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# Atlas of Palliative Care Developments in the Eastern Mediterranean Countries 2025

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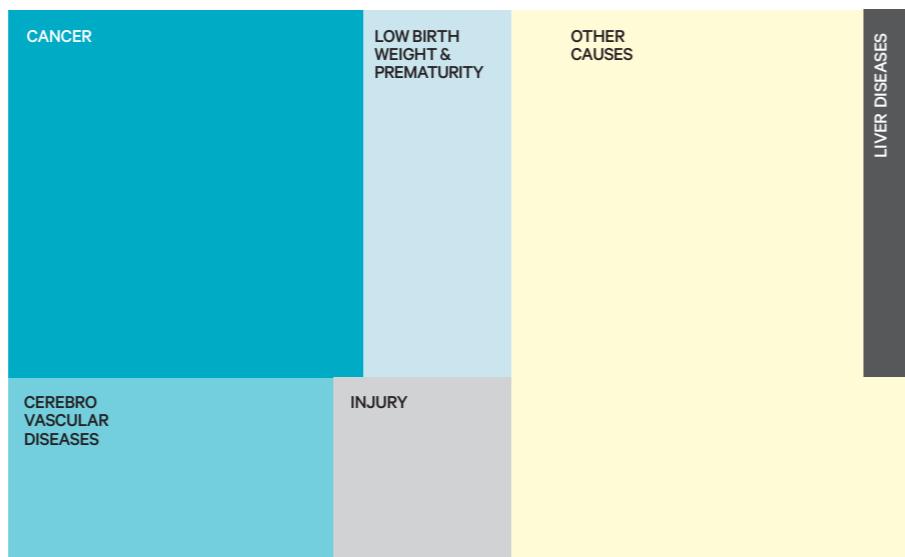


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# Around 1.56 million people faced SHS in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

CONDITION	SHS IN THOUSANDS
Cancer	334,695
Cerebrovascular diseases	232,983
Low Birth weight & prematurity	178,644
Injury	147,860
Liver disease	103,646
Other causes	565,174
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,563,002</b>

<sup>1</sup> Source: The Lancet Commission on Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Relief. Serious health-related suffering database, 2015.

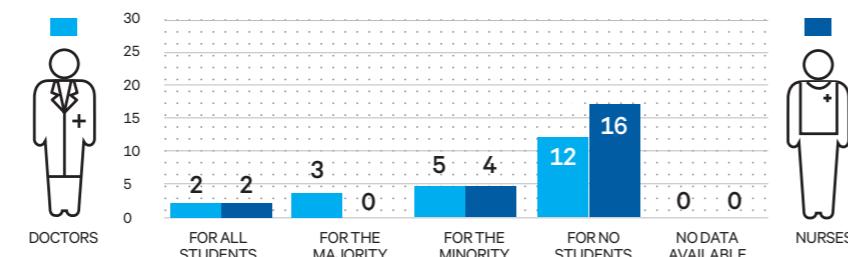


## Education and Training

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countries officially recognize PC as a medical specialty or subspecialty through national regulatory authorities.

**DIPLOMAS**  
3/22 have other kinds of diplomas with official recognition (i.e., certification of the professional category or job position).



## Research

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countries host national palliative care conferences at least every three years Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait and Morocco.

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countries report a more sustained level of peer-reviewed articles on palliative care research: Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia.

