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Epidemiological Report | Week # 26– 2025

26 (22 June– 28 2025)

## Summary:

- Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **612 (99.8%)** submitted reports this week.
- A total of **706,161** new consultations were reported among which **253,441 (35.9%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **130,315 (49.8%) females**. and **120,929 (47.9%)** children under five.
- The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **132,434 cases (18.7%)**, acute diarrheal diseases with **96,167 cases (13.6%)**, and pneumonia with **16,843 cases (2.4%)**.
- A total of **412** deaths were reported this week, of which **60 (14.6%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **40 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **8 suspected measles** deaths, **3 AWD with dehydration** deaths, **4 suspected meningitis** deaths, **3 hemorrhagic fever** deaths and **2 acute viral hepatitis** deaths.
- During this week, **39** outbreaks were reported: **8 measles** outbreaks, **14 scabies** outbreaks, **9 chickenpox** outbreaks, **3 CCHF** outbreaks, **3 dog bite/ suspected rabies**, **1 food poisoning**, and **1 viral hepatitis** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in week 26-2025

Top 7 Diseases	Cases				Deaths				Total				
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Cases		Deaths		CFR
	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	Number	%	Number	%	
AWD with Dehydration	1403	1013	1351	1117	1	0	0	2	4884	0.7	3	0.7	0.06
ARI-Pneumonia	5859	2684	5180	3120	21	8	8	3	16843	2.4	40	9.7	0.24
Measles	917	302	835	342	4	0	4	0	2396	0.3	8	1.9	0.33
CCHF	0	44	0	15	0	2	0	1	59	0.0	3	0.7	5.08
Confirmed Malaria	162	816	165	621	0	0	0	0	1764	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	10	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	1	605	11	665	0	0	0	0	1282	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

Figure 1: Surveillance/ NDSR sentinel sites location by type of health facility, 2025

