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Epidemiological Report | Week # 11– 2026 **11 (15 - 21 March, 2026)**

Summary:

Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **610 (99.5 %)** submitted reports this week.

A total of **502,216** new consultations were reported, among which **180,312 (35.9%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **91,677 (50.8%)** females and **85,249 (47.3%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **120,023** cases (**23.9%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **34,951** cases (**7%**), and pneumonia with **22,446** cases (**4.5%**).

A total of **379** deaths were reported this week, of which **50 (13.2%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **42 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **4 suspected meningitis** deaths, **2 measles** deaths, **1 acute viral hepatitis** death and **1 hemorrhagic fever** death.

During this week, 27 outbreaks were reported: **6 pertussis** outbreaks, **7 scabies** outbreaks, **5 chickenpox** outbreaks, **1 mumps** outbreak, **4 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, **2 anthrax** outbreaks, **1 leishmania** outbreak, and **1 typhoid fever** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 11-2026

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	427	321	375	339	0	0	0	0	1462	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	7396	3846	6891	4313	25	0	14	3	22446	4.5	42	11.1	0.19
Measles	221	47	221	53	1	0	1	0	542	0.1	2	0.5	0.37
CCHF	0	5	0	5	0	1	0	0	10	0.0	1	0.3	10.00
Confirmed Malaria	20	64	14	56	0	0	0	0	154	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	4	460	11	483	0	0	0	0	958	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

