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Epidemiological Report | Week # 02- 2026

02 (11 Jan - 17 Jan, 2026)

Summary:

Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **605 (98.7 %)** submitted reports this week.

A total of **718,990** new consultations were reported, among which **283,758 (39.4%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **146,134 (51.4%)** females and **126,281 (44.5%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **203,753** cases (28.3%), acute diarrheal diseases with **34,793** cases (4.8%), and pneumonia with **41,434** cases (5.8%).

A total of **472** deaths were reported this week, of which **103 (20.1%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **94 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **6 suspected meningitis** deaths, **2 acute viral hepatitis** deaths and **1 measles** death.

During this week, 32 outbreaks were reported: **5 measles** outbreaks, **17 scabies** outbreaks, **7 chickenpox** outbreaks, **2 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, and **1 Pneumonia** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 02-2026

Top 7 Diseases	Cases				Deaths				Total			
	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	421	308	377	305	0	0	0	0	1411	0.2	0	0.0
ARI-Pneumonia	13711	6893	12597	8233	42	15	29	8	41434	5.8	94	19.9
Measles	196	30	191	43	1	0	0	0	460	0.1	1	0.2
CCHF	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	0.0	0	0.0
Confirmed Malaria	15	70	10	48	0	0	0	0	143	0.0	0	0.0
Dengue Fever	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	0.0	0	0.0
Covid-19	1	751	5	788	0	0	0	0	1545	0.2	0	0.0

Figure 1: Surveillance/ NDSR sentinel sites location by type of health facility, 2026

