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Epidemiological Report | Week # 09– 2026

09 (01 - 07 Mar, 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **657,666** new consultations were reported, among which **239,353 (36.4%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **123,553 (51.6%)** females and **113,204 (47.3%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **164,430** cases (**25%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **39,437** cases (**6%**), and pneumonia with **31,824** cases (**4.8%**).

A total of **450** deaths were reported this week, of which **86 (19.2%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **66 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **9 suspected meningitis** deaths, **6 measles** deaths and **4 acute viral hepatitis** deaths and **1 AWD with dehydration** death.

During this week, 48 outbreaks were reported: **8 measles** outbreaks, **23 scabies** outbreaks, **5 pertussis** outbreaks, **7 chickenpox** outbreaks, **1 mumps** outbreak, **3 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks and **1 anthrax** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 09-2026

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	474	334	444	368	0	1	0	0	1620	0.2	1	0.2	0.06
ARI-Pneumonia	10700	5357	9696	6071	28	6	27	5	31824	4.8	66	14.7	0.21
Measles	298	70	228	80	4	0	2	0	676	0.1	6	1.3	0.89
CCHF	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Confirmed Malaria	19	67	16	62	0	0	0	0	164	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	1	596	7	603	0	0	0	0	1207	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

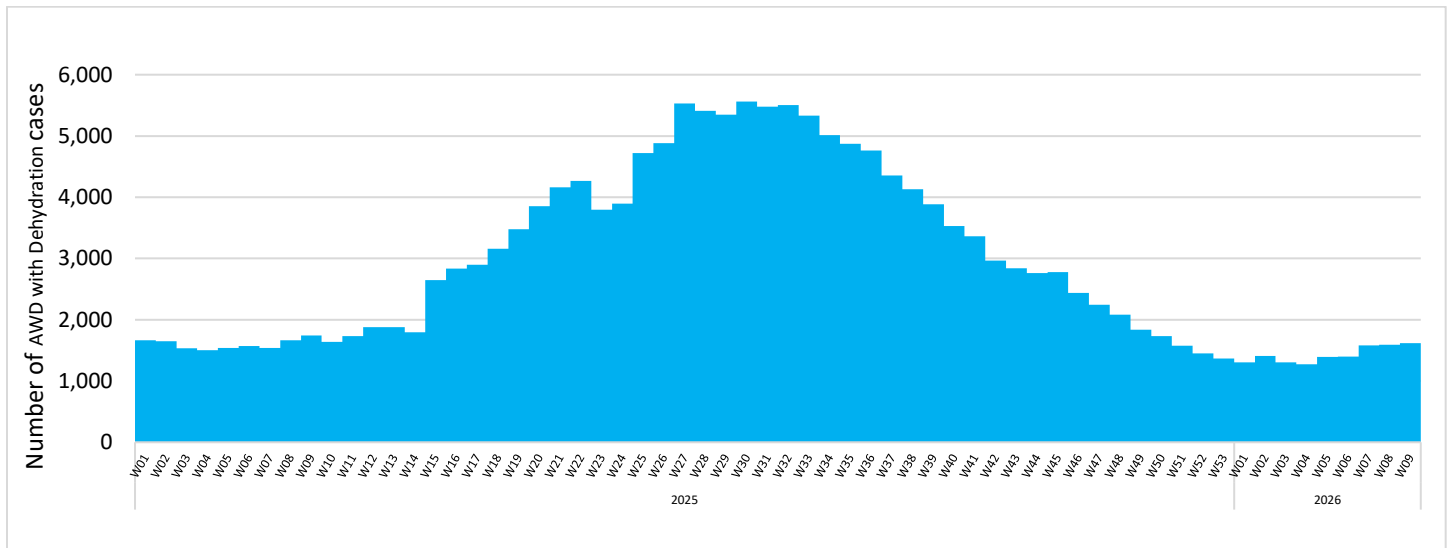
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W09, 2026)

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	3,819	2,703	3,560	2,805	4	1	0	1	12,887	0.2	6	0.1	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	19,138	21,755	17,497	22,407	0	0	0	0	80,797	1.3	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	82	58	66	39	0	0	0	0	245	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	397	483	347	526	9	7	2	4	1,753	0.0	22	0.5	1.25
Acute Watery Diarrhea	66,437	40,535	63,124	45,336	0	0	0	0	215,432	3.5	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	342,769	463,805	331,113	537,157	0	0	0	0	1,674,844	27.2	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	40	0	22	0	0	0	1	62	0.0	1	0.0	1.61
Confirmed Malaria	118	621	92	503	0	0	0	0	1,334	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	2,296	466	1,959	486	18	1	8	0	5,207	0.1	27	0.7	0.52
Covid-19	16	6,301	59	6,491	0	0	0	0	12,867	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	134	14	116	13	0	0	0	0	277	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	117,215	59,288	106,318	68,521	341	68	269	60	351,342	5.7	738	18.0	0.21
Meningitis	385	285	329	255	21	14	18	10	1,254	0.0	63	1.5	5.02
Dengue Fever	0	59	0	27	0	0	0	0	86	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	281	4,215	270	5,163	0	0	0	0	9,929	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	553,087	600,628	524,850	689,751	393	91	297	76	2,368,316	38.4	857	21	0.04
Total of new clients/ death	972,250	1,682,709	937,784	2,574,067	1,224	1,111	923	839	6,166,810	100	4,097	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 9th week of 2026, a total of 1,620 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR=0.06%)
- Out of the total cases, 918 (56.6%) were under-five children, and 812 (50.1%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 12,887 AWD + dehydration cases and 6 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 7,379 (57.3%) are children under five and 6,365 (49.4%) are females.

