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Epidemiological Report | Week # 06– 2026 **06 (08 - 14 Feb, 2026)**

Summary:

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

A total of **715,166** new consultations were reported, among which **269,985 (37.7%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **138,589 (51.3%)** females and **124,551 (46.1%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **191,277** cases (**26.7%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **34,327** cases (**4.8%**), and pneumonia with **40,654** cases (**5.7%**).

A total of **463** deaths were reported this week, of which **100 (21.6%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **88 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **4 suspected meningitis** deaths, **4 measles** deaths, **3 acute viral hepatitis** deaths, and **1 suspected hemorrhagic fever** death.

During this week, 41 outbreaks were reported: **3 measles** outbreaks, **17 scabies** outbreaks, **2 pertussis** outbreaks, **13 chickenpox** outbreaks, **3 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, **1 anthrax** outbreak, **1 food poisoning** outbreak and **1 mumps** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 06-2026

Top 7 Diseases	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	405	278	389	325	0	0	0	0	1397	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	13729	6746	12427	7752	43	7	27	11	40654	5.7	88	19.0	0.22
Measles	291	55	229	55	2	0	2	0	630	0.1	4	0.9	0.63
CCHF	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	0.0	1	0.2	25.00
Confirmed Malaria	14	76	10	62	0	0	0	0	162	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	11	0	5	0	0	0	0	16	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	1	747	6	691	0	0	0	0	1445	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

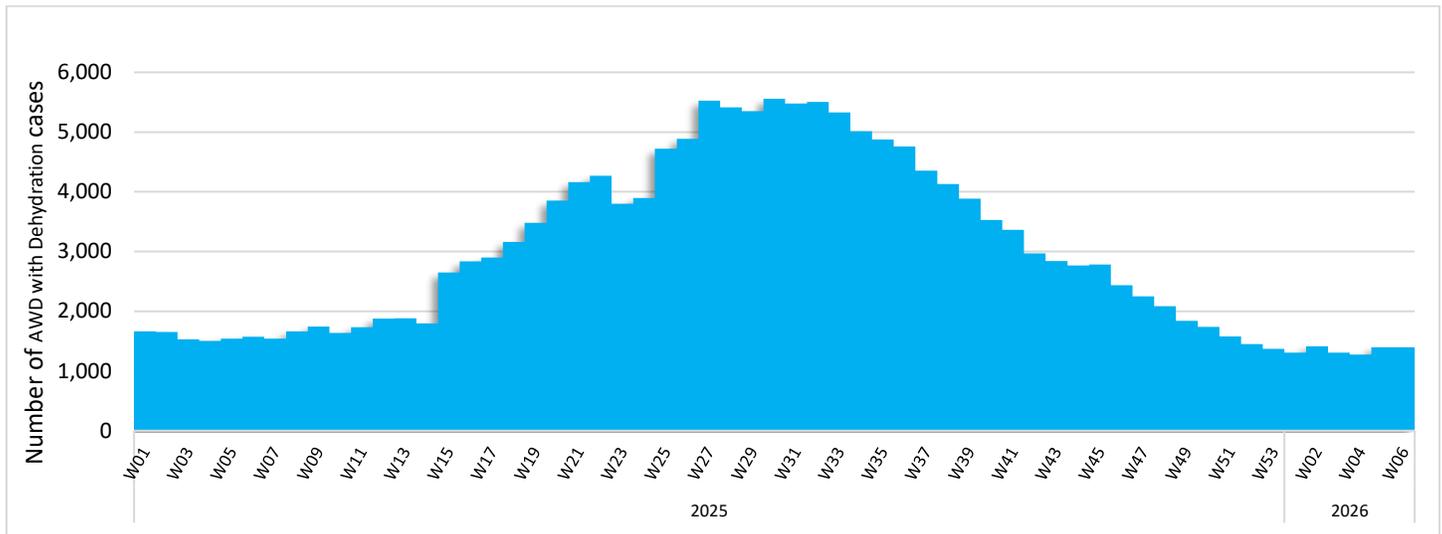
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W06, 2026)

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	%	
AWD with Dehydration	2,394	1,709	2,230	1,759	3	0	0	1	8,092	0.2	4	0.1	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	12,176	14,237	11,249	14,485	0	0	0	0	52,147	1.3	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	58	42	41	21	0	0	0	0	162	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	262	325	231	369	5	5	0	1	1,187	0.0	11	0.4	0.93
Acute Watery Diarrhea	41,849	25,929	39,661	28,659	0	0	0	0	136,098	3.3	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	231,271	325,536	222,911	371,990	0	0	0	0	1,151,708	27.9	0	0.0	0.00
Probable Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
CCHF	0	26	0	16	0	0	0	1	42	0.0	1	0.0	2.38
Confirmed Malaria	78	417	57	317	0	0	0	0	869	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	1,398	267	1,239	283	6	1	3	0	3,187	0.1	10	0.4	0.31
Covid-19	8	4,367	36	4,539	0	0	0	0	8,950	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	75	10	72	13	0	0	0	0	170	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	81,412	42,291	73,612	48,835	254	49	186	45	246,150	6.0	534	19.0	0.22
Meningitis	255	190	213	169	12	10	9	4	827	0.0	35	1.2	4.23
Dengue Fever	0	37	0	16	0	0	0	0	53	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	187	2,756	178	3,264	0	0	0	0	6,385	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	371,423	418,139	351,730	474,735	280	65	198	52	1,616,027	39.1	595	21	0.04
Total of new clients/death	645,973	1,141,495	620,322	1,722,210	849	784	610	569	4,130,000	100	2,812	100	0.07

Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual decrease since week 33-2025.
- During 6th week of 2026, a total of 1,397 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 794 (56.8%) were under-five children, and 714 (51.1%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 8,092 AWD + dehydration cases and 4 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 4,624 (57.1%) are children under five and 3,989 (49.3%) are females.

