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Epidemiological Report | Week # 12– 2026

12 (22 - 28 March, 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **540,346** new consultations were reported, among which **195,679 (36.2%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **100,797 (51.5%)** females and **91,679 (46.8%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **129,246** cases (**23.9%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **40,247** cases (**7.4%**), and pneumonia with **22,951** cases (**4.2%**).

A total of **379** deaths were reported this week, of which **46 (12.2%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **37 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **6 suspected meningitis** deaths, **1 measles** death, and **2 Neonatal Tetanus** deaths.

During this week, 14 outbreaks were reported: **7 scabies** outbreaks, **2 chickenpox** outbreaks, **2 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, **1 ARI Pneumonia** outbreak, **1 tinea capitis** outbreak and **1 neonatal tetanus** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 12-2026

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	456	403	408	457	0	0	0	0	1724	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	7814	3643	7151	4343	14	6	15	2	22951	4.2	37	9.8	0.16
Measles	210	67	185	53	1	0	0	0	515	0.1	1	0.3	0.19
CCHF	0	10	0	6	0	0	0	0	16	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Confirmed Malaria	30	94	28	85	0	0	0	0	237	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	10	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	1	474	2	491	0	0	0	0	968	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

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

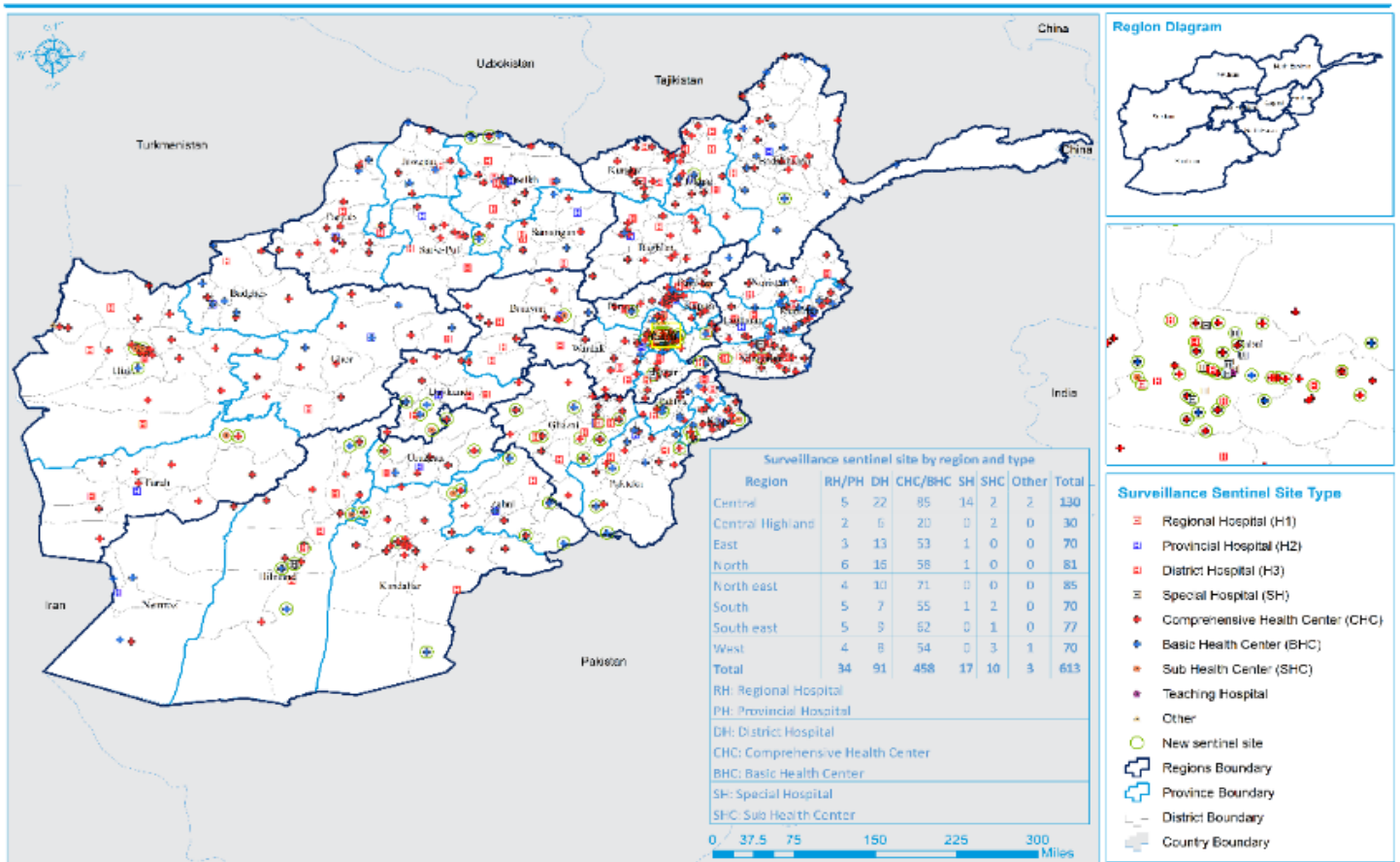


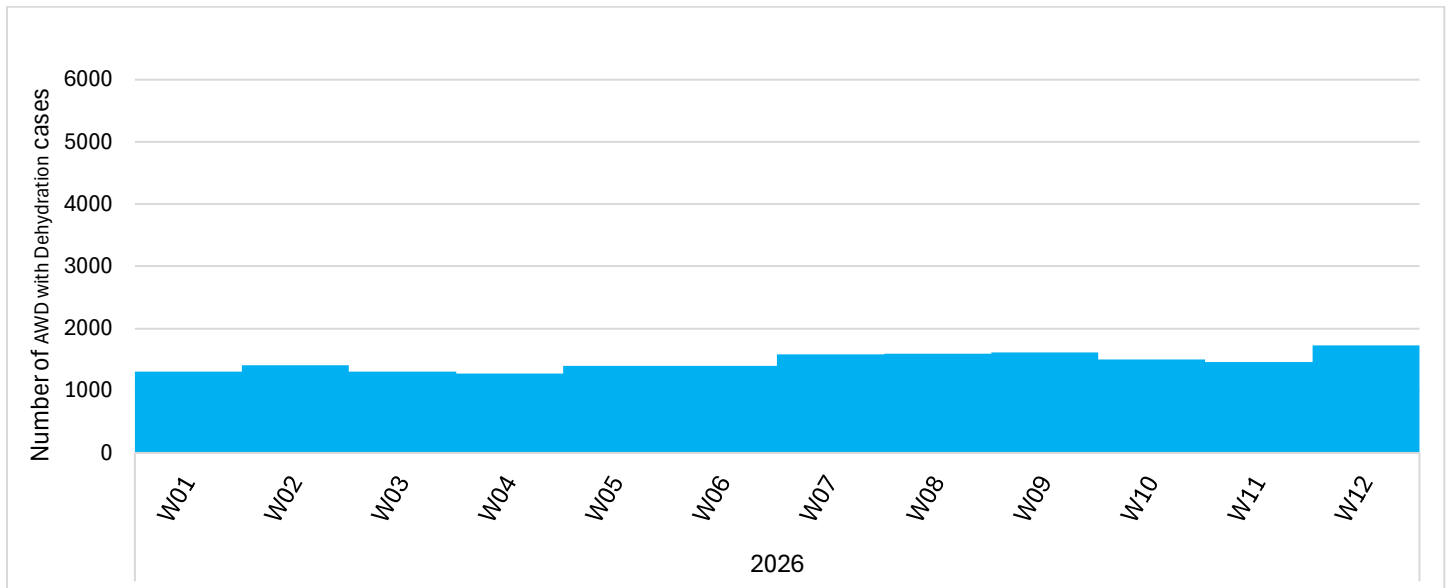
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W12, 2026)