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

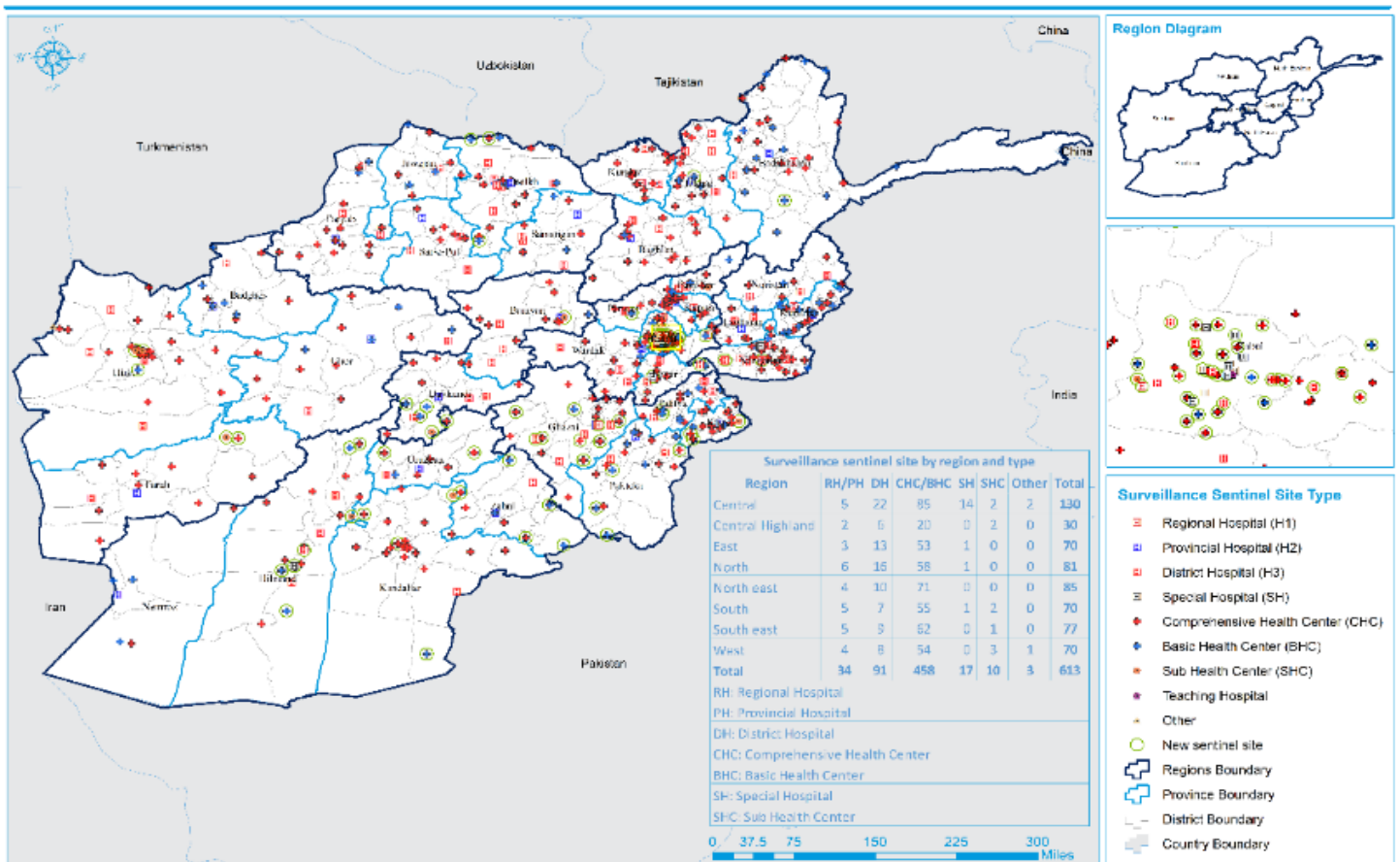


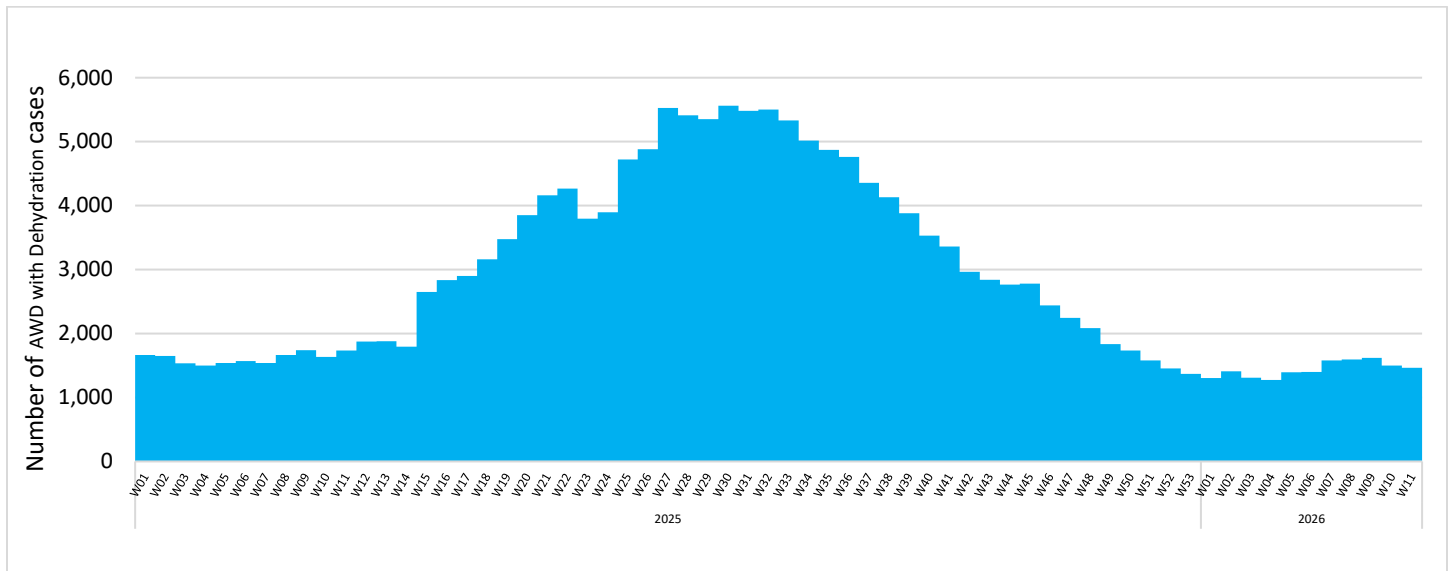
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W11, 2026)

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	4,684	3,353	4,309	3,504	4	1	0	1	15,850	0.2	6	0.1	0.04
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	23,466	26,611	21,540	27,450	0	0	0	0	99,067	1.4	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	94	66	90	47	0	0	0	0	297	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	481	565	422	612	10	7	2	4	2,080	0.0	23	0.5	1.11
Acute Watery Diarrhea	82,651	50,992	78,593	56,409	0	0	0	0	268,645	3.7	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	401,565	536,338	387,620	621,596	0	0	0	0	1,947,119	26.7	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	53	0	33	0	1	0	1	86	0.0	2	0.0	2.33
Confirmed Malaria	158	759	123	639	0	0	0	0	1,679	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	2,811	567	2,414	619	21	1	9	0	6,411	0.1	31	0.6	0.48
Covid-19	21	7,372	72	7,557	0	0	0	0	15,022	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	148	16	139	13	0	0	0	0	316	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	134,011	67,728	121,746	78,176	388	76	304	65	401,661	5.5	833	17.2	0.21
Meningitis	474	337	403	307	23	15	23	11	1,521	0.0	72	1.5	4.73
Dengue Fever	0	74	0	32	0	0	0	0	106	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	354	5,045	342	6,236	0	0	0	0	11,977	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	650,919	699,876	617,813	803,230	446	101	338	82	2,771,838	38.1	967	20	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	1,146,716	1,986,149	1,108,790	3,040,277	1,458	1,314	1,099	981	7,281,932	100	4,852	100	0.07

Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual increase since week 07-2026.
- During 11th week of 2026, a total of 1,462 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 802 (54.8%) were under-five children, and 714 (48.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 15,850 AWD + dehydration cases and 6 deaths (CFR=0.04%) have been reported. Of these cases 8,993 (56.7%) are children under five and 7,813 (49.3%) are females.

