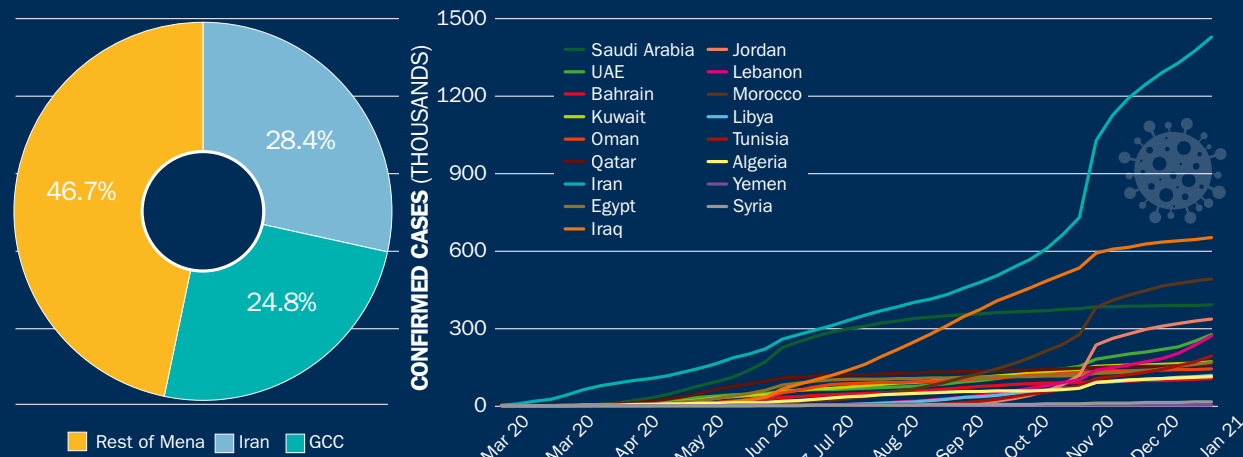


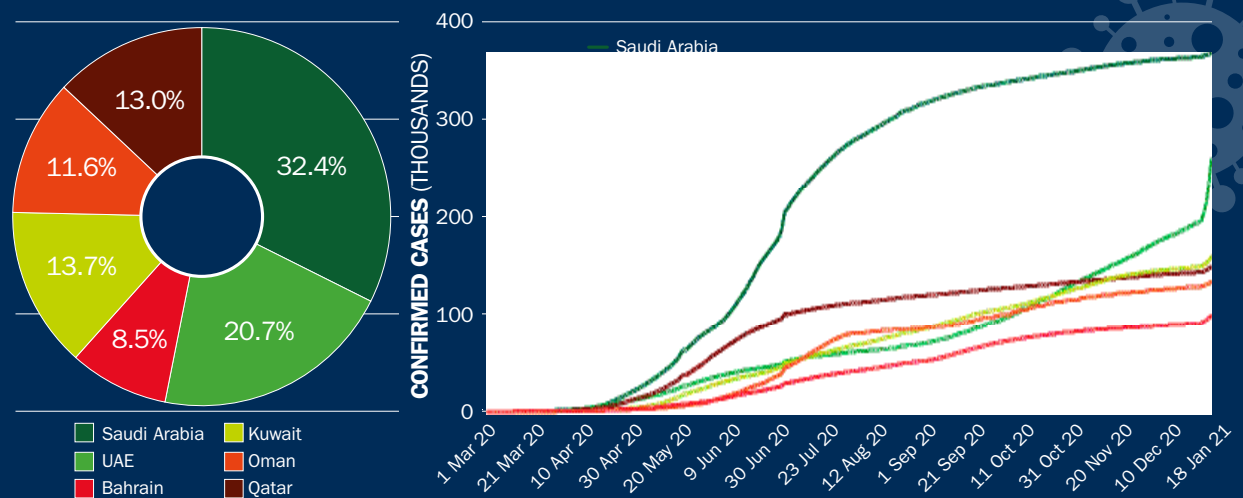
COVID-19 TRACKER

Twelve months since the first positive cases of Covid-19 were reported in the Middle East and North Africa region, cases to date exceed 4.5 million as vaccination efforts begin

COVID-19 CASES IN THE MENA REGION



COVID-19 CASES WITHIN THE GCC



COVID-19 SITUATION AND LATEST UPDATES

Country	Total Cases	Update
ALGERIA	103,833+	Russia's Sputnik-V vaccine has been ordered. The country also expected to receive a batch of vaccinations from China before the end of January.
BAHRAIN	97,607+	Vaccines from China's Sinopharm and the US/German Pfizer-BioNTech are in use. A January batch of the latter jab was delayed, but this did not affect the administration of second doses as scheduled.
EGYPT	156,397+	Frontline medical workers are receiving the Sinopharm vaccine. Vaccine alliance Gavi will provide 20 million vaccine doses to Cairo. The government plans to secure 20 per cent of vaccine needs from Gavi and 30 per cent through the Oxford University-AstraZeneca jab.
IRAN	1,336,217+	Central Bank chief Abdolnaser Hemmati has said \$243.5m has been set aside to purchase vaccines. The Iranian Red Crescent's head, Karim Hemmati, said donors had provided 150,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech jab.
IRAQ	608,232+	Pfizer-BioNTech, Sinopharm and Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines have been approved for use in Iraq. The country is expecting 1.5 million doses of the vaccine from Pfizer-BioNTech.
JORDAN	314,514+	The Johnson & Johnson (US), Pfizer-BioNTech, Sinopharm and Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines are approved for use. A widespread inoculation programme is under way in the country.
KUWAIT	157,777+	Pfizer-BioNTech jabs are in use in the country, with the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine also planned for use in the future. Kuwait aims to vaccinate 80 per cent of its population by September.
LEBANON	252,812+	An agreement has been confirmed for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to be used in Lebanon. The country is also eyeing confirmations for the Sinopharm and Oxford-AstraZeneca jabs to be used.



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LIBYA	109,869+	Libya is part of the Covax facility co-led by Gavi, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations and the WHO. About \$9.6m was allocated for vaccine procurement in November.
MOROCCO	459,671+	The Sinopharm and Oxford-AstraZeneca jabs are approved for use and the inoculation campaign will target 25 million people who will be vaccinated free of charge.
OMAN	132,011+	The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is in use. Oman is aiming for 82 per cent vaccine coverage in key groups such as high-risk individuals and frontline workers.
QATAR	147,277+	The government has said that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will be procured and prioritised for the elderly, frontline workers and people with chronic illnesses.
SAUDI ARABIA	364,929+	The Pfizer-BioNTech is in use and the Oxford-AstraZeneca and Moderna vaccines have been approved. Global demand for the Pfizer-BioNTech jabs could lead administration timelines to be rescheduled.
SYRIA	13,036+	Negotiations are under way to procure the Russian Sputnik-V vaccine. Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad has said he is hopeful that Damascus will receive the vaccine for free.
TUNISIA	180,090+	The Pfizer-BioNTech and Sputnik-V vaccines have been confirmed for use, with delivery of the latter awaited as of mid-January. Tunisia has allocated at least \$100m for the procurement of vaccines.
UAE	256,732+	The Sinopharm, Pfizer-BioNTech and Sputnik-V vaccines have been confirmed for use, with more than 2 million doses of the Chinese and US/German jabs having already been administered.