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	5,140	3,756	4,717	3,961	4	1	0	1	17,574	0.2	6	0.1	0.03
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	25,730	29,358	23,576	30,244	0	0	0	0	108,908	1.4	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	99	72	97	56	0	0	0	0	324	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	517	609	447	668	10	7	2	4	2,241	0.0	23	0.4	1.03
Acute Watery Diarrhea	91,213	56,743	86,596	62,775	0	0	0	0	297,327	3.8	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	429,045	570,556	414,445	662,319	0	0	0	0	2,076,365	26.5	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	63	0	39	0	1	0	1	102	0.0	2	0.0	1.96
Confirmed Malaria	188	853	151	724	0	0	0	0	1,916	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	3,021	634	2,599	672	22	1	9	0	6,926	0.1	32	0.6	0.46
Covid-19	22	7,846	74	8,048	0	0	0	0	15,990	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	152	17	143	14	0	0	0	0	326	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	141,825	71,371	128,897	82,519	402	82	319	67	424,612	5.4	870	16.6	0.20
Meningitis	513	371	437	338	24	17	24	13	1,659	0.0	78	1.5	4.70
Dengue Fever	0	81	0	35	0	0	0	0	116	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	6	0.0	2	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	382	5,497	379	6,867	0	0	0	0	13,125	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	697,850	747,827	662,561	859,279	463	109	355	86	2,967,517	37.9	1,013	19	0.03
Total of new clients/death	1,231,044	2,133,922	1,190,359	3,266,953	1,583	1,409	1,184	1,055	7,822,278	100	5,231	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 12th week of 2026, a total of 1,724 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 864 (50.1%) were under-five children, and 865 (50.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 17,574 AWD + dehydration cases and 6 deaths (CFR=0.03%) have been reported. Of these cases 9,857 (56%) are children under five and 8,678 (49.4%) are females.