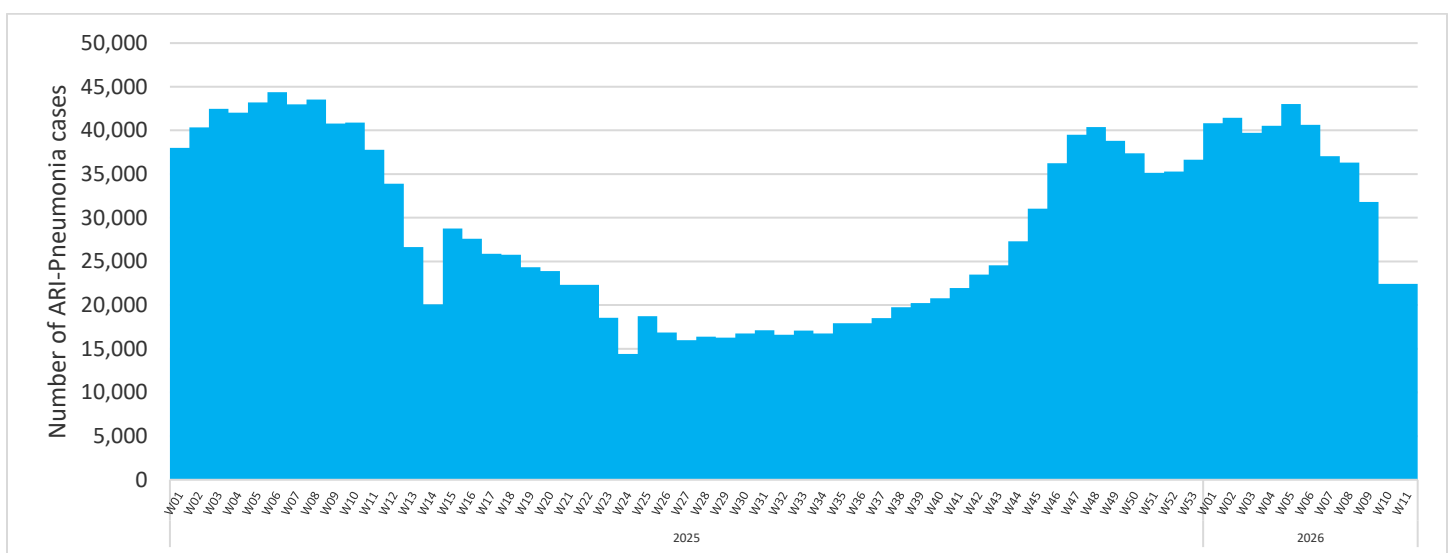
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 11, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 11th week of 2026, a total of 22,446 cases and 42 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 14,287 (63.6%) were under-five children, and 11,204 (50%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 401,661 ARI pneumonia cases and 833 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 255,757 (63.7%) are children under five and 199,922 (49.7%) are females.

