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Epidemiological Report | Week # 13– 2026

13 (29 Mar - 04 April, 2026)

Summary:

Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **609 (99.3 %)** submitted reports this week.

A total of **659,022** new consultations were reported, among which **239,554 (36.3%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **123,880 (51.7%)** females and **115,938 (48.4%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **158,377** cases (**24%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **50,564** cases (**7.7%**), and pneumonia with **26,970** cases (**4.1%**).

A total of **371** deaths were reported this week, of which **51 (13.8%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **46 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **4 suspected meningitis** deaths and **1 acute viral hepatitis** death.

During this week, 26 outbreaks were reported: **2 measles** outbreaks, **8 pertussis** outbreaks, **4 scabies** outbreaks, **3 chickenpox** outbreaks, **6 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, **1 acute bloody diarrhea** outbreak, **1 CCHF** outbreak and **1 mumps** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 13-2026

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	539	394	461	433	0	0	0	0	1827	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	9336	4273	8236	5125	19	8	16	3	26970	4.1	46	12.4	0.17
Measles	260	64	252	53	0	0	0	0	629	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
CCHF	0	18	0	13	0	0	0	0	31	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Confirmed Malaria	32	128	27	89	0	0	0	0	276	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	10	0	4	0	0	0	0	14	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	2	573	4	512	0	0	0	0	1091	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

