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Epidemiological Report | Week # 34-2025

34 (17 - 23 August 2025)

Summary:

- Out of 613 functional surveillance sentinel sites, 609 (99.4%) have submitted reports this week.
- A total of 682,864 new consultations were reported, among which 242,834 (35.5%) were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include 124,937 (47.7%) females and 115,116 (47.9%) children under five.
- The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with 126,768 cases (18.6%), acute diarrheal diseases with 91,570 cases (13.4%), and pneumonia with 16,745 cases (2.5%).
- A total of 368 deaths were reported this week, of which 58 (15.8%) deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes 32 ARI pneumonia deaths, 5 suspected measles deaths, 5 AWD with dehydration deaths, 9 suspected meningitis deaths, 5 suspected hemorrhagic fever deaths and 2 acute viral hepatitis deaths.
- During this week, 32 outbreaks were reported: 4 measles outbreaks, 11 scabies outbreaks, 3 anthrax outbreaks, 5 chickenpox outbreaks, 4 AWD + dehydration outbreaks, 3 dog bite/suspected rabies outbreaks, 1 Pertussis outbreak and 1 food poisoning outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in week 34-2025

	Cases			Deaths			Total						
Top 7 Diseases	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	1455	1044	1396	1120	1	1	3	0	5015	0.7	5	1.4	0.1
ARI-Pneumonia	5441	2903	4992	3409	14	2	10	6	16745	2.5	32	8.7	0.2
Measles	498	159	407	141	2	0	3	0	1205	0.2	5	1.4	0.4
CCHF	0	19	0	8	0	5	0	0	27	0.0	5	1.4	18.5
Confirmed Malaria	275	1325	273	1093	0	0	0	0	2966	0.4	0	0.0	0.0
Dengue Fever	0	17	0	9	0	0	0	0	26	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Covid-19	1	559	2	597	0	0	0	0	1159	0.2	0	0.0	0.0

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

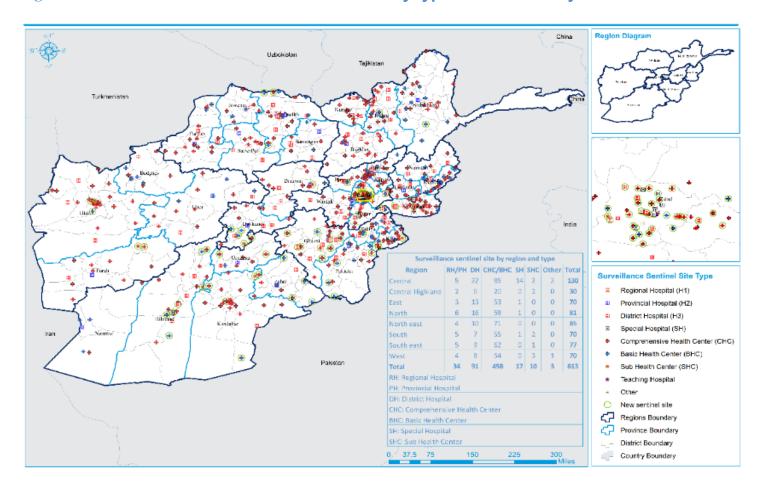


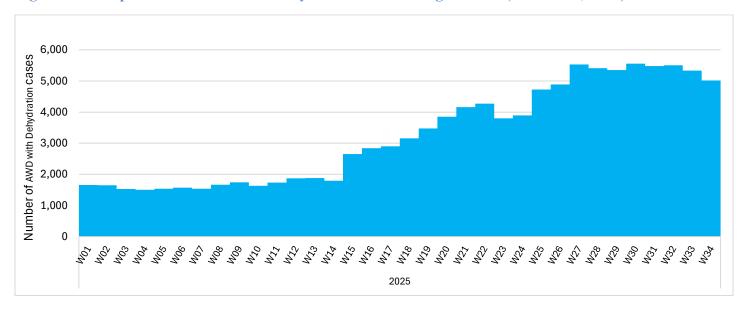
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W01-W34, 2025)