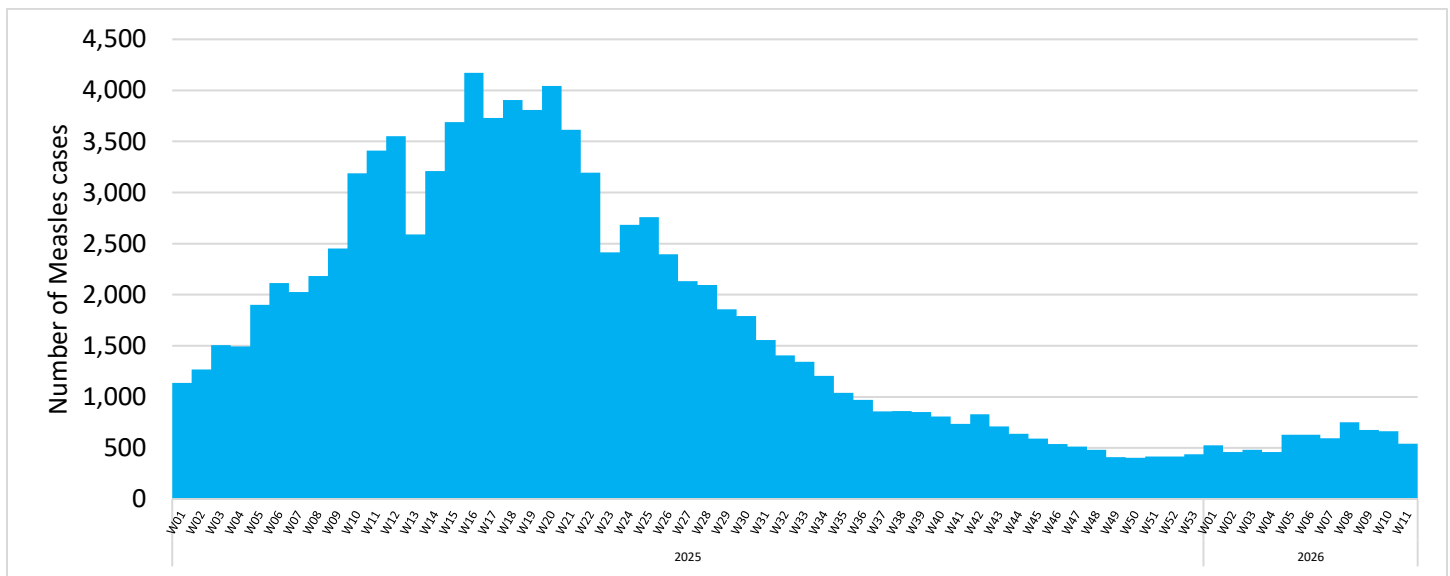
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 11, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 11th week of 2026, a total of 542 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.4%)
- Out of the total cases, 442 (81.5%) were under-five children, and 274 (50.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 6,411 measles cases and 31 deaths (CFR=0.5%) have been reported. Of these cases 5,225 (81.5%) are children under five and 3,033 (47.3%) are females.

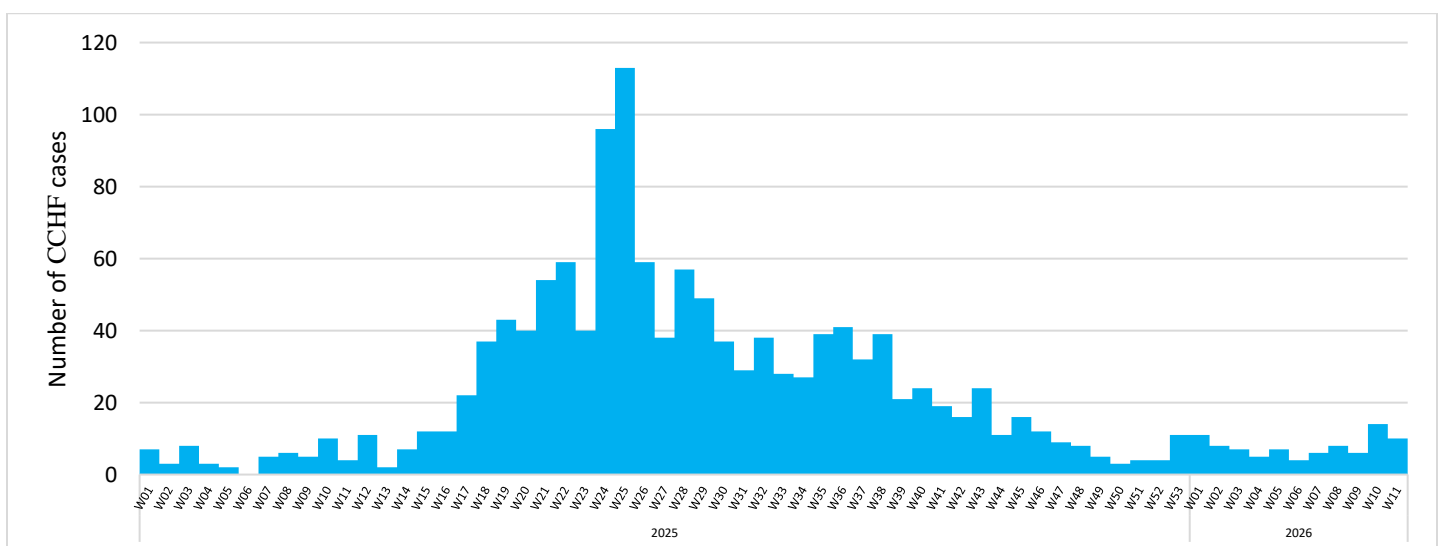
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 11, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 25-2025.
- During week 11th 2026, a total of 10 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR= 10%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 5 of them (50%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 86 suspected CCHF cases and 2 death (CFR=2.3%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 32 (30.2%) are females.

