

Impact of COVID-19 on population health

Between January 2020 and December 2021, more than 102 million people infected with COVID-19 in the Region



1.7 MILLION

1.7 million people died as a result of COVID-19

This corresponds to a crude cumulative mortality rate of 1800 per million population



COVID-19 excess mortality estimate: between 1.11 and 1.21 million people in 2020



This corresponds to a crude cumulative mortality rate of 1 800 per million population

By December 2021, almost 60% (546 million people) of the population in the Region were fully vaccinated against COVID-19

10% of all health care workers have been infected with COVID-19; 50% of these are nurses, 25% physicians.



Migrants and refugees: infection risk is **twice as high** among refugees and migrants than the general population



10-20% of people infected suffer from what is known as "Long COVID"



Wider effects of COVID-19 on population health



40% of essential health services have been at least partially disrupted in the Region



During the first three months of 2021, about 29% of health services were still disrupted



48% of countries in the Region reported disruptions to essential primary care services



41% of countries in the Region reported disruptions to rehabilitation, palliative and long-term care



41% of countries in the Region reported disruptions to mental and psychosocial services, including for children, adolescents and older people