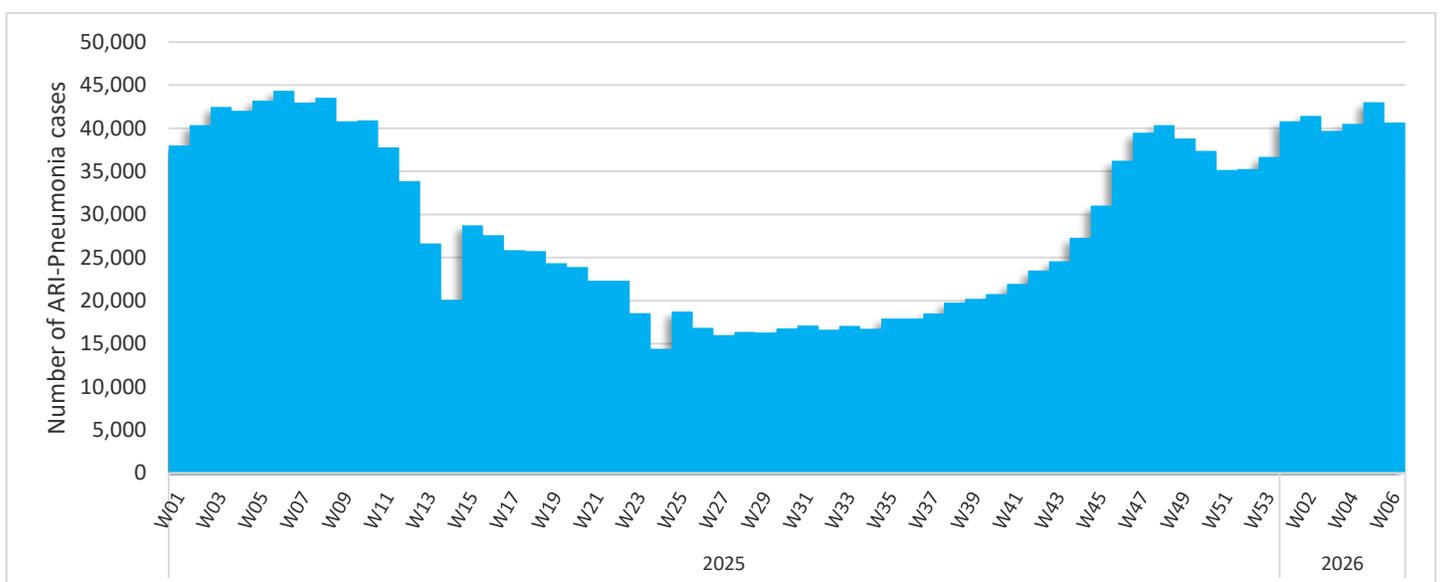
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 06, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable increase since week 52-2025.
- During the 6th week of 2026, a total of 40,654 cases and 88 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 26,156 (64.3%) were under-five children, and 20,179 (49.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 246,150 ARI pneumonia cases and 534 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 155,024 (62.9%) are children under five and 122,447 (49.7%) are females.