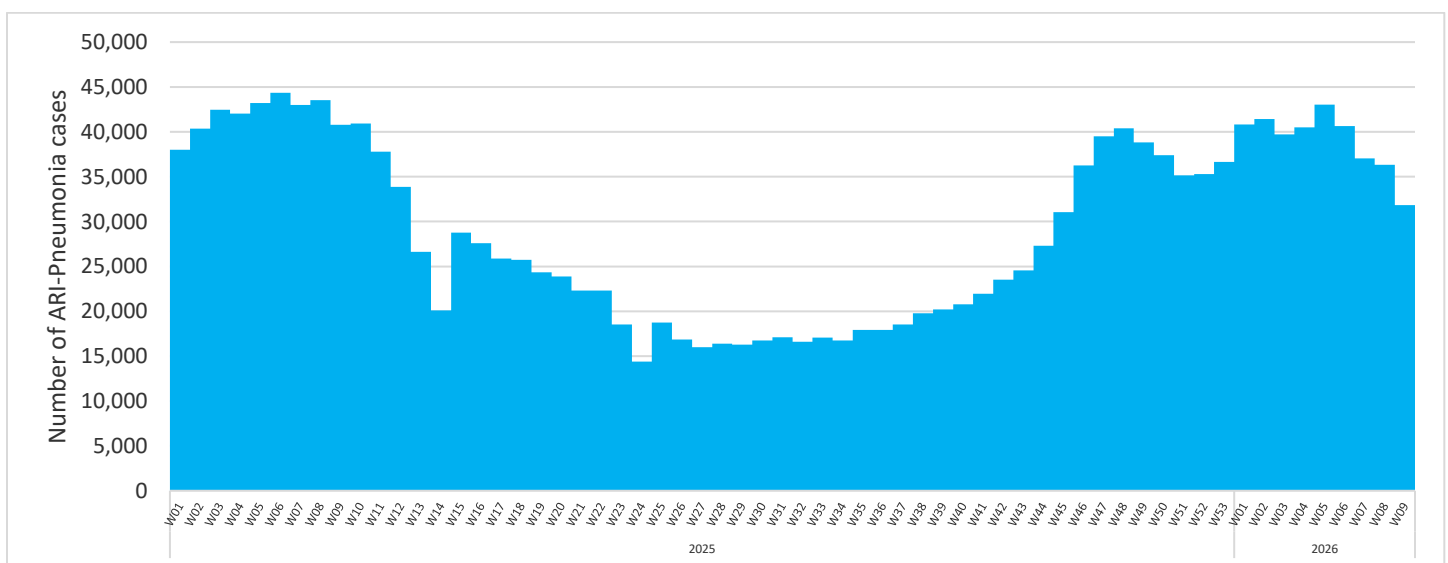
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 09, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 9th week of 2026, a total of 31,824 cases and 66 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 20,396 (64.1%) were under-five children, and 15,767 (49.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 351,342 ARI pneumonia cases and 738 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 223,533 (63.6%) are children under five and 174,839 (49.7%) are females.