	Cases				Deaths			Total					
Surveillance Indicators	Male Fen			nale 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	33,392	22,860	30,049	24,932	29	3	21	2	111,233	0.5	55	0.4	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	104,036	120,363	94,649	125,654	1	2	1	1	444,702	1.9	5	0.0	0.00
AFP	301	182	205	103	0	0	1	0	791	0.0	1	0.0	0.13
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,936	2,462	1,748	2,460	16	19	10	15	8,606	0.0	60	0.4	0.70
Acute Watery Diarrhea	512,242	305,501	476,514	331,222	5	0	3	0	1,625,479	7.0	8	0.1	0.00
ARI-C&C	1,067,016	1,435,867	1,026,710	1,705,522	0	0	0	0	5,235,115	22.5	0	0.0	0.00
Probable Diphtheria	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
CCHF	0	674	2	276	0	51	0	28	952	0.0	79	0.6	8.30
Confirmed Malaria	3,342	16,588	3,199	13,835	0	0	0	0	36,964	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	35,517	10,136	30,778	9,696	241	8	261	8	86,127	0.4	518	3.7	0.60
Covid-19	146	25,264	200	25,192	0	3	0	10	50,802	0.2	13	0.1	0.03
Pertussis	298	55	250	55	0	0	0	0	658	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	313,755	161,185	282,186	183,863	896	207	808	183	940,989	4.0	2,094	15.1	0.22
Meningitis	1,608	1,447	1,495	1,562	77	28	59	28	6,112	0.0	192	1.4	3.14
Dengue Fever	0	261	0	187	0	0	0	0	448	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	7	4	2	2	2	1	0	0	15	0.0	3	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	1,790	24,623	1,694	31,270	0	0	0	0	59,377	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	2,075,387	2,127,473	1,949,681	2,455,832	1,267	322	1,164	275	8,608,373	37.0	3,028	22	0.04
Total of new clients/ death	3,641,569	6,325,381	3,517,088	9,798,866	4,602	3,327	3,315	2,628	23,282,904	100	13,872	100	0.06

Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual increase since week 11-2025.
- During 34th week of 2025, a total of 5015 cases and 5 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.1%)
- Out of the total cases, 2851 (57.1%) were under-five children, and 2516 (50.1%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 111,233 AWD + dehydration cases and 55 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 54,981 (49.4%) are females and 63,441 (57%) are children under five.

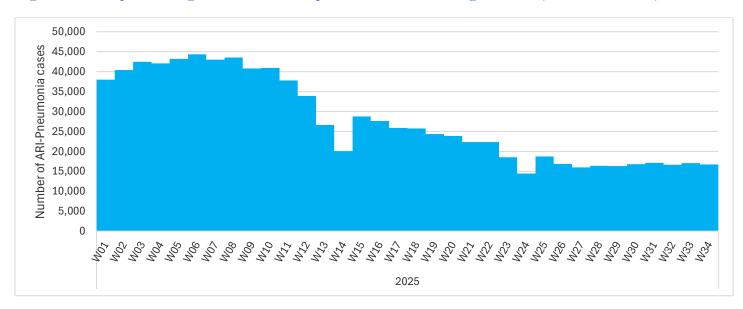
Figure 2: The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W01-W34, 2025)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 09-2025.
- During the 34th week of 2025, a total of 16,745 cases and 32 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.7%)
- Out of the total cases, 10,433 (67.3%) were under-five children, and 8,401 (0.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 940,989 ARI pneumonia cases and 2,094 deaths (CFR=0.22%) have been reported. Of these cases 466,049 (49.5%) are females and 595,941 (63.7%) are children under five.