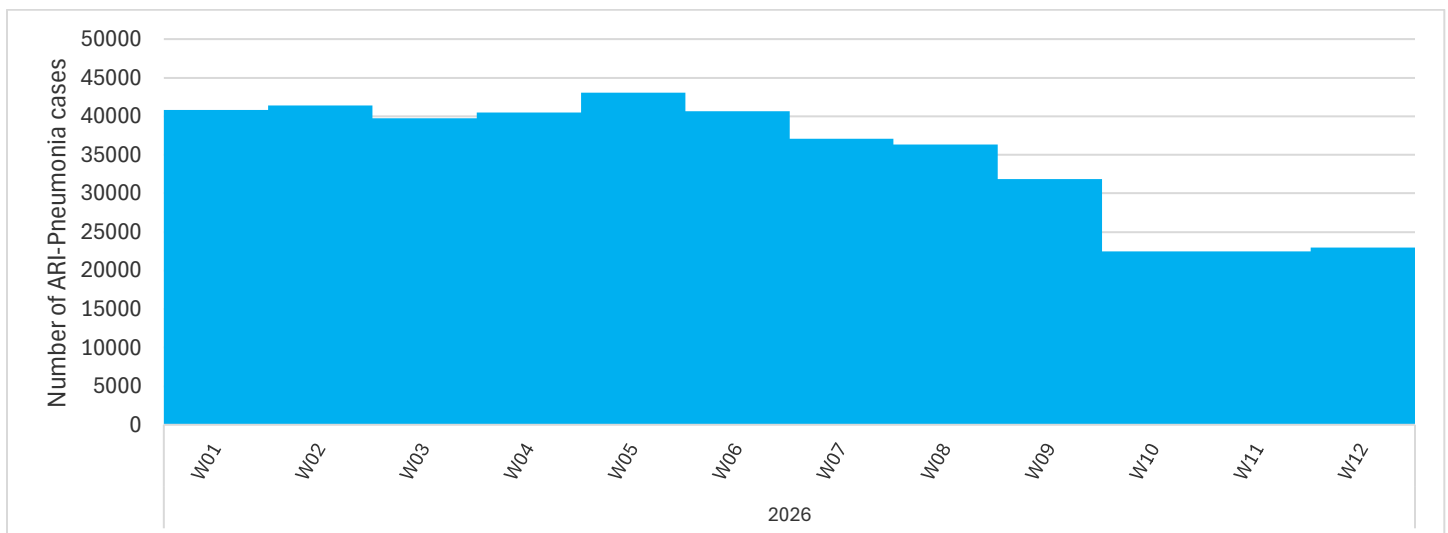
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 12, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 12th week of 2026, a total of 22,951 cases and 37 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 14,965 (65.2%) were under-five children, and 11,494 (50%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 424,612 ARI pneumonia cases and 870 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 270,722 (63.7%) are children under five and 211,416 (49.8%) are females.

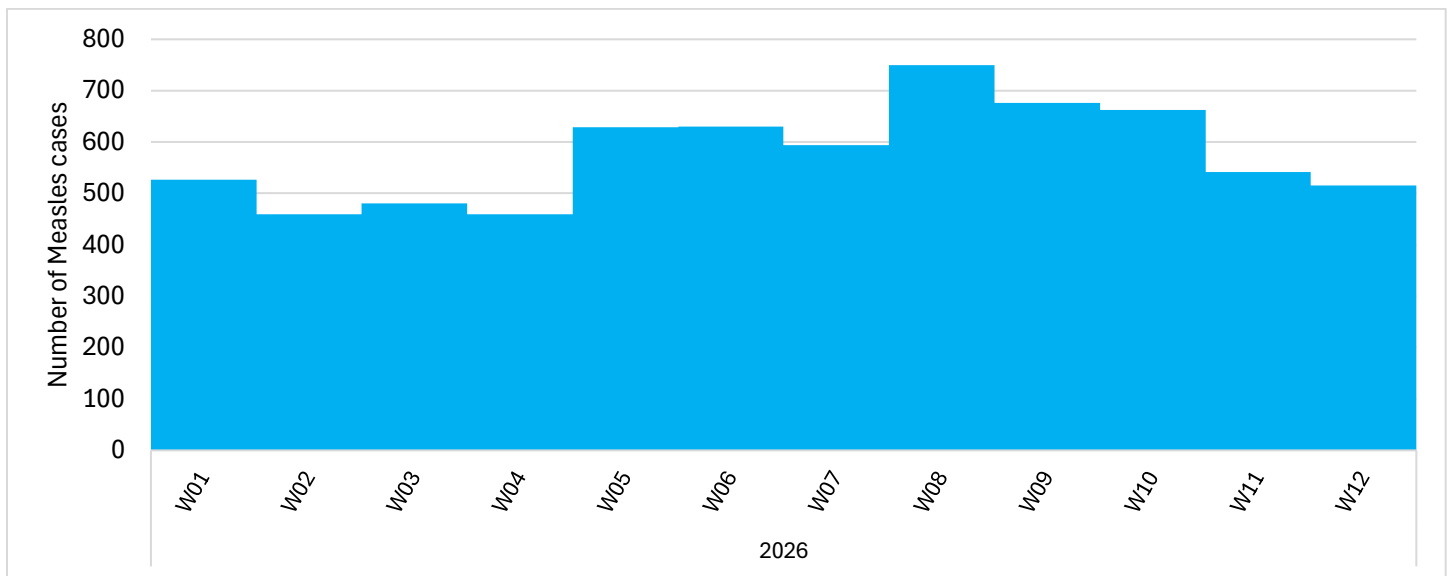
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 12, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 12th week of 2026, a total of 515 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 395 (76.7%) were under-five children, and 238 (46.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 6,926 measles cases and 32 deaths (CFR=0.5%) have been reported. Of these cases 5,620 (81.1%) are children under five and 3,271 (47.2%) are females.