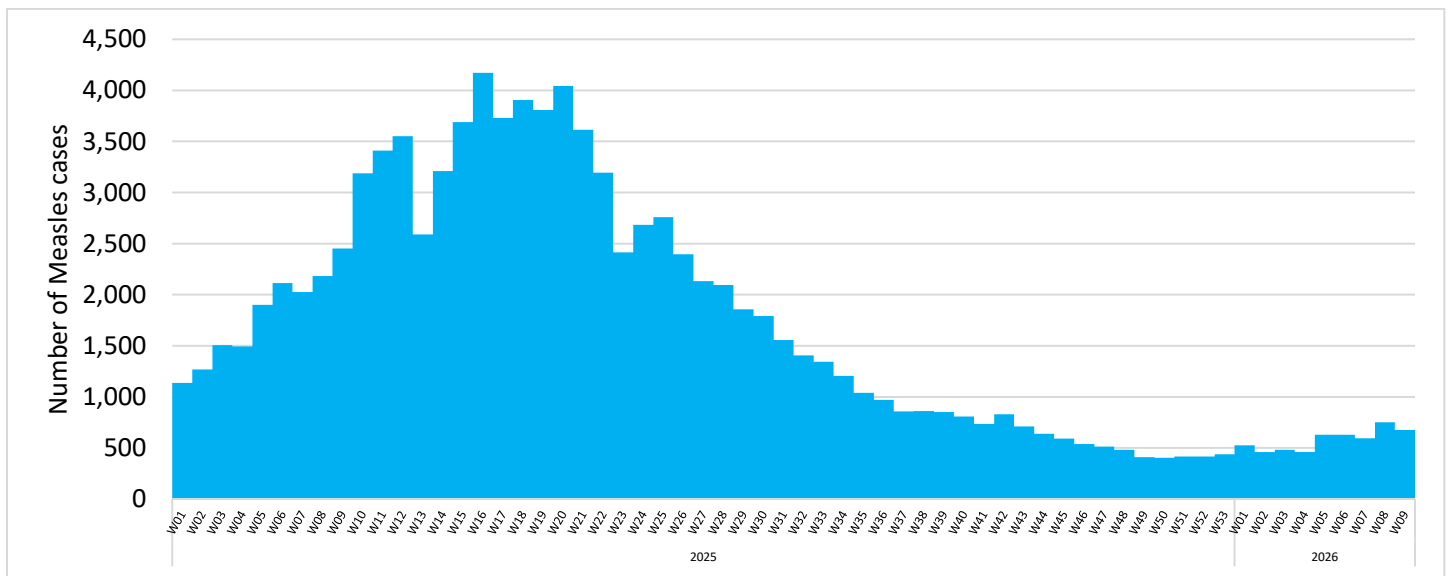
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 09, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 9th week of 2026, a total of 676 cases and 6 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.8%)
- Out of the total cases, 526 (77.8%) were under-five children, and 308 (45.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 5,207 measles cases and 27 deaths (CFR=0.5%) have been reported. Of these cases 4,255 (81.7%) are children under five and 2,445 (46.9%) are females.

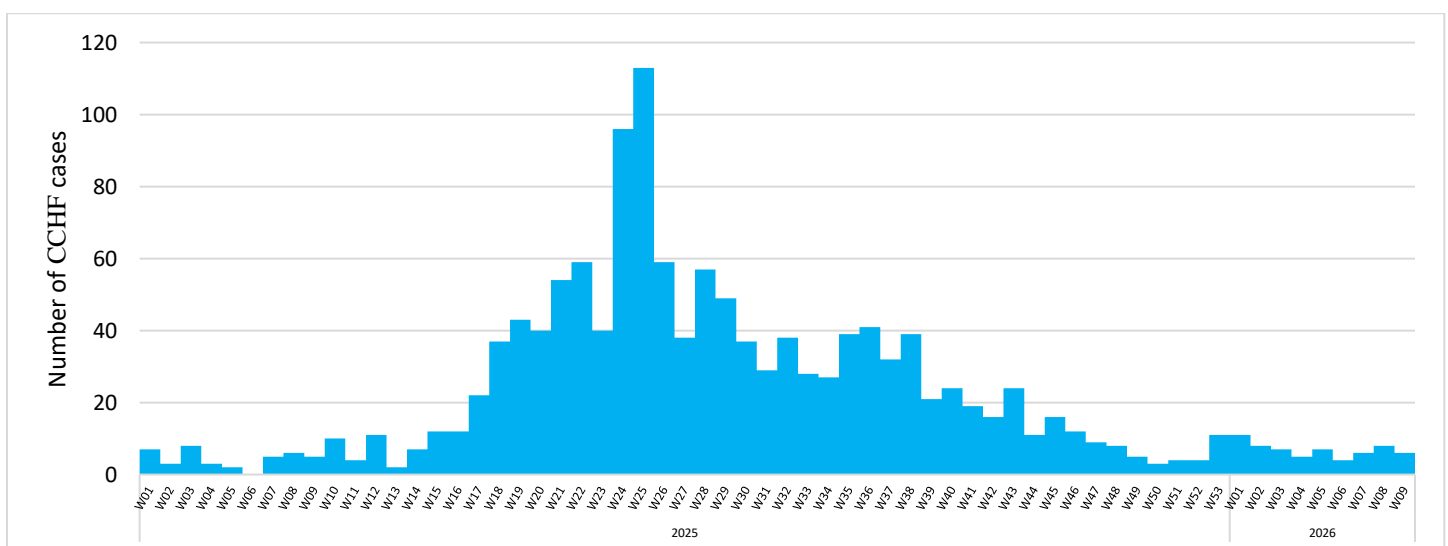
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 09, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 25-2025.
- During week 9th 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 3 of them (50%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 62 suspected CCHF cases and 1 death (CFR=1.6%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 22 (35.5%) are females.

