COVID-19 Eastern Mediterranean Region

23 April 2020



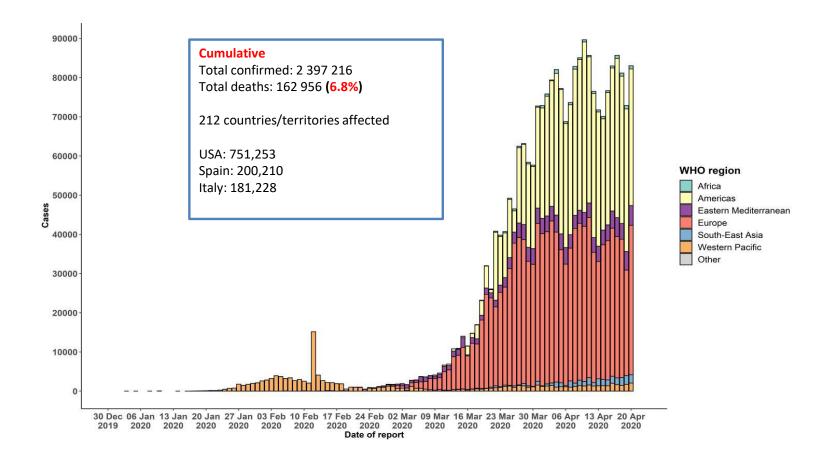




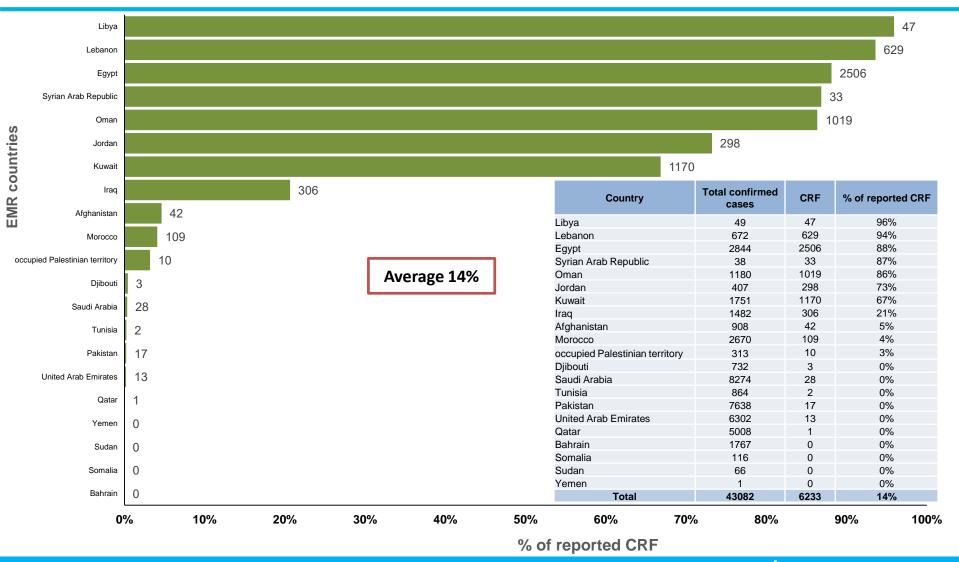




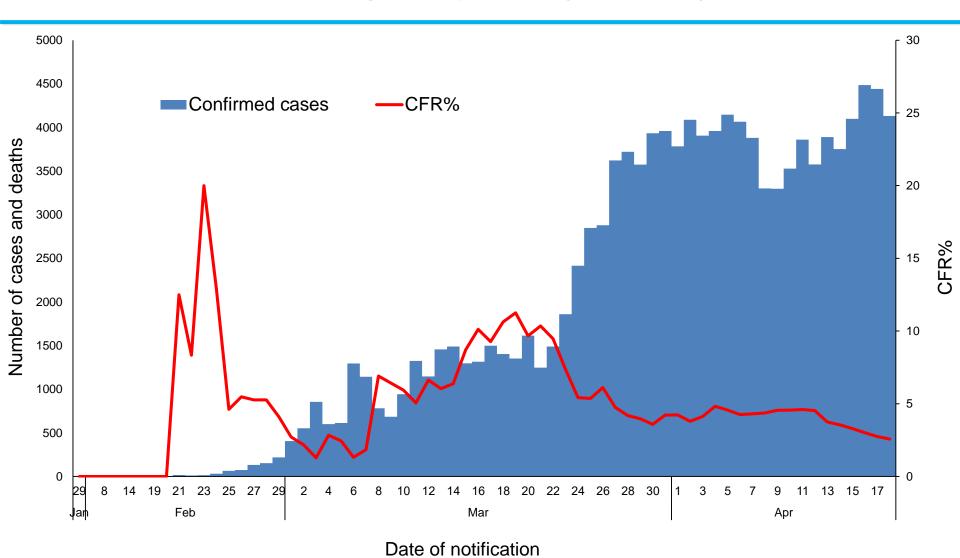
Global update of COVID-19 outbreak 21 April 2020 (6:00 pm)



