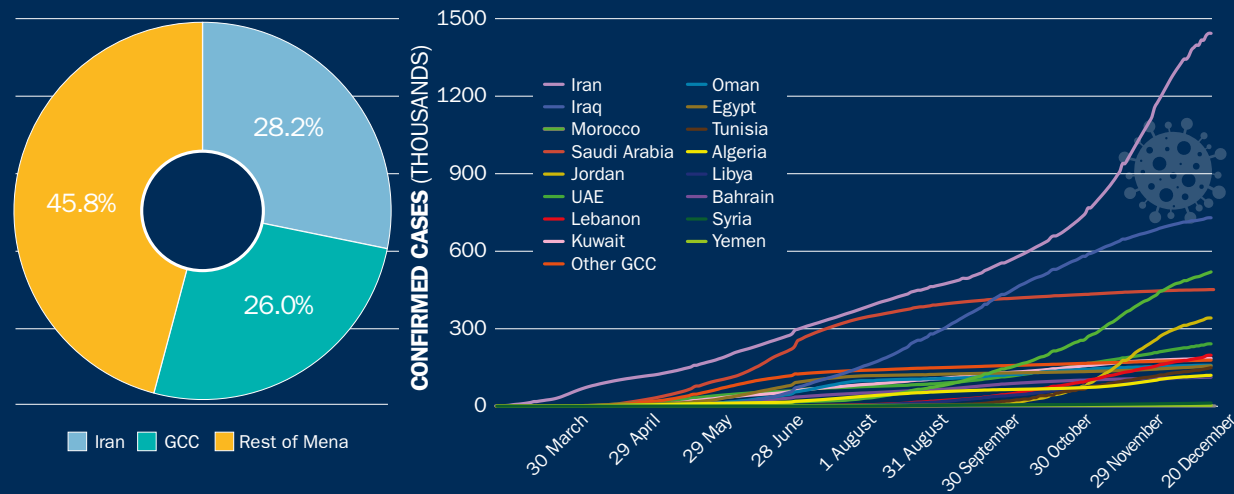


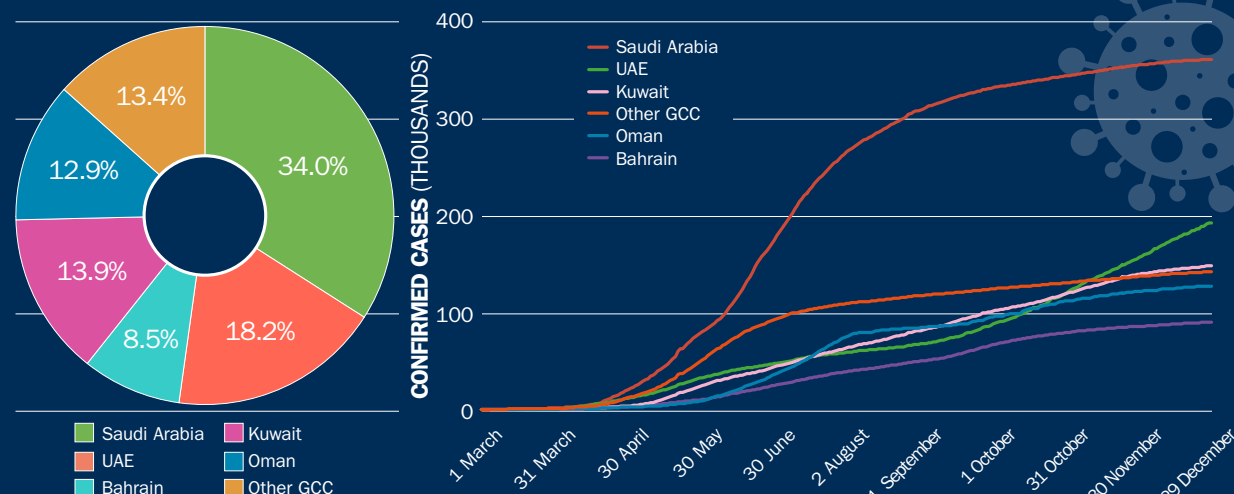
COVID-19 TRACKER

Vaccination drives have begun across the Middle East and North Africa region as the total number of coronavirus cases crosses the 4 million mark

COVID-19 CASES IN THE MENA REGION



COVID-19 CASES WITHIN THE GCC



COVID-19 SITUATION AND LATEST UPDATES

ALGERIA 94,780+ | **BAHRAIN** 90,060+ | **EGYPT** 124,890+ | **IRAN** 1,152,070+ | **IRAQ** 583,120+ | **JORDAN** 272,800+ | **KUWAIT** 147,775+ | **LEBANON** 156,570+

ALGERIA Health, Population & Hospital Reform Minister Abderrahmane Benbouzid says a national strategy is being prepared for the vaccination of individuals in Algeria.