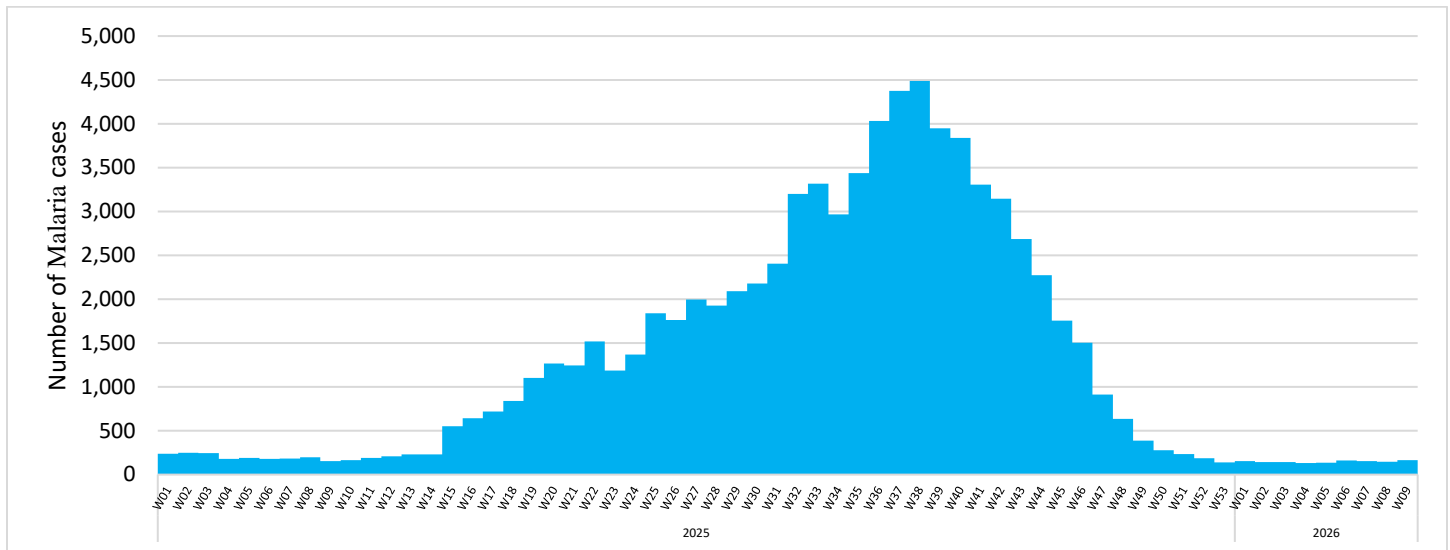
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 09, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable decrease since week 39-2025.
- During 9th week of 2026, a total of 164 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 35 (21.3%) were children under-five, and 78 (47.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,334 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 210 (15.7%) are children under-five, and 595 (44.6%) are females.

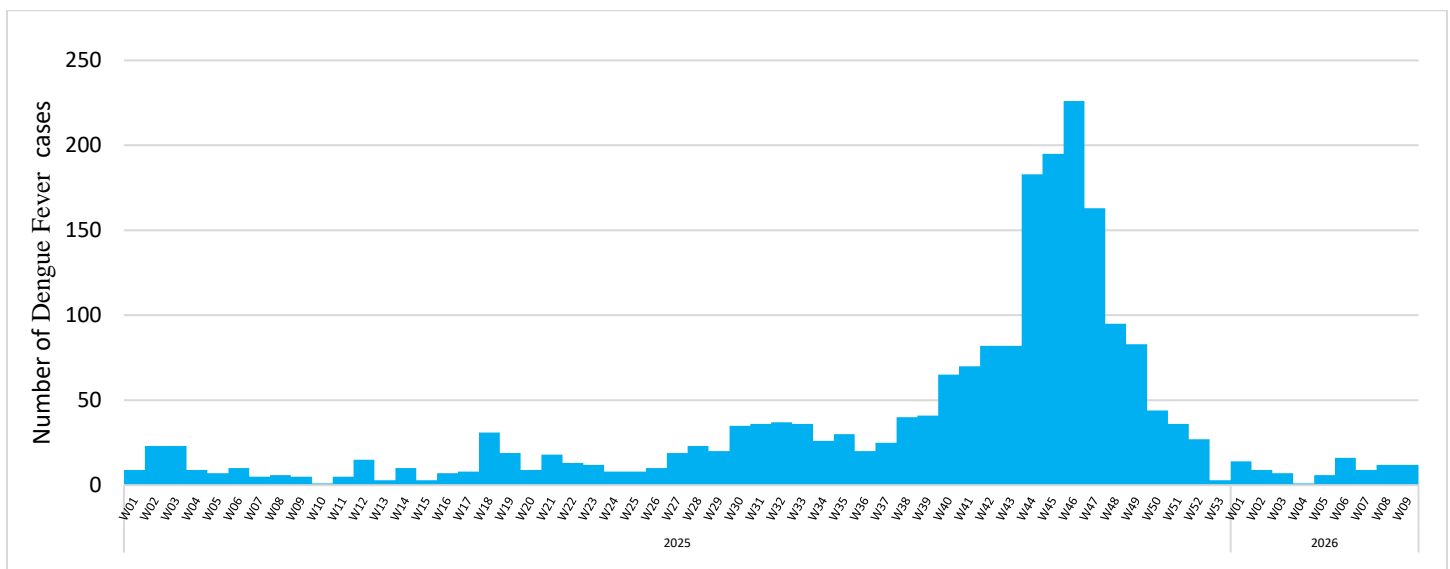
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 09, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 47 of 2025.
- During 9th 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 1 (8.3%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 86 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 27 (31.4%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 09, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 9th week of 2026, a total of 1,207 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 8 (0.6%) were under-five children, and 610 (50.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 12,867 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 75 (0.6%) are under-five children, and 6,550 (50.9%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 09, 2026)

