

Diabetes in IRAN

Global & regional and National reports on the prevalence of Diabetes mellitus

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Global picture

- Diabetes is a global issue.
- Diabetes kills and disables, striking people at their most productive age impoverishing families or reducing the life expectancy of older people.
- Diabetes is a common threat that does not respect borders or social class.
- No country is immune from diabetes and the epidemic is expected to continue

Global picture

The burden of diabetes drains :

- National healthcare budgets
- Reduces productivity
- Slows economic growth
- Causes catastrophic expenditure for vulnerable households
- Overwhelms healthcare systems

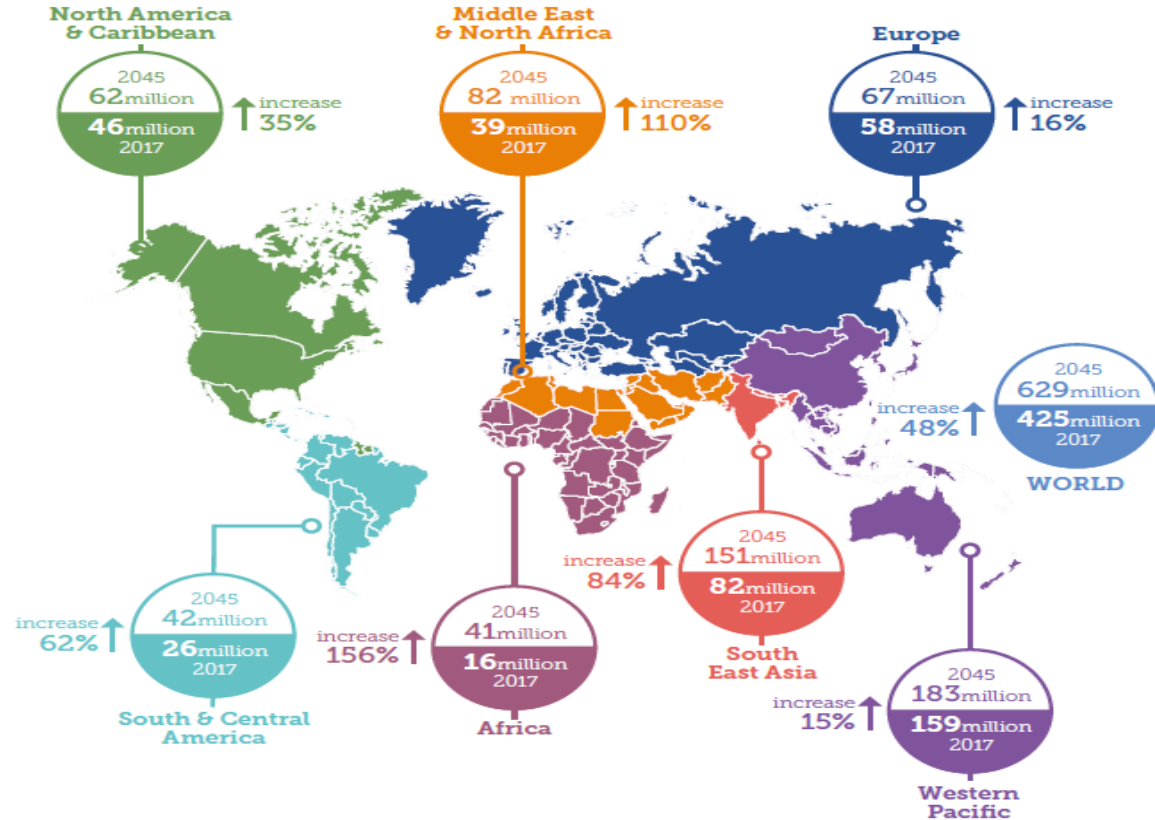
DM affected 415 million people in 2017, and this number is expected to rise to 629 million by 2045.

Number of people with diabetes worldwide and per region in 2017 and 2045 (20-79 years)

World

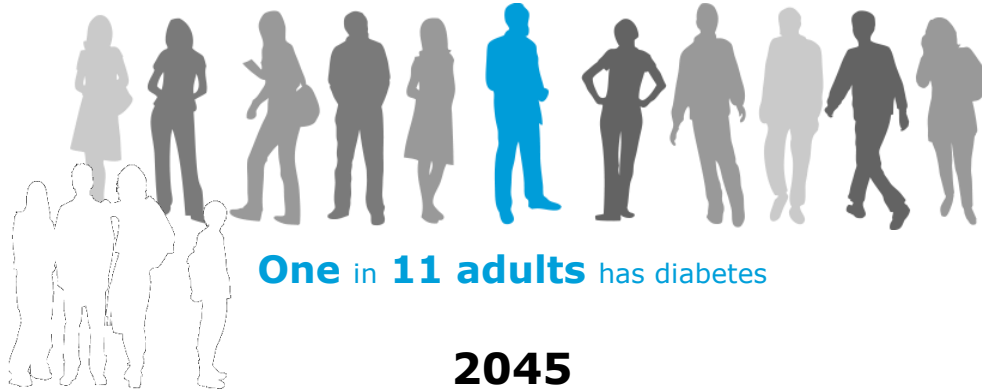
2017 425 million

2045 629 million



Global prevalence of diabetes (2017 and 2045)

2017



Number of **men** with diabetes



2015 221 million
2045 328.4 million

2045



Number of **women** with diabetes



2015 203.9 million
2045 313.3 million

Global prevalence of diabetes (2017 and 2045)

2017

Number of **men** with diabetes



- There is evidence that type 2 diabetes is increasing in children and adolescents in some countries, although reliable data are sparse
- Many of these children and adolescents risk developing complications in early adulthood, which would increase the burden on families, healthcare systems and society



One in **10 adults** will have diabetes

2015 199.5 million
2040 313.3 million

Prevalence of diabetes: urban vs rural environments



Figure 3.3 Diabetes prevalence in urban and rural settings in 2017 and 2045 (20-79 years)

Number of
people with
diabetes

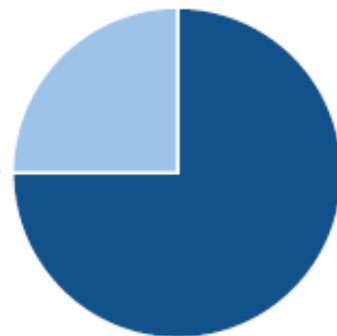
145.7
million



279.2
million

2017

156.0
million



2045

472.6
million

● Rural
● Urban

Regional disparities

Number of deaths related to diabetes (2017)

Compared with HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria

Adults who died from diabetes, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria



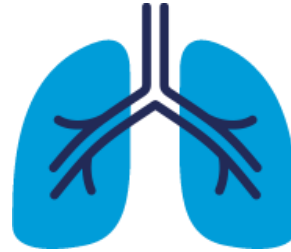
4.0 million

From diabetes
2017
IDF



1.1 million

From HIV/AIDS
2013
WHO 2013*



1.8 million

From tuberculosis
2013
WHO 2013*



0.4 million

From malaria
2015
WHO 2015*

*Global Health Observatory Data Repository

AIDS, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; IDF, International Diabetes Federation; WHO, World Health Organization
International Diabetes Federation. *IDF Diabetes Atlas, 8th edition*. Brussels, Belgium: International Diabetes Federation, 2017. <http://www.diabetesatlas.org>

Cost of DM

- In the US the total estimated cost of diagnosed diabetes in 2012 was \$ 245 billion, including \$ 176 billion in direct medical costs and \$69 billion in reduced productivity.
- 41% increase from previous estimate of \$ 174 billion (in 2007 dollars).