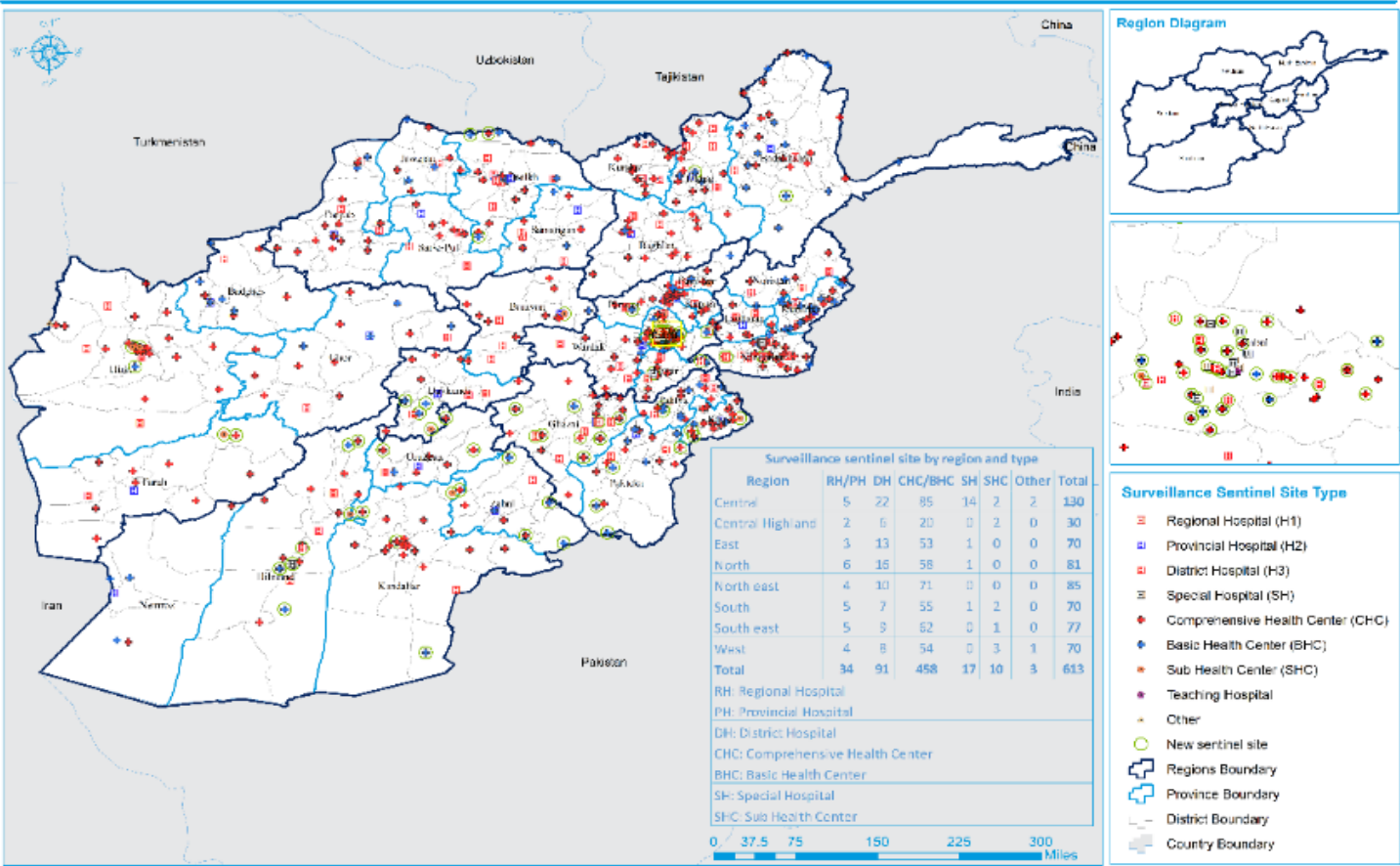


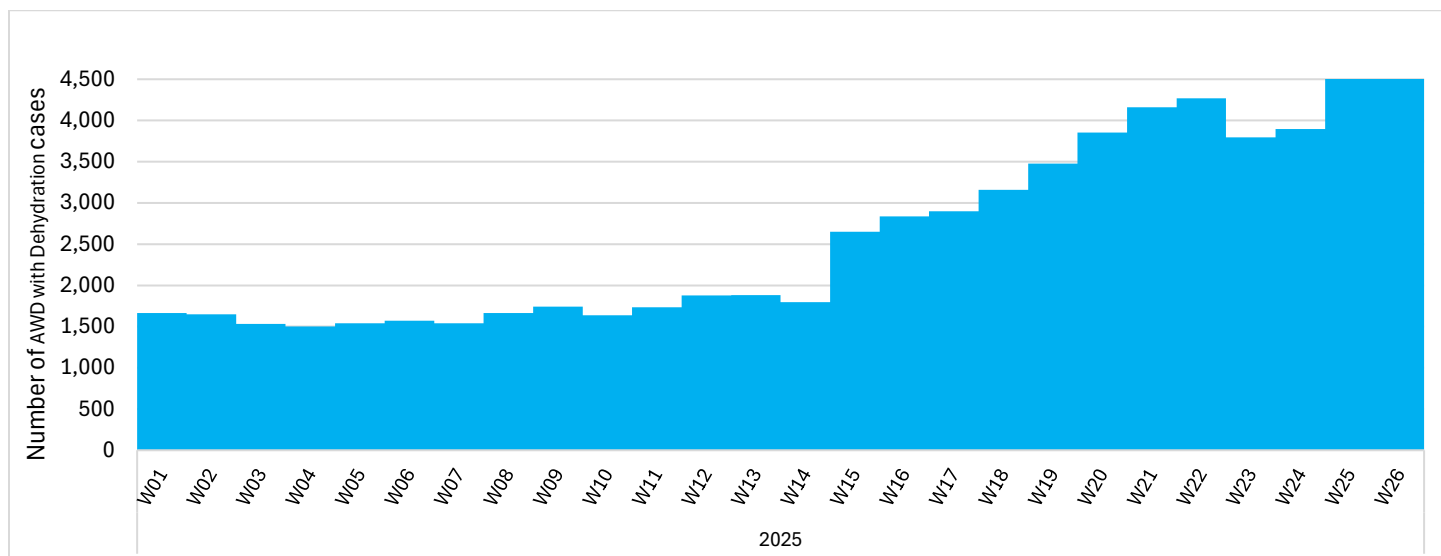
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W01-W26, 2025)

Surveillance Indicators	Cases				Deaths				Total				CFR
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Cases		Deaths		
	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	Number	%	Number	%	
AWD with Dehydration	20,739	13,857	18,388	15,082	13	2	8	2	68,066	0.4	25	0.2	0.04
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	70,331	81,231	63,896	84,694	1	1	1	1	300,152	1.7	4	0.0	0.00
AFP	214	144	151	79	0	0	1	0	588	0.0	1	0.0	0.17
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,498	1,992	1,351	2,000	12	15	10	9	6,841	0.0	46	0.4	0.67
Acute Watery Diarrhea	317,421	185,025	293,950	200,331	4	0	2	0	996,727	5.7	6	0.1	0.00
ARI-C&C	850,569	1,156,185	820,031	1,355,208	0	0	0	0	4,181,993	23.9	0	0.0	0.00
Probable Diphtheria	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
CCHF	0	466	1	182	0	25	0	19	649	0.0	44	0.4	6.78
Confirmed Malaria	1,532	7,671	1,488	6,191	0	0	0	0	16,882	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	30,086	8,408	26,216	8,032	212	7	219	7	72,742	0.4	445	4.1	0.61
Covid-19	135	20,133	159	19,942	0	3	0	10	40,369	0.2	13	0.1	0.03
Pertussis	220	45	188	32	0	0	0	0	485	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	269,574	138,417	242,395	157,636	777	175	670	158	808,022	4.6	1,780	16.5	0.22
Meningitis	1,253	1,117	1,158	1,241	61	20	43	21	4,769	0.0	145	1.3	3.04
Dengue Fever	0	127	0	89	0	0	0	0	216	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	5	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	11	0.0	2	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	1,311	17,773	1,211	22,467	0	0	0	0	42,762	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,564,888	1,632,594	1,470,585	1,873,208	1,081	249	954	227	6,541,275	37.4	2,511	23	0.04
Total of new clients/death	2,749,771	4,771,748	2,664,033	7,327,707	3,642	2,543	2,577	2,033	17,513,259	100	10,795	100	0.06

### Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual increase from week 11-2025.
- During the 26th week of 2025, a total of 4,884 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.06%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,754 (56.3%) were under-five children, and 2,468 (50.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 68,066 AWD+dehydration cases and 25 deaths (CFR=0.04%) have been reported. Of these cases 33,470 (49.2%) are females and 39,127 (57.5%) are children under five.