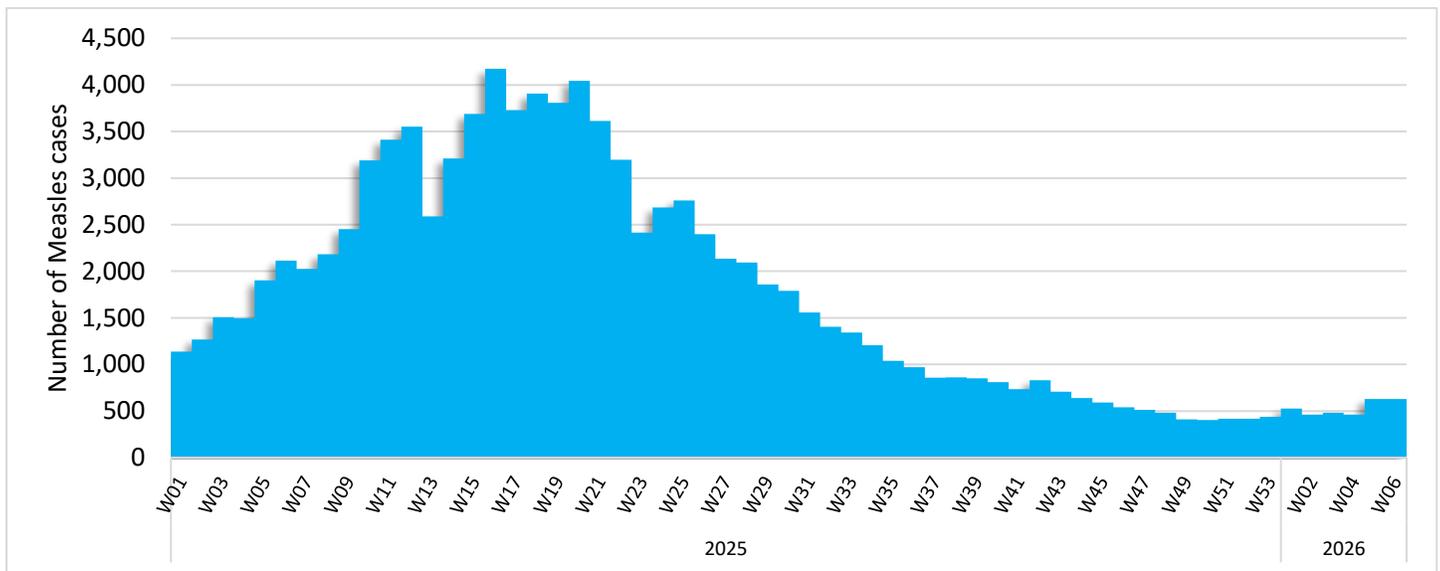
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 06, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 20-2025.
- During the 6th week of 2026, a total of 630 cases and 4 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.6%)
- Out of the total cases, 520 (82.5%) were under-five children, and 284 (45%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 3,187 measles cases and 10 deaths (CFR=0.3%) have been reported. Of these cases 2,637 (82.7%) are children under five and 1,522 (47.7%) are females.

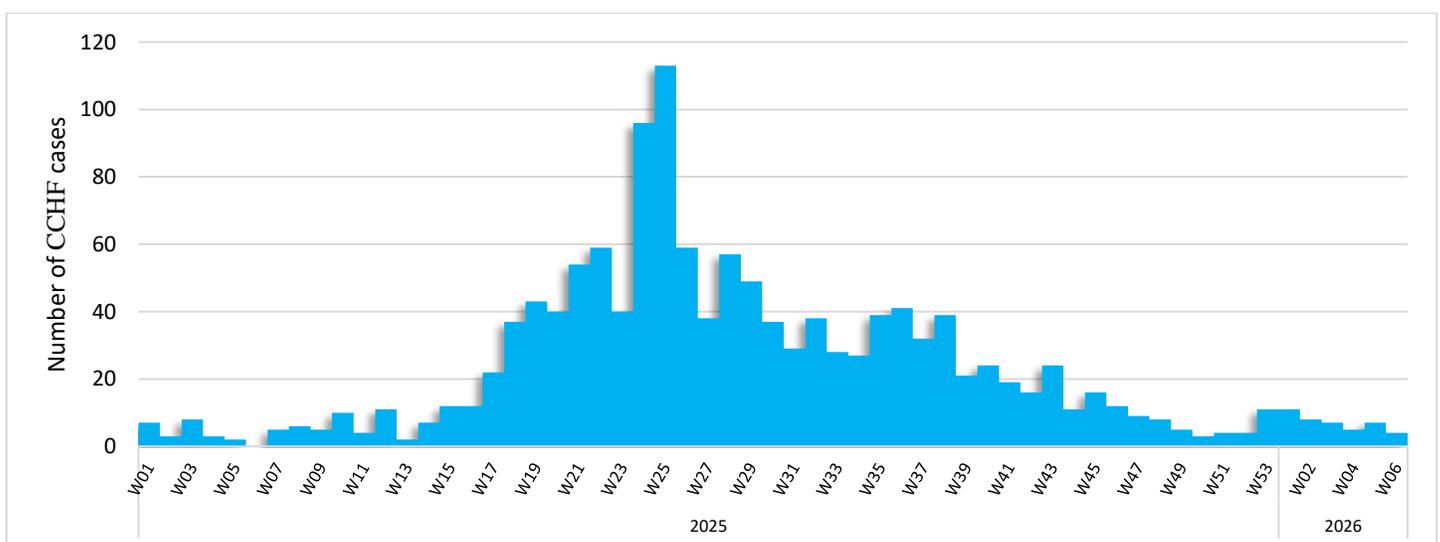
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 06, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 25-2025.
- During week 6th 2026, a total of 4 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR= 25%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 1 of them (25%) was female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 42 suspected CCHF cases and 1 death (CFR=2.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 16 (38%) are females.