Cost of DM in two studies

- In Iran, the annual direct costs of DM were estimated to be \$590 million in 2009.
- In another study we evaluated the cost of diabetes related micro- and macrovascular complications in Iranian people with type 2 diabetes mellitus.
- Average para clinic cost per patient was 393 ± 47 and average inpatient cost per patient was 1520 ± 104 USD in 2014

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Presentation of the new
IDF DIABETES ATLAS
MENA Region



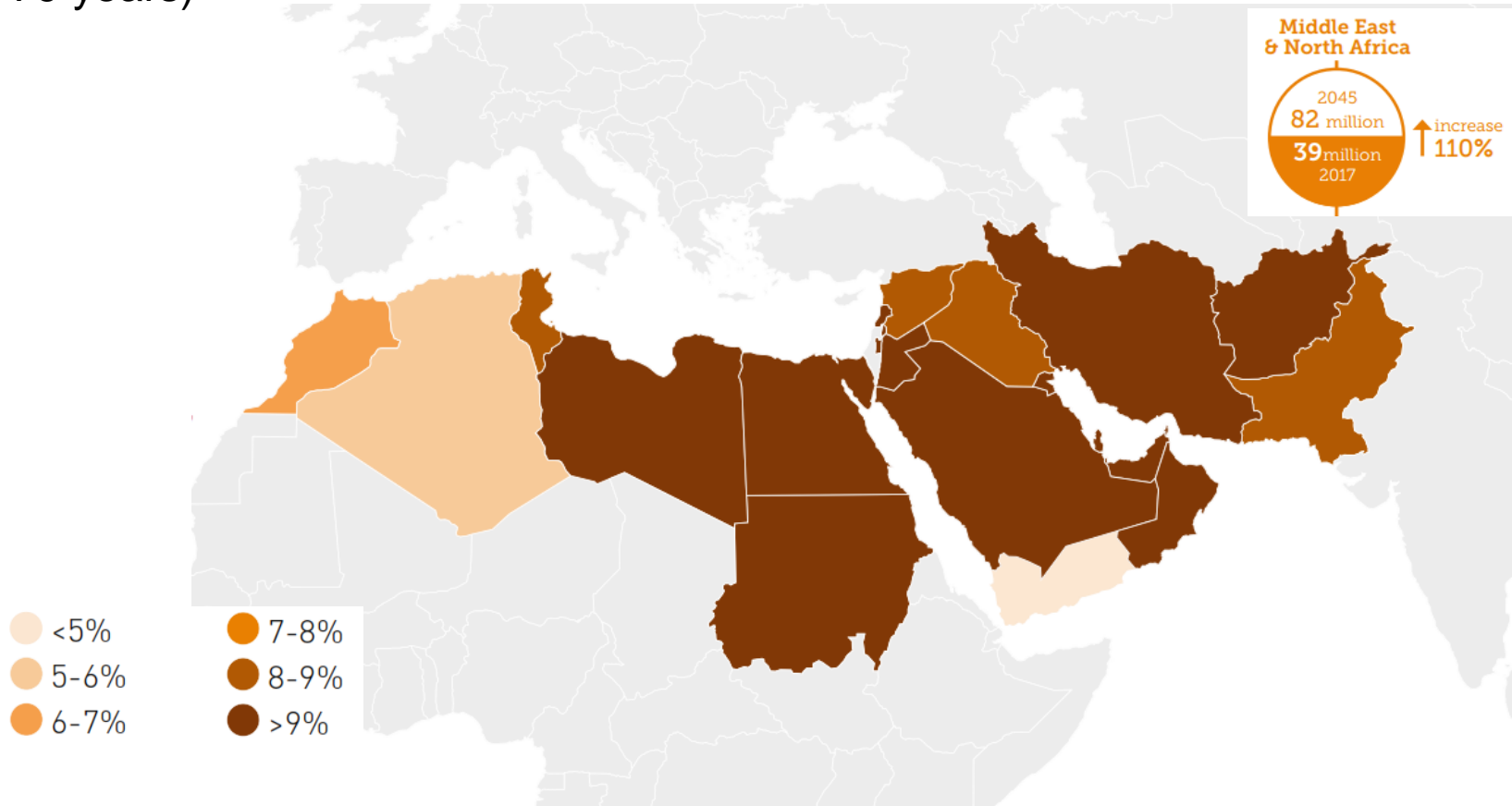
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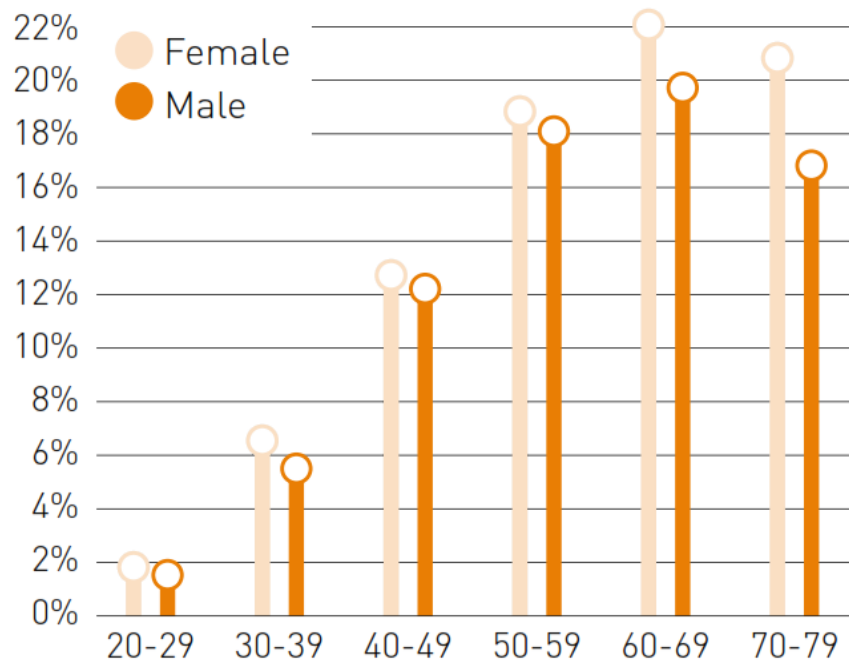
Diabetes in the MENA region

Number of people with diabetes in the MENA region in 2017 and 2045
(20-79 years)



Diabetes in the MENA region

Figure 4.3.1 Prevalence (%) estimates of diabetes by age and sex, Middle East and North Africa Region, 2017



