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Epidemiological Report | Week # 08– 2026

08 (22 - 28 Feb, 2026)

**Summary:**

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

A total of **703,170** new consultations were reported, among which **261,470 (37.2%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **134,635 (51.5%)** females and **123,778 (47.3%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **182,426** cases (**25.9%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **38,733** cases (**5.5%**), and pneumonia with **36,316** cases (**5.2%**).

A total of **420** deaths were reported this week, of which **87 (20.8%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **64 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **12 suspected meningitis** deaths, **5 measles** deaths and **5 acute viral hepatitis** deaths and **1 AWD with dehydration** death.

During this week, 43 outbreaks were reported: **9 measles** outbreaks, **14 scabies** outbreaks, **7 pertussis** outbreaks, **5 chickenpox** outbreaks, **6 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks and **2 mumps** outbreaks.

**Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 08-2026**

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	488	320	445	341	1	0	0	0	1594	0.2	1	0.2	0.06
ARI-Pneumonia	12433	5722	11498	6663	25	8	26	5	36316	5.2	64	15.2	0.18
Measles	322	83	280	65	3	0	2	0	750	0.1	5	1.2	0.67
CCHF	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Confirmed Malaria	13	72	6	57	0	0	0	0	148	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	12	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	6	720	11	719	0	0	0	0	1456	0.2	0	0.0	0.00



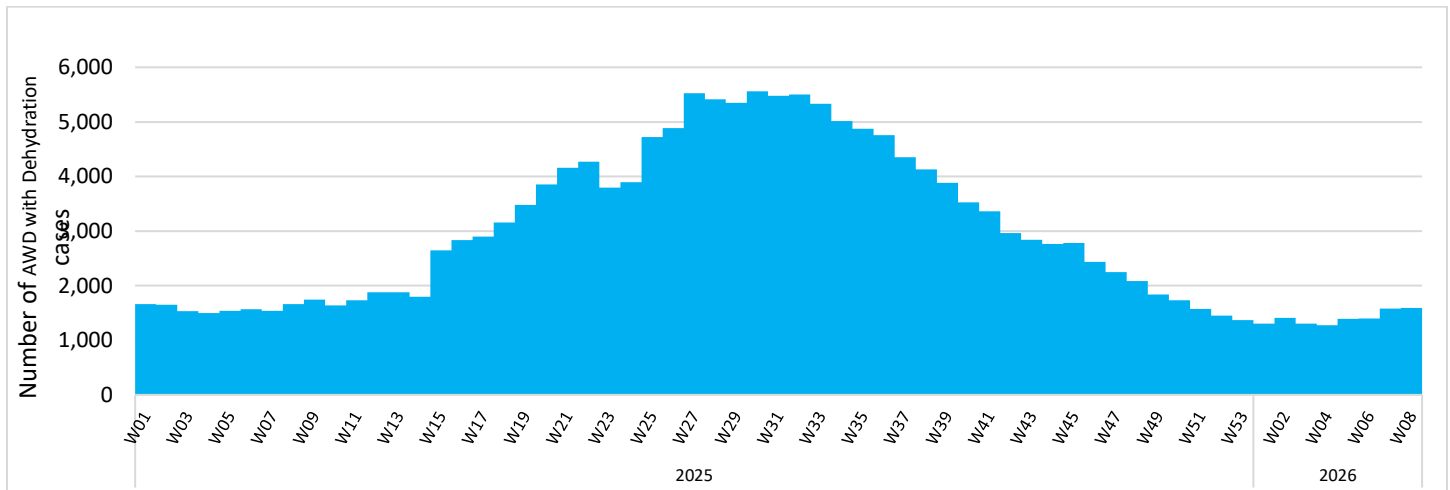
**Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W08, 2026)**

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	%	
<b>AWD with Dehydration</b>	3,345	2,369	3,116	2,437	4	0	0	1	11,267	0.2	5	0.1	0.04
<b>Acute Bloody Diarrhea</b>	16,802	19,196	15,310	19,710	0	0	0	0	71,018	1.3	0	0.0	0.00
<b>AFP</b>	77	53	59	31	0	0	0	0	220	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Acute Viral Hepatitis</b>	355	434	307	477	8	7	1	2	1,573	0.0	18	0.5	1.14
<b>Acute Watery Diarrhea</b>	57,663	35,387	54,794	39,550	0	0	0	0	187,394	3.4	0	0.0	0.00
<b>ARI-C&amp;C</b>	307,428	420,815	297,060	485,111	0	0	0	0	1,510,414	27.4	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Probable Diphtheria</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>CCHF</b>	0	37	0	19	0	0	0	1	56	0.0	1	0.0	1.79
<b>Confirmed Malaria</b>	99	554	76	441	0	0	0	0	1,170	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Measles</b>	1,998	396	1,731	406	14	1	6	0	4,531	0.1	21	0.6	0.46
<b>Covid-19</b>	15	5,705	52	5,888	0	0	0	0	11,660	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Pertussis</b>	113	12	99	13	0	0	0	0	237	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>ARI-Pneumonia</b>	106,515	53,931	96,622	62,450	313	62	242	55	319,518	5.8	672	18.4	0.21
<b>Meningitis</b>	338	250	282	226	18	12	16	8	1,096	0.0	54	1.5	4.93
<b>Dengue Fever</b>	0	48	0	26	0	0	0	0	74	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Neonatal Tetanus</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Typhoid Fever</b>	246	3,734	231	4,524	0	0	0	0	8,735	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
<b>NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths</b>	<b>494,994</b>	<b>542,921</b>	<b>469,739</b>	<b>621,309</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2,128,963</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Total of new clients/ death</b>	<b>867,576</b>	<b>1,508,036</b>	<b>836,337</b>	<b>2,297,225</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>5,509,174</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,647</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.07</b>

### Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual decrease since week 33-2025.
- During 8<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 1,594 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR=0.06%)
- Out of the total cases, 933 (58.5%) were under-five children, and 786 (49.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 11,267 AWD + dehydration cases and 5 deaths (CFR=0.04%) have been reported. Of these cases 6,461 (57.3%) are children under five and 5,553 (49.3%) are females.

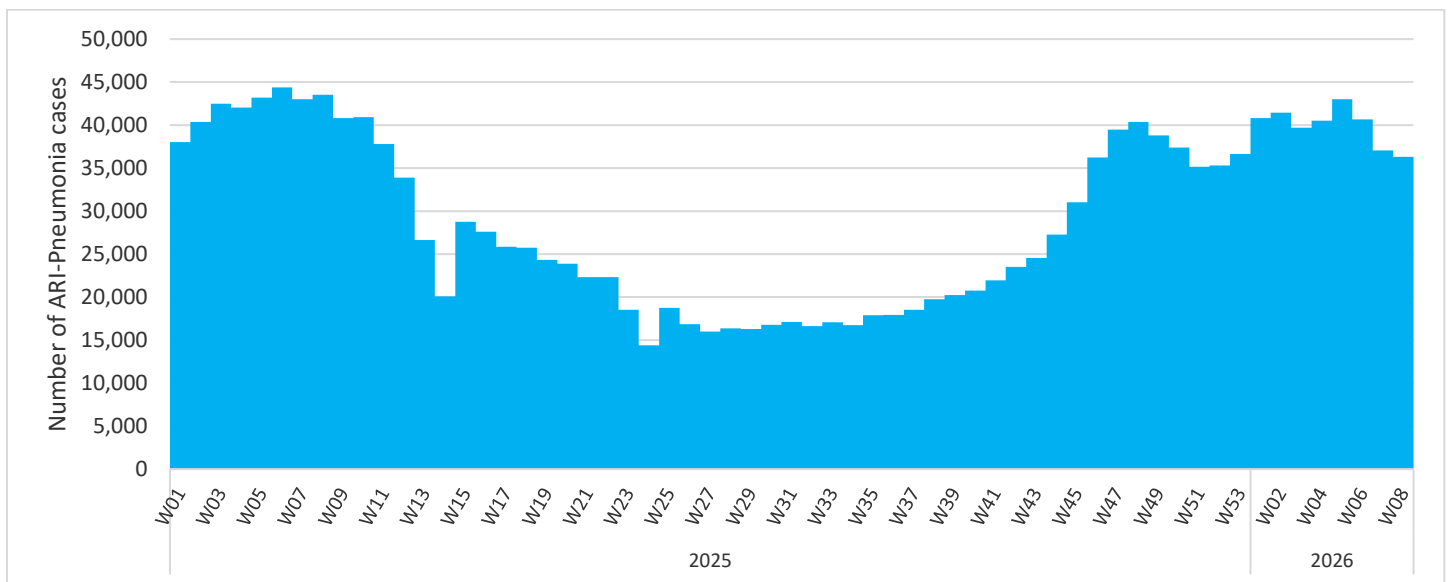
**Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 08, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable increase since week 52-2025.
- During the 8<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 36,316 cases and 64 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 23,931 (65.9%) were under-five children, and 18,161 (50%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 319,518 ARI pneumonia cases and 672 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 203,137 (63.6%) are children under five and 159,072 (49.8%) are females.