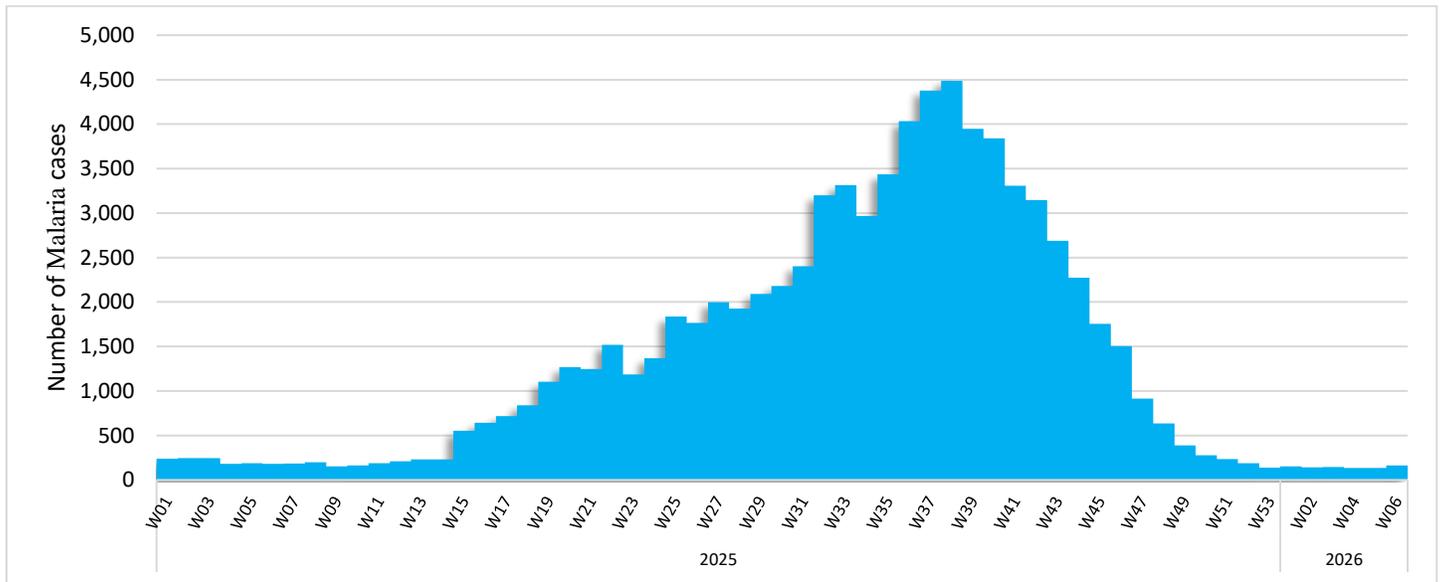
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 06, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable decrease since week 39-2025.
- During 6th week of 2026, a total of 162 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 24 (14.8%) were children under-five, and 72 (44.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 869 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 135 (15.5%) are children under-five, and 374 (43%) are females.

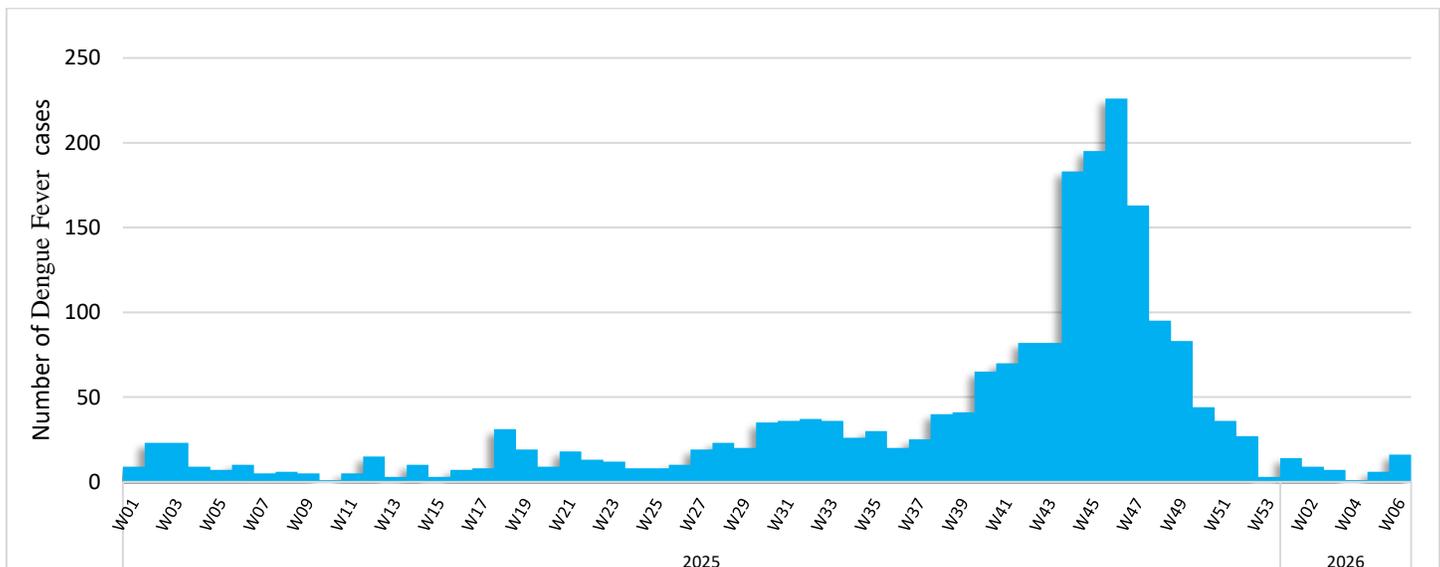
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 06, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 47 of 2025.
- During 6th week of 2026, a total of 16 case and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 5 (31%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 53 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 16 (30%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 06, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 6th week of 2026, a total of 1,445 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 7 (0.5%) were under-five children, and 697 (48.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 8,950 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 44 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 4,575 (51%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 06, 2026)