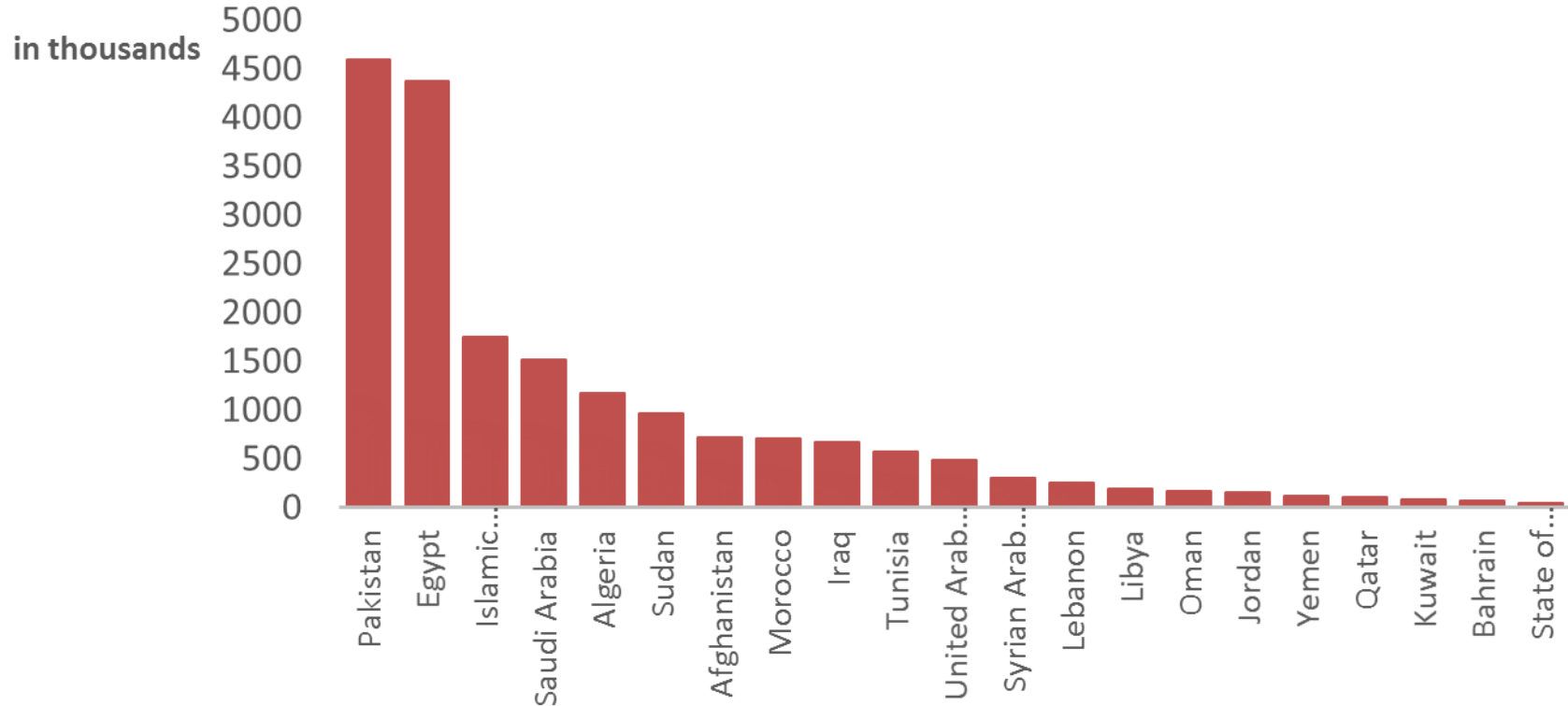
Diabetes in the MENA region

Top 5 countries for number of people with diabetes (20-79 years), 2017

1.Egypt	8,222,641
2.Pakistan	7,474,031
3.Islamic Republic of Iran	4,985,530
4.Saudi Arabia	3,851,988
5.Sudan	2,247,049