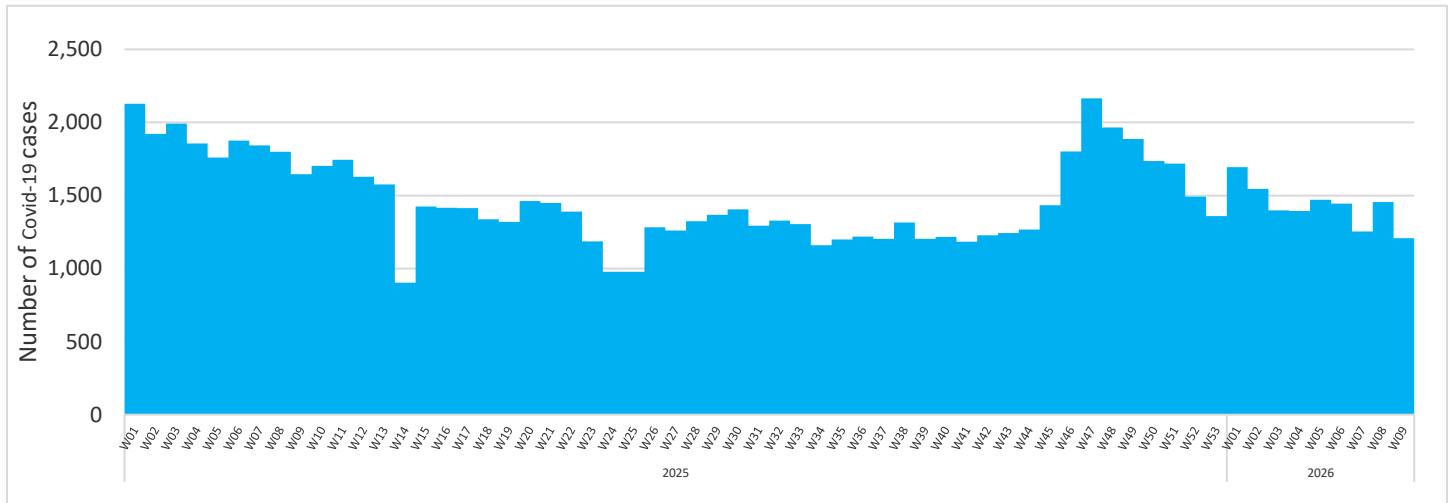


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

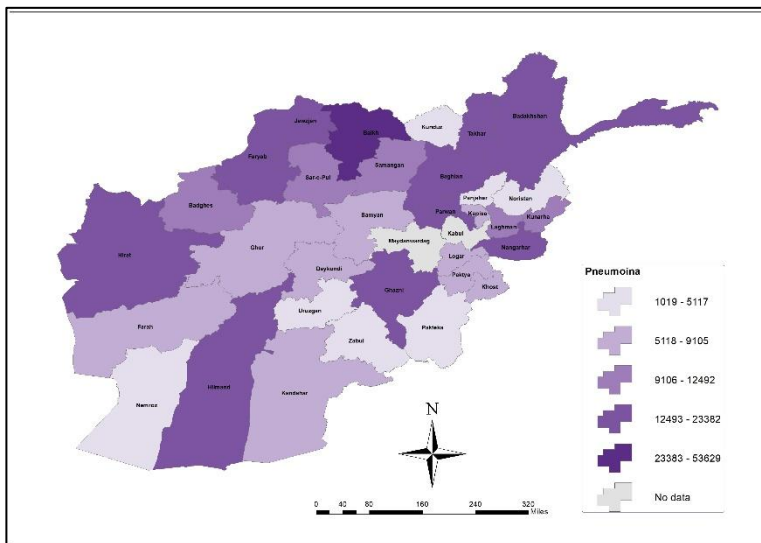


Figure 9: B (Measles)