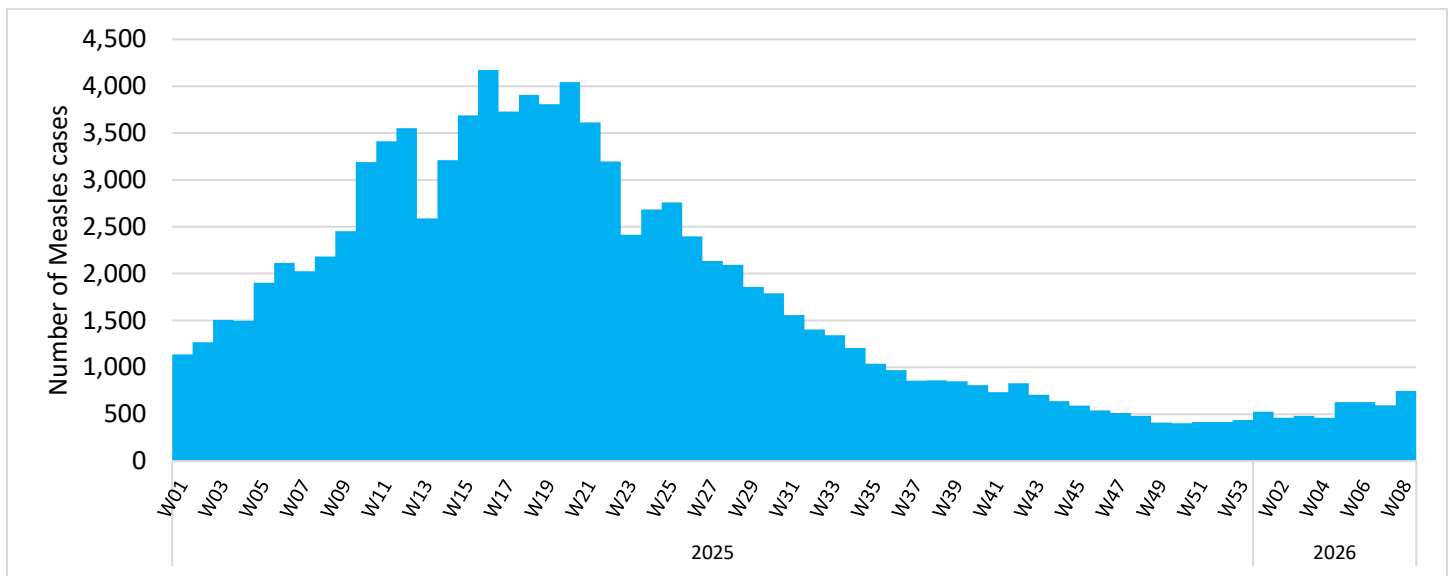
**Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 08, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 20-2025.
- During the 8<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 750 cases and 5 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.7%)
- Out of the total cases, 602 (82.3%) were under-five children, and 345 (46%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 4,531 measles cases and 21 deaths (CFR=0.5%) have been reported. Of these cases 3,729 (82.3%) are children under five and 2,137 (47.1%) are females.

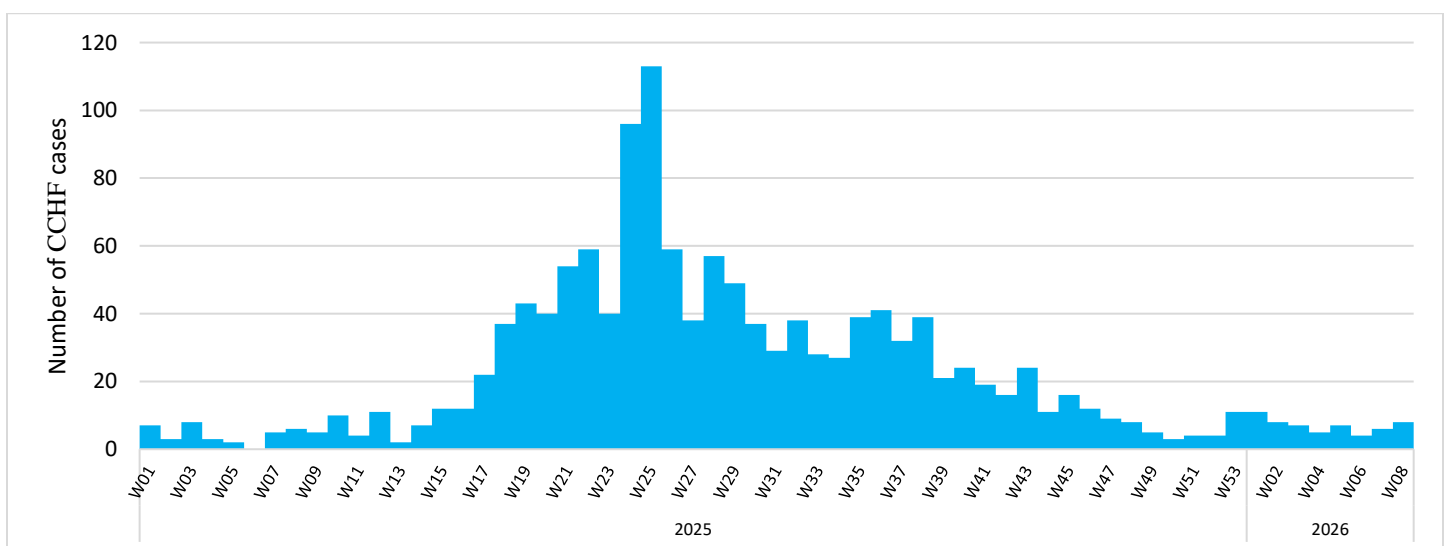
**Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 08, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 25-2025.
- During week 8<sup>th</sup> 2026, a total of 8 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR= 0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 2 of them (25%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 56 suspected CCHF cases and 1 death (CFR=1.8%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 19 (33.9%) are females.

