At the end of November 2019, a total of 2494 laboratory-confirmed cases of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), including 858 associated deaths (case-fatality rate: 34.4%) were reported globally; the majority of these cases were reported from Saudi Arabia (2012 cases, including 780 related deaths with a case-fatality rate of 37.1%). Since the last update was published (October MERS situation update), a total of 12 laboratory-confirmed cases of MERS were reported globally including one healthcare worker. All of the cases were reported from Saudi Arabia with 4 associated deaths. Only one of the cases was a female. The healthcare worker was infected in October while providing care for a case. No other cluster of case was reported this month, despite 6 cases being reported from the same region. Three of the cases had their symptom onset in October.

Change the third paragraph text to: The demographic and epidemiological characteristics of reported cases, when compared during the same corresponding periods of respective years, except for 2018. The number of cases reported in this period was less than all other corresponding periods of respective years, except for 2018.

Cases of MERS in healthcare workers reported since April 2012
- 12 countries reported cases since April 2012 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
- 27 countries reported cases globally

Community versus hospital acquired (symptomatic) MERS cases in Eastern Mediterranean Region, Jan 2014-Nov 2019
- 2494 laboratory-confirmed cases reported since April 2012
- 858 deaths reported since April 2012

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