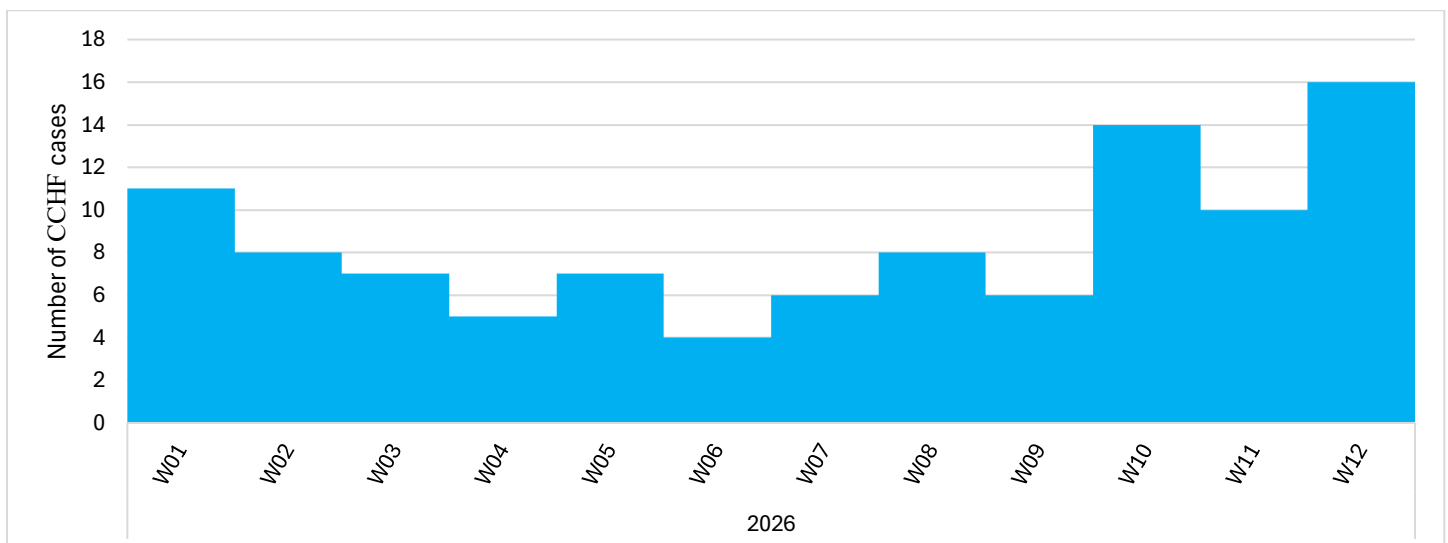
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 12, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 25-2025.
- During week 12th 2026, a total of 16 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR= 0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 6 of them (37.5%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 102 suspected CCHF cases and 2 death (CFR=2%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 39 (38.2%) are females.

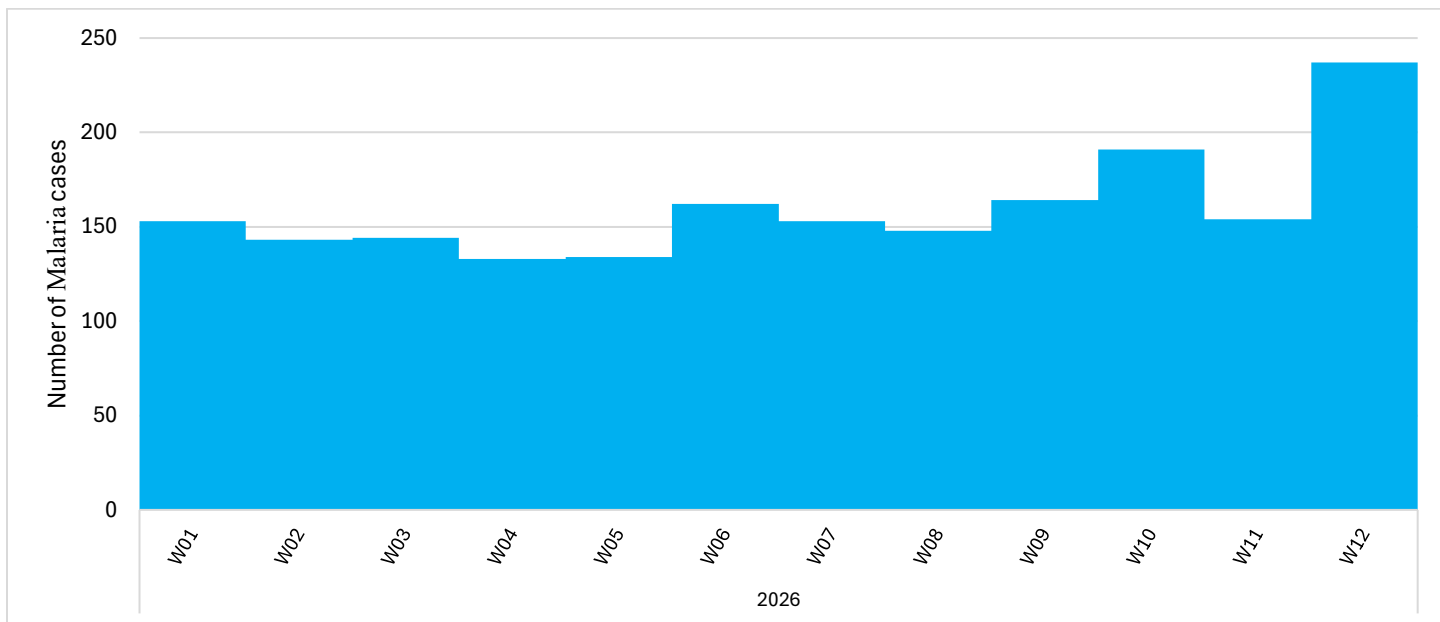
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 12, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 12th week of 2026, a total of 237 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 58 (24.5%) were children under-five, and 113 (47.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,916 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 339 (17.7%) are children under-five, and 875(45.6%) are females.