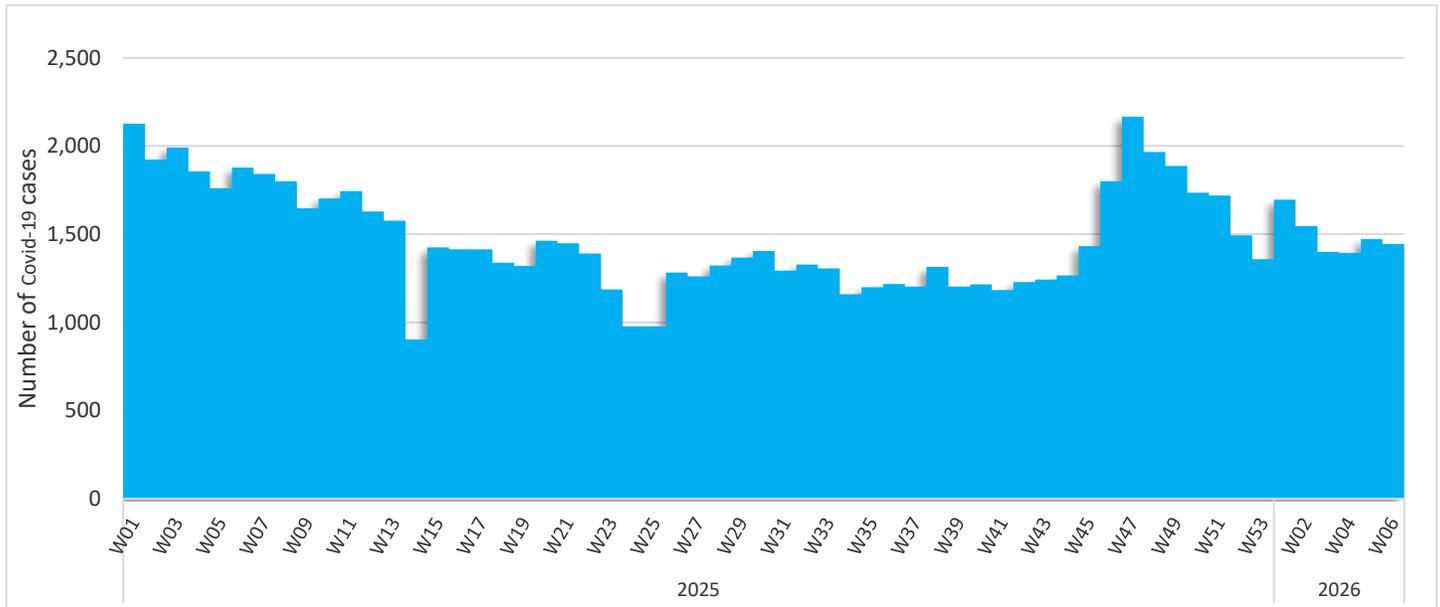


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

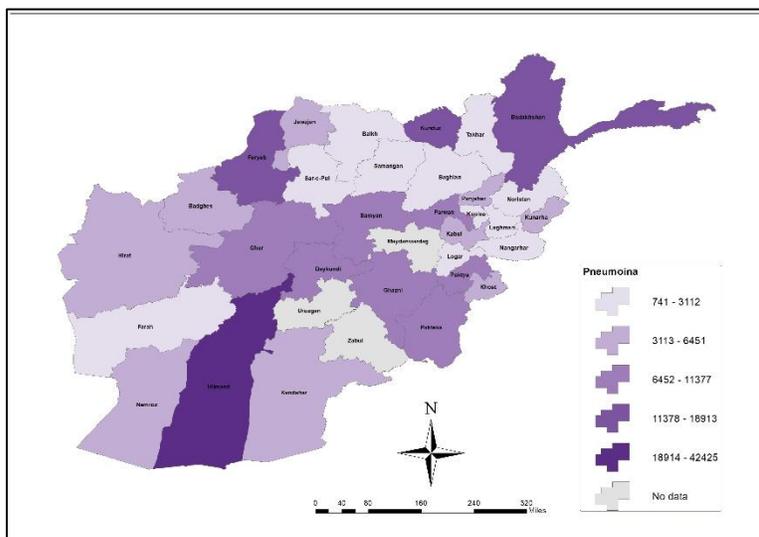


Figure 9: B (Measles)

