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Epidemiological Report | Week # 07– 2026 **07 (15 - 21 Feb, 2026)**

Summary:

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

A total of **676,004** new consultations were reported, among which **251,466 (37.2%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **129,948 (51.7%)** females and **117,802 (46.8%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **176,280** cases (**26.1%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **34,609** cases (**5.1%**), and pneumonia with **37,052** cases (**5.5%**).

A total of **415** deaths were reported this week, of which **89 (21.5%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **74 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **7 suspected meningitis** deaths, **6 measles** deaths and **2 acute viral hepatitis** deaths.

During this week, 39 outbreaks were reported: **6 measles** outbreaks, **10 scabies** outbreaks, **4 pertussis** outbreaks, **10 chickenpox** outbreaks, **3 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, **3 mumps** outbreaks, **2 anthrax** outbreaks and **1 unknown poisoning** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 07-2026

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	463	340	441	337	0	0	0	0	1581	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	12670	5918	11512	6952	34	5	30	5	37052	5.5	74	17.8	0.20
Measles	278	46	212	58	5	0	1	0	594	0.1	6	1.4	1.01
CCHF	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Confirmed Malaria	8	65	13	67	0	0	0	0	153	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	9	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	1	618	5	630	0	0	0	0	1254	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

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

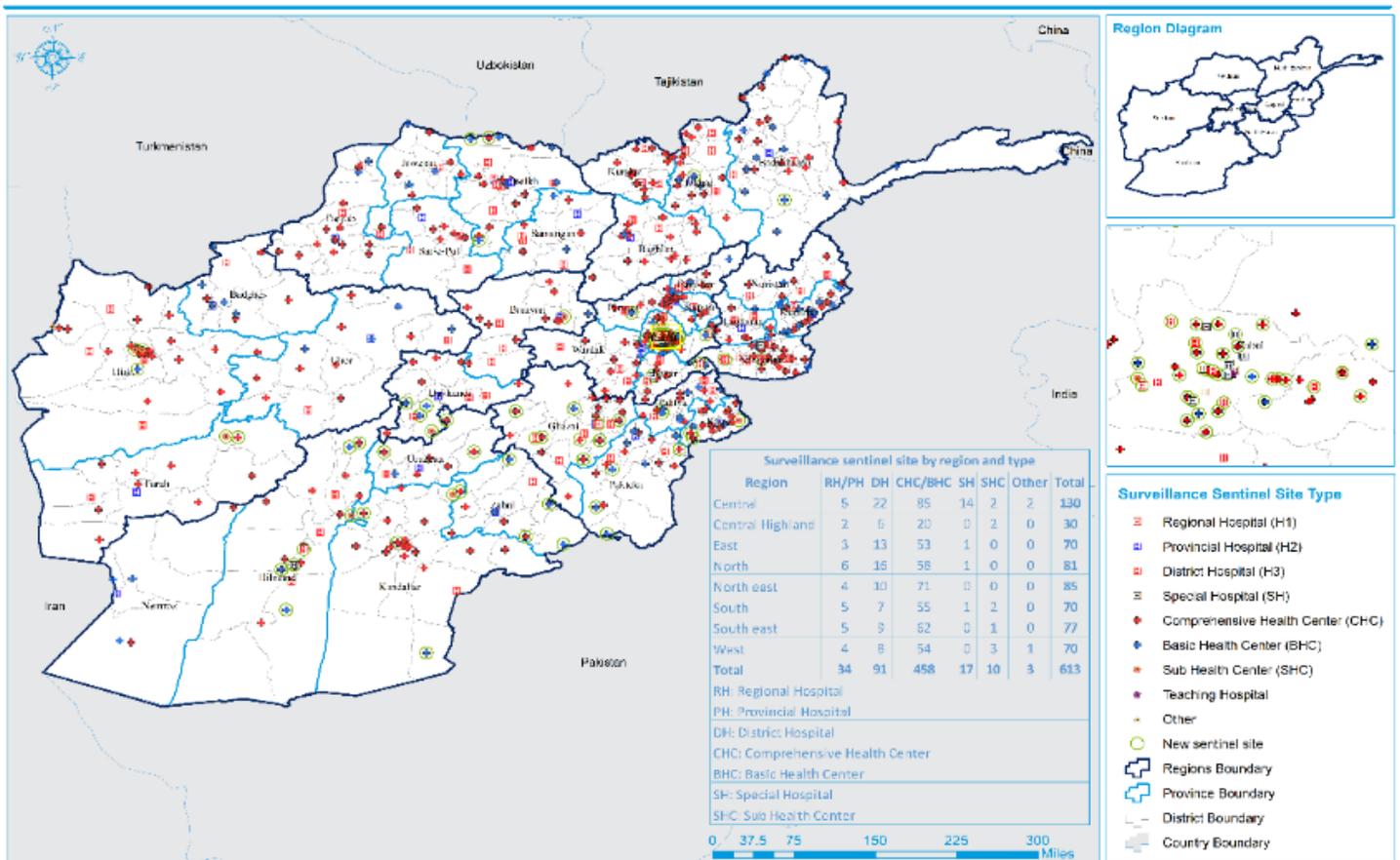


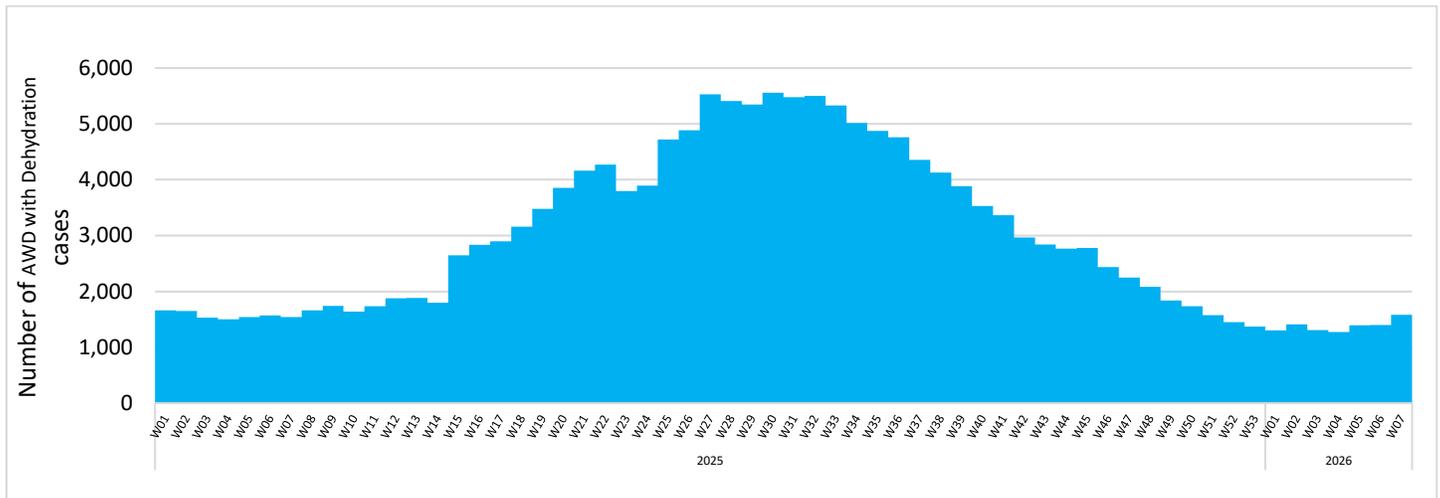
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W07, 2026)

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	2,857	2,049	2,671	2,096	3	0	0	1	9,673	0.2	4	0.1	0.04