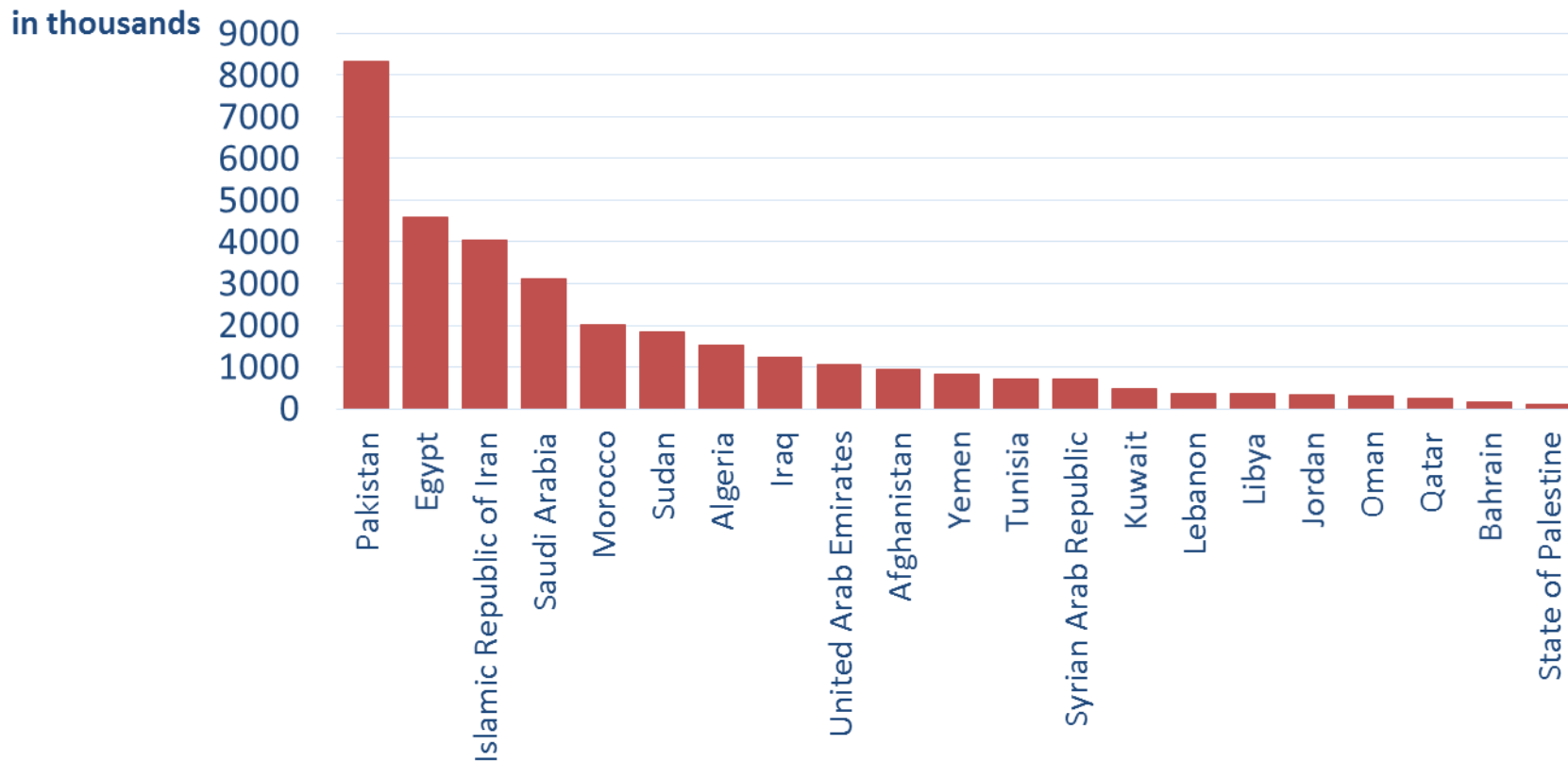
Undiagnosed Diabetes

Undiagnosed cases of diabetes (20-79 years) in the MENA region



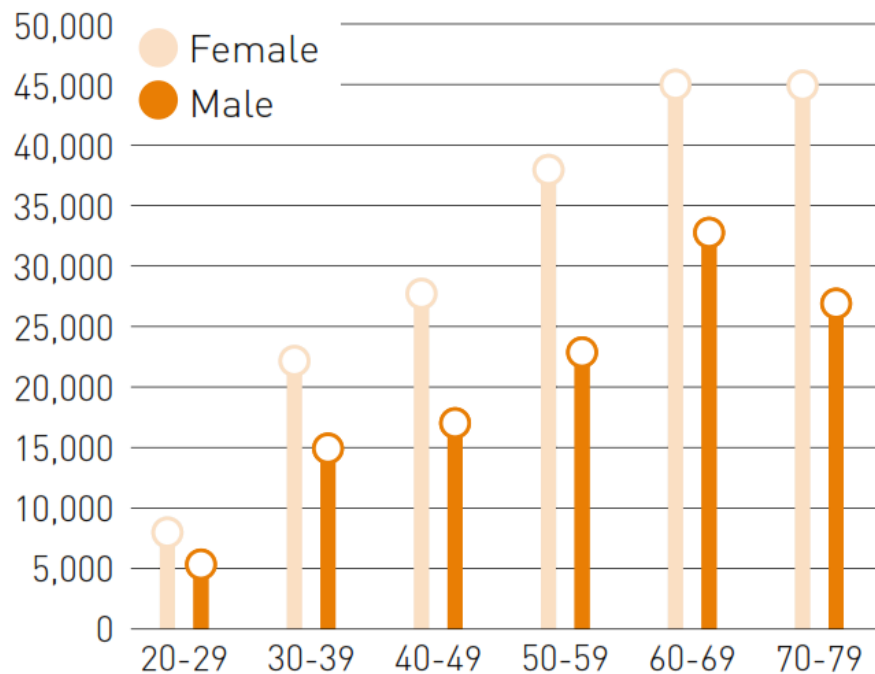
Impaired Glucose Tolerance

Number of adults (20-79 years) with IGT in the MENA region, 2017



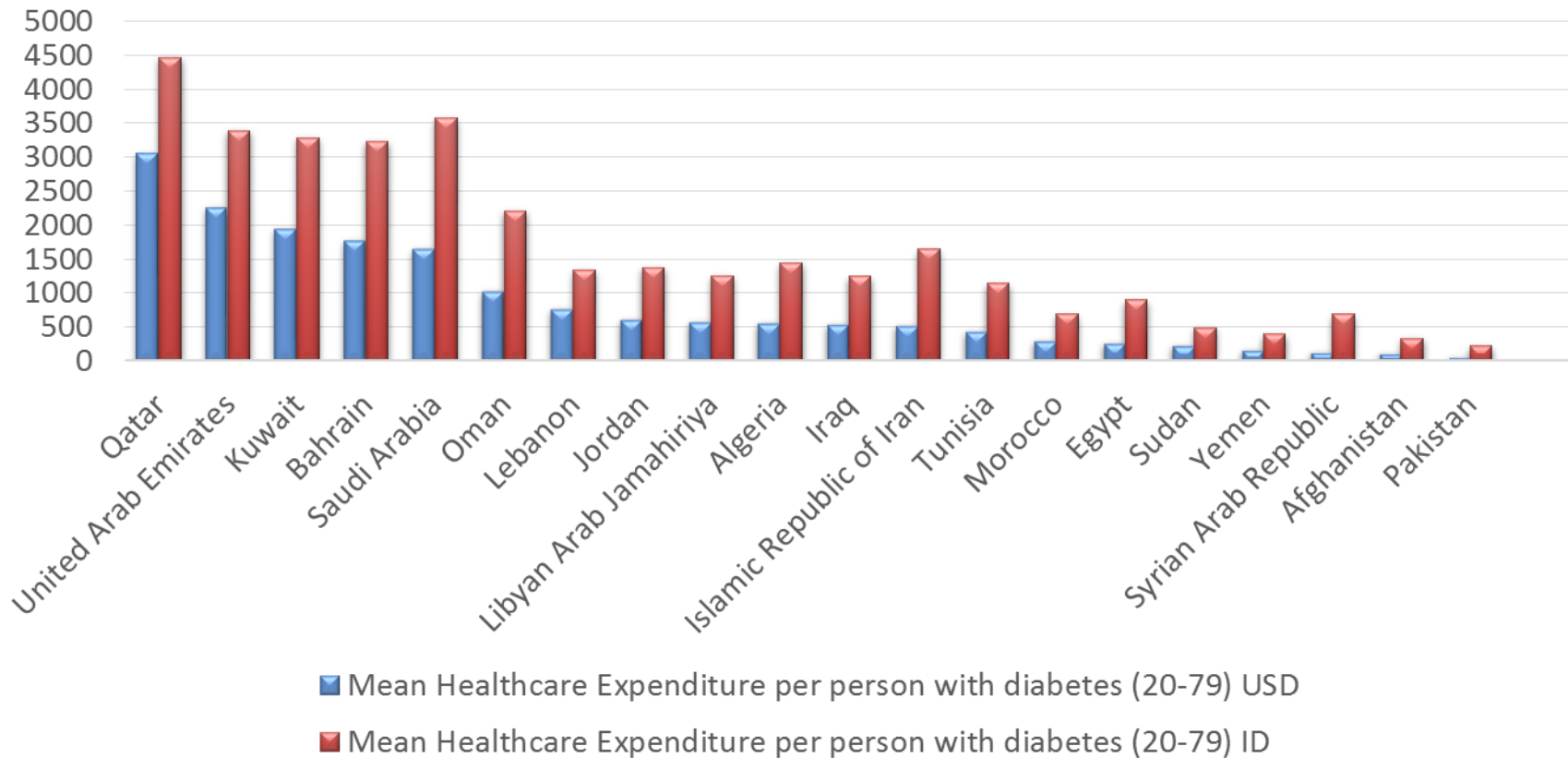
Diabetes Mortality

Figure 4.3.2 Mortality due to diabetes by age and sex, Middle East and North Africa Region, 2017



Healthcare Expenditure

Healthcare Expenditure per person with diabetes (20-79 years)



Prevalence of Diabetes and Impaired Fasting Glucose in the Adult Population of Iran

National Survey of Risk Factors for Non-Communicable Diseases of Iran

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OBJECTIVE — Despite concerns regarding a diabetes epidemic in the Middle East, internationally published data on national estimates of prevalent type 2 diabetes in Iran do not exist. With this article, we document a dramatically high prevalence of diabetes in Iran.

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS — Our data are based on the results of the first Survey of Risk Factors of Non-Communicable Diseases of Iran, 2005. In this national cross-sectional survey, 70,981 Iranian citizens aged 25–64 years were recruited.

RESULTS — We found that 7.7% of adults aged 25–64 years, or 2 million adults, have diabetes, among whom one-half are undiagnosed. An additional 16.8%, or 4.4 million, of Iranian adults have impaired fasting glucose.