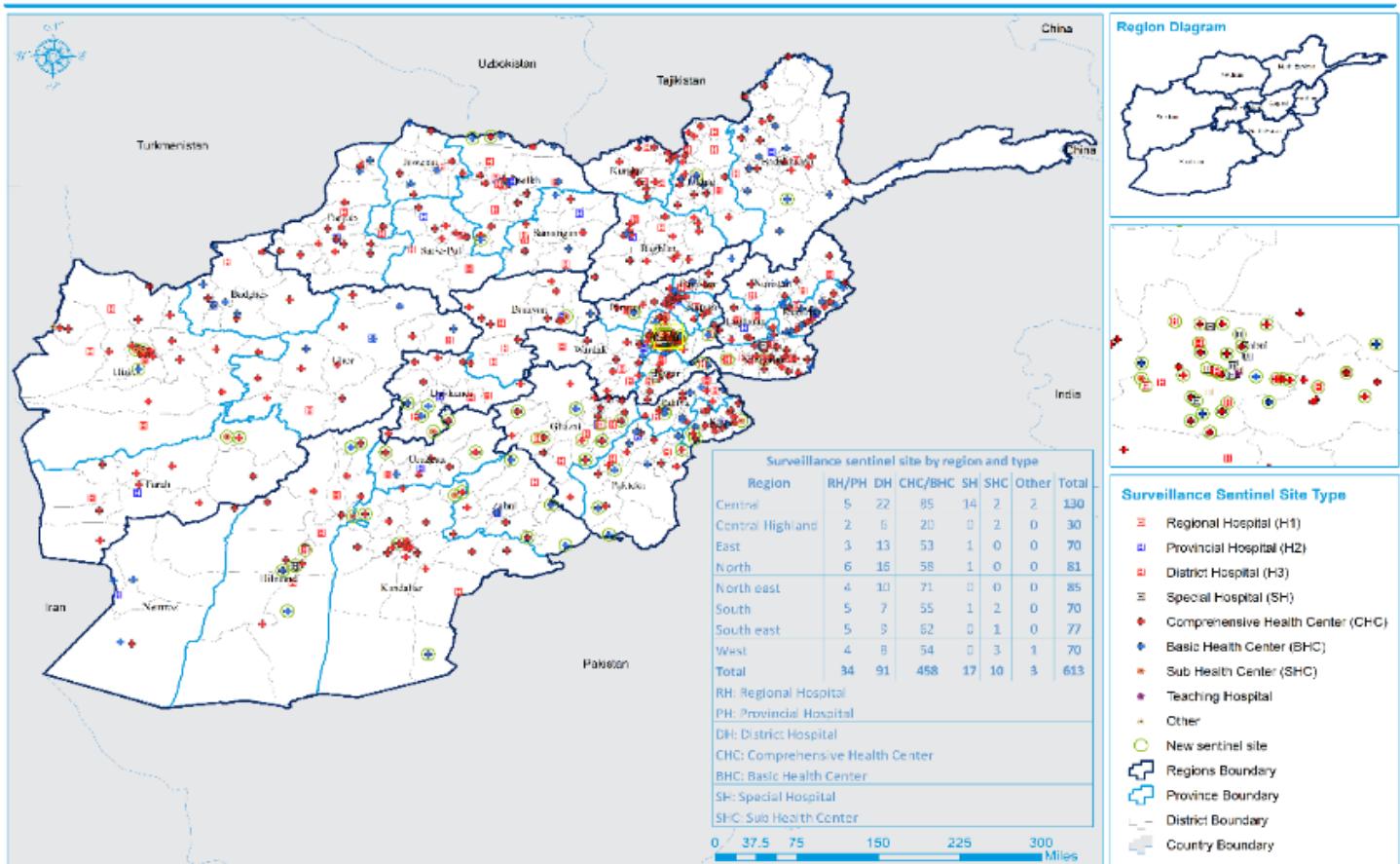


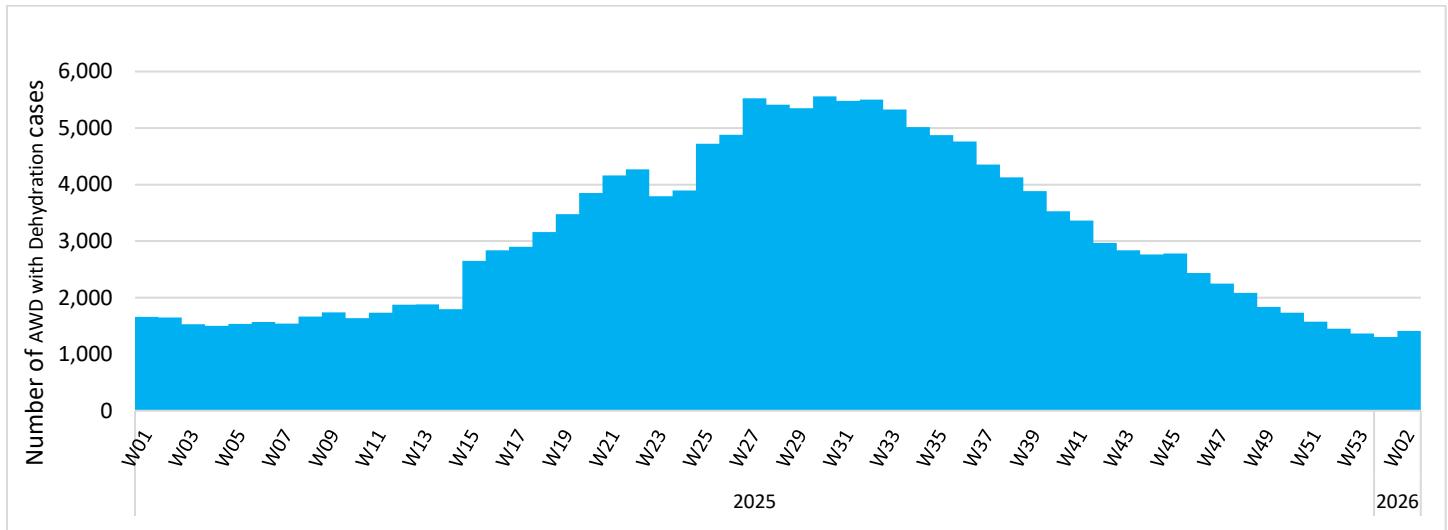
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W02, 2026)

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	%	Number	%	Number	%		
AWD with Dehydration	826	585	747	558	0	0	0	0	2,716	0.2	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	4,418	4,905	4,035	4,942	0	0	0	0	18,300	1.3	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
AFP	18	14	14	4	0	0	0	0	50	0.0	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Acute Viral Hepatitis	80	116	82	134	2	1	0	0	412	0.0	3	0.3	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73		
Acute Watery Diarrhea	14,994	9,023	14,041	9,969	0	0	0	0	48,027	3.4	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
ARI-C&C	80,445	113,159	77,590	132,046	0	0	0	0	403,240	28.4	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Probable Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
CCHF	0	10	0	9	0	0	0	0	19	0.0	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Confirmed Malaria	25	142	22	107	0	0	0	0	296	0.0	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Measles	410	72	405	100	2	0	0	0	987	0.1	2	0.2	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20		
Covid-19	3	1,516	16	1,705	0	0	0	0	3,240	0.2	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Pertussis	25	2	21	1	0	0	0	0	49	0.0	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
ARI-Pneumonia	26,930	14,093	24,642	16,582	77	22	69	17	82,247	5.8	185	19.7	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22		
Meningitis	94	76	75	66	5	4	3	2	311	0.0	14	1.5	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50		
Dengue Fever	0	16	0	7	0	0	0	0	23	0.0	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Neonatal Tetanus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Typhoid Fever	73	970	71	1,187	0	0	0	0	2,301	0.2	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	128,341	144,699	121,761	167,417	86	27	72	19	562,218	39.6	204	22	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04		
Total of new clients/death	220,004	393,990	211,958	593,205	279	259	218	181	1,419,157	100	937	100	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07		

Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual decrease since week 33-2025.
- During 2nd week of 2026, a total of 1,411 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 798 (56.5%) were under-five children, and 682 (48.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 2,716 AWD + dehydration cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 1,573 (57.9%) are children under five and 1,305 (48%) are females.