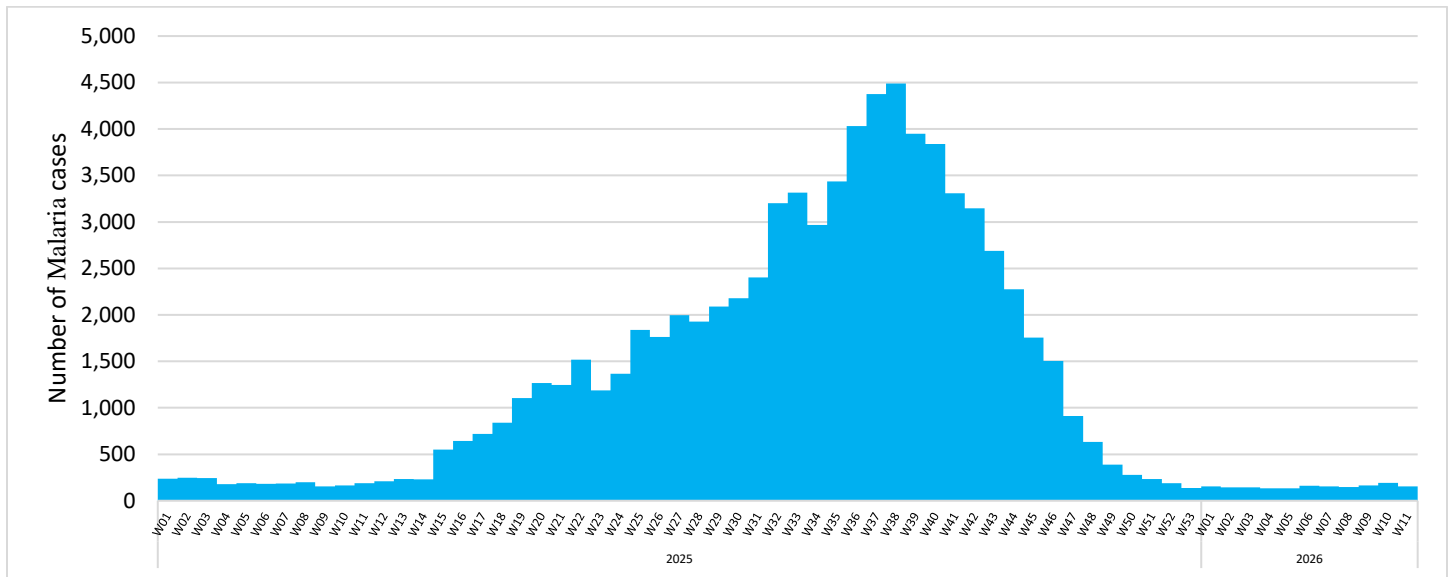
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 11, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable decrease since week 39-2025.
- During 11th week of 2026, a total of 154 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 34 (22%) were children under-five, and 70 (45.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,679 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 281 (16.7%) are children under-five, and 762 (45.4%) are females.

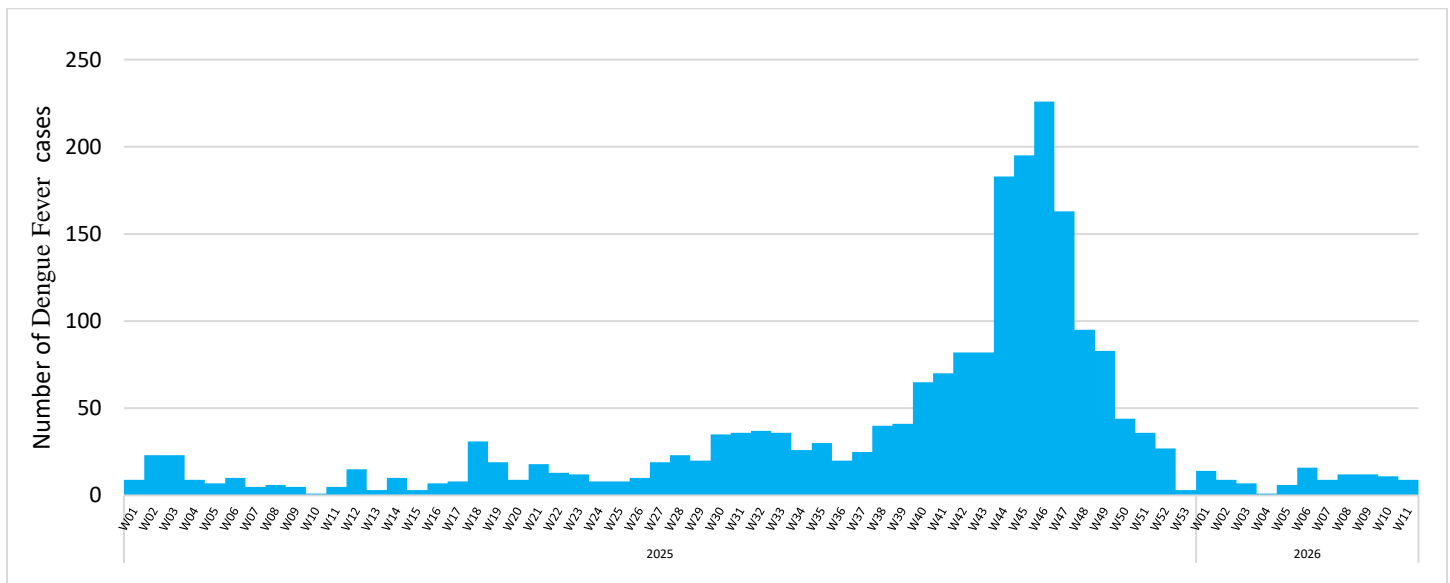
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 11, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 47 of 2025.
- During 11th 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 2 (22%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 106 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 32 (30.2%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 11, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 11th week of 2026, a total of 958 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 15 (1.6%) were under-five children, and 494 (51.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 15,022 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 93 (0.6%) are under-five children, and 7,629 (50.8%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 11, 2026)