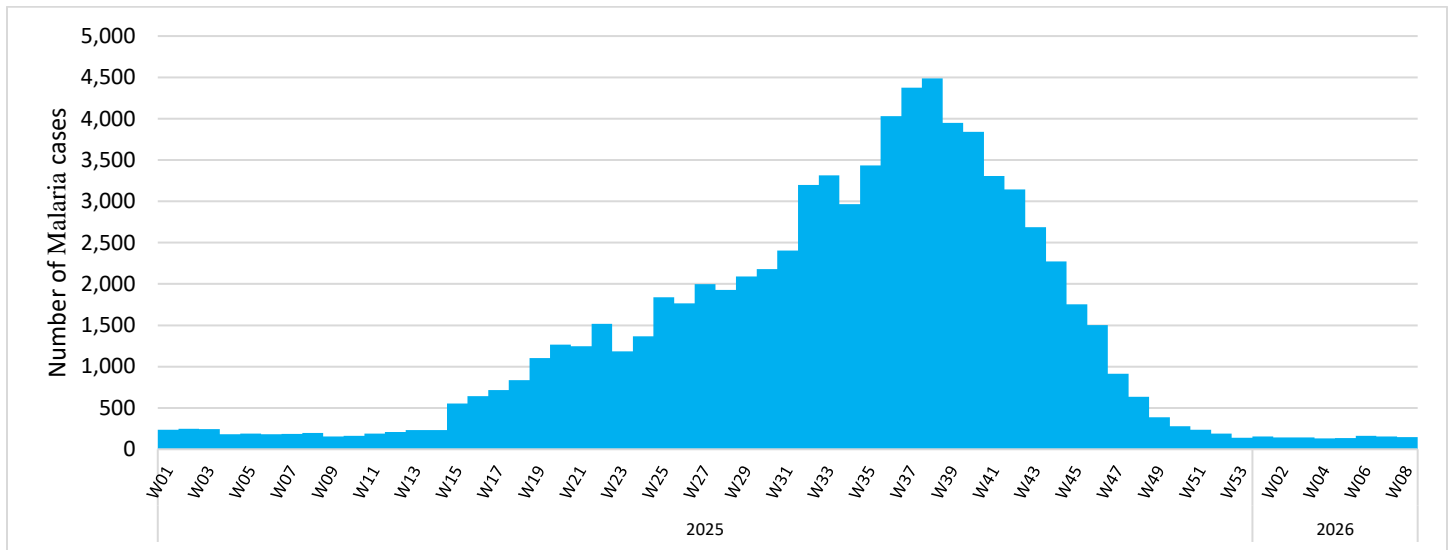
**Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 08, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable decrease since week 39-2025.
- During 8<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 148 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 19 (12.8%) were children under-five, and 63 (42.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,170 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 175 (14.9%) are children under-five, and 517 (44.1%) are females.

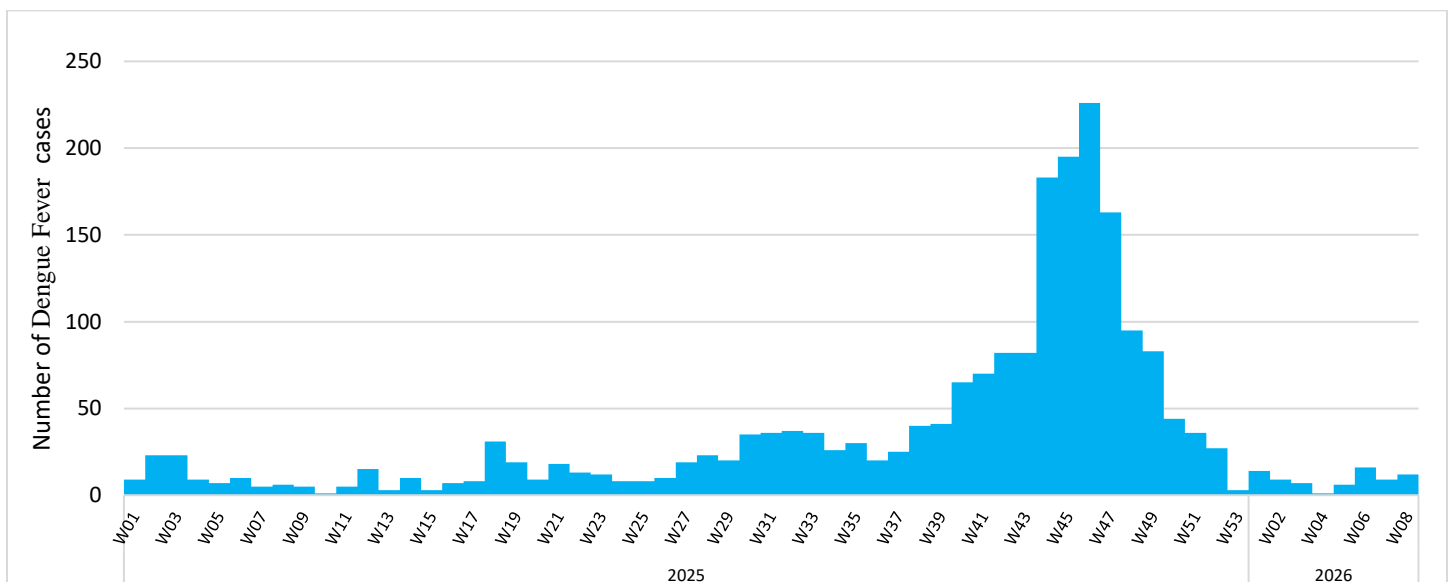
**Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 08, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 47 of 2025.
- During 8<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 12 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 6 (50%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 74 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 26 (35.1%) cases are females.

**Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 08, 2026)**



## Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 8<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 1,456 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 17 (1.1%) were under-five children, and 730 (50.1%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 11,660 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 67 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 5,940 (50.9%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 08, 2026)

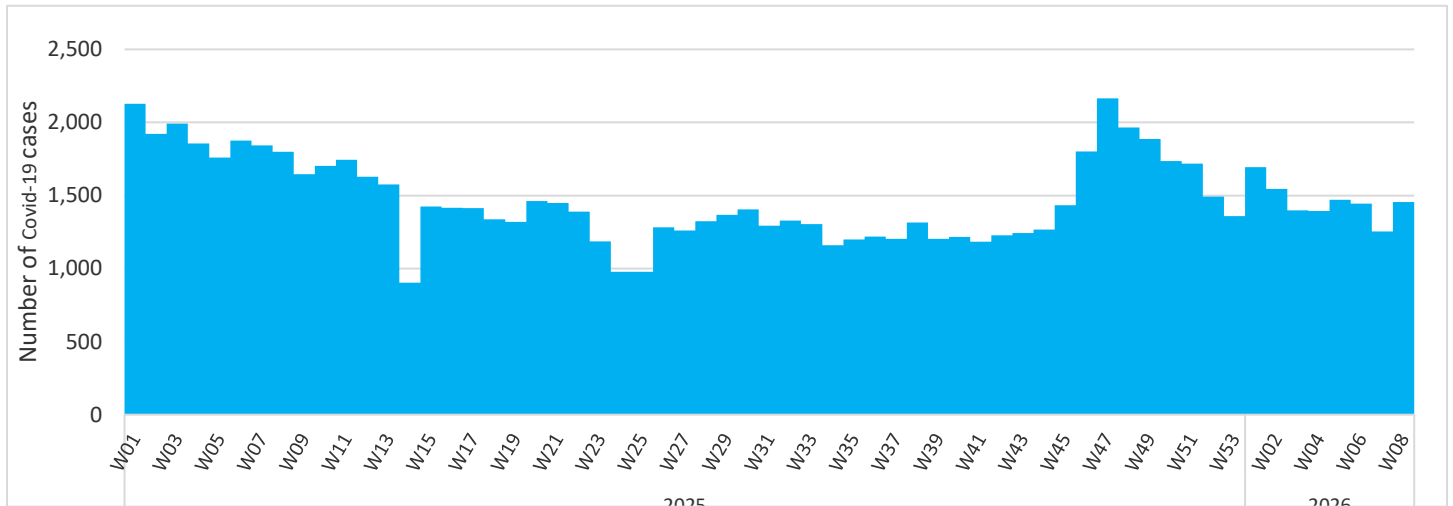
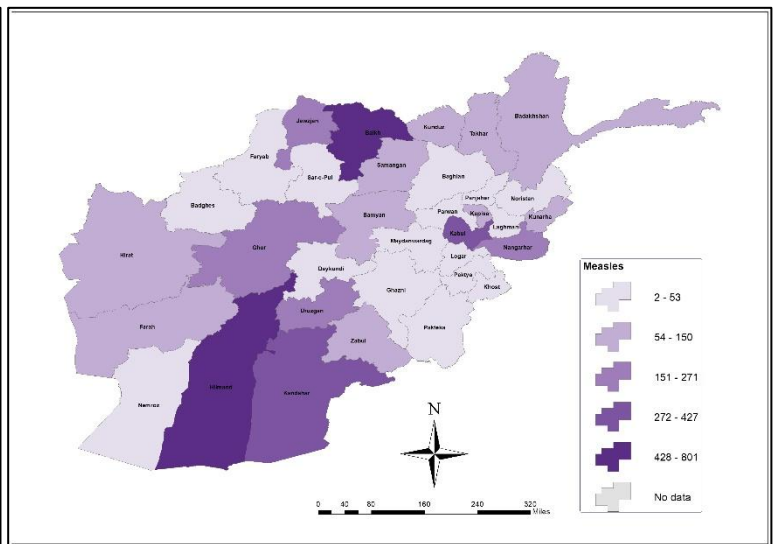
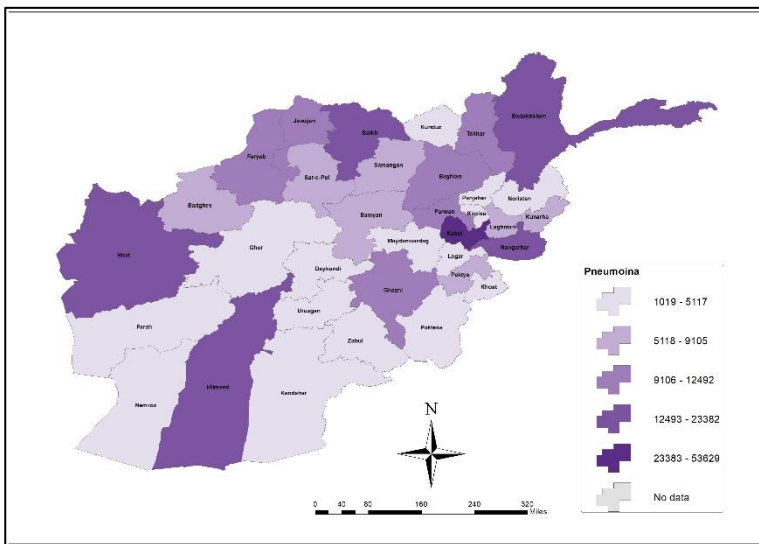