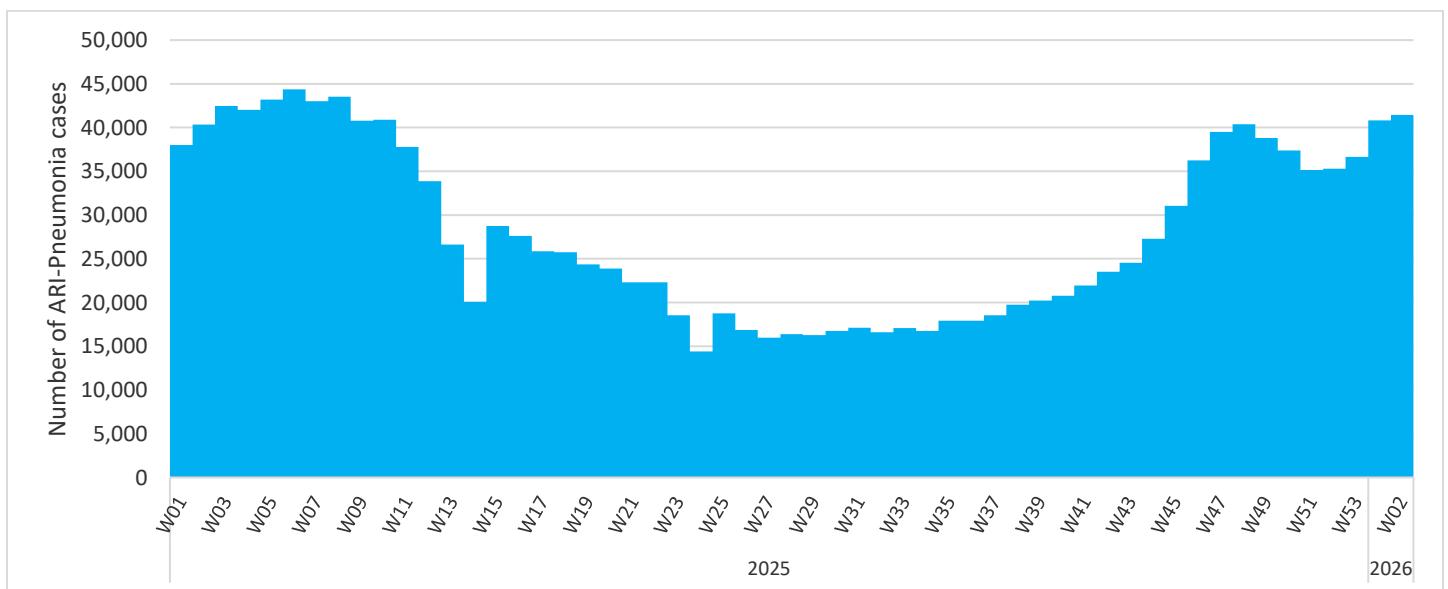
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 02, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable increase since week 52-2025.
- During the 2nd week of 2026, a total of 41,434 cases and 94 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.23%)
- Out of the total cases, 26,308 (63.5%) were under-five children, and 20,830 (50.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 82,247 ARI pneumonia cases and 185 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 51,572 (62.7%) are children under five and 41,224 (50%) are females.

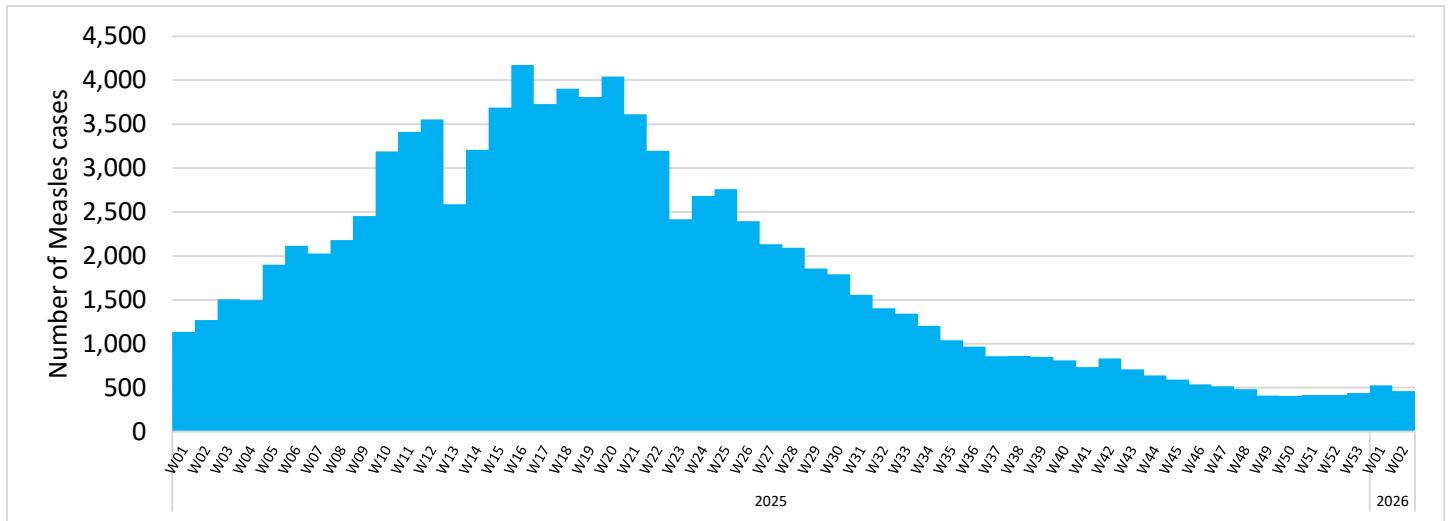
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 02, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 20-2025.
- During the 2nd week of 2026, a total of 460 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 387 (84.1%) were under-five children, and 234 (50.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 987 measles cases and 2 death (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 815 (82.6%) are children under five and 505 (51.1%) are females.