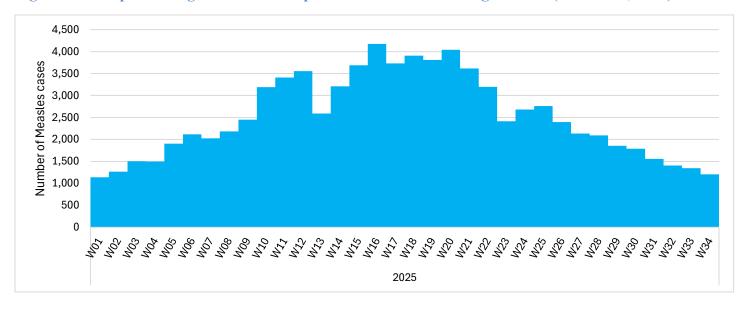
Figure 3: The epidemiological curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W01-W34, 2025)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 20-2025.
- During the 34th week of 2025, a total of 1,202 cases and 5 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.5%)
- Out of the total cases, 905 (7°.1%) were under-five children, and 548 (45.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 86,127 measles cases and 518 deaths (CFR=0.6%) have been reported. Of these cases 40,474 (47%) are females and 66,295 (77%) are children under five.

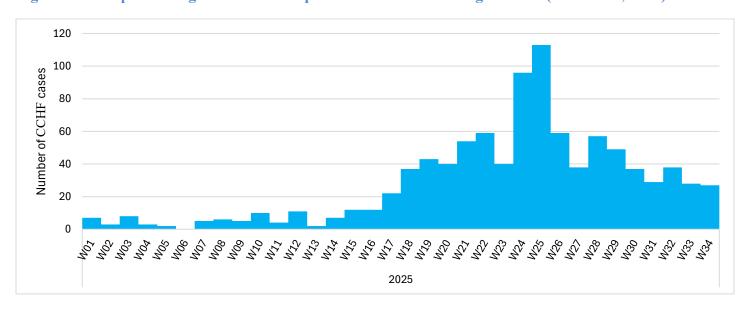
Figure 4: The epidemiological curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W01-W34, 2025)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 25-2025.
- During week 34th 2025, a total of 27 cases and 5 deaths have been reported (CFR=18.5%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 8 of them (79.6%) were female.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 952 suspected CCHF cases and 79 deaths (CFR=8.3%) have been reported. Of these cases 278 (29.2%) are females and 2 (0.2%) are children under five.

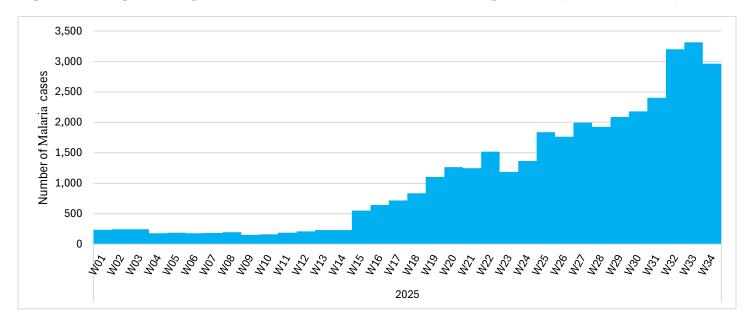
Figure 5: The epidemiological curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W01-W34, 2025)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 15-2025
- During 34th week of 2025, a total of 2,966 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 548 (18.5%) were children under-five, and 1366 (47%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 36,964 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 17,034 (46.1%) are females and 6541 (17.7%) are children under five.

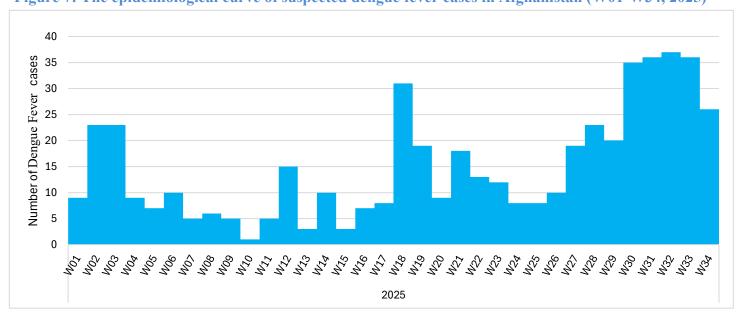
Figure 6: The epidemiological curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W01-W34, 2025)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates stabilization at low level since the beginning of 2025.
- During 34th week of 2025, a total of 26 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five and 9 (74.6%) cases were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 448 suspected dengue fever cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 187 (41.7%) are females and none of them children under five.

