

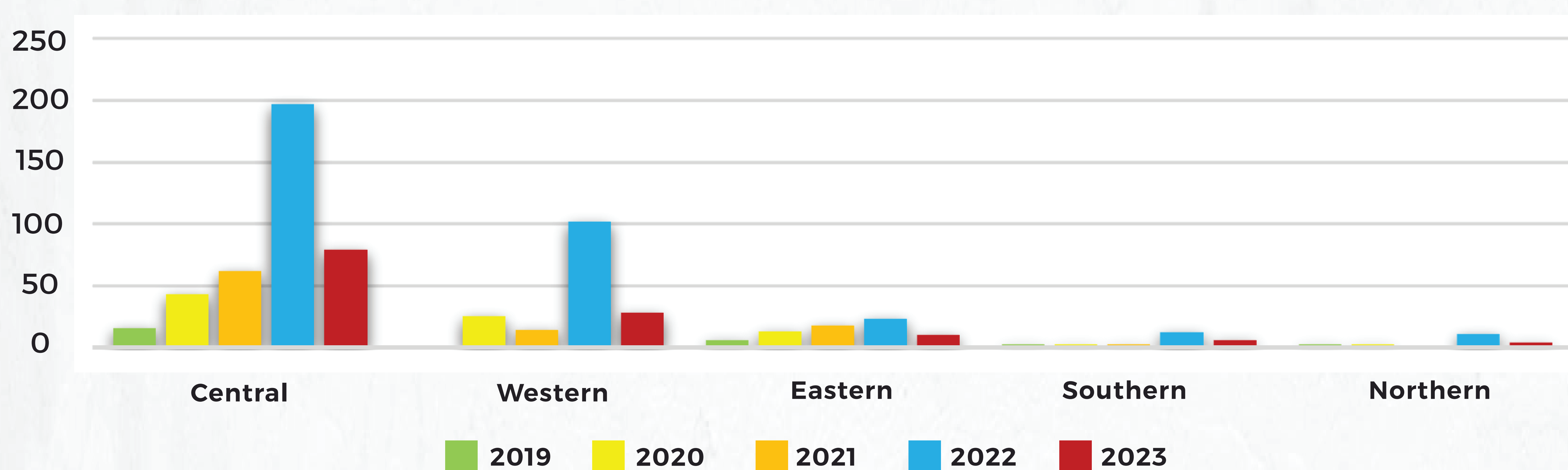
Candida Auris :

Candida auris is a multidrug resistant (MDR) fungal pathogen with a crude mortality rate of 30-60%. First identified in 2009, and it has been rapidly emerging to become a global threat among healthcare settings.

National Current Situations :

At national level, , C. auris first reported in Saudi Arabia in 2017 and it began spreading from 2018. Reported cases increased progressively from 2019 to 2023. All regions in Saudi Arabia reported C. auris cases with different fluctuation depending on various contributing factors. Accordingly, the General Directorate of Infection Prevention & Control (GDIPC) supports all national healthcare facilities through providing them accessible national electronic platform that facilitate their accurate detection and notification activities for each single C. auris case.

**The Total Annual Cases of C. Auris
Among Saudi Arabia Regions
(2019 - 1st Quarter of 2023)**



Candida Auris Prevention Strategies (CAPS) :

CAPS is a national project that established by GDIPC in order to take further steps towards preventing and controlling C. auris through comprehensive prevention approaches. GDIPC believes that the engagement and involvement of the other sectors within Saudi Arabia is crucial and imperative and accordingly, it constructs a national Candida Auris Prevention Strategies (CAPS) project to improve the reduction of Candida auris rate at different national levels through well-proven and defined prevention & control measures.

Aim :

To safeguard against the hazards associated to deadly infections of Candida auris.

CAPS Components (7Cs)

1 Current Situation Analysis

Exploring the current data and constructing a brief analysis about the C.auris that support decision making & interventions.

3 Candida Auris Network (CAN)

It is an initiative established as core strategy component of this project and is formed with clear objectives, roles, and responsibilities.

5 Commitment of the Involved Leaders and Decision Makers

The wide health sectors' leaders, decision makers, and high official bodies are committing to the **CAPS** goal and objectives.

7 Prevention and Control of Candida Auris

Bundles of infection prevention & control initiated to eradicate C.auris and it is related negative consequences.

2 Communication, Coordination, and Collaboration

The efforts against C.auris are organized and coordinated in a collaborative manner and all project related documents' will be disseminated through different communication channels.

4 Comprehensive National Plan

A comprehensive national plan has been established as a critical component of 7 Cs for **CAPS** project' that covers all aspects of infection prevention and control and involves all relevant and concerned bodies.

6 Capacity Building

A well-constructed program that targeting in improving healthcare facilities leaders' as well as healthcare workers awareness, competence, and their skills in regard to C.auris.

GDIPC encourages all healthcare facilities and their healthcare workers from various disciplines to collaboratively participate and support to tackle Candida auris threats through the effective implementation of **Candia Auris Prevention Strategies**.



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