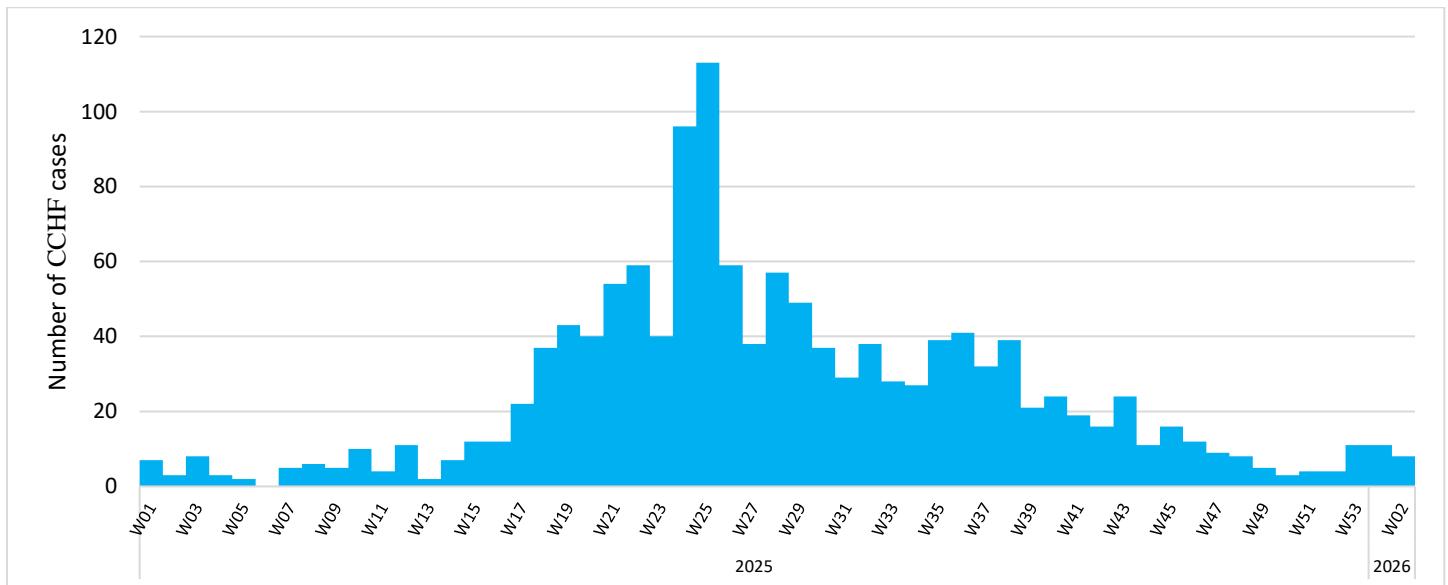
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 02, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 25-2025.
- During week 2nd 2026, a total of 8 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR= 0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 2 of them (25%) was female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 19 suspected CCHF cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 9 (47.3%) are females.

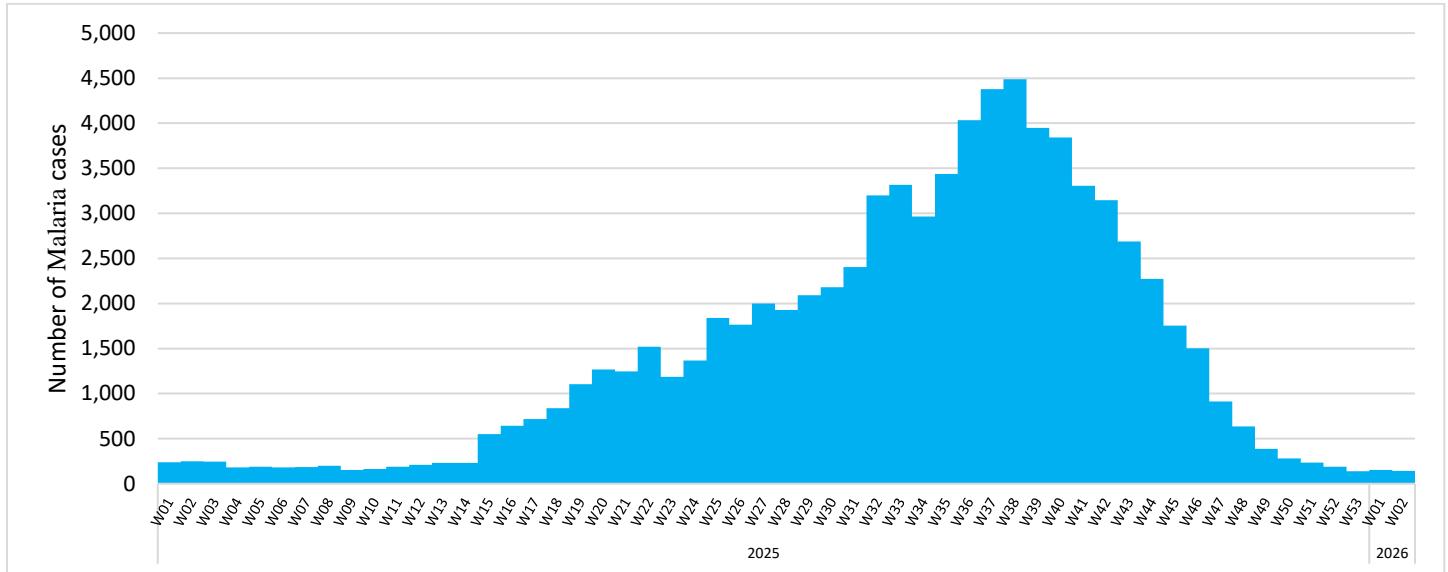
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 02, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable decrease since week 39-2025.
- During 2nd week of 2026, a total of 143 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 25 (17.5%) were children under-five, and 58 (40.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 296 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 47 (16%) are children under-five, and 129 (43.6%) are females.