Proportion of COVID-19 cases with case report form (CRF) entered in EMFLU, EMR, excluding IR Iran, until 18 April 2020

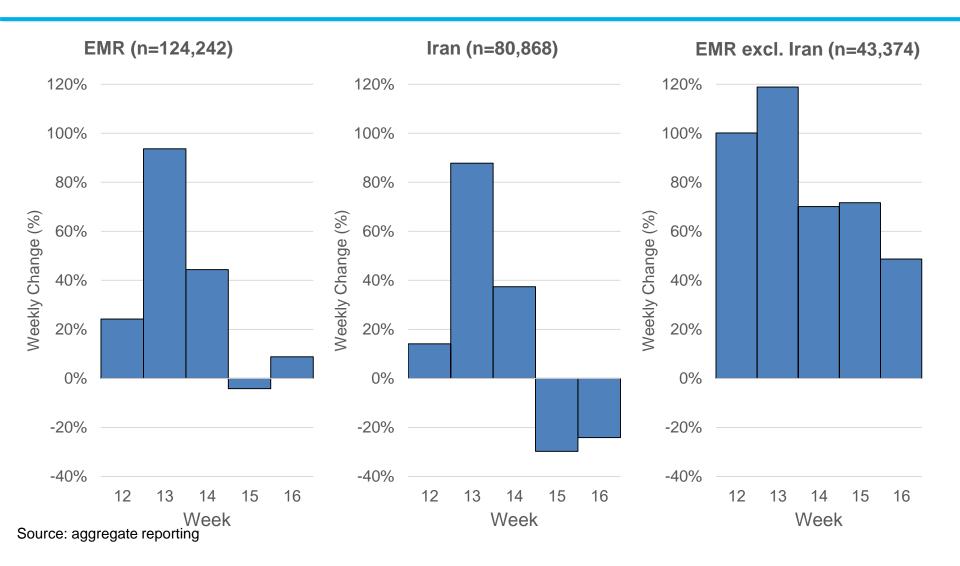


Daily distribution of COVID-19 cases deaths in EMR countries 29 January – 18 April 2020 (n = 124,242)