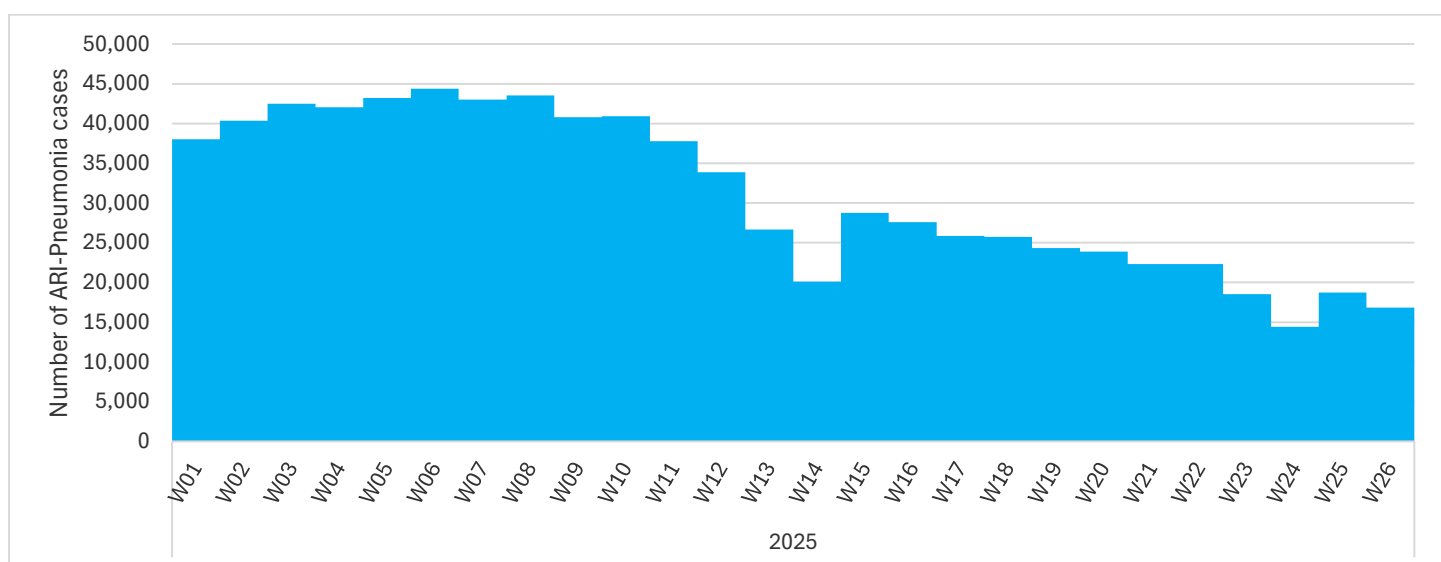
**Figure 2: The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W01-W26, 2025)**



### Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 09-2025.
- During the 26<sup>th</sup> week of 2025, a total of 16,843 cases and 40 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.24%)
- Out of the total cases, 11,039 (65.5%) were under-five children, and 8,300 (49.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 808,022 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,780 deaths (CFR=0.22%) have been reported. Of these cases 400,031 (49.5%) are females and 511,969 (63.4%) are children under five.

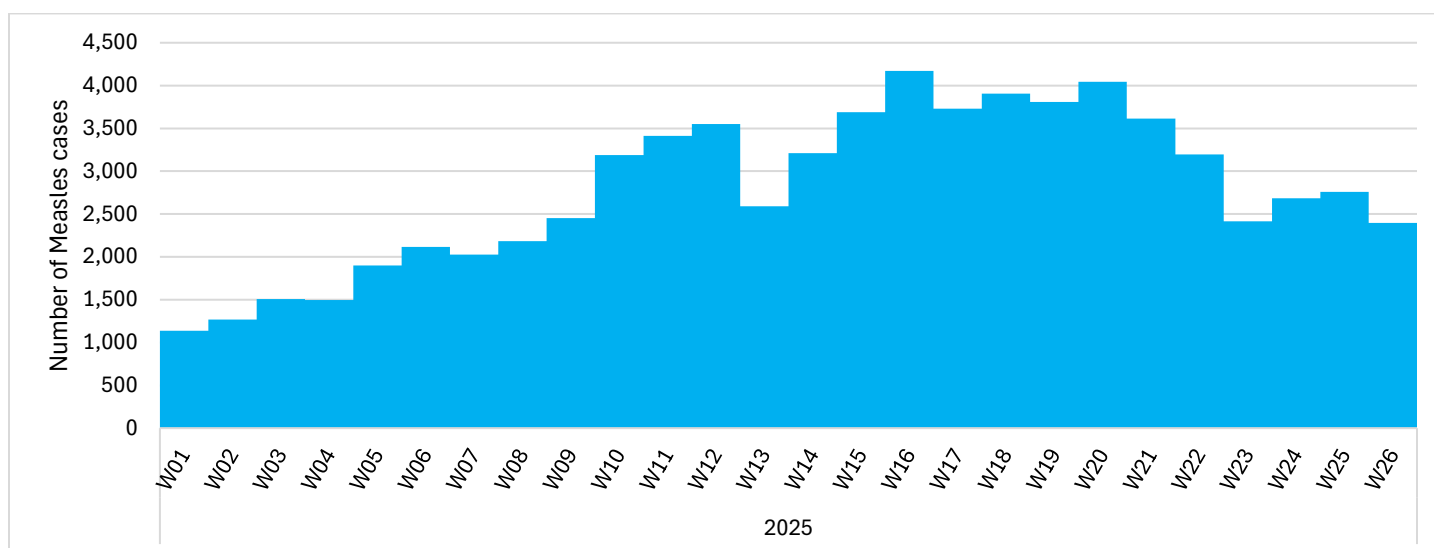
**Figure 3: The epidemiological curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W01-W26, 2025)**



### Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 20-2025.
- During the 26<sup>th</sup> week of 2025, a total of 2396 cases and 8 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.3%)
- Out of the total cases, 1,752 (73.1%) were under-five children, and 1,177 (49.1%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 72,742 measles cases and 445 deaths (CFR=0.6%) have been reported. Of these cases 34,248 (47.1%) are females and 56,302 (77.4%) are children under five.

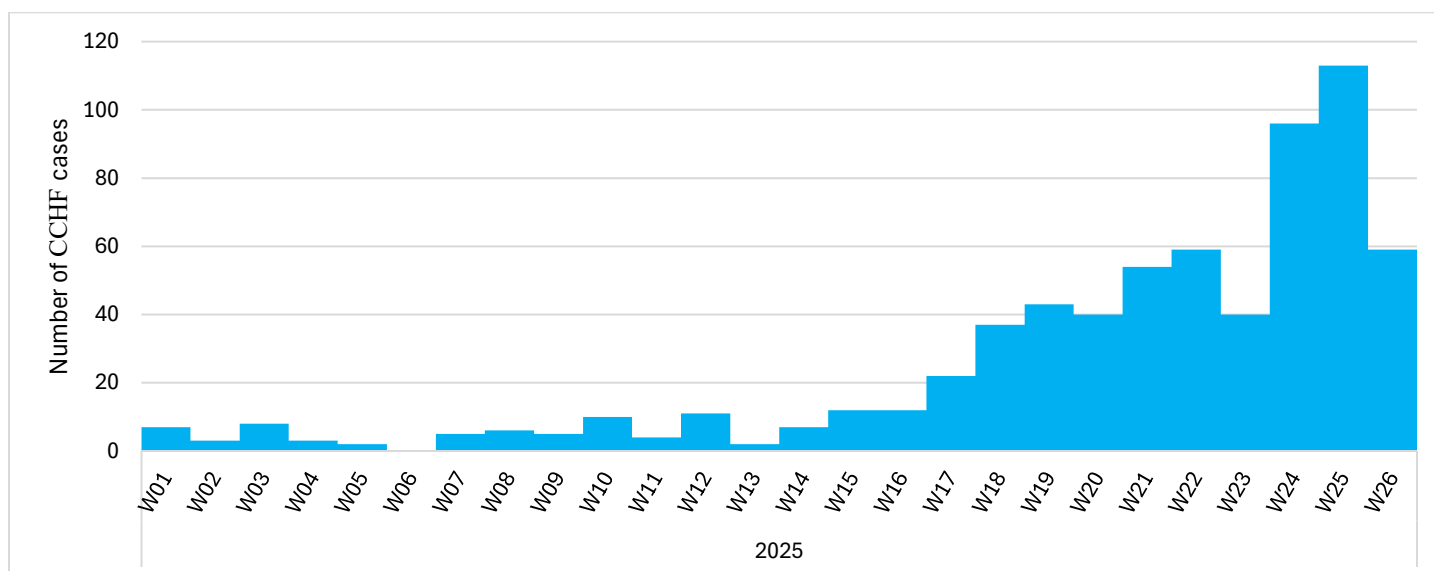
**Figure 4: The epidemiological curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W01-W26, 2025)**



### Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual increase since week 16-2025.
- During week 26<sup>th</sup> 2025, a total of 59 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR=5.1%)
- All the reported cases were individuals over five years of age, and 15 of them (25.4%) were female.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 649 suspected CCHF cases and 44 deaths (CFR=6.8%) have been reported. Of these cases 183 (28.1%) are females and 1 (0.1%) are children under five.