## Empowerment people and communities

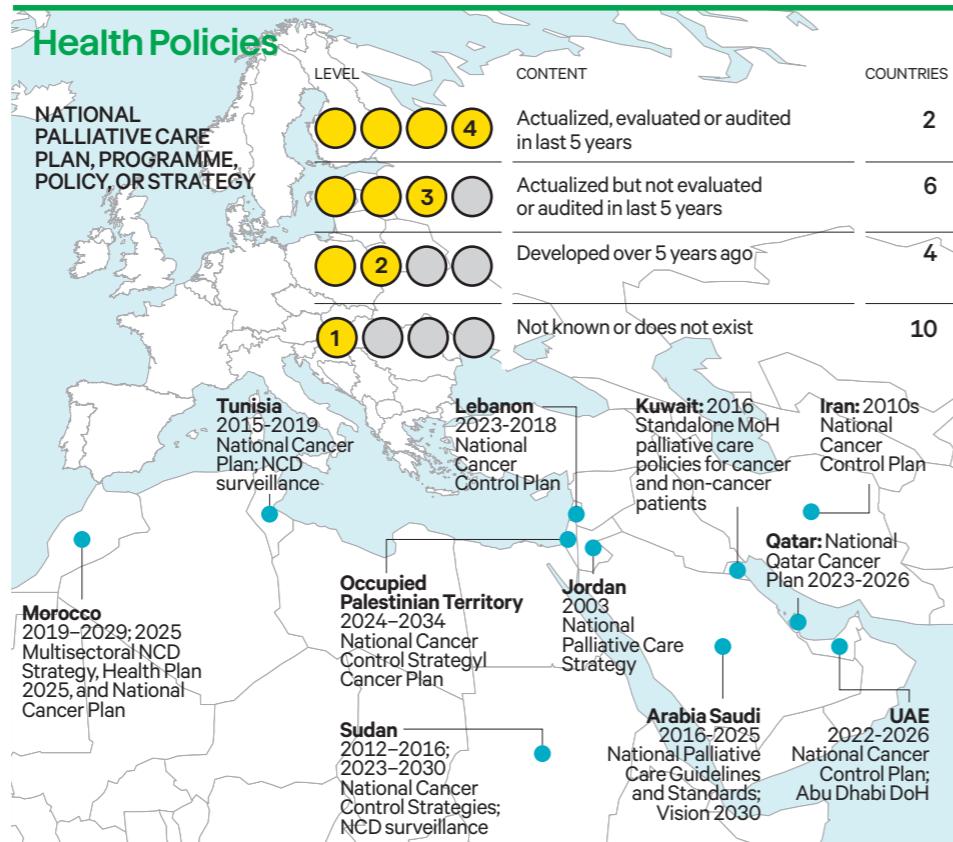
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have a strong national and sub-national presence of PC advocacy and promoting patient rights.

**NATIONAL POLICY OR GUIDELINE ON ADVANCE CARE PLANNING (ACP) OR ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

None

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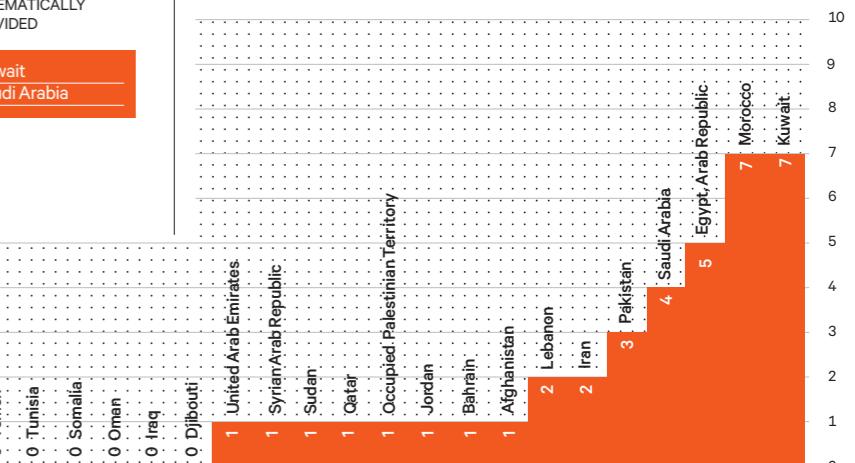


## Specialized services

### PROVISION OF PALLIATIVE CARE

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
NO OR MINIMAL	EXIST BUT ONLY IN SOME GEOGRAPHIC AREAS	EXISTS IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY	SISTEMATICALLY PROVIDED
Afghanistan	Bahrain	Jordan	Kuwait
Iran	Djibouti	Qatar	Saudi Arabia
Iraq	Egypt	United Arab Emirates	
Pakistan	Syrian Arab Republic		
Sudan	Tunisia		
Yemen	Yemen		