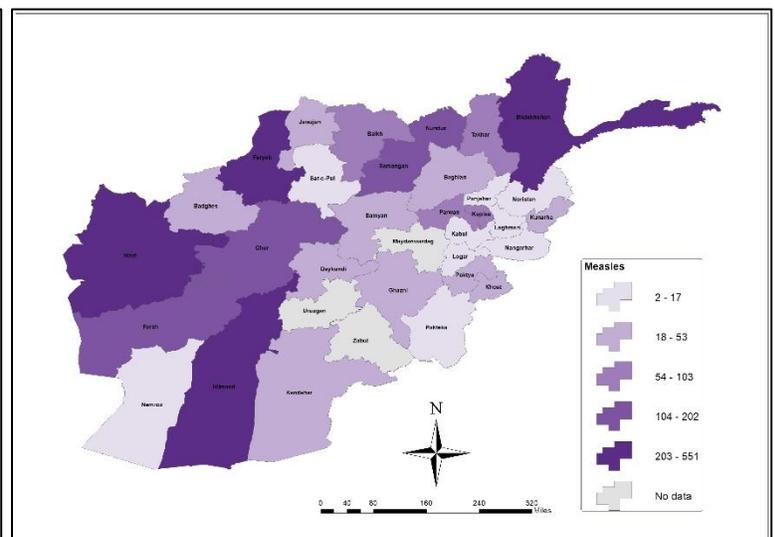


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

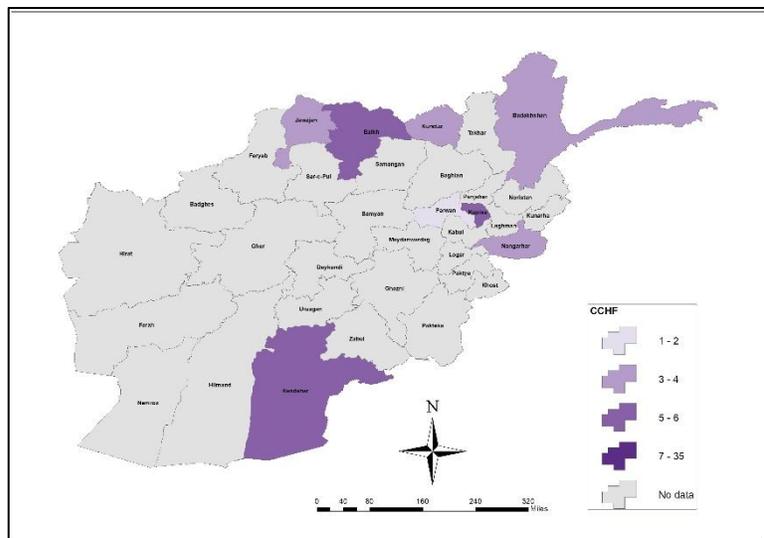
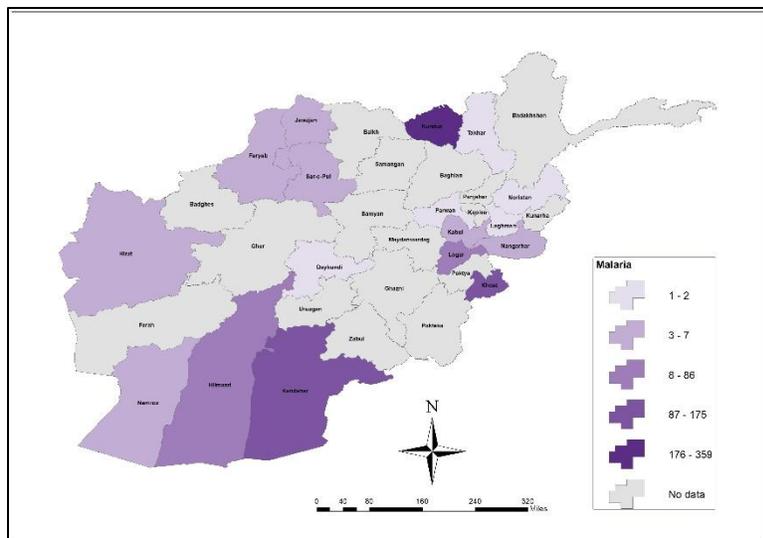


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In Epidemiological week 06 of 2026, we received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 1917 (29.6%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 1245 (64.9%) were under 5 years old and 1008 (52.5. %) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (1.2%) compared to the previous week, and 60 SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 48 (80%) under five and 20 (33.3%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Kabul (38%), Herat (36%), and Paktia (34%).
- 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, 6 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 06, 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%	
Badakhshan	10	1	0	0	1	0	10%	
Balkh	10	1	0	0	1	0	10%	
Bamyan	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Herat	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kabul	10	1	0	0	1	0	10%	
Kapisa	10	3	0	0	3	0	30%	
Kandahar	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Nangarhar	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Paktia	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Total	100	6	0	0	6	0	6%	

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 06-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Measles	08/02/2026	Zabul	Daychopan	Mirzayan	11	0	92%	78%
	14/02/2026	Kandahar	Arghestaan	Spinke	7	0	0%	0%
	14/02/2026	Paktya	Gardez	Salat Big	11	0	80%	45%
Pertussis	11/02/2026	Kapisa	Nijrab	Chahar Sofa	3	0	95%	74%
	09/02/2026	Kapisa	Nijrab	Maghdod khel	14	0	95%	73%
Scabies	17 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Badghis (1), Bamyan (3), Farah (1), Herat (1), Kabul (3), Logar (1), Nangarhar (2), Paktya (1), Panjshir (1), Parwan (1) and Takhar (2) provinces (Total number of cases = 592)							
Chickenpox	13 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Badakhshan (1), Bamyan (4), Daykundi (2), Farah (1), Ghor (1), Herat (1), Kabul (1), Kunduz (1) and Laghman (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 307)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	3 Dog bite/ suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Helmand (2) and Paktika (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 25)							
Anthrax	1 Anthrax outbreak was reported from Wardak province (Total number of cases = 1)							
Food Poisoning	1 Food Poisoning outbreak was reported from Nooristan province (Total number of cases = 11)							
Mumps	1 Mumps outbreak was reported from Kabul provinces (Total number of cases = 7)							