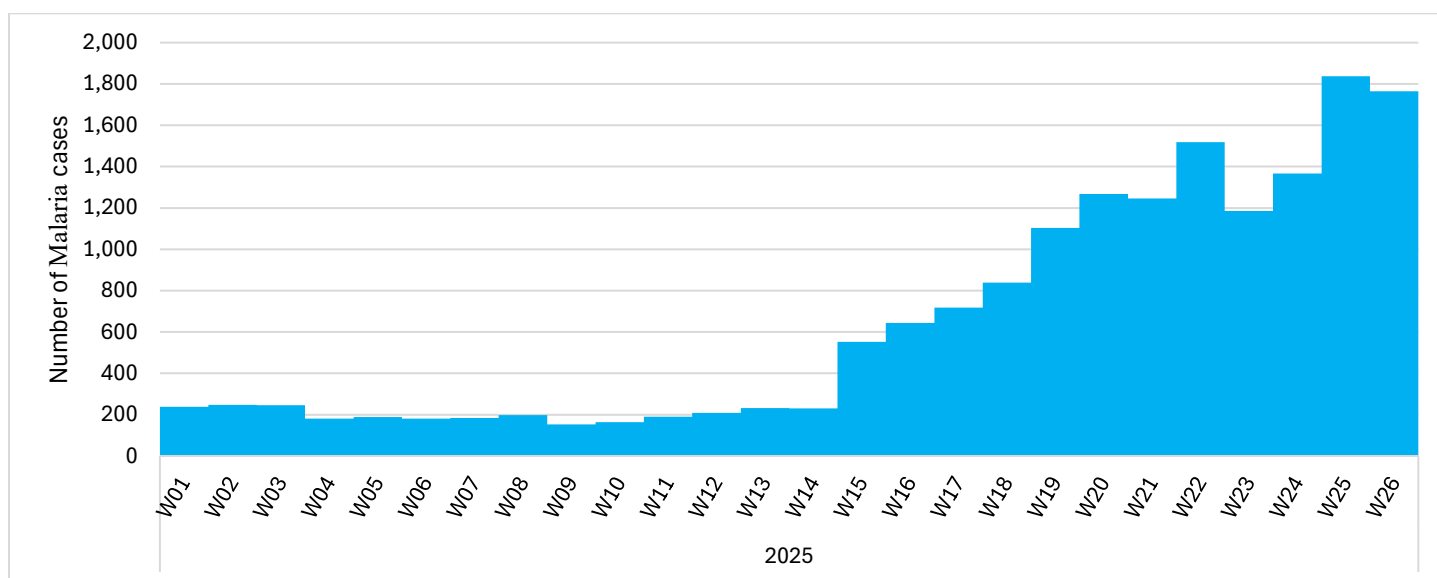
**Figure 5: The epidemiological curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W01-W26, 2025)**



### Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 15-2025
- During the 26th week of 2025, a total of 1,764 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 327 (18.5%) were children under-five, and 786 (44.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 16,882 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 7,679 (45.5%) are females and 3,020 (17.8%) are children under five.

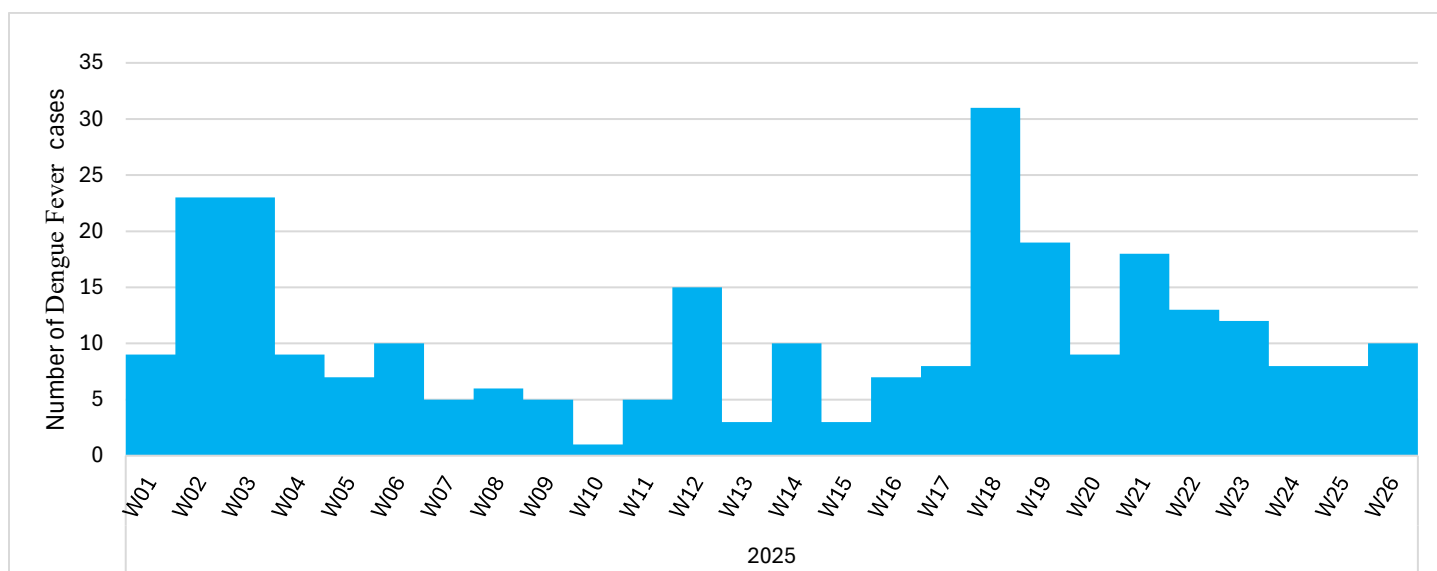
**Figure 6: The epidemiological curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W01-W26, 2025)**



### Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates stabilization at low level since the beginning of 2025.
- During the 26th week of 2025, a total of 10 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five and 6 (60.0%) cases were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 216 suspected dengue fever cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 89 (41.2%) are females and none of them children under five.