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	14,391	16,585	13,174	16,999	0	0	0	0	61,149	1.4	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	67	47	48	29	0	0	0	0	191	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	314	387	274	419	6	6	0	1	1,394	0.0	13	0.4	0.93
Acute Watery Diarrhea	49,216	30,331	46,774	33,803	0	0	0	0	160,124	3.6	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	268,307	372,582	259,201	427,898	0	0	0	0	1,327,988	29.9	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	31	0	17	0	0	0	1	48	0.0	1	0.0	2.08
Confirmed Malaria	86	482	70	384	0	0	0	0	1,022	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	1,676	313	1,451	341	11	1	4	0	3,781	0.1	16	0.5	0.42
Covid-19	9	4,985	41	5,169	0	0	0	0	10,204	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	87	12	81	13	0	0	0	0	193	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	94,082	48,209	85,124	55,787	288	54	216	50	283,202	6.4	608	18.8	0.21
Meningitis	293	221	245	203	14	10	12	6	962	0.0	42	1.3	4.37
Dengue Fever	0	42	0	20	0	0	0	0	62	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	212	3,207	204	3,877	0	0	0	0	7,500	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	431,597	479,483	409,358	547,055	322	71	232	59	1,867,493	42.0	684	21	0.04
Total of new clients/ death	753,806	956,918	725,743	2,005,119	971	898	707	651	4,441,586	100	3,227	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 7th week of 2026, a total of 1,581 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 904 (57.1%) were under-five children, and 778 (49.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 9,673 AWD + dehydration cases and 4 deaths (CFR=0.04%) have been reported. Of these cases 5,528 (57.1%) are children under five and 4,767 (49.3%) are females.

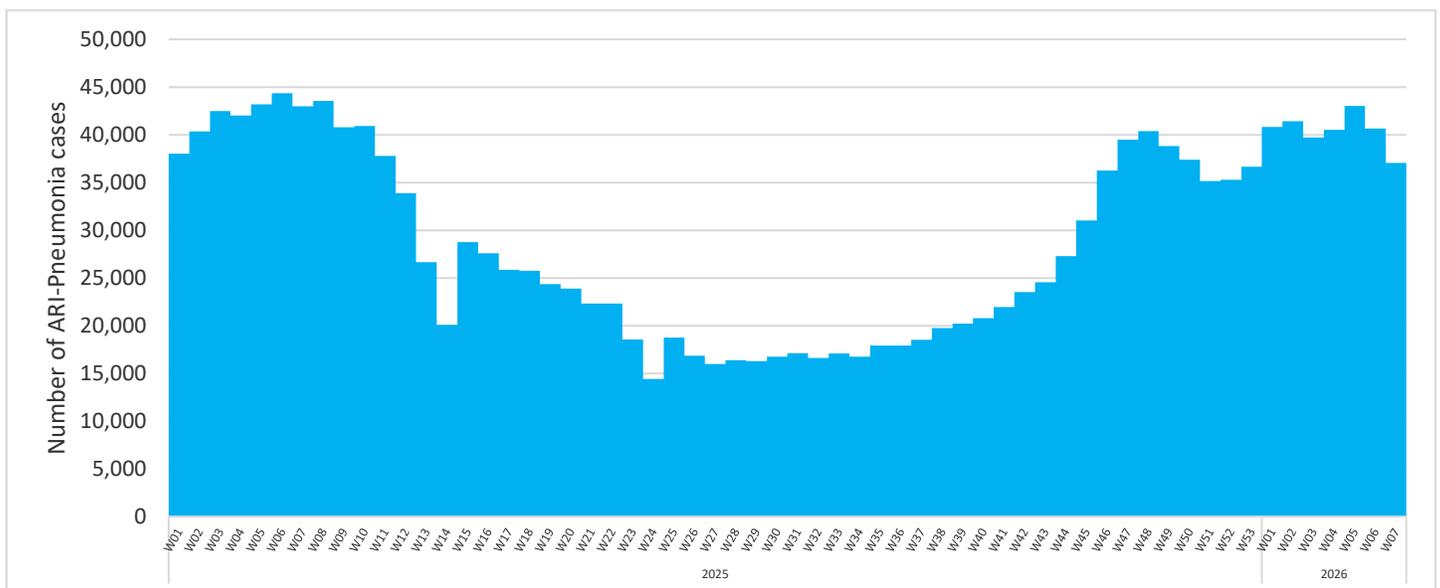
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 07, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable increase since week 52-2025.
- During the 7th week of 2026, a total of 37,052 cases and 74 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 24,182 (65.3%) were under-five children, and 18,464 (49.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 283,202 ARI pneumonia cases and 608 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 179,206 (63.3%) are children under five and 140,911 (49.7%) are females.