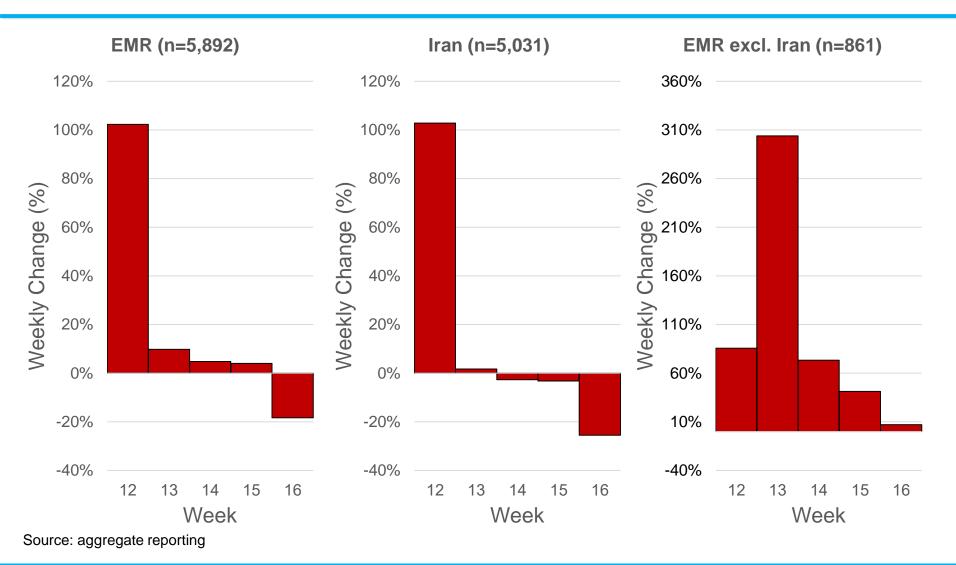


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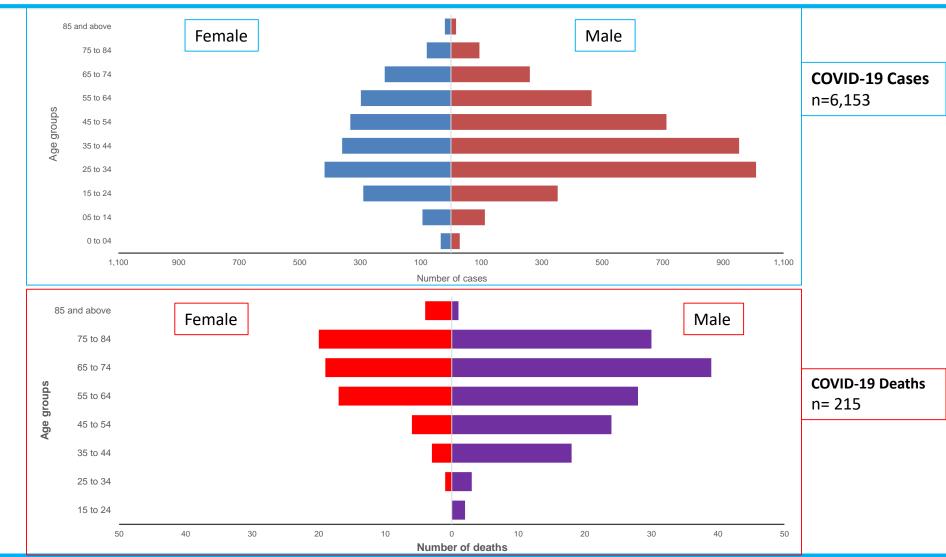
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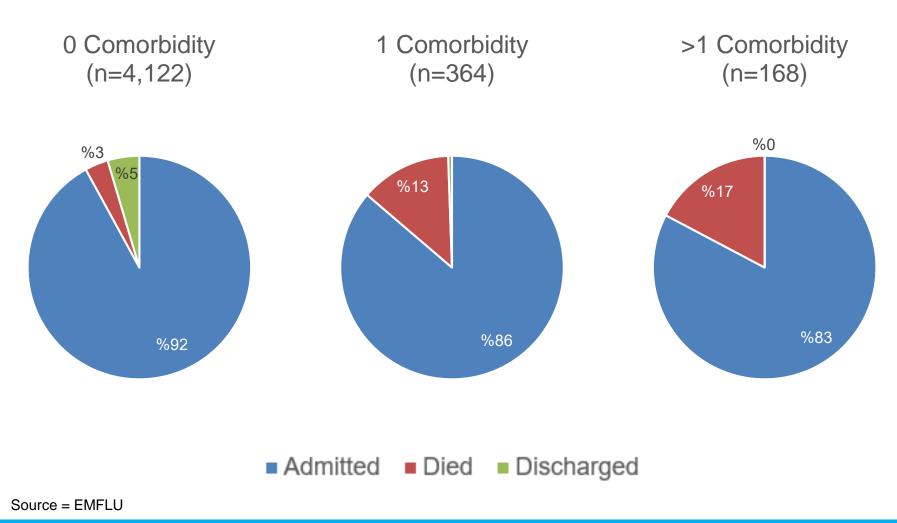
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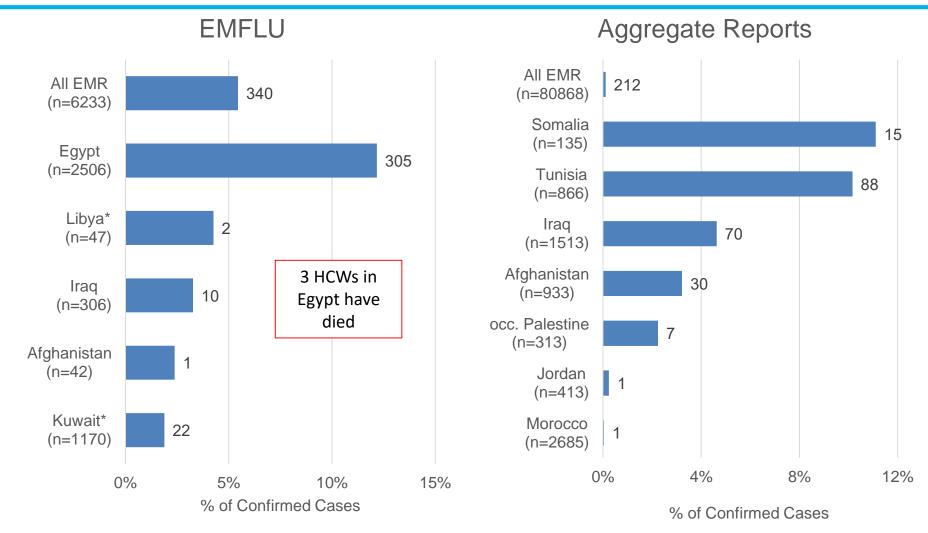
Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 <u>cases and deaths</u> reported in EMR CRF 28 January – 18 April, 2020