**SPECIALIZED PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES**  
38 pediatric services present in 22 countries



**258**  
specialized PC services.

## Use of Medicines

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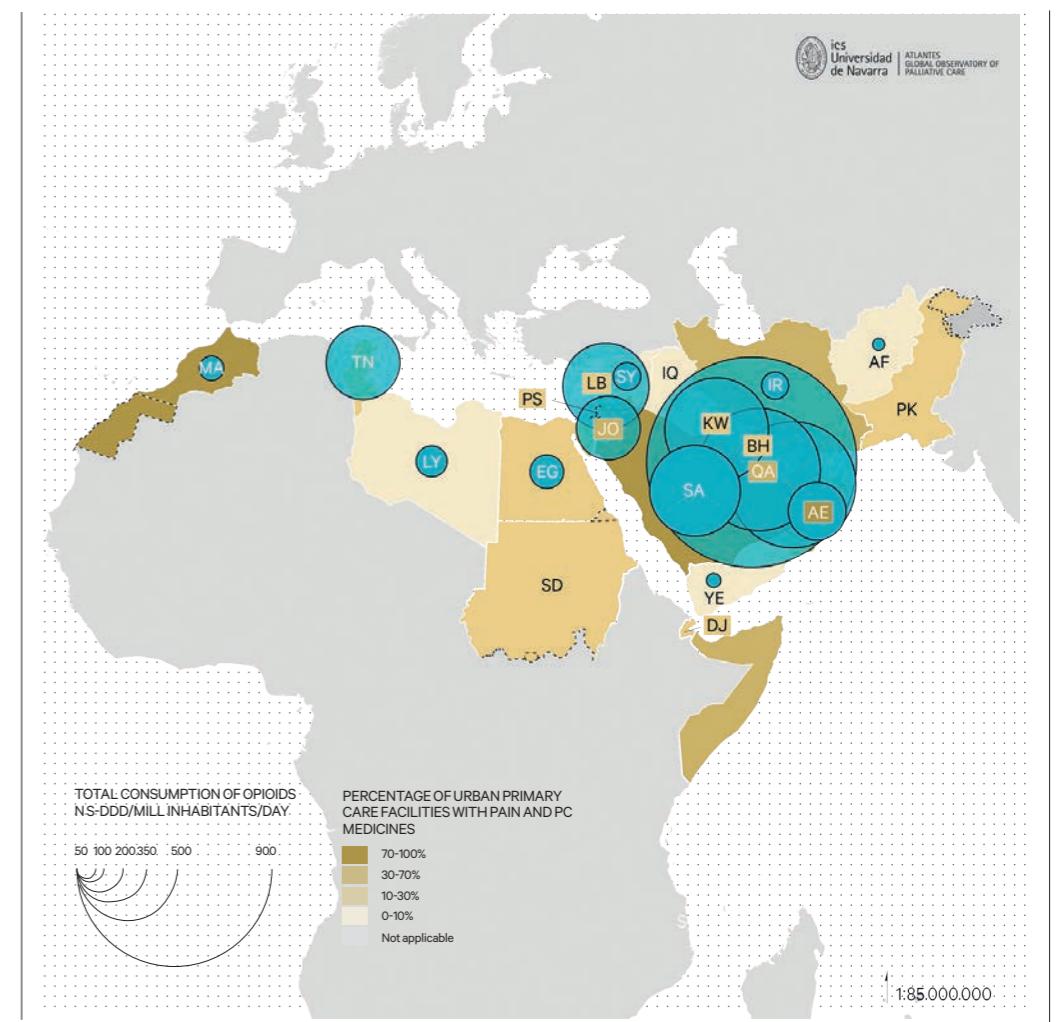
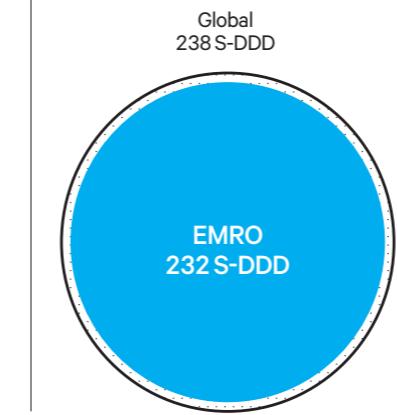
Urban Availability of Essential medicines at primary care centres

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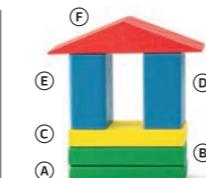
Urban Availability of Immediate-Release Oral Morphine

In the Eastern Mediterranean Region, access to essential medicines and oral morphine is higher in urban centers, while rural areas often report little or no availability.

### USE OF OPIOIDS



GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN COUNTRIES AND AREAS (WHO, 2021)



- (A) EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES
- (B) POLICIES
- (C) RESEARCH
- (D) USE OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES
- (E) EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- (F) PROVISION OF PC

LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT	1	2	3	4
EMERGING				
PROGRESSING				
ESTABLISHED				
ADVANCED				