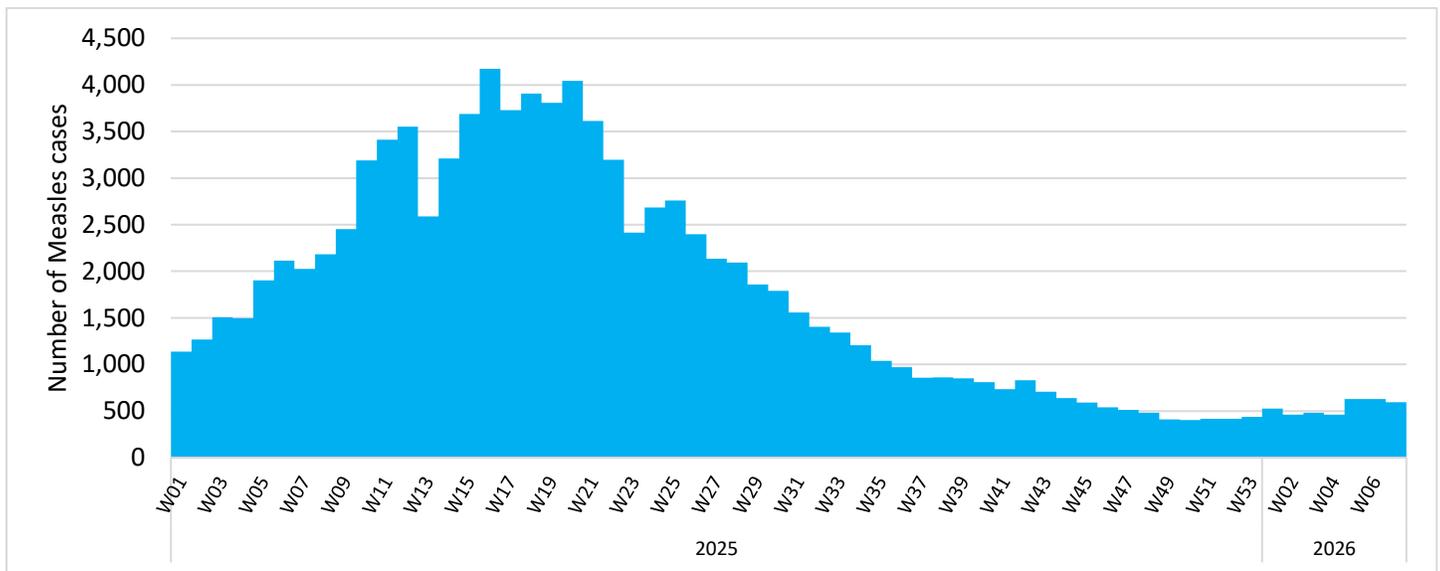
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 07, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 20-2025.
- During the 7th week of 2026, a total of 594 cases and 6 deaths have been reported (CFR=1%)
- Out of the total cases, 490 (82.5%) were under-five children, and 270 (45.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 3,781 measles cases and 16 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 3,127 (82.7%) are children under five and 1,792 (47.4%) are females.