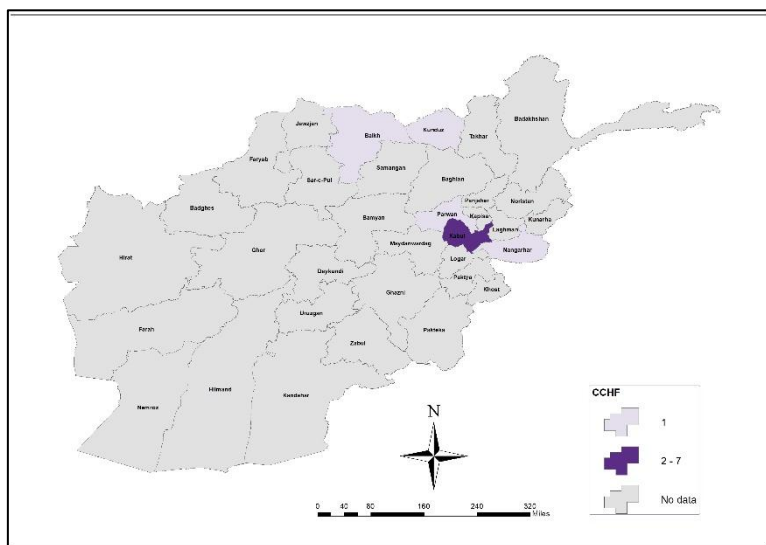
Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

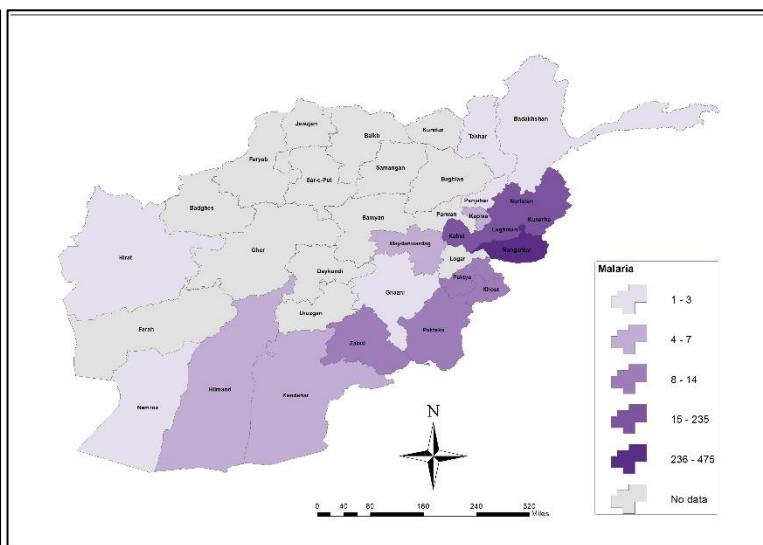
Figure 9: B (Measles)



**Figure 9: C (CCHF)**



**Figure 9: D (Malaria)**



## Influenza surveillance activities

- In Epidemiological week 08 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 1872 (29.7%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 1307 (69.8%) were under 5 years old and 966 (51.6%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases increased (0.5%) compared to the previous week, and 49 SARI-associated deaths were reported this week. 34 (69.3%) under five and 23 (46.9%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Herat (42.7%), Herat (42%), and Kapisa (37.5%).
- 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, 9 lab confirmed cases were reported for Influenza Flu (A/H3) and Influenza B Victoria, but not a new influenza virus subtype.

**Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 08, 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	1	0	0	10%	
Balkh	10	2	0	0	2	0	20%	
Bamyan	10	1	0	0	1	0	10%	
Herat	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kabul	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kapisa	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kandahar	10	1	0	0	1	0	10%	
Nangarhar	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Paktia	10	4	0	0	4	0	40%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9%</b>	

## Outbreak Situation

**Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 08-2026**

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Measles	22/2/2026	Helmand	Garm Seir	Darwishan	8	0	80	85
	22/2/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Qala e Muslim	6	0	59	72
	26/2/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Fazel Beg	5	0	30	73
	26/2/2026	Kandahar	Zgheray	Mohammad Nabi	5	0	0	90
	23/2/2026	Parwan	Charekar	Dehe Meskin	5	0	20	45
	24/2/2026	Takhar	Taloqan	Chashmai Todan	8	0	70	133
	24/2/2026	Urozgan	Deh Rawood	Bariky	10	0	75	80
	25/2/2026	Urozgan	TereenKot	Solah	11	0	70	76
Pertussis	24/2/2026	Badakhshan	Fayzabad	Sayeed Bayei	11	0	85	95
	23/2/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Block 11 Arzan Qimat	3	0	67	87
	23/2/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Eastgah Shifa Khana	3	0	41	61
	23/2/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Qala e Hashmat Khan	3	0	55	58
	23/2/2026	Kapisa	Mahmood -Raqi	Taj Mohd Khail	1	0	86	95
	23/2/2026	Kapisa	Mahmood -Raqi	Naqi Khail	10	0	83	98
	23/2/2026	Urozgan	Terenkot	Shah Zafar	9	0	75	91
Scabies	14 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Baghlan (1), Balkh (1), Bamyan (1), Kabul (3), Kunduz (1), Logar (1), Nangarhar (1), Paktya (2), Panjshir (1), Takhar (1) and Wardak (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 406)							
Chickenpox	5 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1), Bamyan (1), Kapisa (1) and Takhar (1) and Kunduz provinces (Total number of cases = 57)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	6 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Ghazni (1), Kunar (2), Kunduz (1), Laghman (1) and Paktika (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 49 and 1 death)							
Mumps	2 Mumps outbreaks were reported from Herat (1) and Paktya (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 20)							