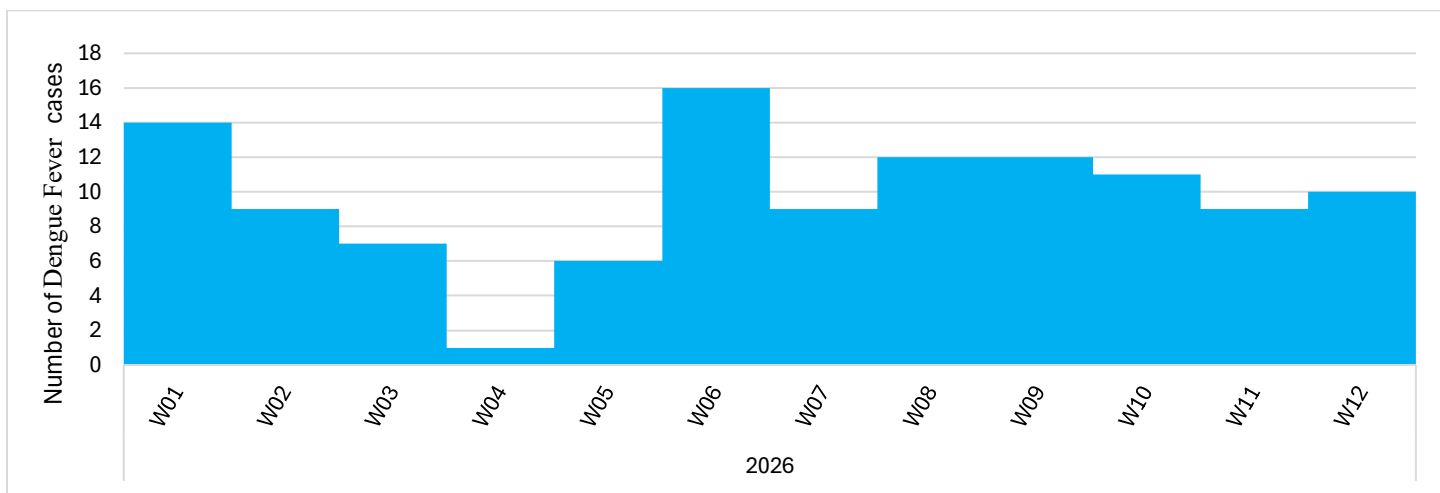
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 12, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 47 of 2025.
- During 12th week of 2026, a total of 10 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 3 (30%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 116 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 35 (30.2%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 12, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 12th week of 2026, a total of 968 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 3 (0.3%) were under-five children, and 493 (51%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 15,990 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 96 (0.6%) are under-five children, and 8,122 (50.8%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 12, 2026)