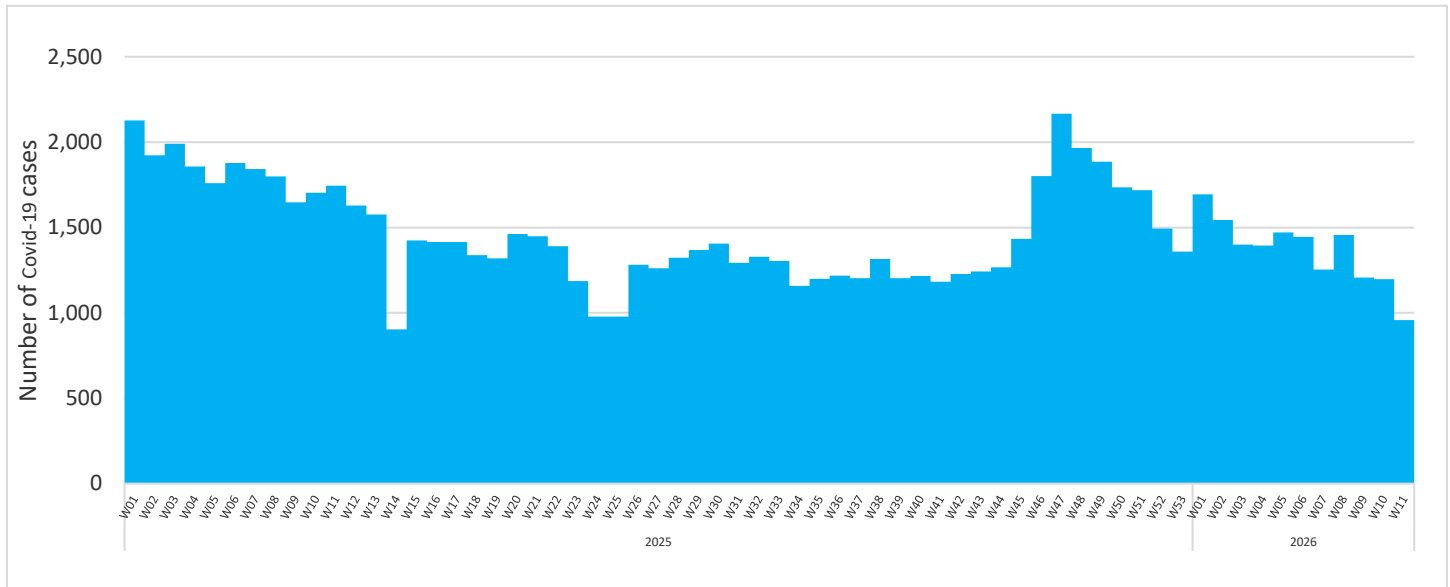
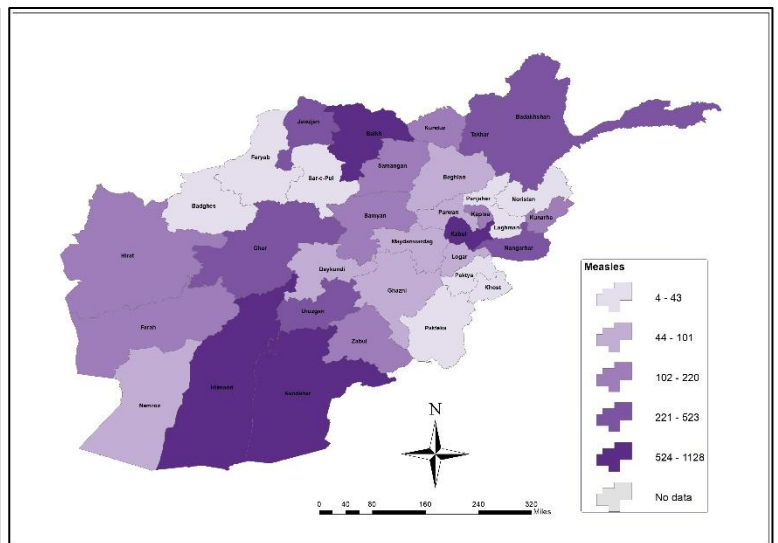
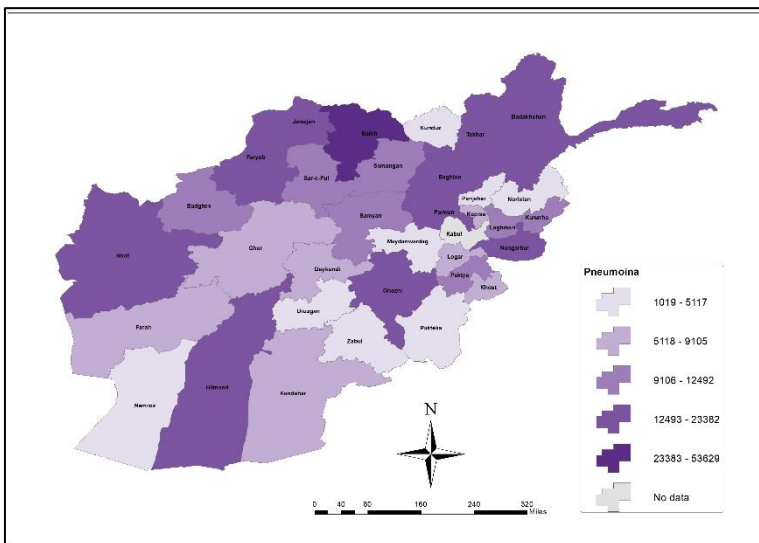


