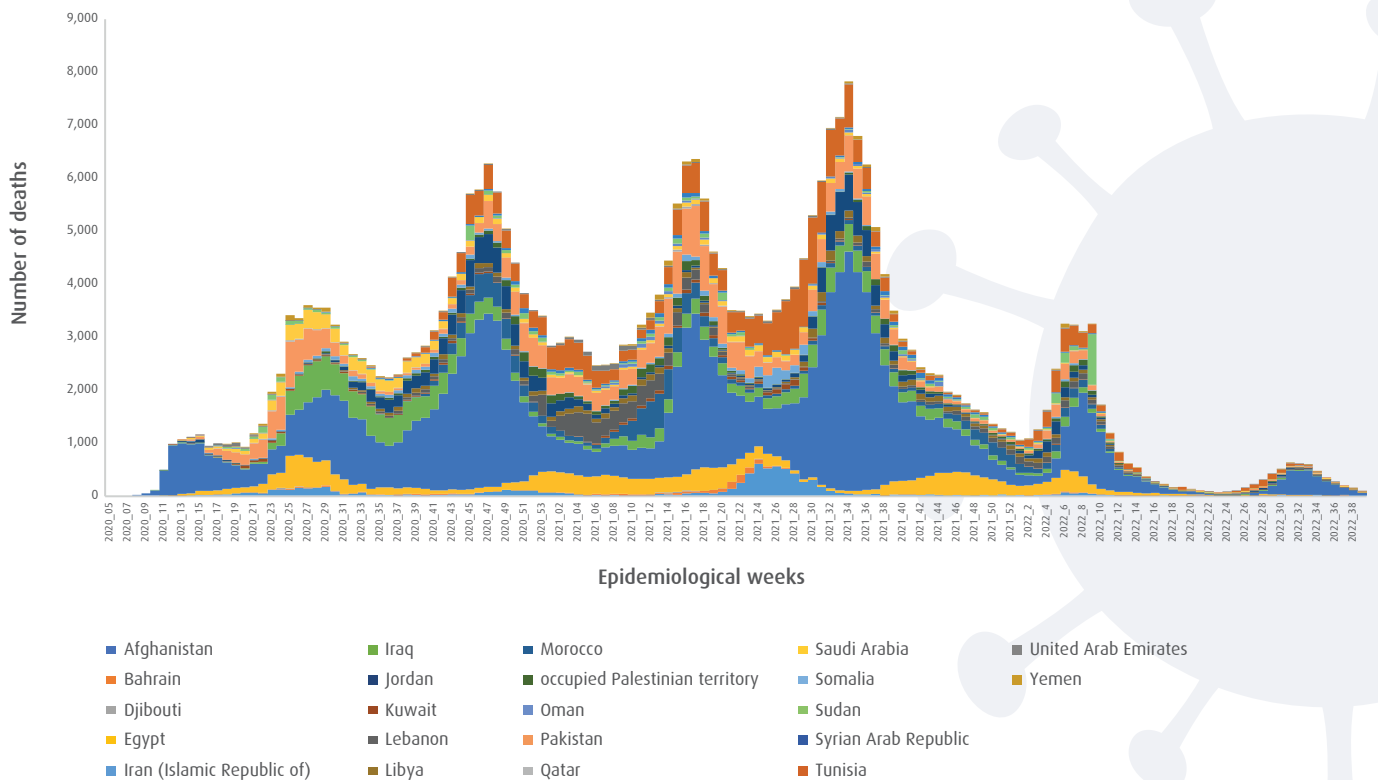
# Graph 1: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020 - 1 October 2022



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

26 January 2020 - 1 October 2022



## REGIONAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

### Operations Support and Logistics

- Delivered around US\$ 400 000-worth of COVID-19 supplies, such as to support the Solidarity vaccine trials and personal protective equipment and biomedical supplies to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya out of the US\$ 2,725,890 delivered in health supplies in September to 19 countries from the WHO's Logistics Hub in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

### Health Information and Technical Expertise

#### Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- Followed up on the progress of the national and facility-level IPC programmes in a week-long mission to Afghanistan (17-22 September 2022), visiting four hospitals in Kabul.
- Conducted a 4-day training workshop for 20 national IPC master trainers on multimodal IPC interventions and IPC-specific measures during public health emergencies in Afghanistan.
- Reviewed and updated the Jordanian national IPC guidelines and documents in the context of COVID-19.

### Research and Knowledge Management

- Held a capacity-building workshop on "Medical death notification and identification of underlying causes of deaths, including COVID-19 deaths for public and private physicians" in the United Arab Emirates.
- Completed the review process for the WHO Regional Office of the Eastern Mediterranean's special call for COVID-19 research. 11 proposals from 6 Member States (Islamic Republic of Iran, Oman, Pakistan, occupied Palestinian territory, Qatar, Sudan) in the areas of: Public Health Emergency Operations Centers, "infodemics", mental health, comorbidities, vaccine effectiveness, telemedicine, "long COVID-19", and mycotic infections, are being recommended for funding.

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### Changing minds and protecting lives in Yemen

In Yemen, as elsewhere, widespread misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines has posed a major public health threat. With support from the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), WHO has trained more than 1100 health workers and community volunteers to communicate factual information about the vaccines – prompting many more Yemenis to accept them.

Read more: <https://www.emro.who.int/yemen/news/changing-minds-and-protecting-lives-in-yemen.html>



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

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