CONCLUSIONS — The high prevalence of diabetes in working-age adults is an ominous sign for this developing nation. As the relatively young Iranian population ages in the future and urbanization continues or accelerates, the prevalence of diabetes will likely escalate.

Prevalence of Diabetes in Iranian population aged 25-64 years 2005 data

Table 1—Estimates of prevalence and burden of newly diagnosed and known diabetes and IFG in the Iranian population aged 25–64 years

	IFG*		Known diabetes		Newly diagnosed diabetes*		New and known diabetes*	
	Burden	Prevalence % (95% CI)	Burden	Prevalence % (95% CI)	Burden	Prevalence % (95% CI)	Burden	Prevalence % (95% CI)
Age (years)†								
25–34	1,217,452	11.9 (11.2–12.5)	102,657	1.0 (0.8–1.1)	201,649	2.0 (1.7–2.2)	311,983	3.0 (2.7–3.4)
35–44	1,336,701	17.3 (16.6–18.1)	248,560	3.2 (3.0–3.5)	269,739	3.5 (3.2–3.8)	519,117	6.8 (6.3–7.3)
45–54	1,070,898	21.4 (20.6–22.2)	368,966	7.4 (7.0–7.8)	294,260	5.9 (5.5–6.3)	629,209	12.9 (12.3–13.5)
55–64	791,266	24.3 (23.4–25.1)	329,850	10.1 (9.7–10.6)	235,564	7.2 (6.7–7.7)	531,580	16.8 (16.1–17.4)
Sex‡								
Men	2,321,870	17.4 (16.8–17.9)	428,275	3.2 (3.0–3.4)	518,094	3.9 (3.6–4.1)	933,799	7.1 (6.7–7.4)
Women	2,094,447	16.3 (15.8–16.8)	621,759	4.8 (4.6–5.0)	483,118	3.8 (3.5–4.0)	1,058,090	8.3 (8.0–8.7)
Residential area§								
Rural	1,143,041	14.6 (14.0–15.1)	217,785	2.8 (2.6–3.0)	237,312	3.0 (2.8–3.3)	442,107	5.7 (5.3–6.0)
Urban	3,273,276	17.8 (17.3–18.3)	832,249	4.5 (4.3–4.7)	763,900	4.2 (3.9–4.4)	1,549,782	8.6 (8.3–8.9)
Total national estimation¶	4,416,317	16.8 (16.4–17.2)	1,050,033	4.0 (3.9–4.1)	1,001,212	3.8 (3.6–4.0)	1,991,889	7.7 (7.5–7.9)

Data are n unless otherwise indicated. *Based on participants' laboratory results. †Standardized for sex and residential area. ‡Standardized for age and residential area. §Adjusted for age and sex. ¶Weighted and standardized for age, sex, and residential area on the basis of the 2004 Iranian population.

SuRFNCD 2007

- Third national surveillance of risk factors of non-communicable diseases (SuRFNCD-2007) in Iran
- Prevalence of DM, HTN, obesity, central obesity, and dyslipidemia were reported

Alireza Esteghamati, Alipasha Meysamie, Omid Khalilzadeh, et al; *BMC Public Health* 2009, 9:167

Results SuRFNCD 2007

Results: The prevalence of diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and central obesity was 8.7% (95%CI=7.4-10.2%), 26.6% (95%CI=24.4-28.9%), 22.3% (95%CI=20.2-24.5%), and 53.6% (95%CI=50.4-56.8%), respectively. The prevalence of hypertriglyceridemia and hypercholesterolemia was 36.4% (95%CI=34.1-38.9%) and 42.9% (95%CI=40.4-45.4%), respectively. All of the mentioned prevalence rates were higher among females (except hypertriglyceridemia) and urban residents.

DM & IFG in Iranian adults SuRFNCD 2007

Table 1: Estimates of prevalence of newly diagnosed diabetes, known diabetes and IFG among Iranian adults 25–64 years old

	Impaired Fasting Glucose ^{ab}		Known DM		New DM ^a		New and Known DM ^a	
	National estimate ^c	Prevalence (95% CI)	National estimate ^c	Prevalence (95% CI)	National estimate ^c	Prevalence (95% CI)	National estimate ^c	Prevalence (95% CI)
Age								
25–34 (n = 843)	0.6	5.1 (3.4–7.6)	0.1	0.7 (0.3–1.5)	0.3	2.5 (1.4–4.4)	0.4	3.2 (2.0–5.0)
35–44 (n = 902)	0.9	10.0 (7.6–13.0)	0.4	4.9 (3.3–7.3)	0.4	4.3 (3.2–5.8)	0.8	9.2 (7.0–12.1)
45–54 (n = 869)	0.9	13.6 (11.5–16.1)	0.5	8.4 (6.7–10.4)	0.4	5.6 (3.5–8.7)	0.9	14.0 (11.2–17.3)
55–64 (n = 783)	0.5	14.6 (11.9–17.9)	0.4	12.1 (8.2–17.4)	0.2	6.7 (4.9–9.1)	0.6	18.8 (14.7–23.6)
Sex								
Males (n = 1645)	1.5	9.3 (7.7–11.3)	0.7	4.4 (3.1–6.1)	0.6	4.0 (3.1–5.2)	1.3	8.4 (6.6–10.5)
Females (n = 1752)	1.4	9.0 (7.2–11.3)	0.8	4.9 (3.8–6.2)	0.7	4.2 (2.9–6.0)	1.4	9.1 (7.4–11.2)
Residential area								
Urban (n = 2175)	2.1	9.8 (8.3–11.4)	1.1	4.9 (3.9–6.2)	1.0	4.3 (3.4–5.4)	2.1	9.2 (7.8–10.9)
Rural (n = 1222)	0.7	7.8 (5.4–11.1)	0.3	3.9 (2.4–6.1)	0.3	3.7 (2.1–6.3)	0.7	7.5 (5.2–10.9)
Total national estimate (n = 3397)	2.9	9.2 (7.9–10.7)	1.5	4.6 (3.8–5.7)	1.3	4.1 (3.3–5.1)	2.7	8.7 (7.4–10.2)

SuRFNCD in Iran From 2005 to 2011

- To provide a better understanding of the prevalence of non-communicable diseases and their associated risk factors, the Surveillance of Risk Factors of Non-communicable Diseases (SuRFNCD) was initiated in Iran, in 2005.
- In accordance with this data, we have reported a marked increase in the national prevalence of DM from 7.7% to 8.7% over a three year period (2005–2007).

Esteghamati A, Meysamie A, Khalilzadeh O, et al. Third national Surveillance of Risk Factors of Non-Communicable Diseases (SuRFNCD- 2007) in Iran: methods and results on prevalence of diabetes, hypertension, obesity, central obesity, and dyslipidemia. BMC Public Health 2009;9:167.

