

COVID-19 MONTHLY UPDATE | MARCH 2022

Highlights

- In March 2022, a total of 384 144 COVID-19 cases were reported from the 22 countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR). This figure represents a drop to around one sixth of the overall reported cases when compared to the previous month when it was 2 130 854. The highest number of cases was reported from Islamic Republic of Iran followed by Jordan and Tunisia.
- During March, a total of 6557 related deaths were reported from the Region with Islamic Republic of Iran reporting the highest number of deaths followed by Sudan and Tunisia. There was an 86% decrease in reported deaths compared to the previous month when it was 12 239.
- Sudan was the only country in the Region to report an increase in COVID-19 cases and deaths during the month of March.
- Since the start of the pandemic, a total of 21 578 148 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 340 645 related deaths (case-fatality ratio of 1.6%) were reported from the 22 countries of the Region.
- 21 countries have reported one or more new variants of concern in the Region: Alpha in 21 countries, Beta in 18 countries, Gamma in 6 countries, Delta in 18 countries and Omicron in 15 countries.
- Vaccination continues across the Region. The total number of doses administered so far in the 22 countries is 688 946 316.

COVID-19 cases and deaths by EMR Countries, 29 January 2020 to 31 March 2022

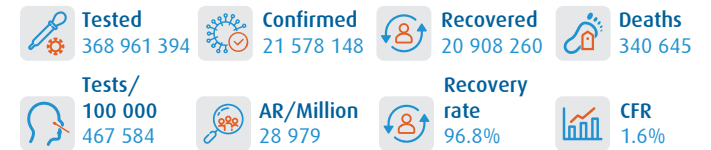
Countries	March		Cumulative figures			Trend*
	New cases	New deaths	Cases	Deaths	CFR%	
Afghanistan	3892	62	177 771	7671	4.3	↓
Bahrain	39 586	17	554 469	1471	0.3	↓
Djibouti	40	0	15 587	189	1	↓
Egypt	21 493	343	505 264	24 417	4.8	↓
Islamic Republic of Iran	110 791	3366	7 162 220	140 204	2.0	↓
Iraq	16 757	175	2 319 550	25 164	1.1	↓
Jordan	60 777	196	1 692 485	14 031	0.8	↓
Kuwait	9384	16	629 278	2554	0	↓
Lebanon	23 447	211	1 092 157	10 302	0.9	↓
Libya	6623	150	501 738	6419	1	↓
Morocco	2299	72	1 163 274	16 060	1.4	↓
Occupied Palestinian territory	8547	142	655 750	5655	0.9	↓
Oman	6099	6	388 343	4250	1.1	↓
Pakistan	14 752	163	1 524 973	30 359	2.0	↓
Qatar	4433	7	361 415	677	0.2	↓
Saudi Arabia	5787	47	750 814	9045	1.2	↓
Somalia	59	13	26 410	1361	5	↓
Sudan	453	997	61 965	4907	7.9	↓
Syrian Arab Republic	1120	66	55 695	3141	5.6	↓
Tunisia	36 443	499	1 035 884	28 323	2.7	↓
United Arab Emirates	11 327	1	891 300	2302	0.3	↓
Yemen	35	8	11 806	2143	18.2	↓
Total	384 144	6557	21 578 148	340 645	1.6	↓

*trend refers to % changes in the cases compared to previous month

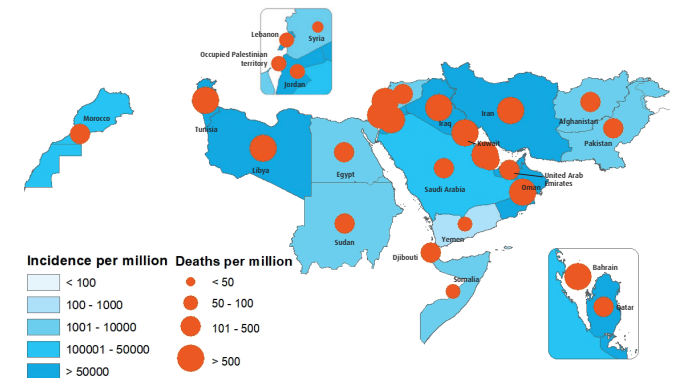
Key figures, March 2022



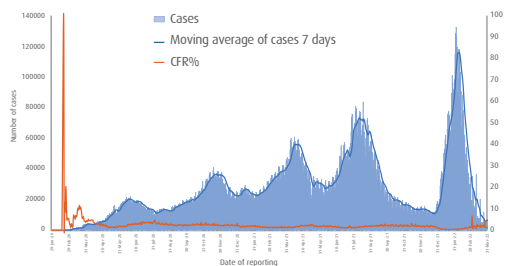
Cumulative key figures, 29 January 2020 to 31 March 2022



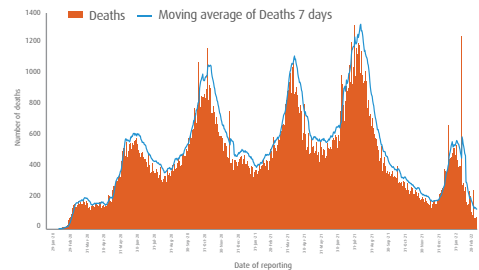
COVID-19 cases and deaths per million population in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 March 2022



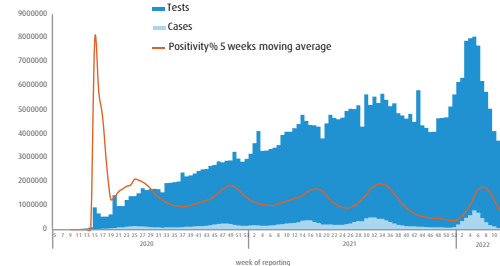
Distribution of weekly COVID-19 tested in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 March 2022



Distribution of daily deaths in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 March 2022



Distribution of weekly COVID-19 tested in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 March 2022



Distribution of COVID-19 cases by age and gender in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 March 2022