BAHRAIN National Health Regulatory Authority approves the registration of the Covid-19 vaccine from Sinopharm, after the submission of documentation by G42 Healthcare, the company's exclusive distributor in the Mena region.

EGYPT Egypt plans to have 500,000 batches of a Covid-19 vaccine by the end of December, with 5,400 units set up to distribute it in January. Egypt will also obtain 20 million doses from the vaccine alliance Gavi.

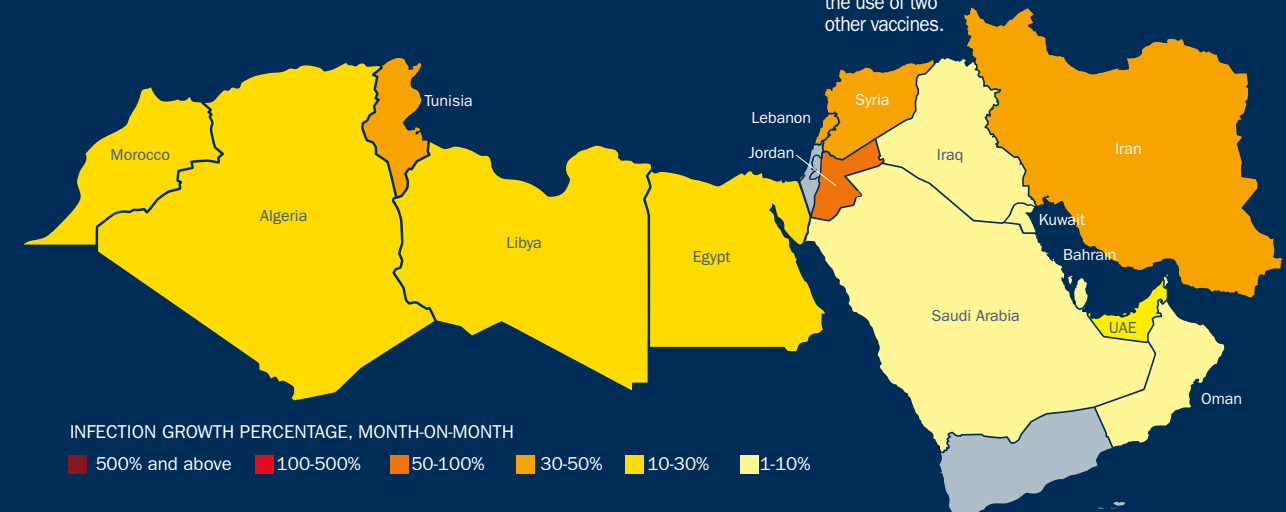
IRAN State agency Irna reports that the governor of Iran's central bank said that the "inhumane sanctions" imposed by the US have blocked Iran's purchase of vaccines against Covid-19.

IRAQ World Health Organisation provides personal protective equipment including 58,800 face shields, 9,800 goggles, 10,600 isolation gowns and 28,000 N95 face masks to the Iraqi Health Ministry.

JORDAN Food & Drug Administration grants an emergency licence to Pfizer, helping the country meet 5 per cent of its citizens' vaccination needs. Pfizer's batch of vaccines is expected in Jordan by February. A study is under way to also allow the use of two other vaccines.

KUWAIT Health Ministry authorises emergency use of Pfizer-BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine and launches an online registration programme for individuals wanting to receive the vaccination.

LEBANON French Development Agency and International Committee of the Red Cross sign grant to provide \$6.1m in additional funding for a project at Rafik Hariri University hospital. The grant will support the centre's response to Covid-19.



LIBYA 93,770+ | **MOROCCO** 415,225+ | **OMAN** 127,019+ | **OTHER GCC** 141,860+ | **SAUDI ARABIA** 360,850+ | **SYRIA** 10,050+ | **TUNISIA** 119,150+ | **UAE** 192,405+

LIBYA US Agency for International Development allocates \$500,000 in additional humanitarian aid to Unicef to assist people affected by Covid-19 in Libya.

MOROCCO Digital system established to register individuals to receive a vaccine. For holders of a national identity document or residence permit, the process is automatic.

OMAN Health Minister Ahmed bin Mohammed al-Saeedi says the first consignment of Covid-19 vaccines will reach Oman by the end of 2020.

OTHER GCC The government says that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will be procured and prioritised for the elderly, frontline workers and people with chronic illnesses.

SAUDI ARABIA Vaccination drive begins with Health Minister Tawfiq al-Rabiah receiving the Covid-19 inoculation in Riyadh.

SYRIA Government mandates the use of masks on public transport and will fine tourist facilities and restaurants that violate precautionary measures against the virus.

TUNISIA Two million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will be made available, starting from the second quarter of 2021.

UAE UAE launches vaccination effort in Abu Dhabi after approving the drug developed by Sinopharm. It is among the first countries in the world to have begun a widespread inoculation drive.