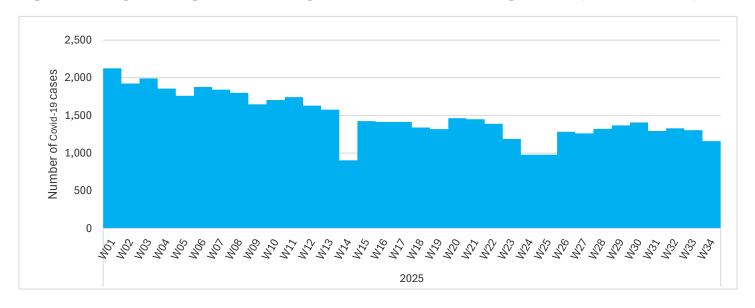
Figure 7: The epidemiological curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W01-W34, 2025)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 1-2025.
- During 34th week of 2025, a total of 1,159 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 3 (0.7%) were under-five children, and 599 (51.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2025, a total of 50,802 suspected COVID-19 cases and 13 deaths (CFR=0.03%) have been reported. Of these cases 25,392 (49.9%) are females and 346 (0.7%) are children under five.

Figure 8: The epidemiological curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W01-W34, 2025)



Influenza surveillance activities:

- ➤ In Epidemiological week 34 of 2025, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 577 (11.6%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 331 (57.3%) were under 5 years old and 275 (47.6%) were female.
- ➤ The proportion of SARI cases decreased (1.3%) compared to the previous week, and 26 SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 21 (80.7%) under five and 11 (42.3%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (27.8%), Kabul (21%) and Balkh (18%).
- ➤ During this week, our field staff in the country collected and shipped 50 specimens (30 SARI and 20 ILI) to the NIC. Out of all these tested specimens, no lab confirmed case reported for Influenza, and not a new influenza virus subtype.

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 34, 2025

Influenza site	Specimen	Lab	Lab	Positivity			
IIIIIueiiza site	Tested	Confirmed	Flu A (H1N1pdm09)	Flu A (H3)	Flu B (Victoria)	Flu B (Yamagata)	rate (%)
Baghlan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Balkh	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Bamyan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Herat	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kabul	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kandahar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kapisa	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nangarhar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Paktia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Badakhshan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	50	0	0	0	0	0	0%

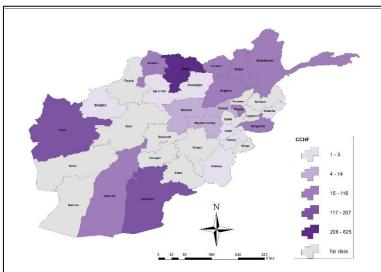
Figar 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in

Afghanistan, from 29 Dec 2024-23 August 2025

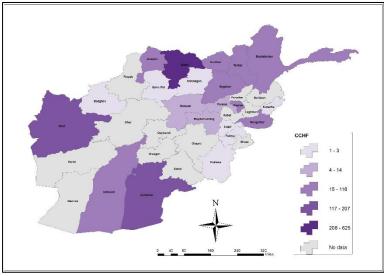
Figar 9: A (Pneumonia)

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Figar 9: B (Measles)



Figar 9: C (CCHF)



Figar 9: D (Malaria)