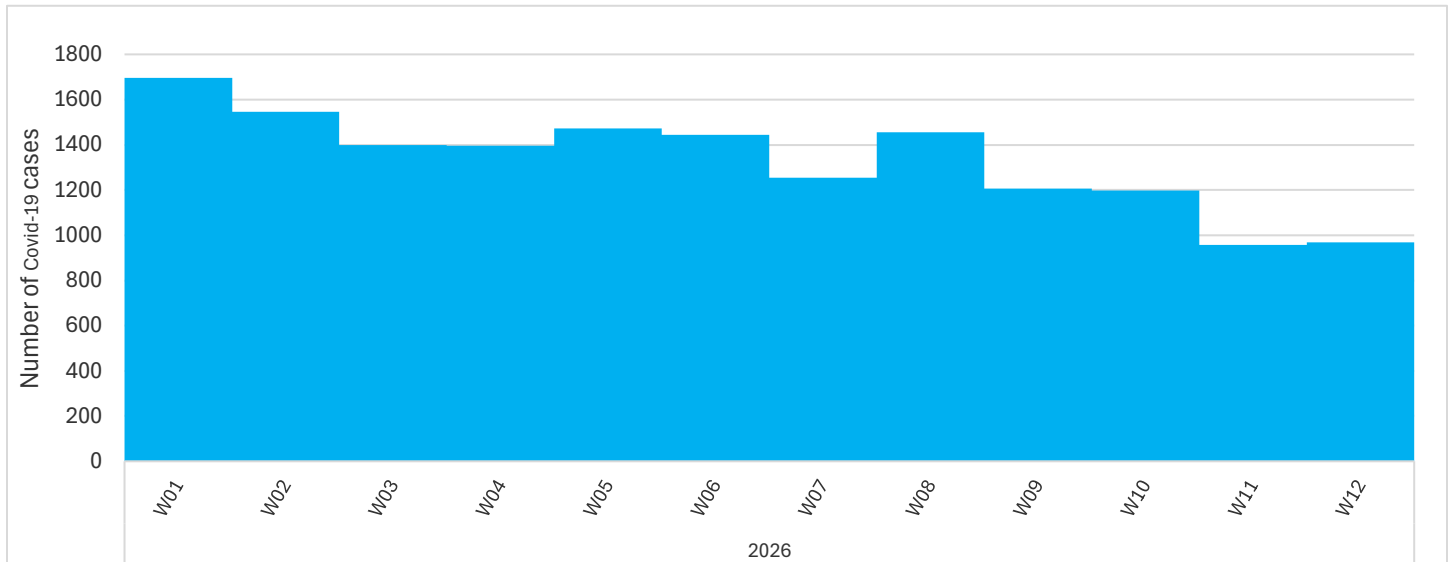
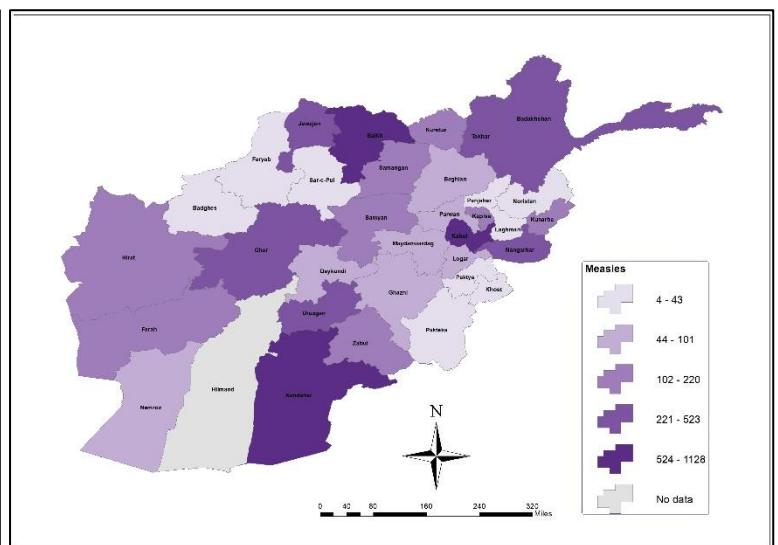
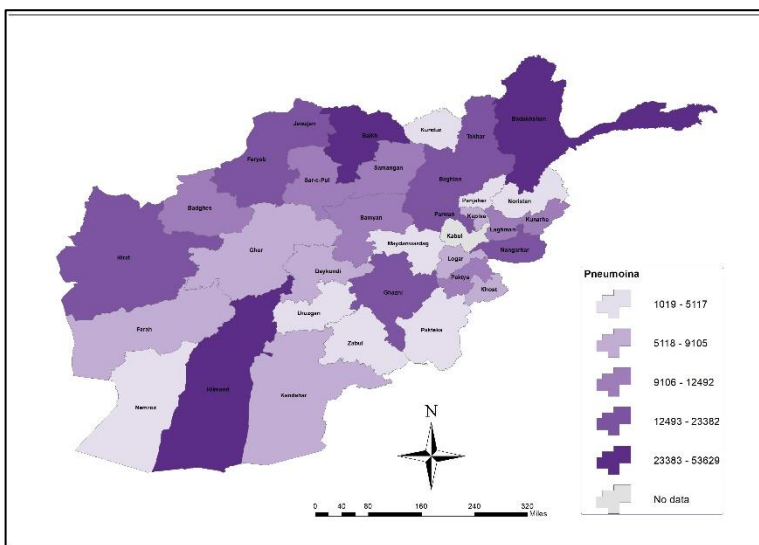


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

Figure 9: B (Measles)



Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 12-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Scabies	7 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Bamyan (1), Herat (1), Kabul (1), Laghman (1), Nangarhar (1), Paktiak (1) and Parwan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 332)							
Chickenpox	2 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Bamyan (1) and Laghman (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 23)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	2 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreak were reported from Dykundi (1) and Nangarhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 21)							
Tinea Capitis	1 Tinea Capitis outbreak was reported form Bamyan province (Total number of cases = 11)							
Neonatal tetanus	1 Neonatal tetanus outbreak was reported from Kapisa province (Total number of cases = 1)							
ARI Pneumonia	1 Pneumonia outbreak was reported from Daykundi province (Total Number of cases=19)							