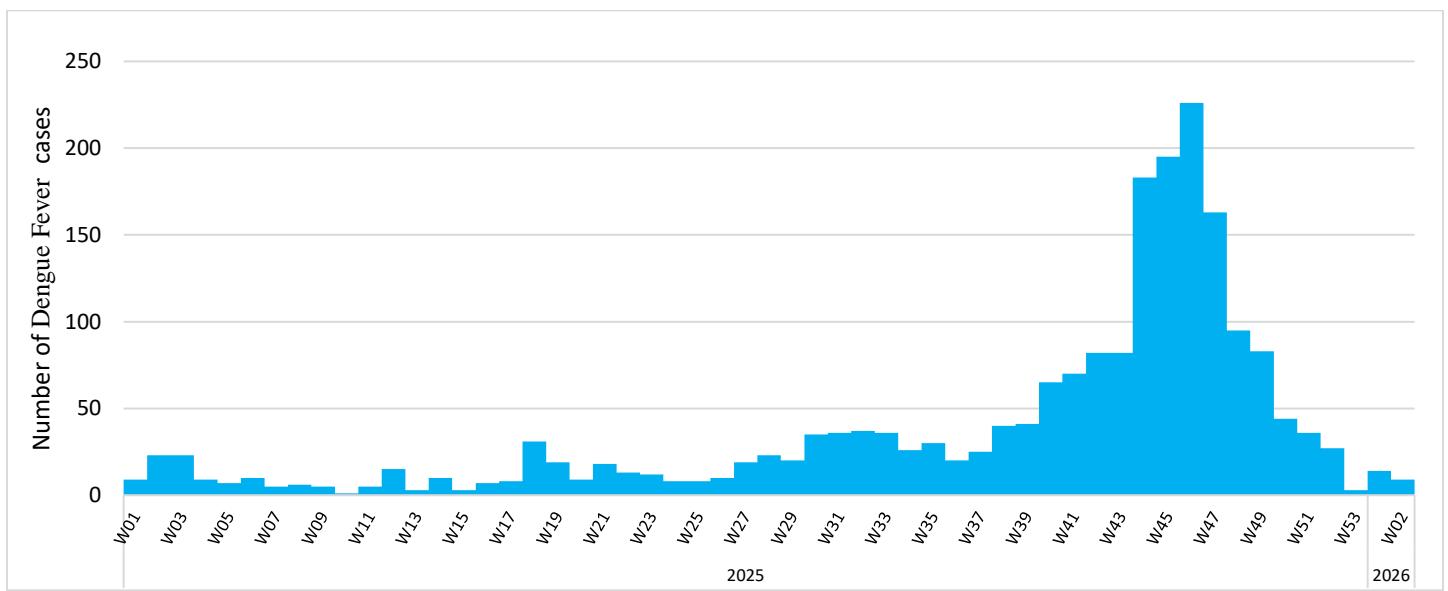
Figure 6: The Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 02, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 47 of 2025.
- During 2nd week of 2026, a total of 9 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 1 (11%) cases was female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 23 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 7 (30.4%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 02, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 2nd week of 2026, a total of 1,545 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 6 (0.4%) were under-five children, and 793 (51.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 3,240 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 19 (0.6%) are under-five children, and 1,721 (53.1%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 02, 2026)

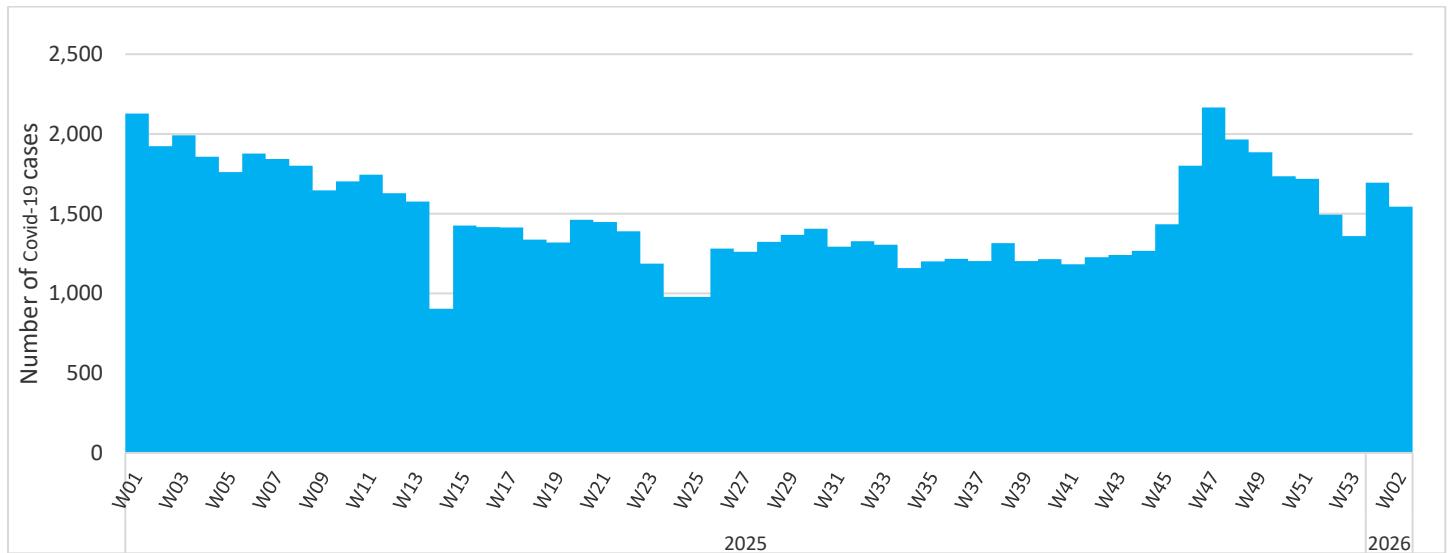


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

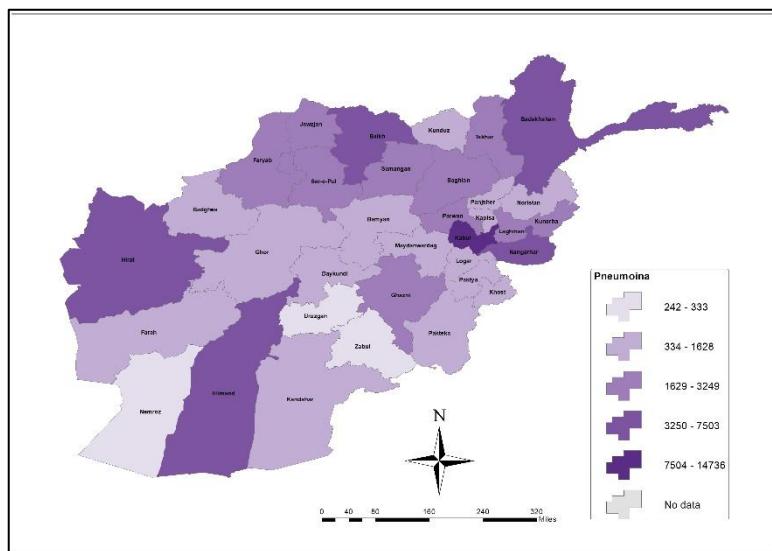


Figure 9: B (Measles)