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

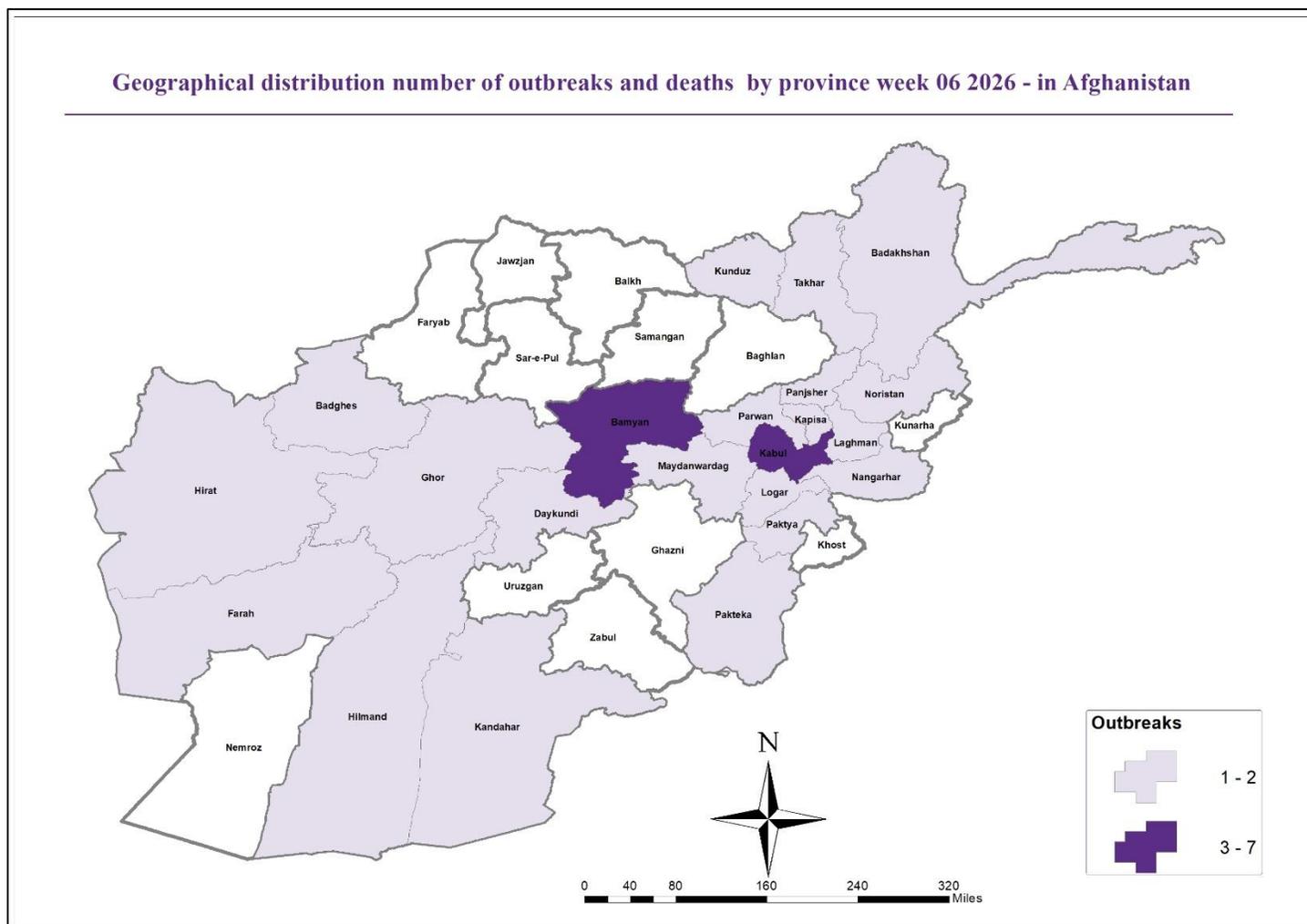


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

<u>Disease/Event</u>	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	29	15	276	5
Scabies	103	0	3980	0
Chickenpox	49	5	824	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	15	0	95	3
CCHF	1	1	5	0
Food Poisoning	2	0	24	0
Pertussis	12	0	75	0
Anthrax	4	0	4	0
AWD with Dehydration	0	0	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0	0
ARI-Pneumonia	3	0	155	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	3	0	29	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	1	0	15	0
Neonatal Tetanus	0	0	0	0
Dengue fever	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	222	21	5482	8

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks reported and responded during 2026