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

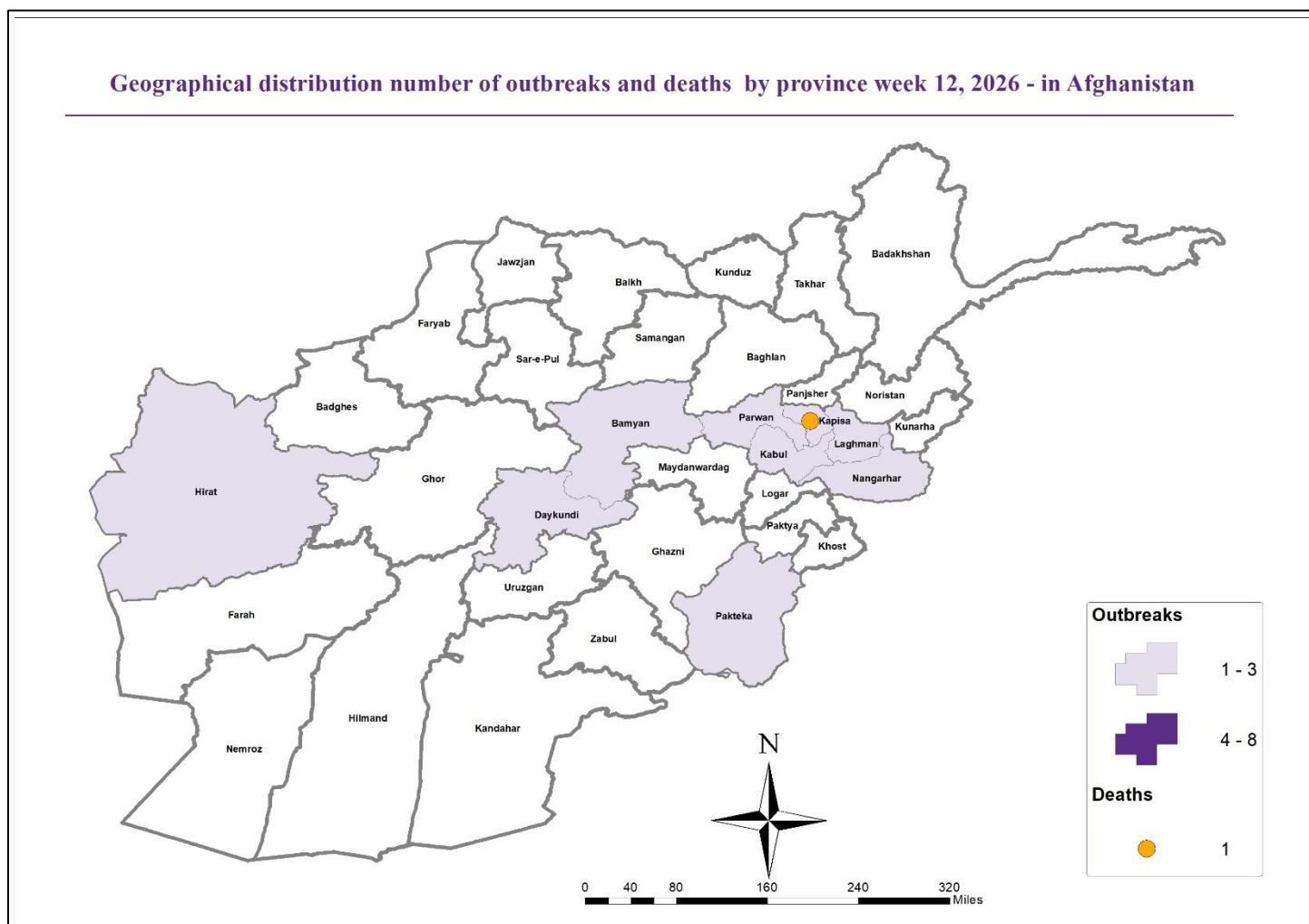


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	58	30	531	11
Scabies	184	0	6827	0
Chickenpox	91	11	1563	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	40	0	290	8
CCHF	1	1	5	0
Food Poisoning	3	0	48	0
Pertussis	38	0	218	0
Anthrax	9	0	10	0
AWD with Dehydration	0	0	0	0
Malaria	0	0	0	0
ARI-Pneumonia	6	0	280	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	2	0	23	0
Mumps	12	0	133	0
Leishmaniasis	2	0	380	0
Botulism	0	0	0	0
Tinea Capitis	1	0	11	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	1	0	1	1
Dengue fever	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	449	42	10335	20