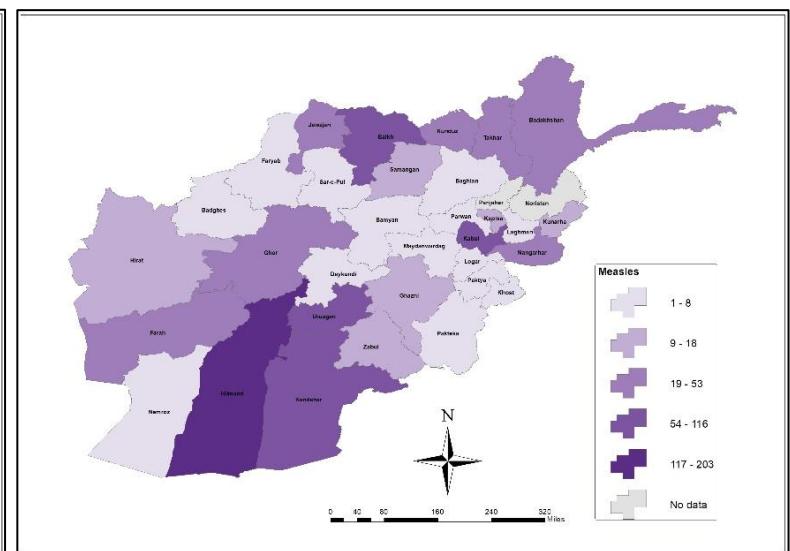


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

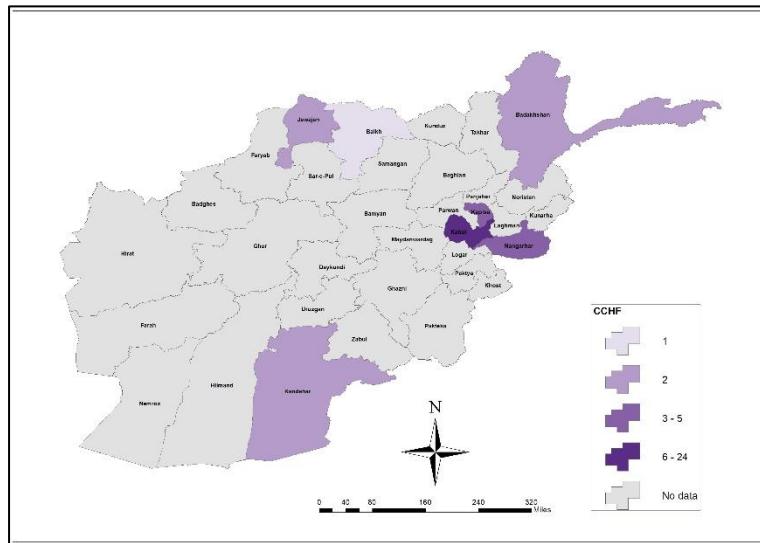
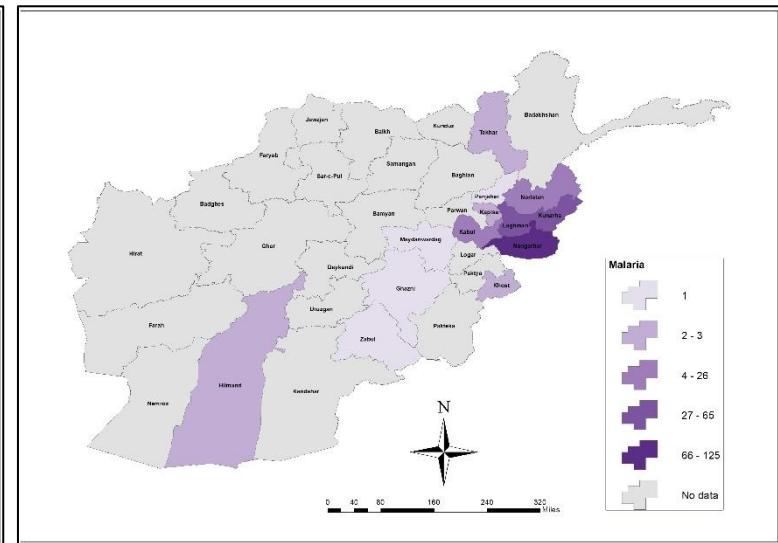


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 02 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 1930 (31.1%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 1228 (63.6%) were under 5 years old and 957 (49.5%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases increased (1.1%) compared to the previous week, and 48 SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 35 (72.5%) under five and 22 (45.8%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Baghlan (41%), Kabul (38%), and Herat (35%).
- During this week, our field staff in the country collected and shipped 100 specimens (60 SARI and 40 ILI) to the NIC. Out of all these tested specimens, 5 lab confirmed case reported for Influenza Flu (AH3) and Influenza B Victoria, but not a new influenza virus subtype.