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

Figure 9: B (Measles)



Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 11-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Pertussis	18/3/2026	Kapisa	Nijrab	Pachaghan	7	0	101%	60%
	18/3/2026	Kapisa	His-e-2 Kohestan	Kalota	2	0	95%	74%
	18/3/2026	Kapisa	Mahmood-Raqi	Mangala	2	0	90%	62%
	18/3/2026	Kapisa	Mahmood-Raqi	Rasol khail	6	0	90%	74%
	18/3/2026	Logar	Baraki Barak	Qalai Malak and Jadran	7	0	85%	50%
	18/3/2026	Logar	Pul-e-Alam	Shahraki Muhajerin	11	0	80%	45%
Scabies	7 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Kabul (2), Kunduz (1), Nangarhar (1), Panjshir (1), Takhar (1) and Urozgan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 266)							
Chickenpox	5 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Bamyan (2), Kapisa (1), Laghman (1) and Wardak (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 76)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	4 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Baghlan (1), Ghazni (1), Sar-e-Pul (1) and Wardak (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 22)							
Anthrax	2 Anthrax outbreaks were reported from Badakhshan (1) and Kabul (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 3)							
Mumps	1 Mumps outbreak was reported from Bamyan province (Total number of cases = 19)							
Typhoid Fever	1 Typhoid fever outbreak was reported form Zabul province (Total number of cases = 11)							
Leishmaniasis	1 Leishmaniasis outbreak was reported from Herat province (Total number of cases = 341)							

Leishmaniasis	2	0	380	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	435	42	9928	18