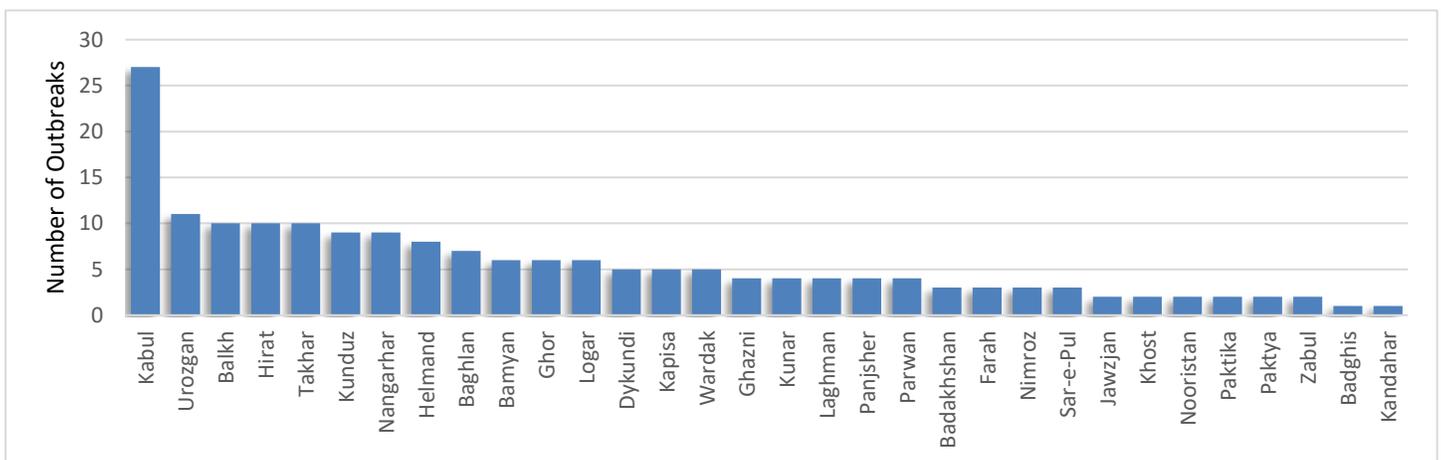


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths during 2026

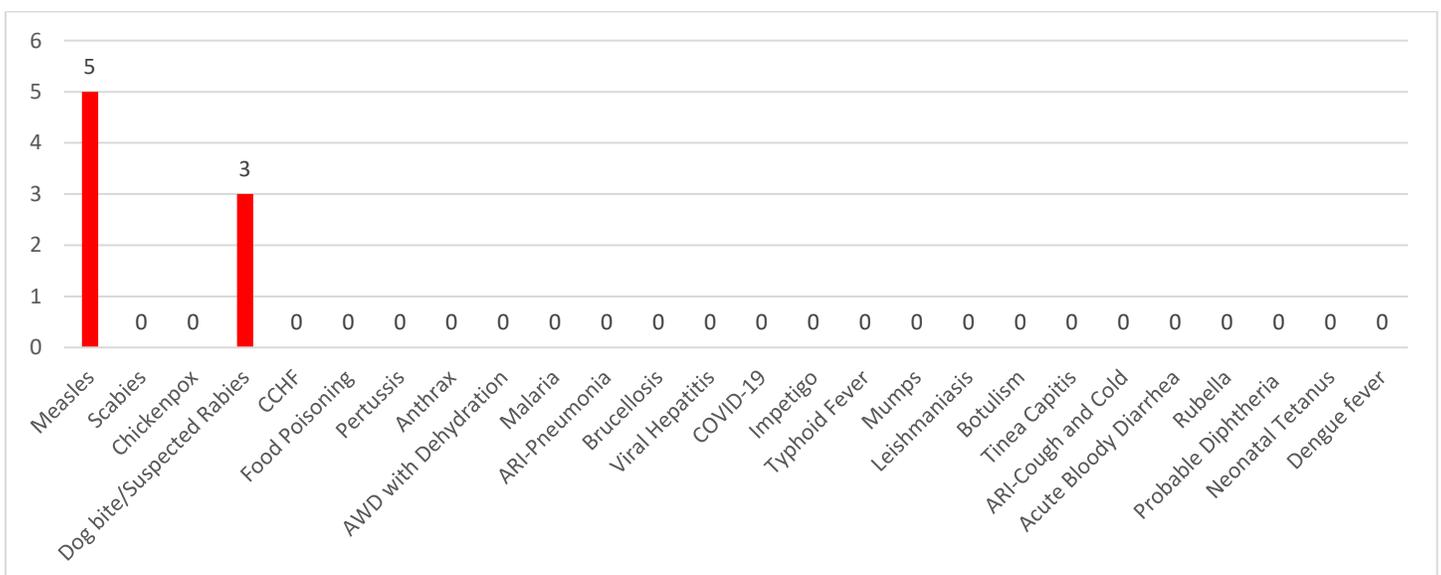


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 06-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
COVID-19	103	0	0.0
Chickenpox	65	45	69.2
SARI	60	2	3.3
ILI	40	4	10.0
Measles	28	11	39.3
Hepatitis A+E(VAE)	24	5	20.8
Pertussis	16	4	25.0
CCHF	12	0	0.0
Dengue Fever	1	0	0.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
M Pox	0	0	0.0
Total	349	71	20.3

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 **659 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **04 (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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