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 2, 2026

Influenza site	Specimen Tested	Lab Confirmed	Lab confirmed influenza subtype details				Confirmed (COVID-19)	Positivity rate (%)
			Flu A (H1N1pdm09)	Flu A (H3)	Flu B (Victoria)	Flu B (Yamagata)		
Baghlan	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Badakhshan	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	10%
Balkh	10	2	0	0	2	0	0	20%
Bamyan	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	10%
Herat	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kabul	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kapisa	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	10%
Kandahar	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nangarhar	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Paktia	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	100	5	0	2	3	0	0	5%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 02-2026

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

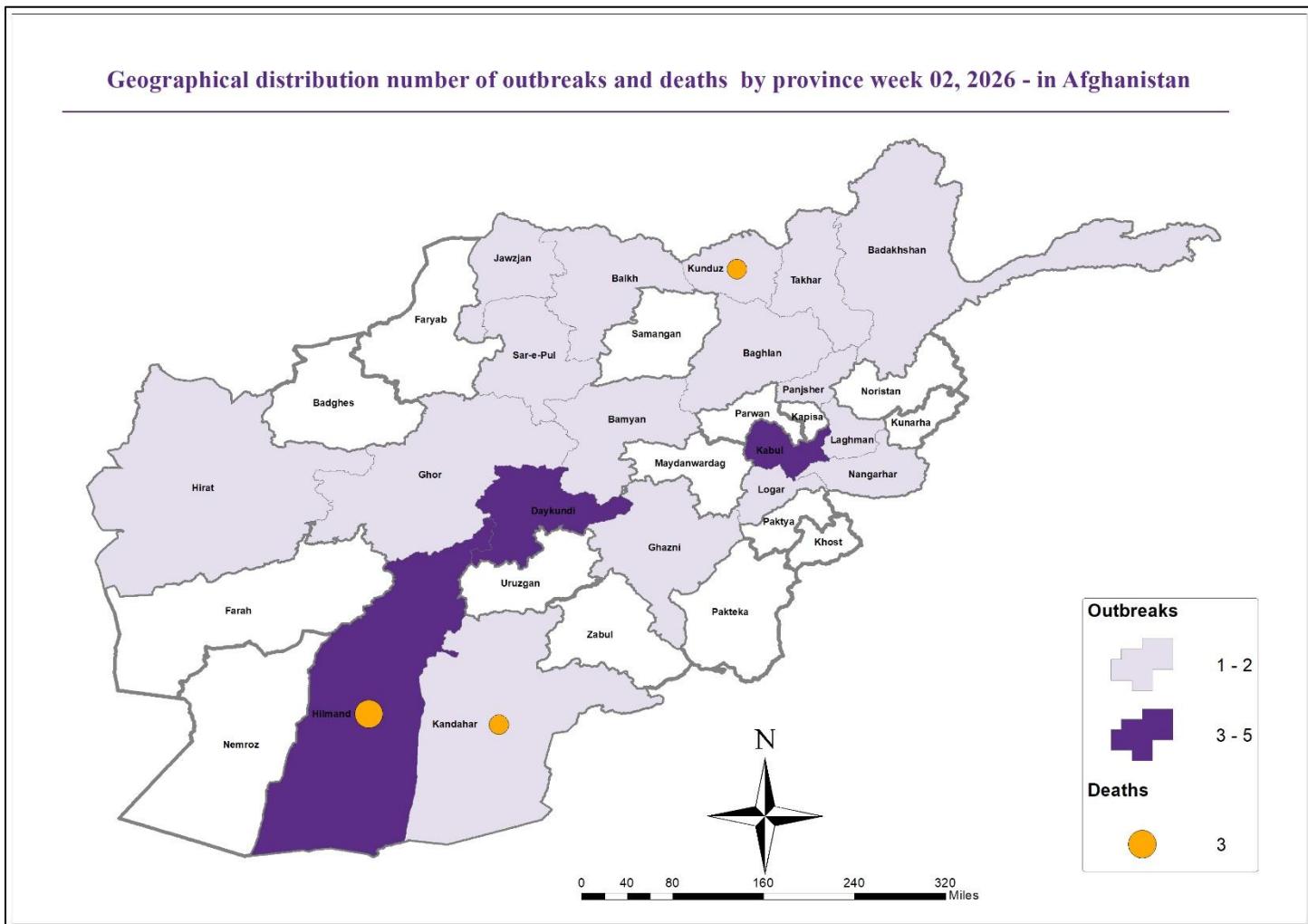


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

<u>Disease/Event</u>	<u>Disease/Event</u>	<u>Lab-Confirm</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Measles	11	6	90	3
Scabies	40	0	1781	0
Chickenpox	15	3	200	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	3	0	9	2
CCHF	1	1	5	0
Food Poisoning	0	0	0	0
Pertussis	1	0	11	0
Anthrax	0	0	0	0
AWD with Dehydration	0	0	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0	0
ARI-Pneumonia	1	0	45	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0
Viral Hepatitis	0	0	0	0
COVID-19	0	0	0	0
Impetigo	0	0	0	0

Typhoid Fever	0	0	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0	0
Leishmaniasis	0	0	0	0
Botulism	0	0	0	0
Tinea Capitis	0	0	0	0
ARI-Cough and Cold	0	0	0	0
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	0	0	0	0
Rubella	0	0	0	0
Probable Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Neonatal Tetanus	0	0	0	0
Dengue fever	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	72	10	2141	5

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks reported and responded during 2026