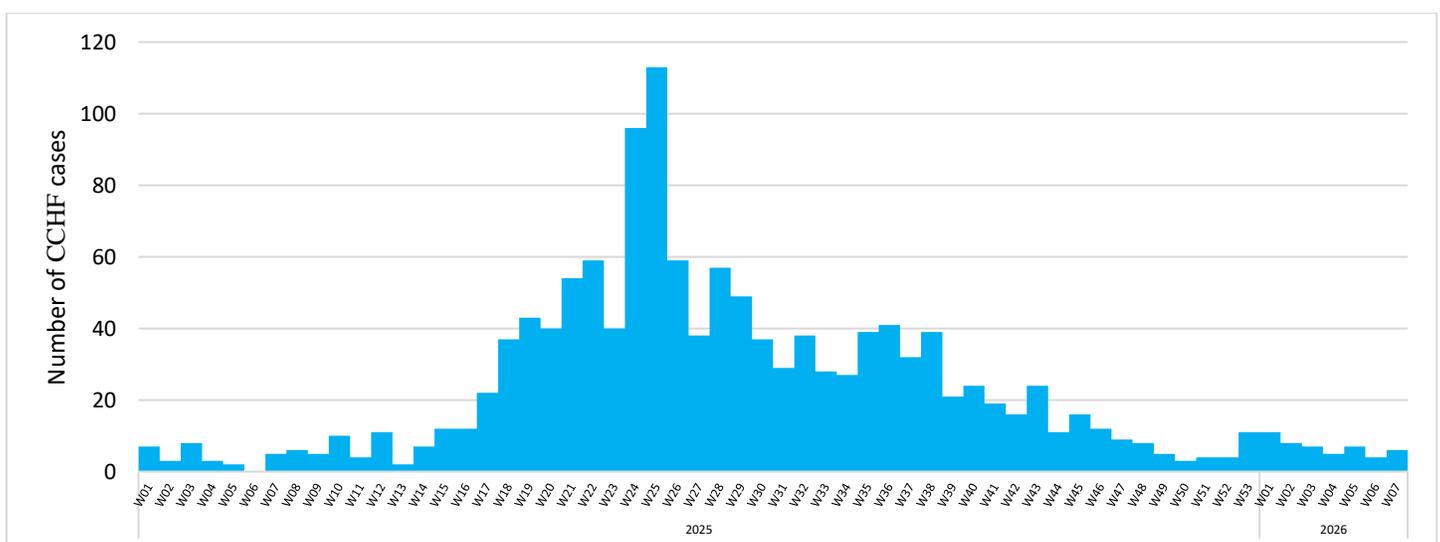
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 07, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 25-2025.
- During week 7th 2026, a total of 6 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR= 0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 0 of them (0%) was female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 48 suspected CCHF cases and 1 death (CFR=2%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 17 (35.4%) are females.

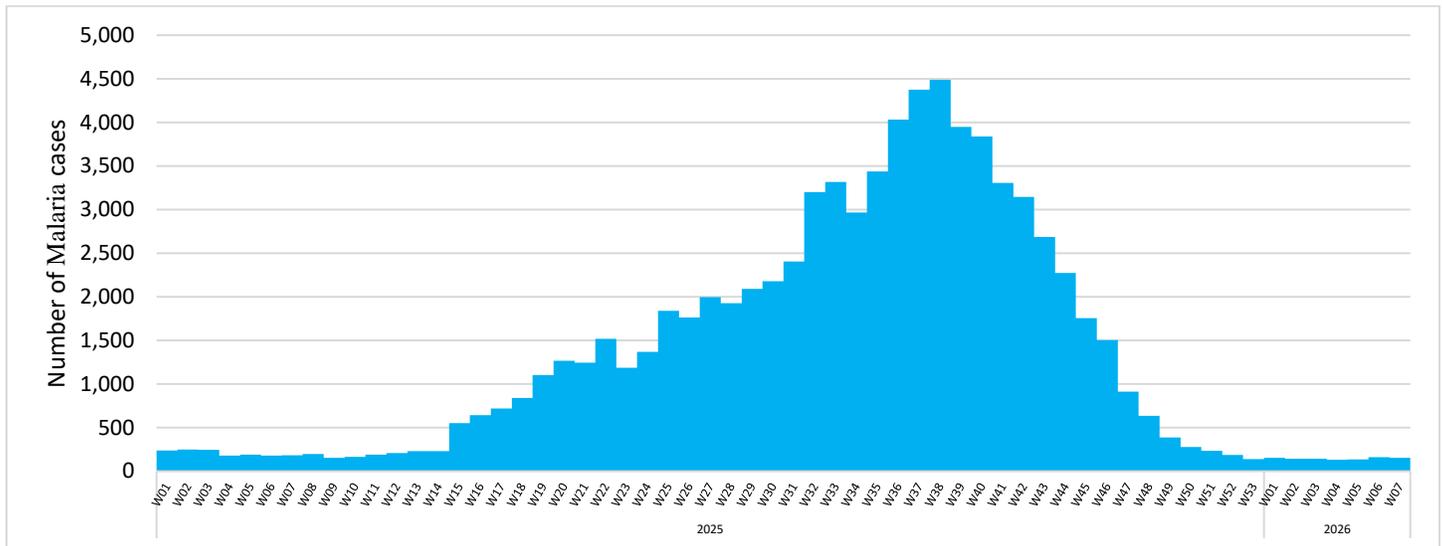
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 07, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable decrease since week 39-2025.
- During 7th week of 2026, a total of 153 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 21 (13.7%) were children under-five, and 80 (52.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,022 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 156 (15.3%) are children under-five, and 454 (44.4%) are females.