Outcomes by Number of Comorbidities 28 January – 18 April, 2020



Distribution of HCW among COVID-19 cases in EMR, 28 January – 18 April, 2020



^{*} Includes 1 health laboratory worker



Regional Summary for the data analysis

- Number of reported cases and deaths continue to drop in Iran for 2nd and 3rd week in a row, respectively
- Excluding Iran, there's a 49% increase in number of new cases reported this week
 - Somalia (↑ 714%), Djibouti (↑ 301%) and Sudan (↑ 422%) had largest spike in cases
 - Iraq (↓ 56%), Lebanon (↓ 47%) and Jordan (↓ 45%) had largest drop in cases
- Prevalence of multiple comorbidities among COVID cases is 3%, consistent with findings from Africa (10% in Europe)
- CVD is most common comorbidity among ages 45+ and chronic lung disease is most common comorbidity among children <14 years
- Egypt, Somalia and Tunisia report 10–12% of their COVID cases among HCWs

Transition: guided by public health principles, economic and societal considerations

- Evidence COVID-19 transmission is controlled.
- Sufficient public health and medical capacities are in place
- Outbreak risks in special settings are minimized
- Importation risks can be managed.
- Communities are aware, participate and engaged in the transition.

Highest level of sustainability and lowest negative consequence – introduced first and removed last.

Measures could be relaxed in a stepwise manner (for example leaving at least 2 weeks inbetween).

The modulation could be progressive for movement restrictions

Protection of the vulnerable population – central to the decision to maintain or relax a measure.





Maintaining Essential Health Services During COVID-19

- Problem
 - Overwhelmed health system
 - Reduced health workforce
 - Increased direct & indirect mortality, e.g. Ebola
- Central component of national COVID-19 strategy plan



1. Purpose-designed governance and coordination



2. Context-relevant essential services



- 3. Service delivery settings and platforms and
- 4. Effective patient flow (screening, triage and



5. Re-distribute health workforce capacity



6. Maintain availability of essential medication, equipment and supplies