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

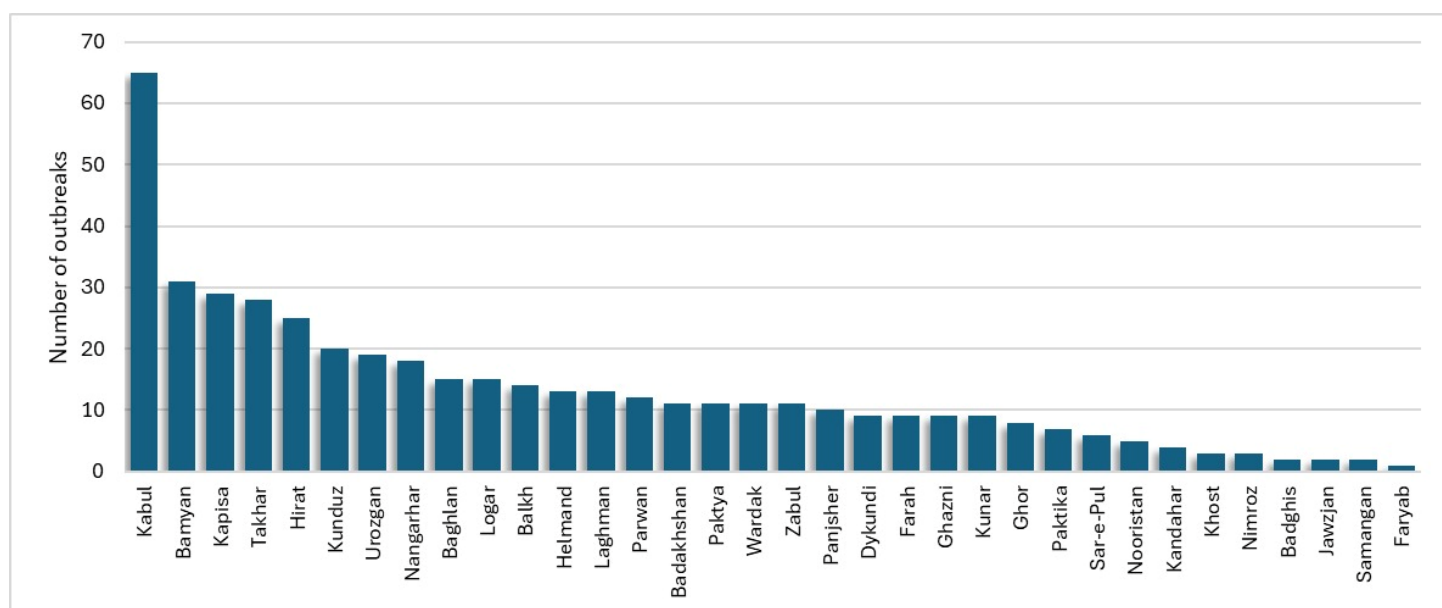


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

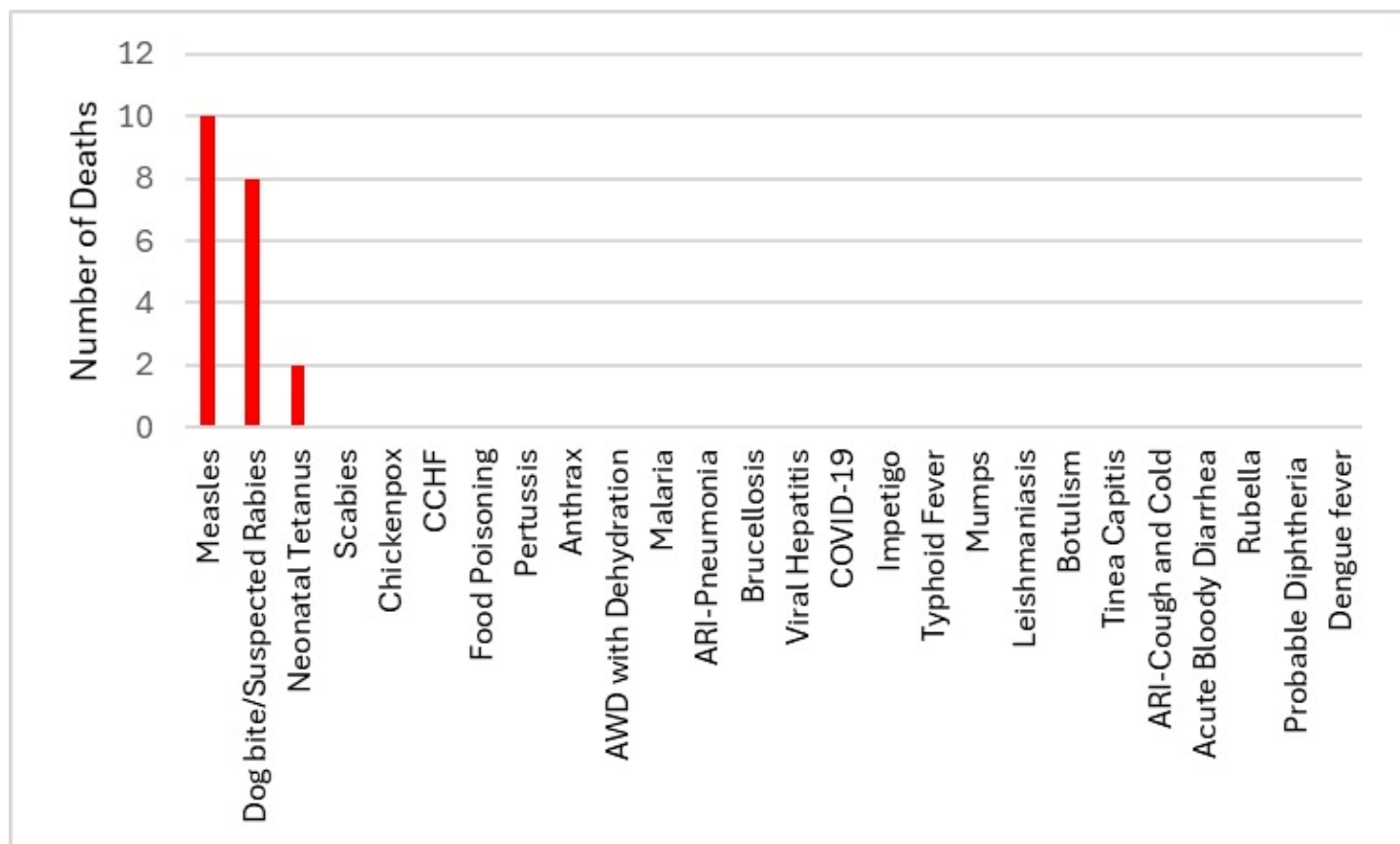


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 12-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
COVID-19	47	0	0.0
Chickenpox	42	36	85.7
CCHF	26	7	26.9
Pertussis	20	14	70.0
Dengue Fever	3	0	0.0
Hepatitis A+E(VAE)	3	3	0.0
SARI	0	0	0.0
ILI	0	0	0.0
Measles	0	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

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 **515 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **01 (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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