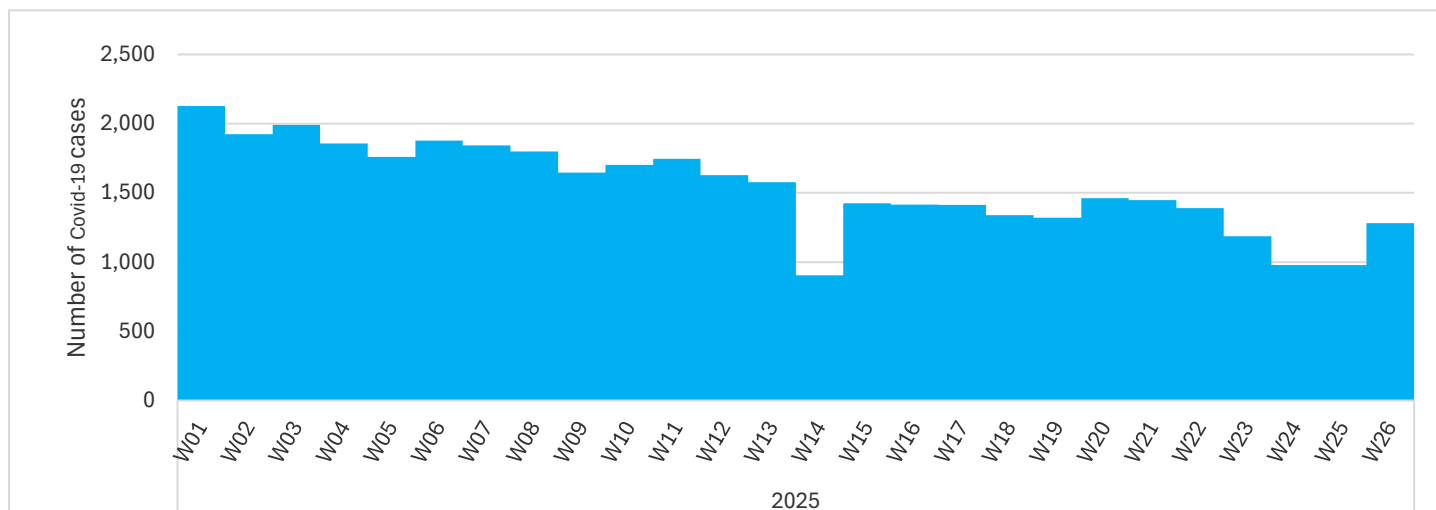
**Figure 7: The epidemiological curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W01-W26, 2025)**



## Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 1-2025.
- During 26<sup>th</sup> week of 2025, a total of 1,282 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 12 (1%) were under-five children, and 676 (52.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 40,369 suspected COVID-19 cases and 13 deaths (CFR=0.03%) have been reported. Of these cases 20,101 (49.8%) are females and 294 (0.7%) are children under five.

**Figure 8: The epidemiological curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W01-W26, 2025)**



## Influenza surveillance activities:

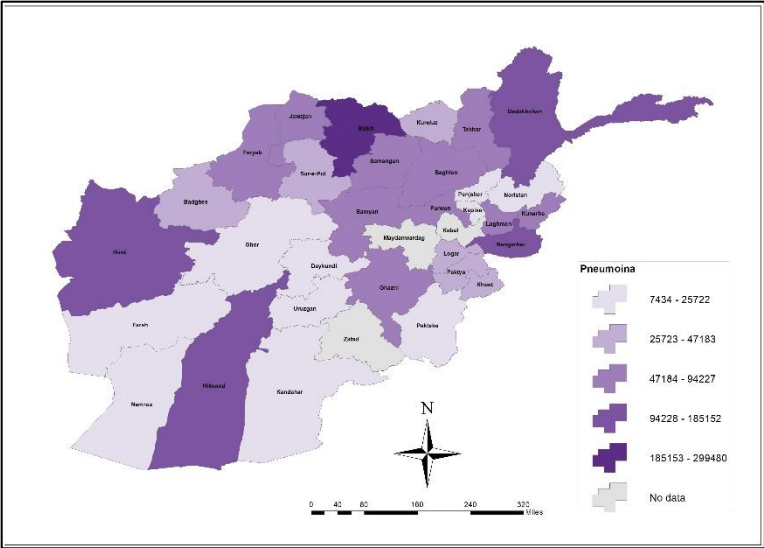
- In Epidemiological Week 26 of 2025, reports were received from all ten influenza sentinel sites. Among all new hospital admissions, 571 cases (9.9%) were Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI). Of these, 330 cases (57.7%) were children under 5 years, and 286 cases (50%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased by 2.4% compared to the previous week. A total of 26 SARI-associated deaths were reported, of which 19 (73%) children under five, and 8 (30.7%) were female.
- The highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Kabul (22%), Bamyan (21.1%), and Badakhshan (15.3%) across all sentinel sites.
- During this week, 50 respiratory specimens (30 from SARI cases and 20 from ILI cases) were collected and shipped to the National Influenza Center (NIC). Laboratory results indicated 10 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with no cases of influenza and no new influenza virus subtypes detected.

**Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 26, 2025**

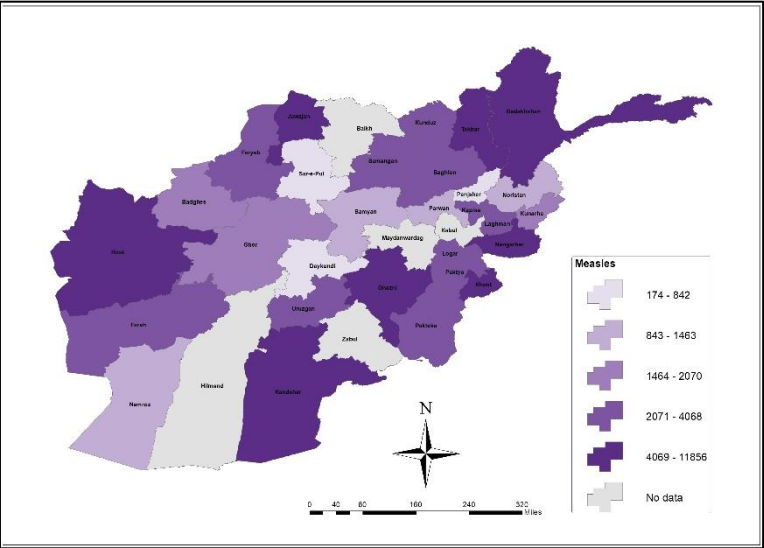
Influenza site	Specimen Tested	Lab Confirmed	Lab confirmed influenza subtype details				Positivity rate (%)
			Flu A (H1N1pdm09)	Flu A (H3)	Flu B (Victoria)	Flu B (Yamagata)	
5	3	0	0	0	0	0	30%
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
5	2	0	0	0	0	0	40%
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	20%
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	20%
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	20%
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	20%
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	20%
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
50	10	0	0	0	0	0	17%

Figar 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in Afghanistan, from 29 Dec 2024-28 June 2025

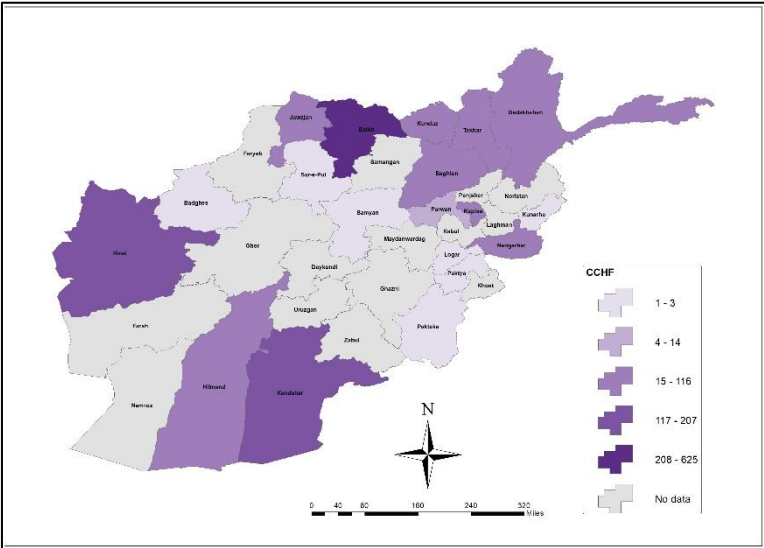
Figar 9: A (Pneumonia)



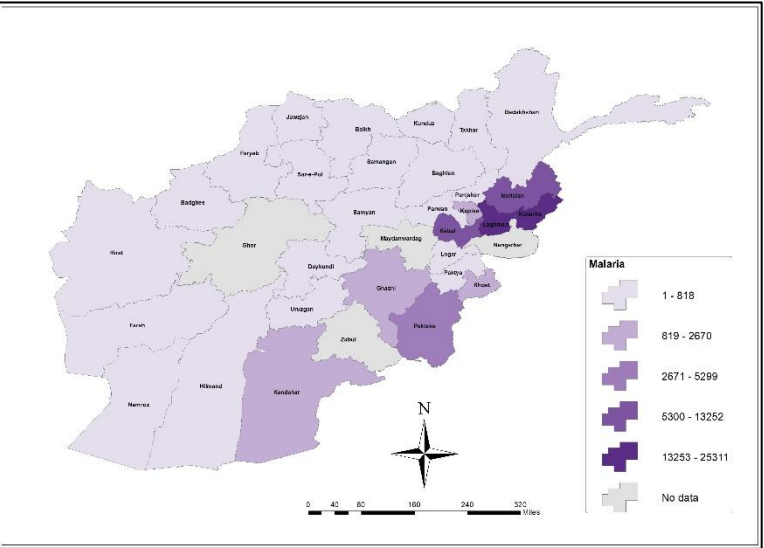
Figar 9: B (Measles)



0Figar 9: C (CCHF)



Figar 9: D (Malaria)





**Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 26-2025**[illegible]

Figure 10: Geographical distribution of outbreaks and related deaths by province

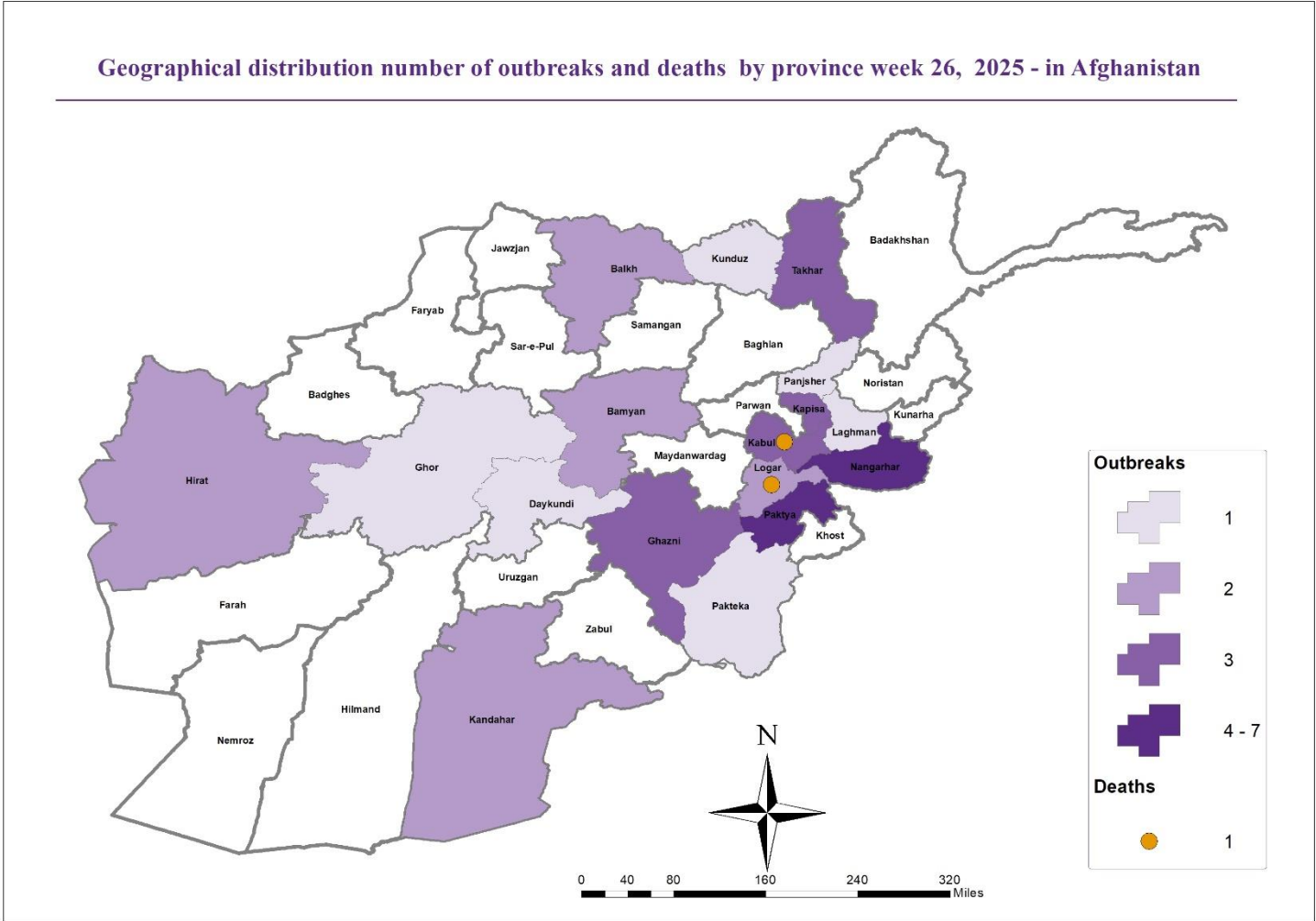


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2025 (29 Dec 2024 to 28 June 2025)

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	484	209	4879	91
Chickenpox	115	28	1854	0
Scabies	288	0	11026	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	49	0	348	10
ARI-Pneumonia	6	3	213	4
Viral Hepatitis	4	1	65	0
Pertussis	10	4	122	0
Anthrax	4	0	5	0
Tinea Capitis	1	0	16	0
ARI-Cough and Cold	1	0	48	0
Food Poisoning	11	0	117	3
Typhoid Fever	4	0	64	2
Mumps	2	0	50	0
CCHF	23	15	65	6
Leishmaniasis	4	1	205	0
Botulism	2	0	4	0

Dysentery	1	0	36	0
AWD with Dehydration	3	1	40	0
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	1	0	42	0
Malaria	5	2	717	0
Rubella	1	1	6	0
COVID-19	5	3	143	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>20065</b>	<b>116</b>

**Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDH and provincial labs in Week # 26-2025**

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
COVID-19	115	42	36.5
CCHF	72	27	37.5
Chickenpox	41	23	56.1
Measles	22	1	4.5
Hepatitis	19	11	57.9
SARI	5	22	440.0
ILI	5	13	260.0
Dengue Fever	1	0	0.0
Pertussis	3	2	66.7
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>30.5</b>

### Challenges and recommendations:

- Increasing the number of scabies outbreaks as a public health challenge due to the unimproved lifestyle of the community, such as poor hygiene and sanitation practices.
- Increasing the number of chickenpox outbreaks due to the unavailability of the Varicella Zoster vaccine, and it is recommended to provide its vaccine through the national EPI.
- Increasing the number of dog-bite clusters, and it is recommended to provide its control measure through the Zoonotic Committee at the national level.
- Increasing the number of CCHF cases, and it is recommended to strengthen its control measure at the national level.
- COVID-19 preventive and control measures should be strengthened.
- Vaccine-preventable diseases (especially measles and pertussis vaccination and preventive measures) should be strengthened.
- The measles response strategy should be reviewed to respond to the current measles epidemic situation.
  - EPI:** As the surveillance system detected **2,464 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **8 (IBS+EBS) deaths** at the national level, further prevention and control measures should be conducted by the EPI team.
- The findings should be analyzed further at different levels, and appropriate actions should be taken by the department concerned.