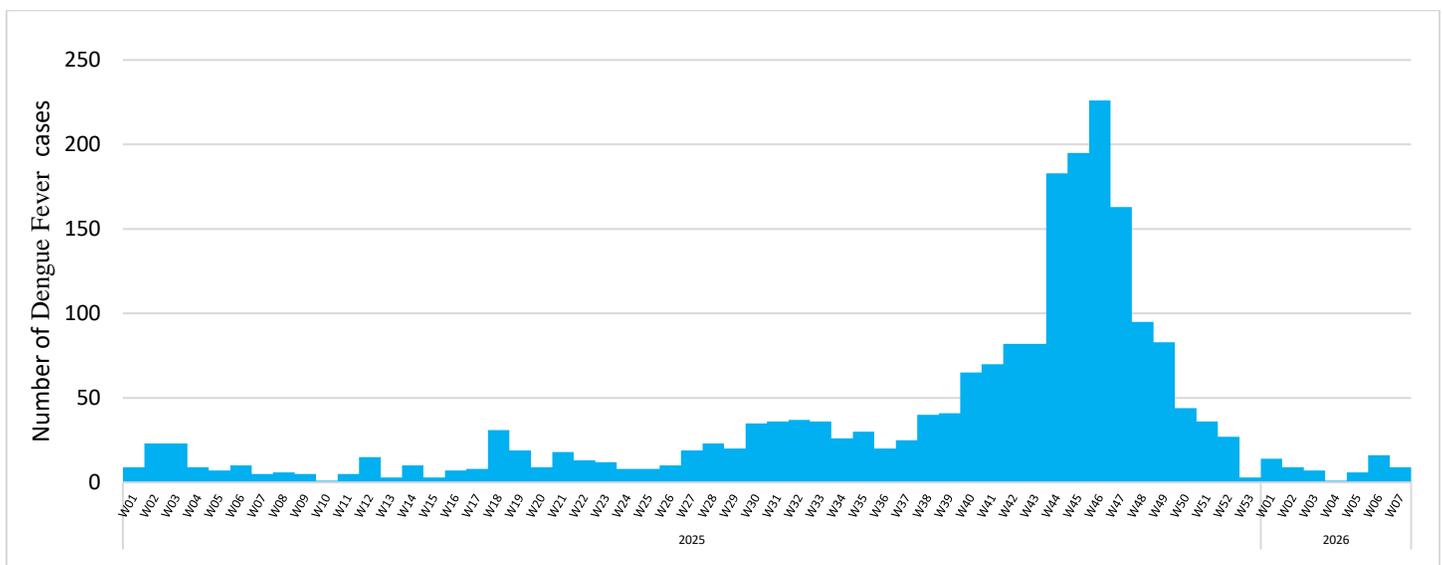
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 07, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 47 of 2025.
- During 7th week of 2026, a total of 9 case and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 4 (44.4%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 62 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 20 (32.3%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 07, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 7th week of 2026, a total of 1,254 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 6 (0.5%) were under-five children, and 635 (50.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 10,204 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 50 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 5,210 (50.6%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 07, 2026)

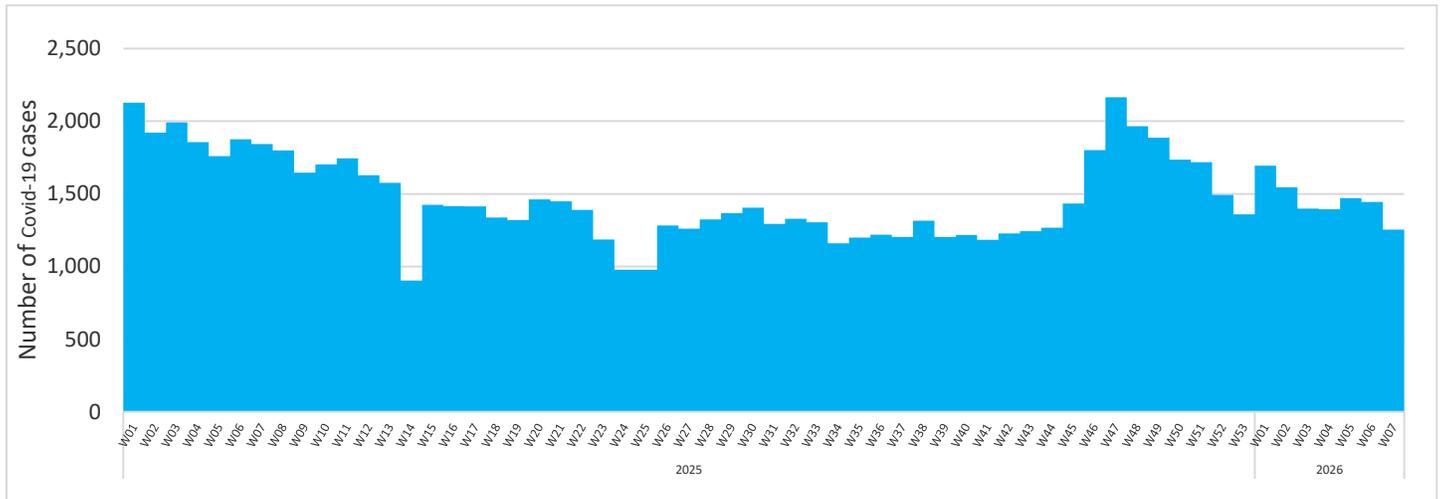


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

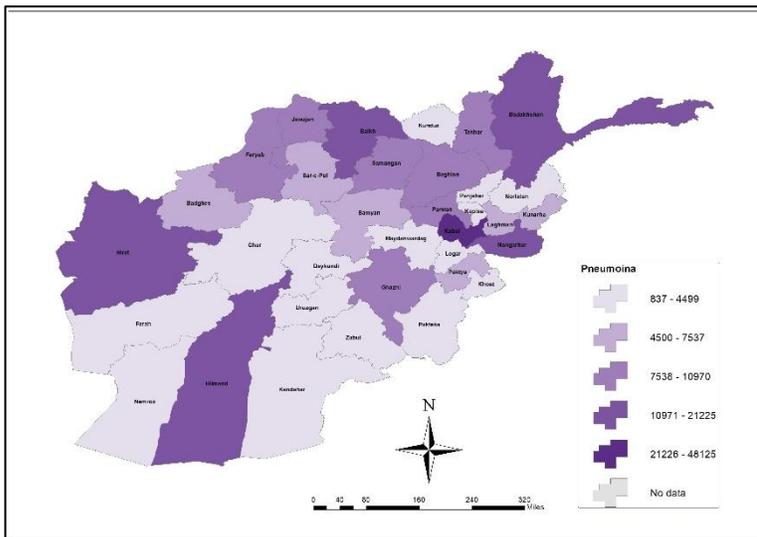


Figure 9: B (Measles)