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

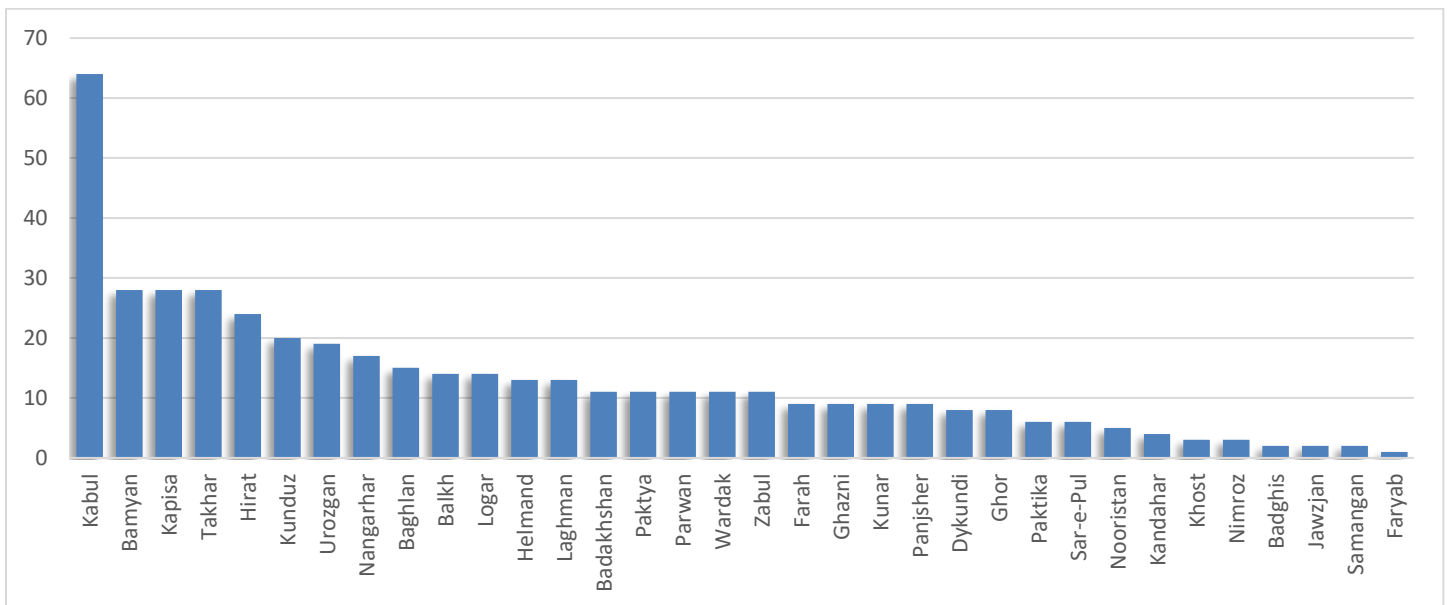


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

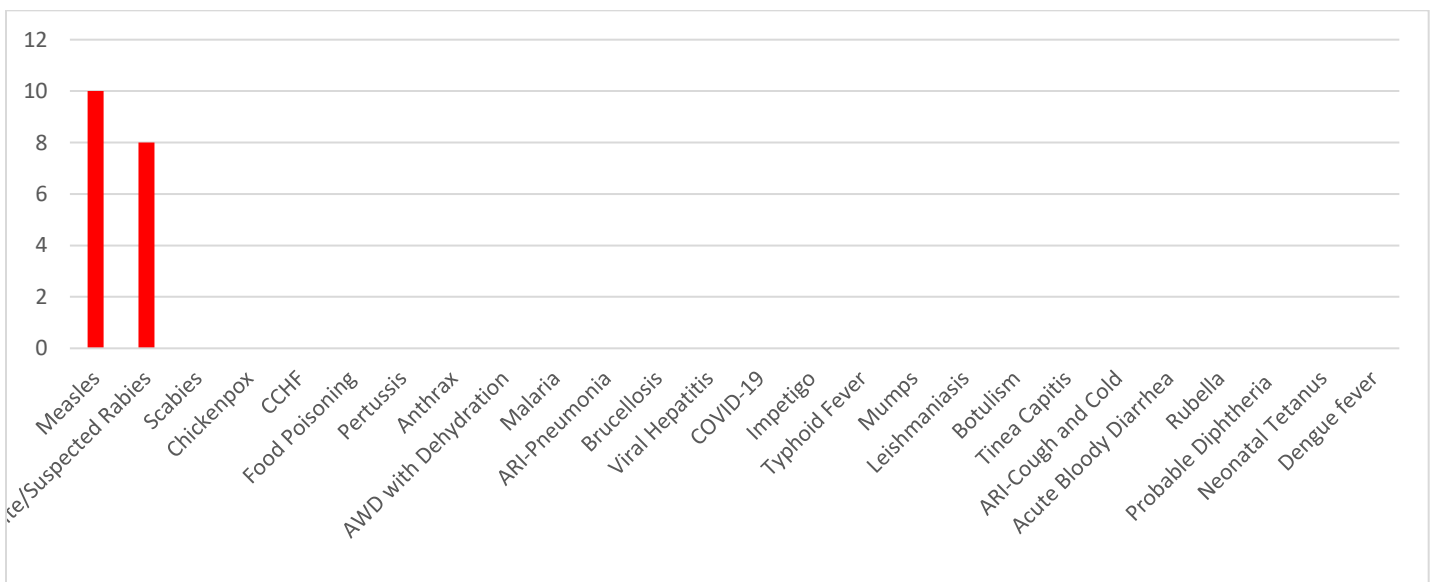


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 11-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
COVID-19	41	0	0.0
CCHF	21	5	23.8
Pertussis	15	9	60.0
Chickenpox	13	8	61.5
HAV/HEV	4	0	0.0
SARI	0	0	0.0
ILI	0	0	0.0
Measles	0	0	0.0
Dengue Fever	0	0	0.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	0	0	0.0
Total	94	22	23.4

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
- 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 **542 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **02 (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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