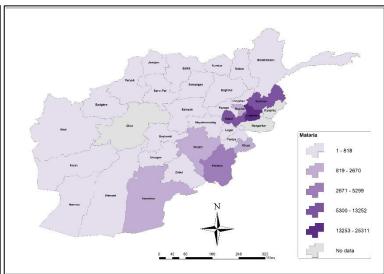


Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 34-2025

					ases	Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
Event / Diseases Name	Reported date Province		District	Village	Total Cases	Total De	HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
	22/8/2025	Kandahar	Mianesheen	Boko	6	0	75%	60%
Measles	16/8/2025	Parwan	Chaharekar	Sayrahi Hofian	7	0	60%	46%
Measies	17/8/2025	Wardak	Said Abad	Soda Khil	7	0	90%	55%
	16/8/2025	Zabul	Shah_Joy	Kajeer Khil	8	0	92%	72%
Pertussis	22/8/2025	Kandahar	Arghandaab	Wakil	7	0	95%	80%
Scabies	11 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Bamyan (1), Herat (1), Kabul (1), Kunduz (2), Logar (1), Nangarhar (1), Nimroz (1), Paktya (1), Parwan (1) and Wardak (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 532)							
Chickenpox	5 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported form Bamyan (2), Daykundi (1), Herat (1) and Panjshir (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 84)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	3 Dog bite/suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Balkh (2) and Paktya (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 22 and 3 deaths)							
AWD + Dehydration	4 AWD + Dehydration outbreaks were reported from Ghazni (1), Kapisa (1), Nangarhar (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 33)							
Anthrax	3 Anthrax outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1), Kunduz (1) and Paktya (1) provinces							
Airchiax		ber of cases						
Food poisoning	1 Food pois =30)	soning outbr	eak was report	ed from Kunar p	rovin	ce (To	otal number	of cases

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

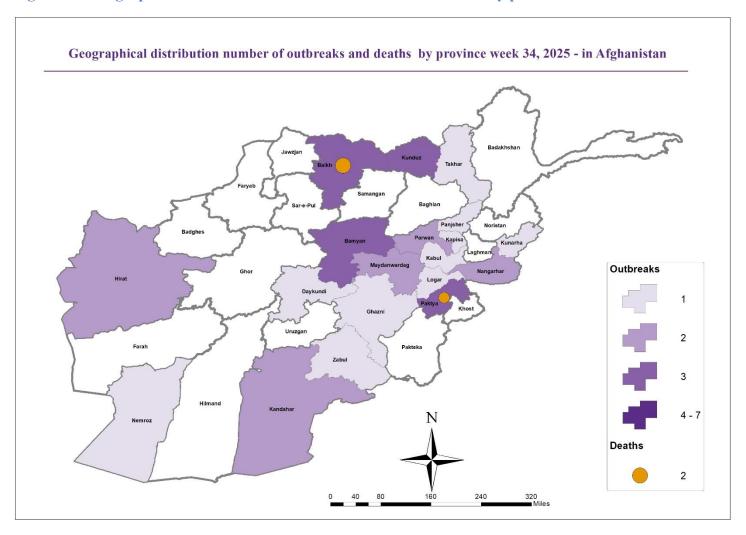


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2025 (29 Dec 2024 to 23 August 2025)

<u>Disease/Event</u>	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	540	300	5367	92
Scabies	365	0	14933	0
Chickenpox	153	85	2473	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	70	0	526	18
CCHF	27	20	75	8
Food Poisoning	18	0	289	6
Pertussis	17	4	186	0
Anthrax	22	0	32	0
AWD with Dehydration	21	19	153	2
Malaria	11	11	2001	0
ARI-Pneumonia	6	3	213	4
Brucellosis	7	0	149	0
Viral Hepatitis	5	1	77	0
COVID-19	5	3	143	0

Impetigo	7	0	183	0
Typhoid Fever	5	0	78	2
Mumps	4	0	74	0
Leishmaniasis	4	1	205	0
Botulism	5	0	24	13
Tinea Capitis	1	0	16	0
ARI-Cough and Cold	1	0	48	0
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	2	0	78	0
Rubella	1	1	6	0
Probably Diphtheria	1	0	2	0
Grand Total	1298	448	27331	145

Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDH and provincial labs in Week # 34-2025

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
Measles	153	54	35.3
COVID-19	110	10	9.1
CCHF	50	11	22.0
Chickenpox	38	21	55.3
SARI	36	0	0.0
ILI	24	1	4.2
(AWD) Water Sample	9	0	0.0
Pertussis	7	4	57.1
Hepatitis A+E	7	2	0.0
Dengue Fever	6	3	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	1	0	0.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Total	441	106	24.0

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.
- Although the number of CCHF cases has decreased over the past four weeks, it is still recommended to maintain and strengthen control measures at the national level to prevent further transmission
- 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 1,233 (IBS+EBS) suspected measles cases with 5 (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 concerned department.