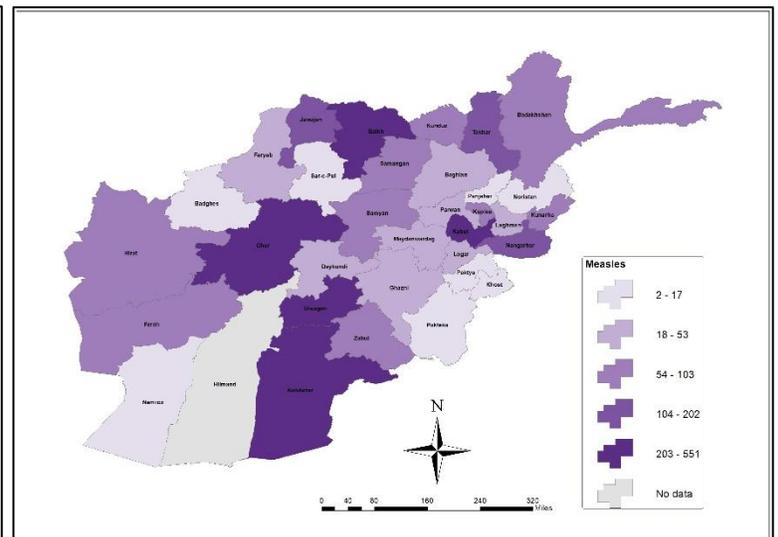


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

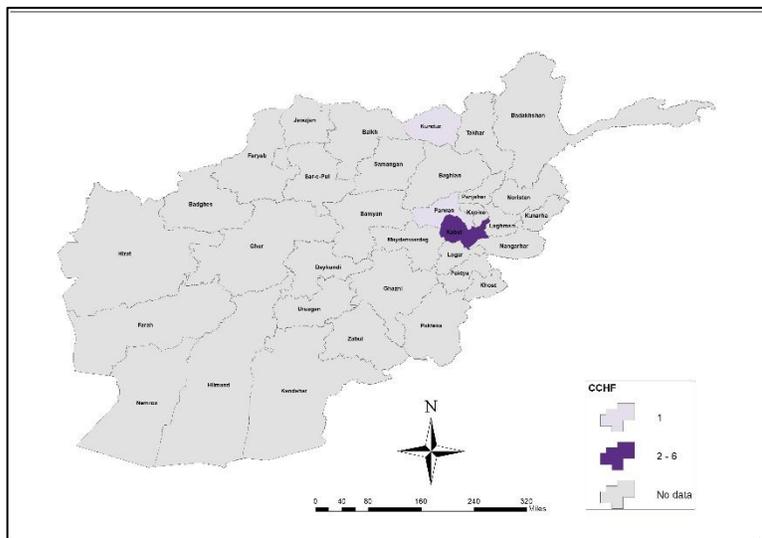
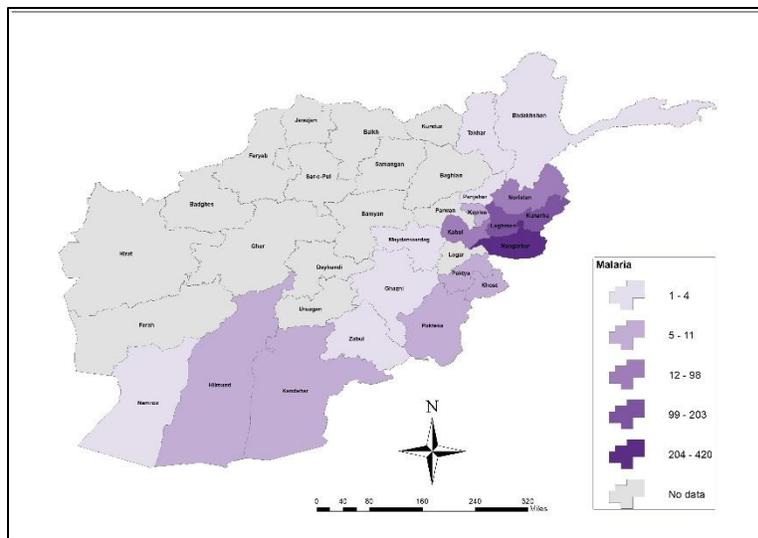


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In Epidemiological week 07 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 1907 (29.2%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 1274 (66.8%) were under 5 years old and 982 (51.4 %) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (0.4%) compared to the previous week, and 54 SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 43 (79.6%) under five and 28 (51.8%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Herat (45%), Kapisa (36.8%), and Balkh (36.7%).
- 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 B Victoria and covid-19, but not a new influenza virus subtype.

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 07, 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	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Balkh	10	2	0	0	2	0	20%	
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	1	0	0	1	0	10%	
Kandahar	10	1	0	0	0	1	10%	
Nangarhar	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Paktia	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Total	100	5	0	0	4	0	5%	