Trends in the prevalence of diabetes and impaired fasting glucose in association with obesity in Iran: 2005–2011

- Prevalence rates for 2011 and trends for 2005–2011 were determined by extrapolating survey results to Iran's adult population.
- Population attributable fraction (PAF) of obesity was also calculated

SuRFNCD 2011 Results

- IFG and total DM prevalence rates were 14.60% (95% CI: 12.41–16.78) and 11.37% (95% CI: 9.86–12.89) among 25–70 years, respectively.
- DM was more common in :
 - Older age ($p < 0.0001$)
 - Women ($p = 0.0216$)
 - Urban-dwellers ($p = 0.0001$)

SuRFNCD 2011 Results

- In 2005–2011, trend analysis revealed a **35.1% increase in DM prevalence** (OR: 1.04, 95%CI: 1.01–1.07, $p = 0.011$)
- IFG prevalence remained relatively unchanged (OR: 0.98, 95%CI: 0.95–1.00, $p = 0.167$)

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SuRFNCD 2011 Results

- In this period, **DM awareness improved**
- Undiagnosed DM prevalence decreased from **45.7%** to **24.7%** ($p < 0.001$).

Results

- PAF analysis demonstrated that 33.78%, 9.25%, and 26.56% of the prevalent DM can be attributed to overweight (BMI>25 kg/m²), general obesity (BMI>30 kg/ m²), and central obesity (waist circumference>90 cm), respectively.
- Additionally, the DM increase rate in 2005–2011, was 20 times higher in morbidly obese compared with lean individuals.

Prevalence of DM and IFG in IRAN

Table 1 – Prevalence of impaired fasting glucose, undiagnosed diabetes, known diabetes, and total diabetes in adult population of Iran, 2011.

	IFG			Undiagnosed diabetes			Known diabetes			Total diabetes		
	Pop. Est.	Prevalence % (95% CI)	p	Pop. Est.	Prevalence % (95% CI)	p	Pop. Est.	Prevalence % (95% CI)	p	Pop. Est.	Prevalence % (95% CI)	p
<i>Age</i>												
25–34	1.48	9.44 (7.21–11.67)	<0.0001	0.15	0.95 (0.42–1.47)	0.0470	0.36	2.32 (1.06–3.59)	0.0470	0.51	3.27 (1.92–4.61)	<0.0001
35–44	1.51	14.39 (11.37–17.41)		0.32	3.10 (1.43–4.77)		0.64	6.10 (4.24–7.95)		0.96	9.20 (6.54–11.85)	
45–54	1.53	20.20 (16.39–24.01)		0.28	3.66 (2.56–4.76)		1.16	15.39 (11.97–18.81)		1.44	19.05 (15.38–22.71)	
55–64	0.99	21.89 (18.60–25.18)		0.26	5.64 (4.40–6.88)		0.89	19.69 (17.18–22.20)		1.15	25.32 (22.74–27.91)	
65–70	0.30	19.28 (14.84–23.72)		0.07	4.69 (3.00–6.39)		0.39	24.48 (20.94–28.02)		0.46	29.18 (25.44–32.91)	
<i>Sex</i>												
Male	3.08	15.45 (12.71–18.18)	0.1485	0.56	2.80 (1.71–3.89)	0.1465	1.41	7.09 (5.22–8.96)	0.1465	1.97	9.90 (7.72–12.06)	0.0216
Female	2.72	13.74 (11.55–15.94)		0.52	2.63 (1.95–3.30)		2.03	10.23 (8.82–11.65)		2.55	12.86 (11.20–14.53)	
<i>Residential area</i>												
Urban	4.55	15.44 (13.00–17.89)	0.0580	0.87	2.97 (2.16–3.77)	0.4661	2.86	9.72 (8.32–11.13)	0.4661	3.73	12.69 (10.94–14.43)	0.0001
Rural	1.26	12.18 (9.16–15.20)		0.21	2.00 (1.24–2.75)		0.58	5.62 (4.20–7.04)		0.79	7.62 (5.73–9.50)	
Total	5.81	14.60 (12.41–16.78)		1.08	2.71 (2.05–3.38)		3.44	8.66 (7.47–9.84)		4.52	11.37 (9.86–12.89)	

Abbreviations: IFG, impaired fasting glucose; Pop. Est., population estimate rounded to the nearest million.

Population attributable fraction

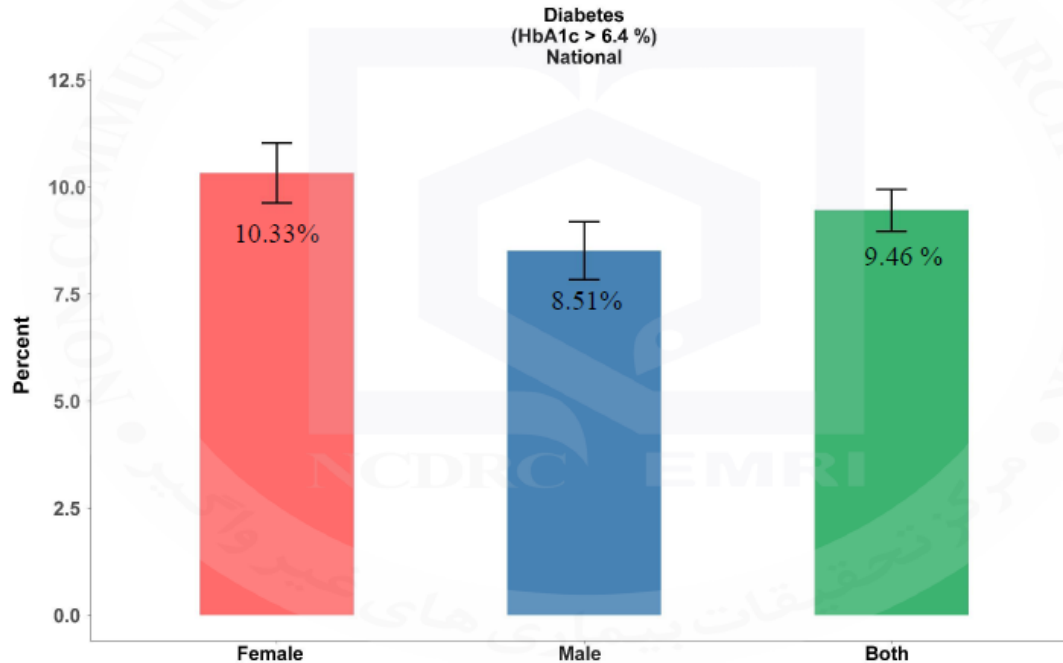
Table 3 – Population attributable fraction of obesity for diabetes in Iranian adult population, 2005–2011.

	OR (95% CI)	<i>p</i>	PAF
<i>Overweight/general obesity (BMI ≥ 25 kg/m²)</i>			
Male	2.11 (1.77–2.51)	<0.0001	27.14 (22.54–31.02)
Female	2.15 (1.88–2.47)	<0.0001	34.66 (30.27–38.50)
Total	2.13 (1.92–2.36)	<0.0001	30.82 (27.86–33.49)
<i>General obesity (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²)</i>			
Male	1.77 (1.40–2.25)	<0.0001	6.26 (4.09–7.97)
Female	1.75 (1.58–1.94)	<0.0001	12.51 (10.68–14.15)
Total	1.75 (1.57–1.94)	<0.0001	9.28 (7.78–10.54)
<i>Central obesity (Waist circumference ≥ 90 cm)</i>			
Male	2.21 (1.86–2.63)	<0.0001	27.09 (22.84–30.67)
Female	2.16 (1.90–2.46)	<0.0001	26.62 (23.51–29.39)
Total	2.17 (1.98–2.38)	<0.0001	26.71 (24.52–28.71)

Abbreviation: PAF, population attributable fraction.