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

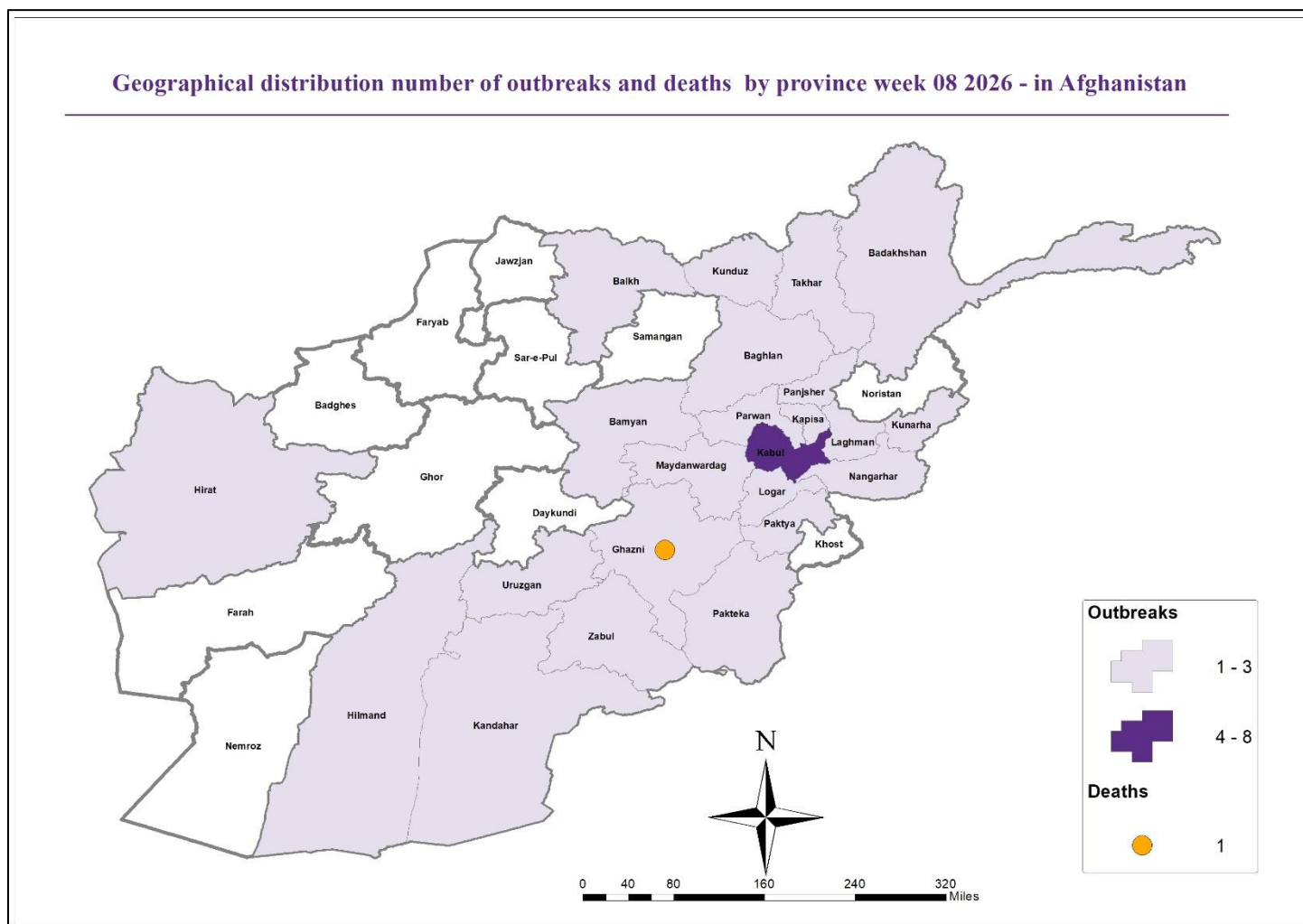


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	44	24	409	5
Scabies	127	0	5187	0
Chickenpox	64	11	1170	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	24	0	150	6
CCHF	1	1	5	0
Food Poisoning	3	0	48	0
Pertussis	23	0	133	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	8	0	71	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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7349</b>	<b>11</b>

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks reported and responded during 2026