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 07-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Measles	2/18/2026	Bamyan	Bamyan	Qalabazar	10	0	99%	80%
	2/14/2026	Bamyan	Waras	Qulak and Warzaq	25	0	100%	89%
	2/16/2026	Helmand	Nahr-e-Seraj	Qala-e- Gaz	8	0	85%	70%
	2/16/2026	Kandahar	Arghandaab	Chin Gul	7	0	34%	0%
	2/15/2026	Kunduz	Hazrat Imam Sahib	Puli Modir	11	0	29%	5%
	2/17/2026	Samangan	Aybak	Gul Qishlaq	7	0	153%	64%
Pertussis	2/16/2026	Baghlan	Khost-wa-Fereng	Aimaq	1	0	97%	95%
	2/16/2026	Kapisa	Mahmood-Raqi	Aroki	5	0	97%	95%
	2/16/2026	Kapisa	Mahmood-Raqi	Mohd Omar khail	5	0	74%	95%
	2/18/2026	Logar	Baraki Barak	Shai khil	7	0	100%	65%
Scabies	10 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Herat (1), Kabul (4), Kapia (1), Kunar (1), Kunduz (1), Laghman (1) and Wardak (1) provinces. (Total number of cases = 801)							
Chickenpox	10 Chickenpox were reported from Bamyan (3), Dykundi (1), Ghor (1), Herat (2), Laghman (1), Paktya (1) and Samangan (1) provinces. (Total number of cases = 289)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	3 Dog bite/suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Kabul (2) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases=6 cases and 2 deaths)							
Anthrax	2 Anthrax outbreaks were reported form Badakhshan (1) and Kabul (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 2)							
Mumps	3 Mumps outbreaks were reported from Panjsher (1) and Urozgan (2) provinces (Total number of cases = 22)							
Unknown Poisoning	1 Unknown Poisoning outbreak was reported from Sar-e-pul province (Total number of cases = 24)							

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

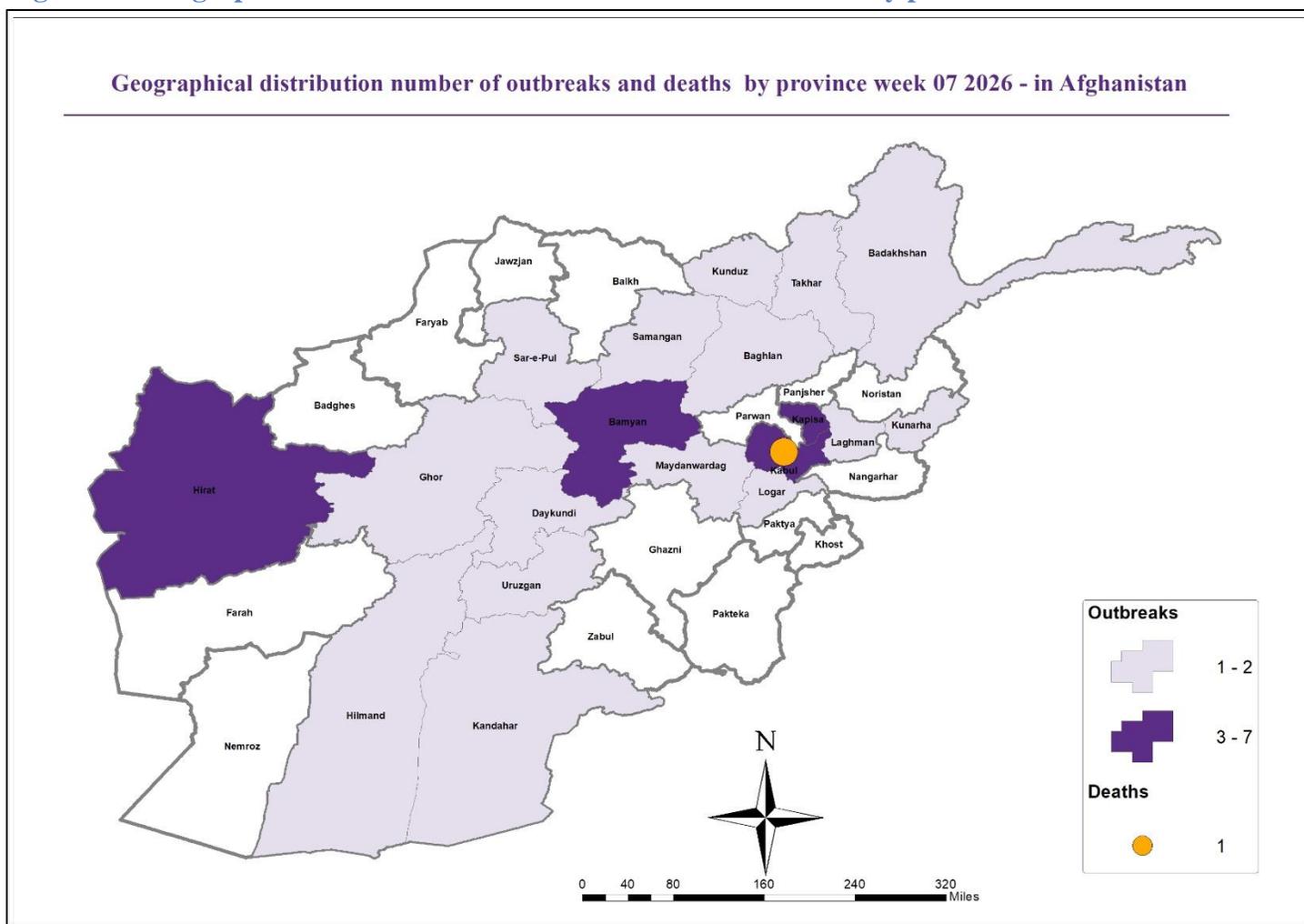


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

<u>Disease/Event</u>	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	35	19	344	5
Scabies	113	0	4781	0
Chickenpox	59	11	1113	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	18	0	101	5
CCHF	1	1	5	0
Food Poisoning	3	0	48	0
Pertussis	16	0	93	0
Anthrax	6	0	6	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	6	0	51	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	261	31	6712	10

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks reported and responded during 2026