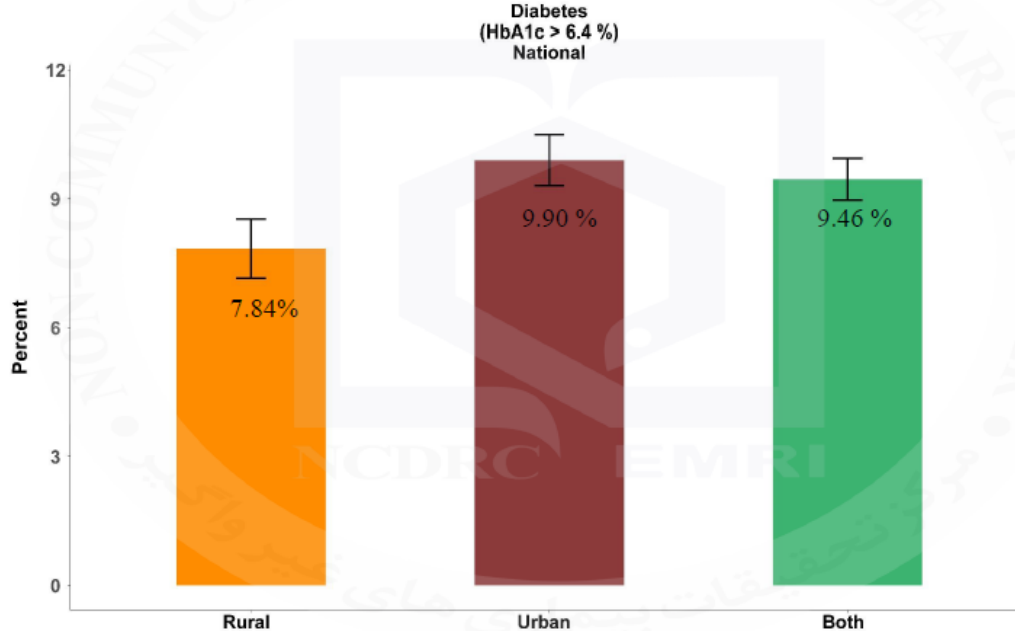
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Diabetes Prevalence



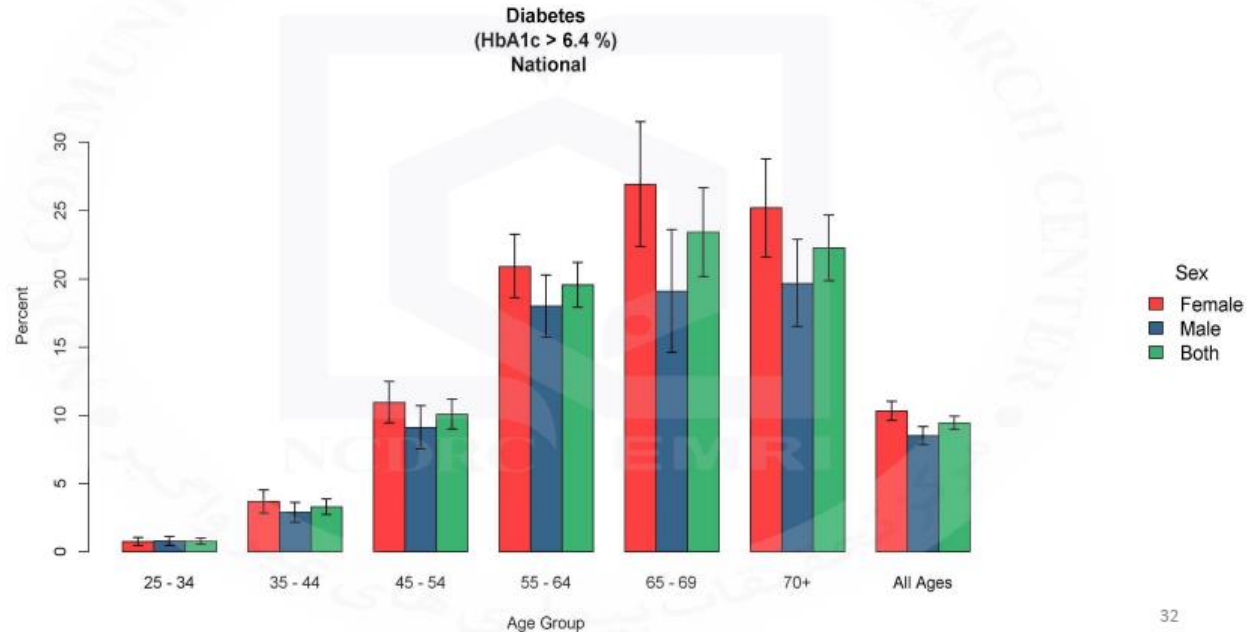
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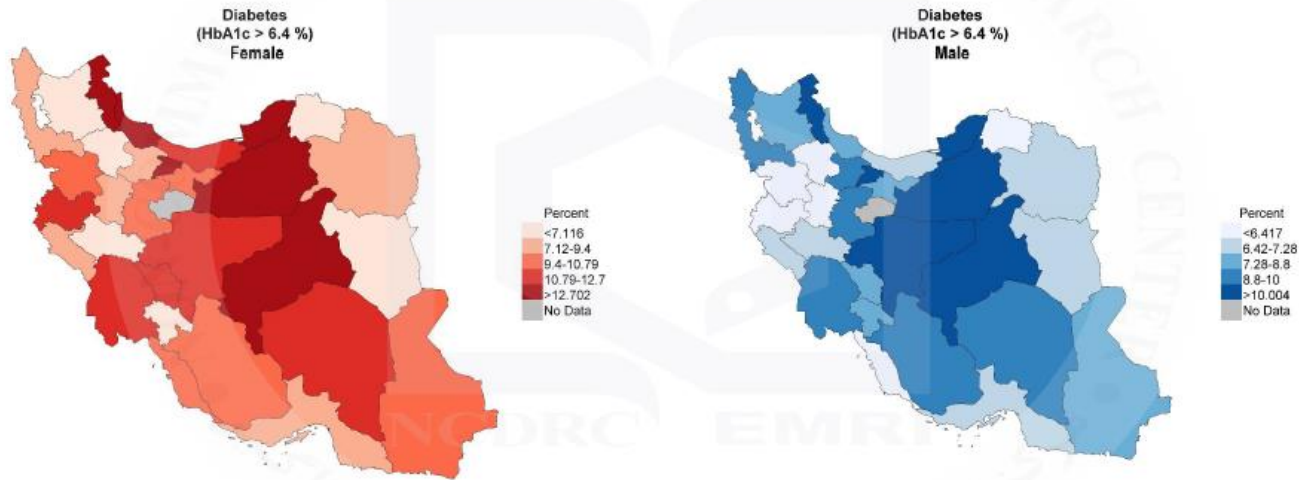
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Diabetes Prevalence



SuRFNCD 2016-DM Map

Diabetes Prevalence



Mortality in EMR

In 2015:

- **135,230** individuals died from diabetes
- 16,470 from CKD-DM in the EMR.
- These numbers represent **216 and 179% increases** in the number of deaths due to diabetes and CKD-DM, respectively, **compared to 1990.**

DALYs

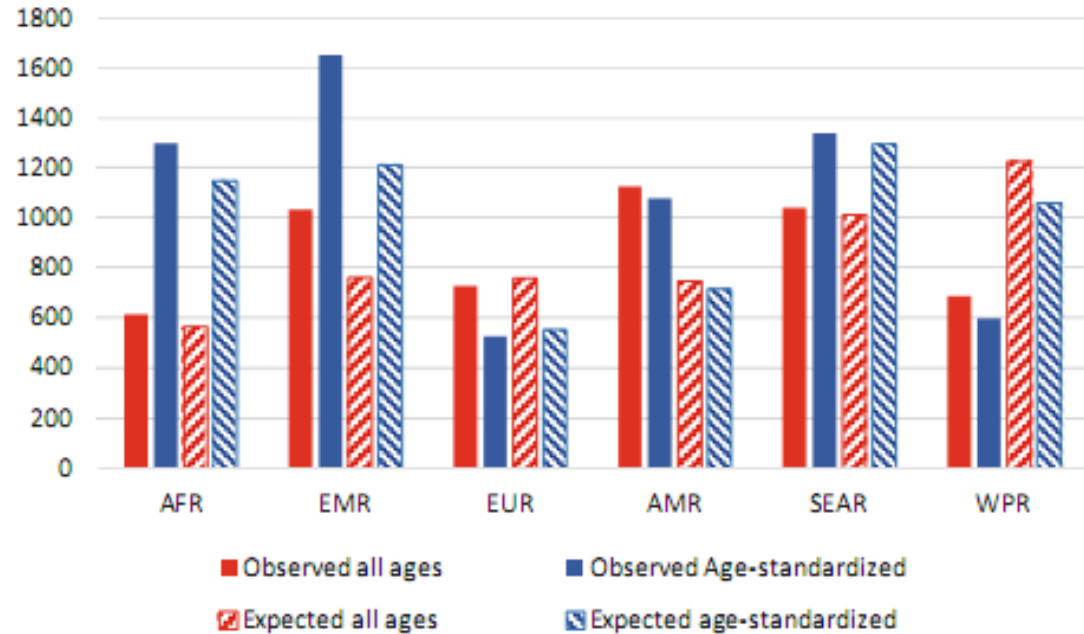
- Total DALYs from diabetes were 6,708,539 in 2015 and 2,285,117 in 1990.
- For CKD-DM, total DALYs were 568,351 in 2015 and 234,194 in 1990.
- In 2015, the proportion of YLLs to DALYs was 45% for diabetes mellitus and 73% for CKD-DM.

Burden of DM

- The burden of diabetes mellitus as a percentage of total DALYs **was 1.1% in 1990 and increased to 2.9% in 2015.**
- These percentage were 0.11% and 0.25% for CKD-DM in 1990 and 2015, respectively.
- The age-standardized observed DALY rate of diabetes in the EMR was higher than in all other WHO regions.

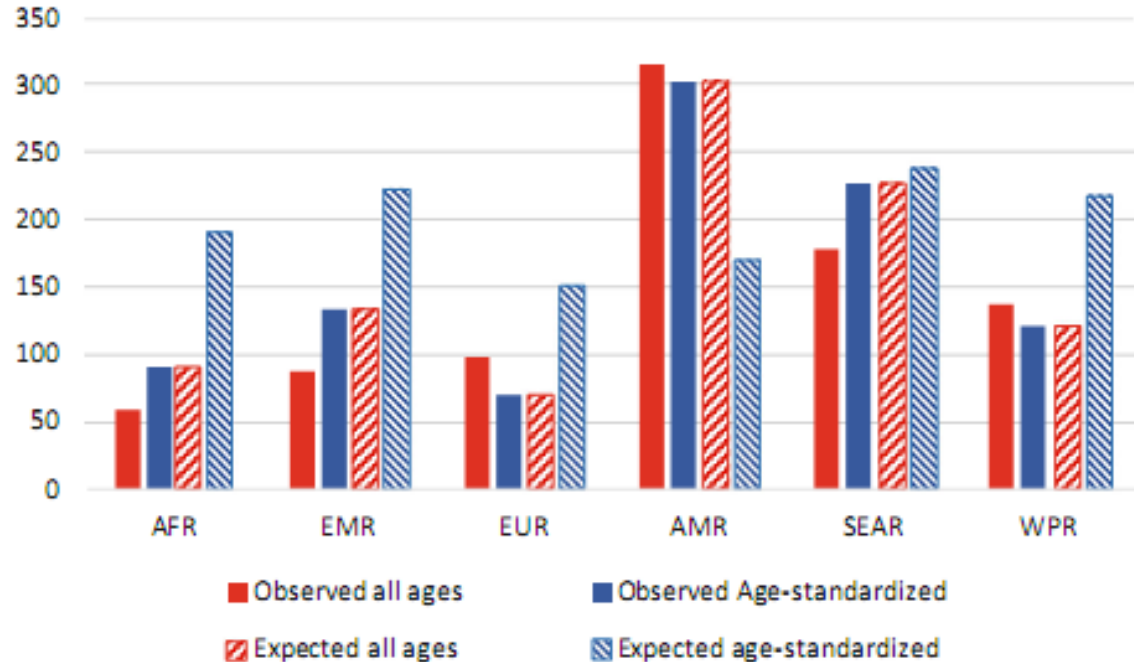
Observed DALY rates of diabetes in the EMR were higher than the expected (based on SDI) values

Fig. 3 Rates of disability-adjusted life years of diabetes mellitus per 100,000 population in the World Health Organization regions. *AFR* African region, *EMR* Eastern Mediterranean region, *EUR* European region, *AMR* Region of Americas, *SEAR* Southeast Asia region, *WPR* Western Pacific region. (Global Burden of Disease 2015 study, World Health Organization regions, 2015)



Observed DALY rates for CKD-DM were less than the expected rates

Fig. 4 Rates of disability-adjusted life years of chronic kidney disease due to diabetes mellitus per 100,000 population in the World Health Organization regions. *AFR* African region, *EMR* Eastern Mediterranean region, *EUR* European region, *AMR* Region of Americas, *SEAR* Southeast Asia region, *WPR* Western Pacific region. (Global Burden of Disease 2015 study, World Health Organization regions, 2015)



Burden of DM

Burden of diabetes has increased considerably during the last 25 years in the EMR.

This **burden is higher than expected** based on the demographic and social status of the countries in the region.

The **region's health systems have not performed at the expected level**, given their socio-demographic status, to control and prevent diabetes and CKD.

Burden of DM

- This is in contrast to the European region and Western Pacific region, where observed levels are lower than expected levels.
- There are several potential reasons for such differenced: people in the EMR have lower perceived risk, and **access to and quality of health care are lesser in this region**
- This results call for urgent efforts to address the burden of diabetes in the region.

Burden of DM

- Indeed, a multi-sectorial approach is needed to control and prevent diabetes in the region.
- WHO suggests the Package of Essential Non-communicable (PEN) Disease Interventions to be used in primary health care in low resource settings