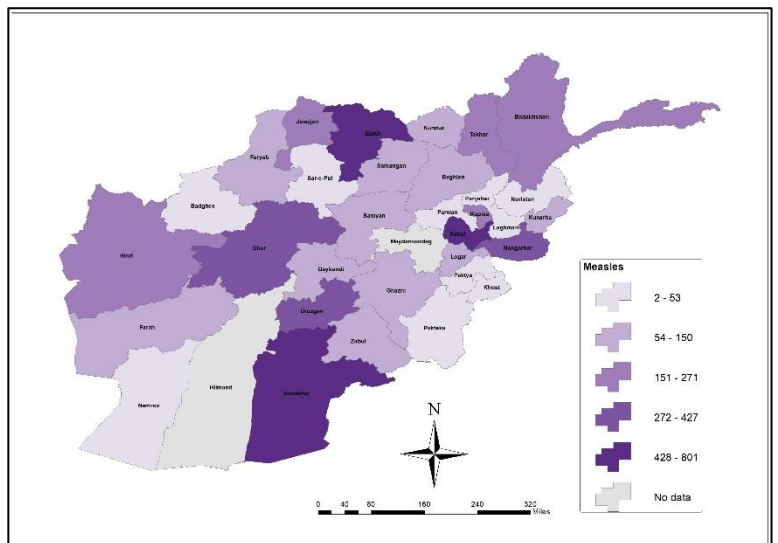


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

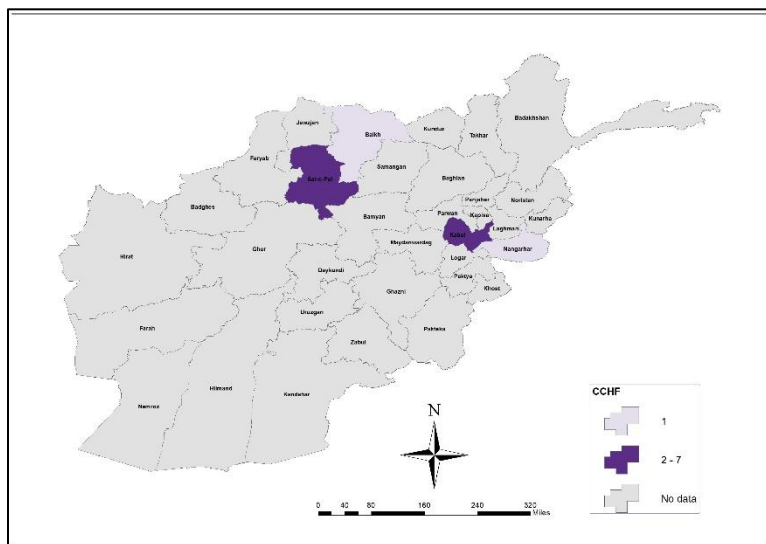
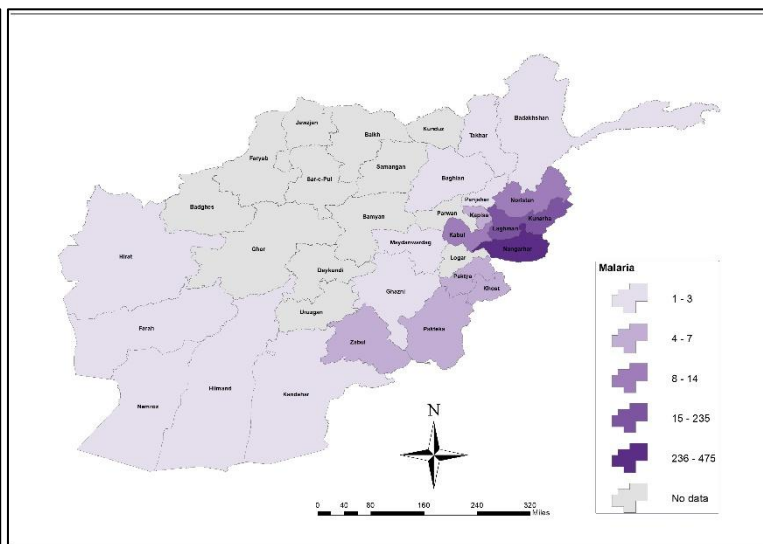


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 09, 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 1736 (29%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 1200 (69.1%) were under 5 years old and 879 (50.6 %) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (0.7%) compared to the previous week, and 48 SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 36 (75%) under five and 21 (43.7%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Herat (42%), Paktia (35%), and Kapisa (32.8%).
- 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, 3 lab confirmed case reported for Influenza B Victoria, but not a new influenza virus subtype.

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 09, 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	2	0	0	2	0	20%	
Balkh	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Bamyan	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Herat	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kabul	10	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kapisa	10	1	0	0	1	0	10%	
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	3	0	0	3	0	3%	

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 09-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Measles	3/3/2026	Bamyan	Surkhjoy	Panjab	18	0	55%	82%
	4/3/2026	Farah	Azaw Barzaw village	Bala Bolook	8	0	52%	88%
	1/3/2026	Nangarhar	10 Canal	Behsood	7	0	85%	100%
	5/3/2026	Parwan	Kham kalan	Bagram	10	0	71%	80%
	4/3/2026	Parwan	Naib khail	Bagram	8	0	63%	80%
	3/3/2026	Parwan	Bayan olia	Chaharekar	7	1	77%	84%
	2/3/2026	Wardak	Tytamor	Nerkh	5	0	86%	95%
	7/3/2026	Zabul	Burjan	Meezan	10	0	54%	90%
Pertussis	5/3/2026	Kabul	Shahrak Mayobeen	Kabul	3	0	40%	52%
	7/3/2026	Kapisa	Toghak	His-e-Awal-e-Kohestan	6	0	50%	85%
	7/3/2026	Kapisa	Jamal Agha	His-e-Dwom-e-Kohestan	1	0	73%	74%
	4/3/2026	Kapisa	Chaharmagh dara	KohBand	5	0	57%	62%
	3/3/2026	Kapisa	Pachaghan	Nijrab	7	0	88%	101%
Scabies	23 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Baghlan (1), Herat (1), Kabul (6), Kapisa (3), Logar (1), Paktika (1), Paktya (1), Panjshir (1), Parwan (1) and Takhar (7) provinces (Total number of cases = 371)							
Chickenpox	7 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1), Bamyan (1), Farah (1), Herat (2), Kapisa (1) and Kunduz (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 121)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	3 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported form Kabul (1), Nooristan (1) and Zabul (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 29)							
Anthrax	1 Anthrax outbreak was reported from Badakhshan province (Total number of cases = 1)							