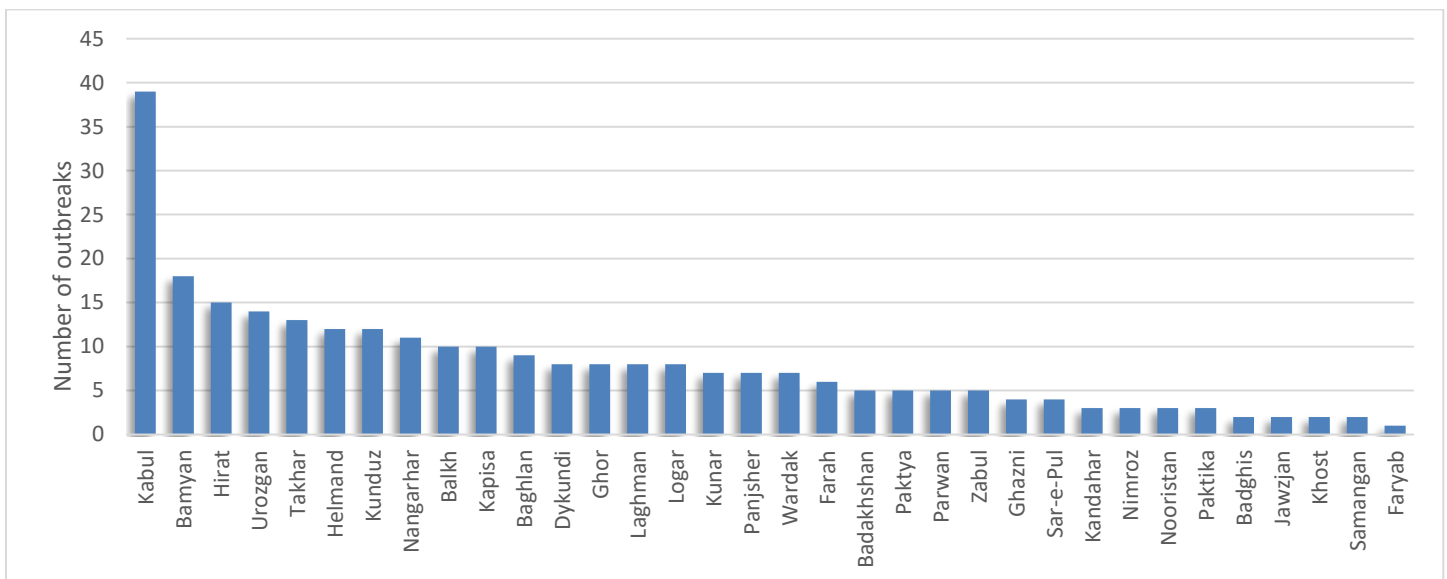
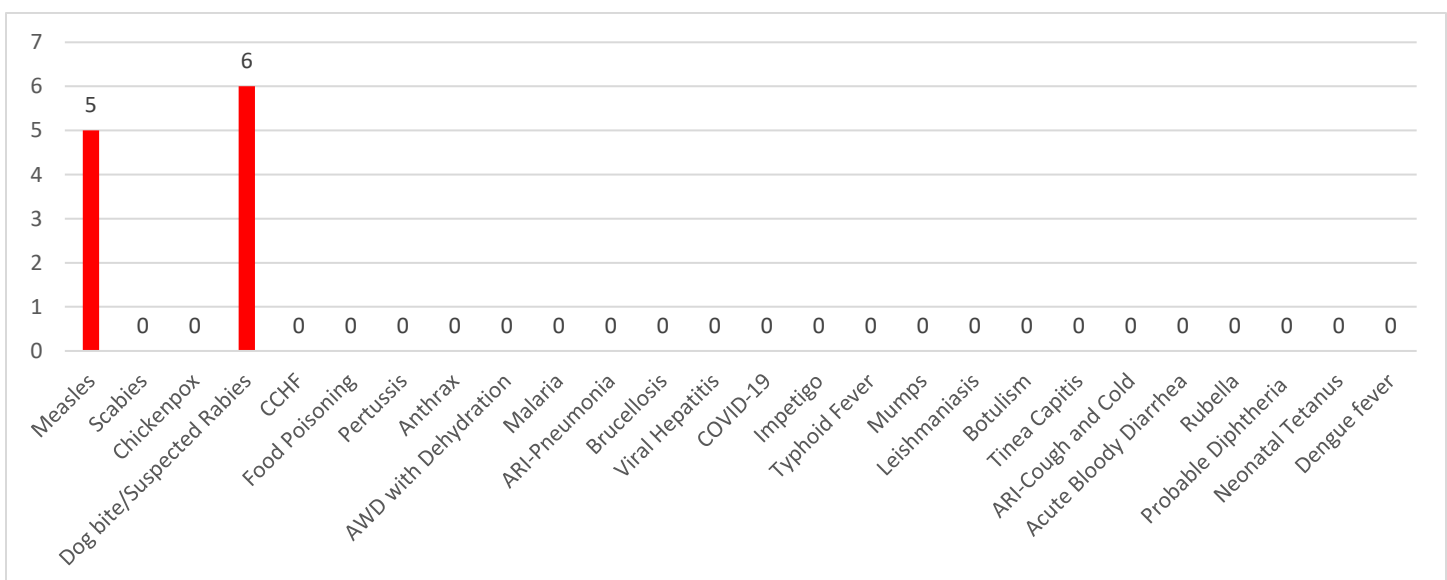


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths during 2026



**Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 08-2026**

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
SARI	66	8	12.1
Chickenpox	62	50	80.6
COVID-19	61	0	0.0
ILI	44	1	2.3
Pertussis	27	4	14.8
Measles	14	6	42.9
CCHF	12	1	8.3
ARI/Pneumonia	4	1	25.0
HAV/HEV	3	1	0.0
Dengue Fever	0	0	0.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>24.6</b>

**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 **808 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **05 (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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