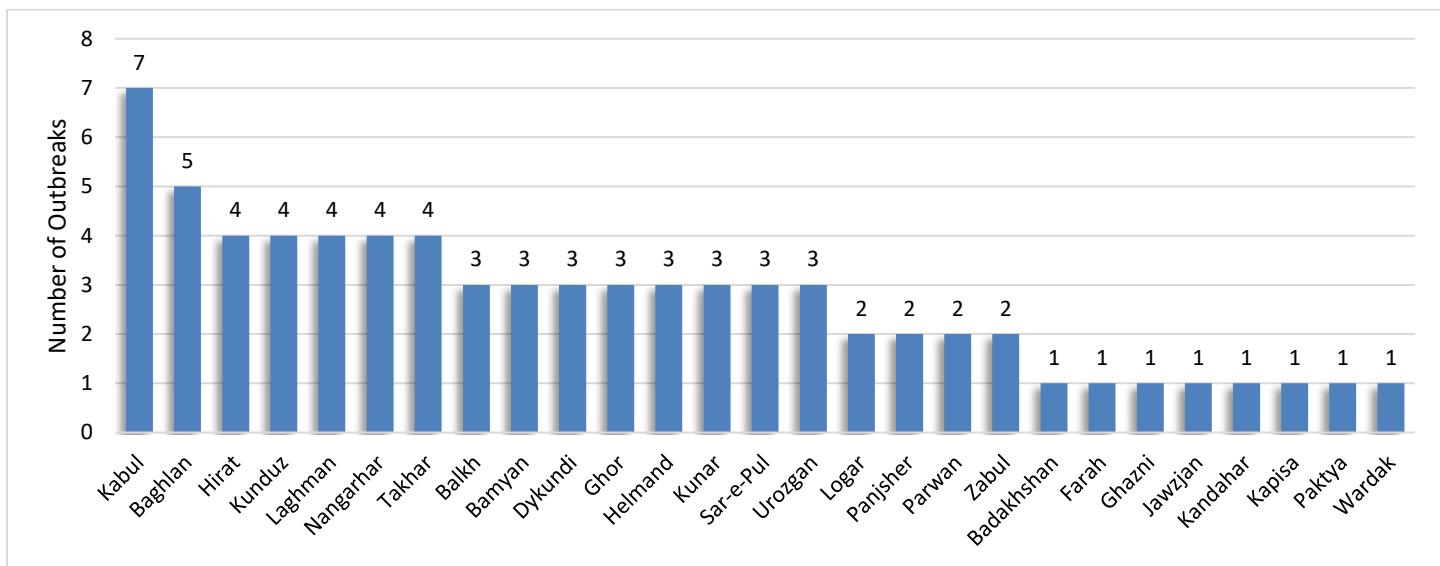


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths during 2026

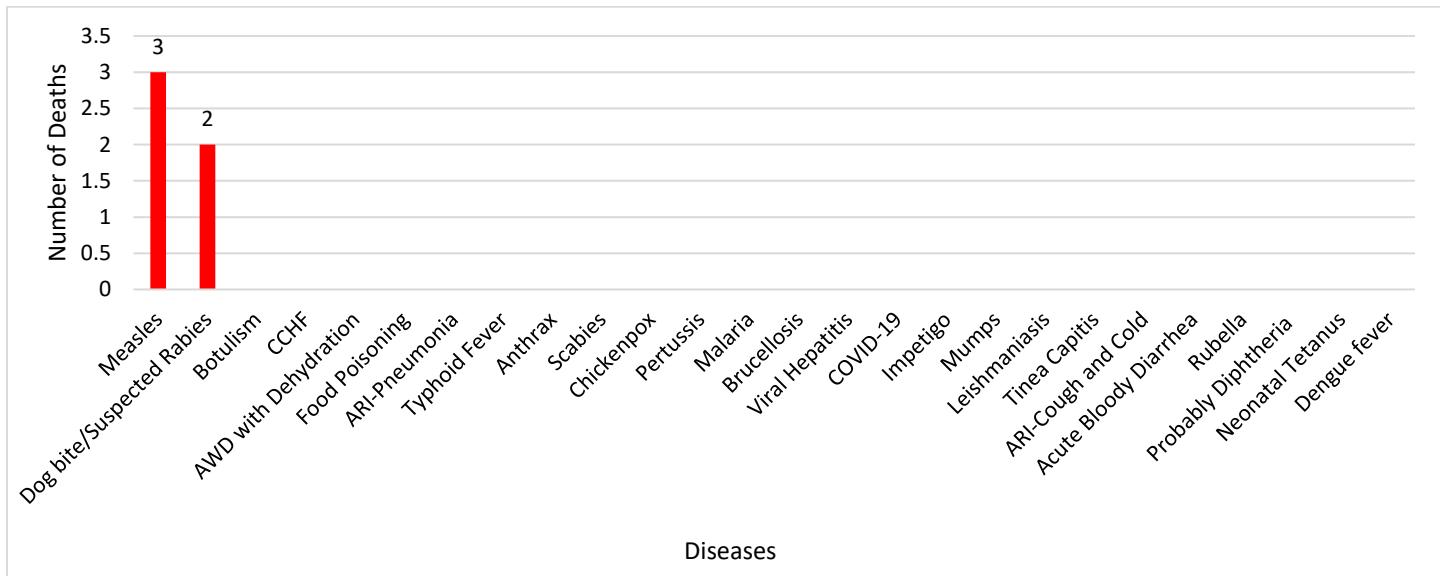


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 02-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
Chickenpox	84	37	44.0
COVID-19	60	0	0.0
SARI	60	2	3.3
ILI	40	3	7.5
Measles	39	19	48.7
Hepatitis A+E(VAE)	27	9	33.3
Pertussis	12	6	50.0
CCHF	12	2	16.7
Dengue Fever	4	2	50.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
M Pox	0	0	0.0
Total	338	80	23.7

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 **495 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **4 (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.

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