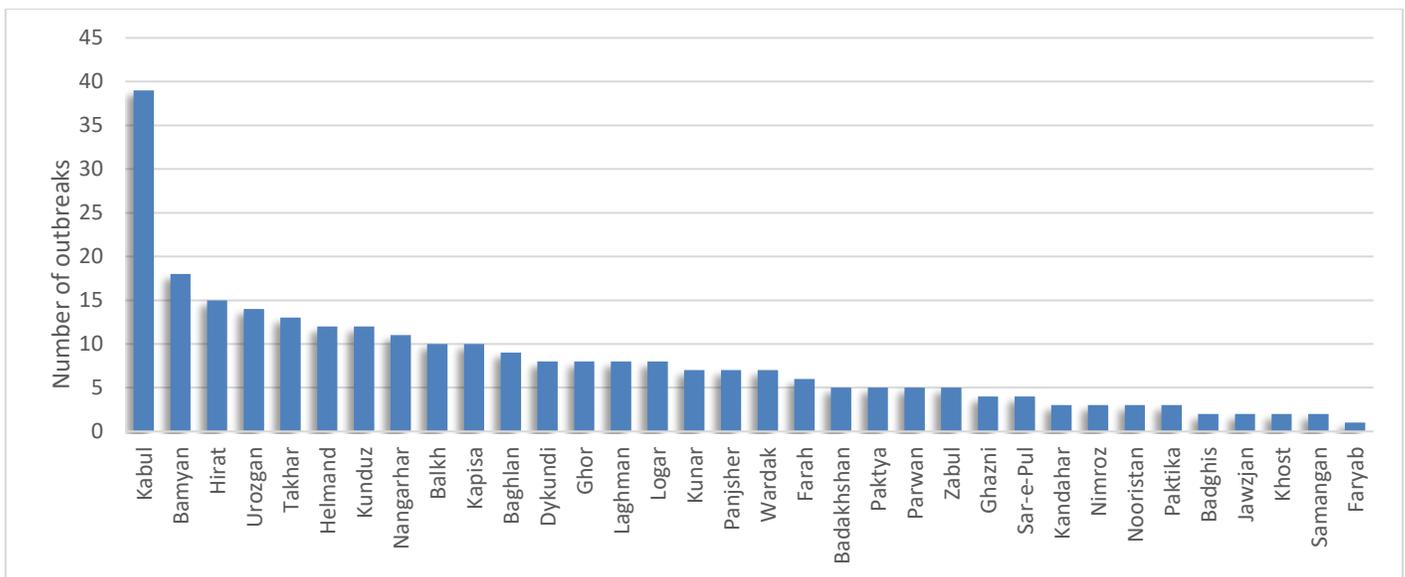


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths during 2026

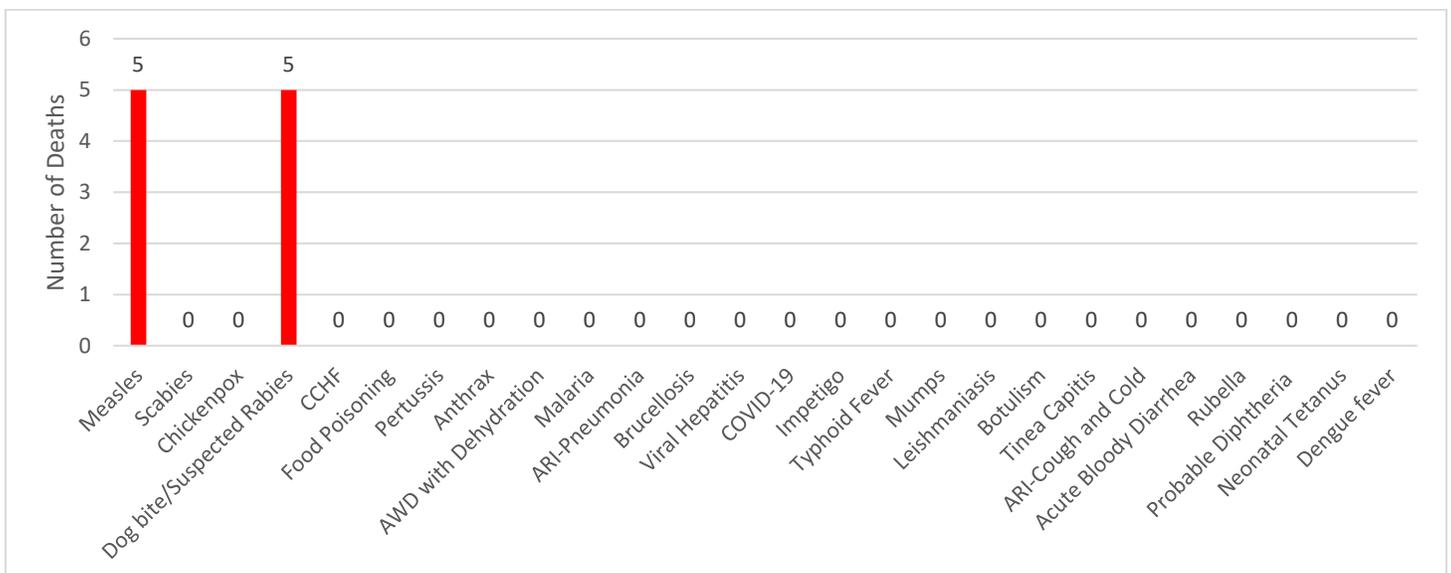


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 07-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
COVID-19	87	0	0.0
SARI	54	3	5.6
Chickenpox	44	35	79.5
ILI	36	2	5.6
Pertussis	20	6	30.0
CCHF	10	3	30.0
HAV	8	7	87.5
Measles	1	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	260	56	21.5

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 **662 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **06 (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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