Geographical distribution number of outbreaks and deaths by province week 09 2026 - in Afghanistan

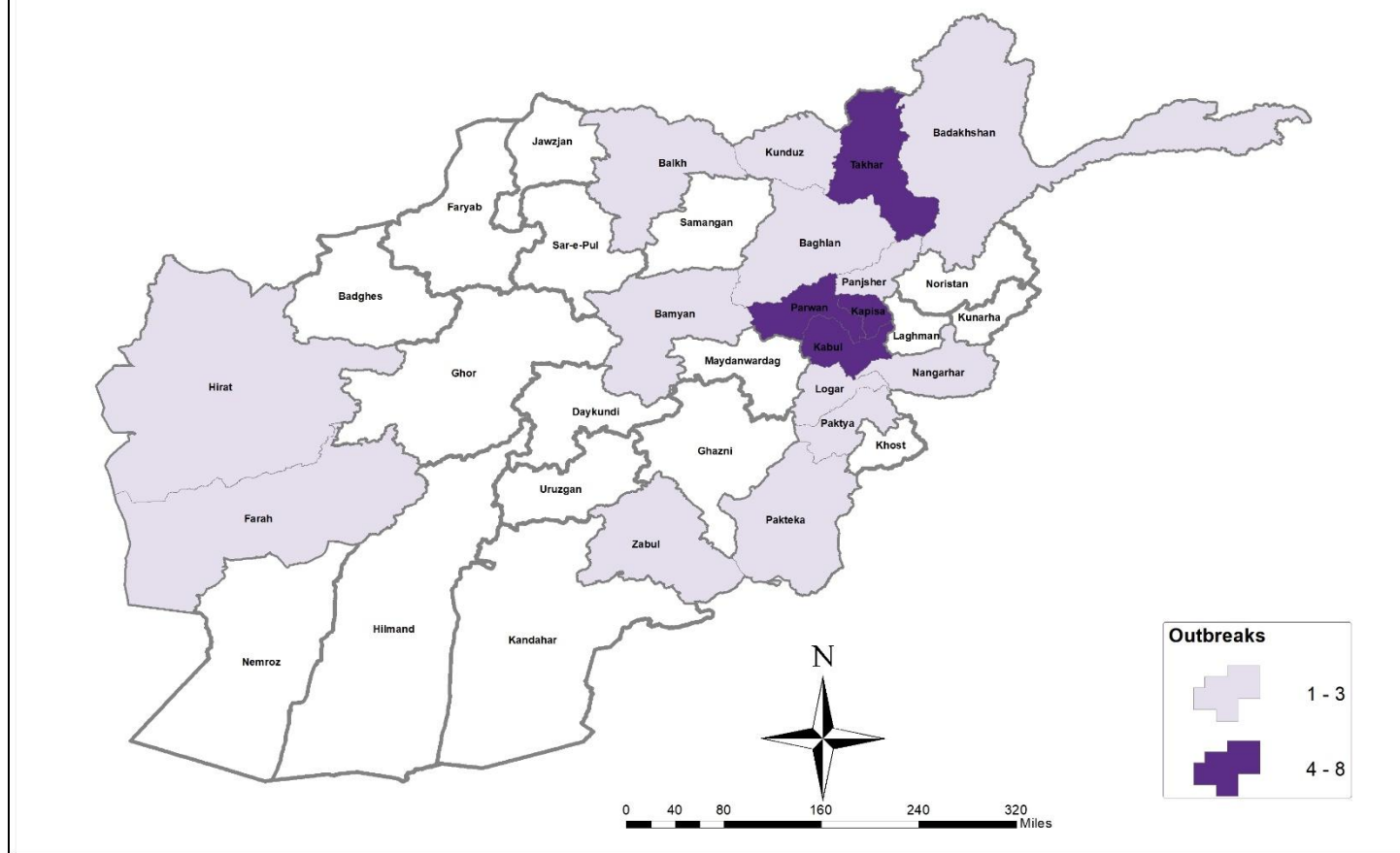


Figure 10: Geographical distribution of outbreaks and related deaths by province

Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	52	27	482	6
Scabies	150	0	5574	0
Chickenpox	71	11	1291	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	27	0	179	6
CCHF	1	1	5	0
Food Poisoning	3	0	48	0
Pertussis	28	0	155	0
Anthrax	7	0	7	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	9	0	79	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	352	39	7990	12

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks reported and responded during 2026

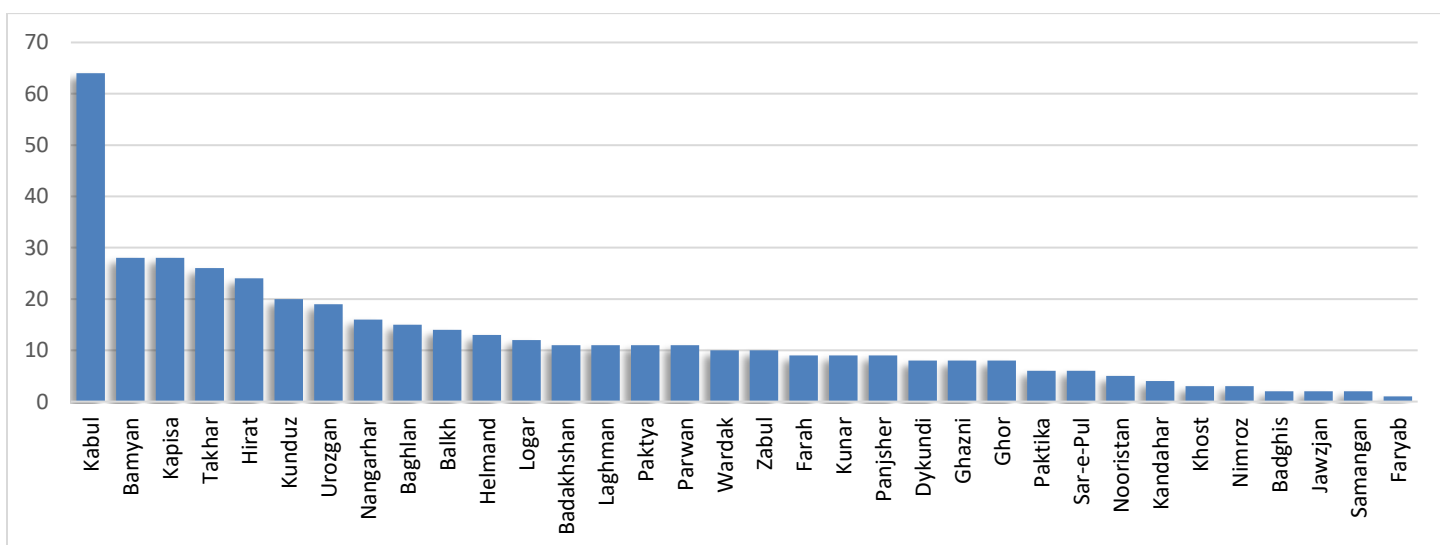


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths during 2026

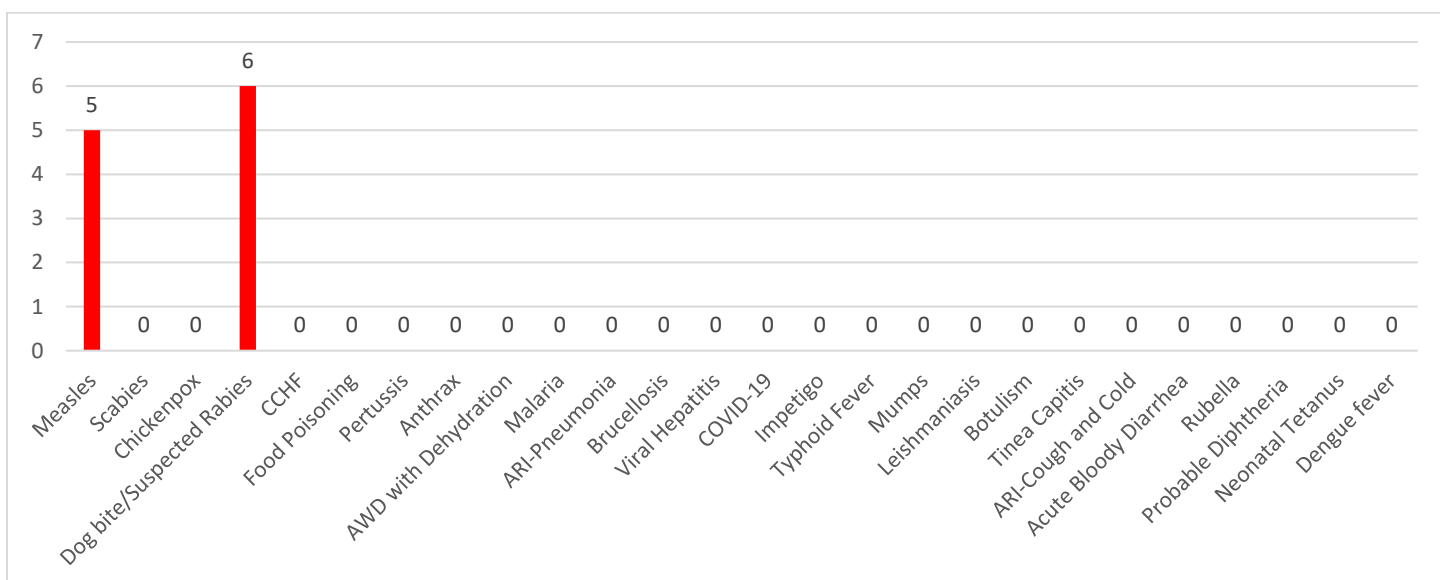


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 09-2026

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 **744 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **07 (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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