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

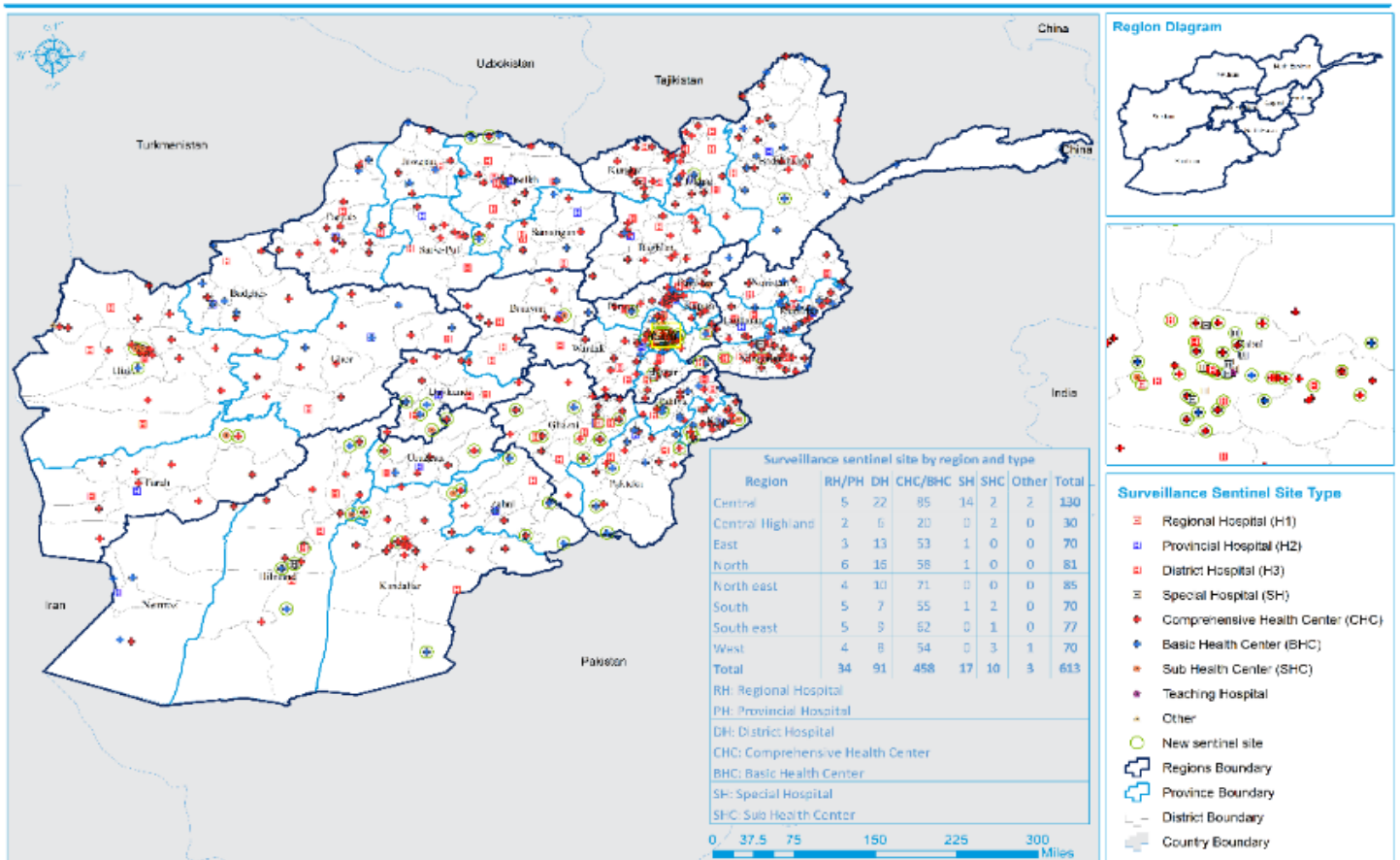


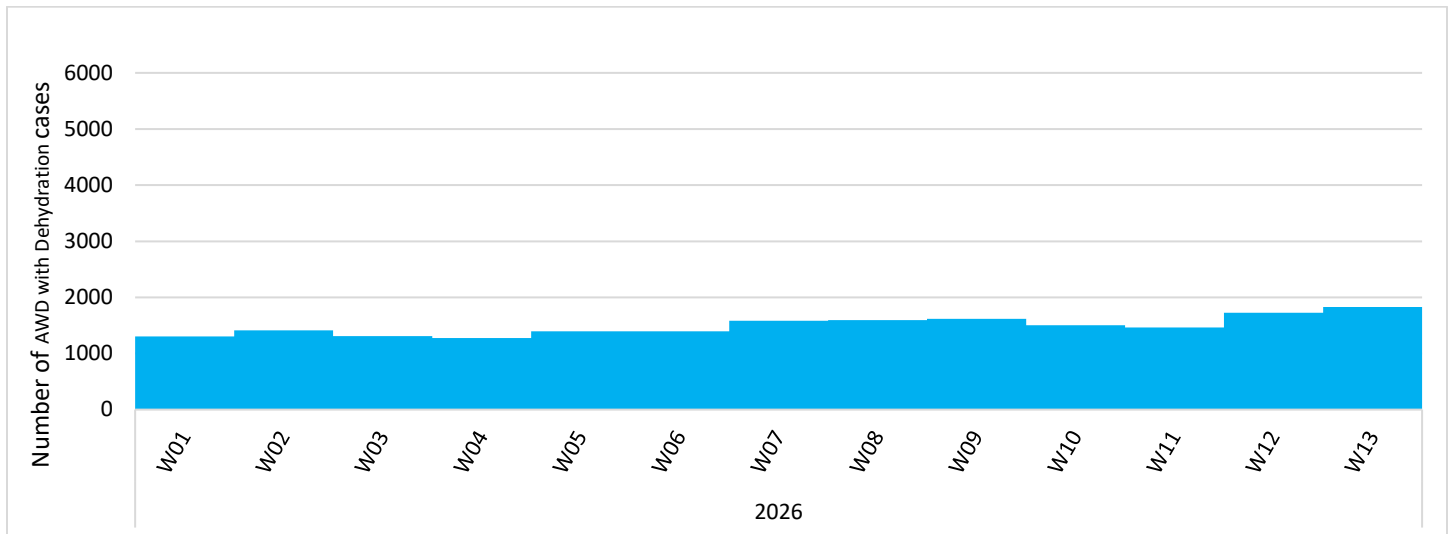
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W13, 2026)

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	5,679	4,150	5,178	4,394	4	1	0	1	19,401	0.2	6	0.1	0.03
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	28,778	32,538	26,330	33,638	0	0	0	0	121,284	1.4	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	107	80	105	61	0	0	0	0	353	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	561	666	479	735	11	7	2	4	2,441	0.0	24	0.4	0.98
Acute Watery Diarrhea	102,890	63,287	97,466	70,045	0	0	0	0	333,688	3.9	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	463,689	610,769	447,984	712,300	0	0	0	0	2,234,742	26.3	0	0.0	0.00
Probable Diphtheria	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
CCHF	0	81	0	52	0	1	0	1	133	0.0	2	0.0	1.50
Confirmed Malaria	220	981	178	813	0	0	0	0	2,192	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	3,281	698	2,851	725	22	1	9	0	7,555	0.1	32	0.6	0.42
Covid-19	24	8,419	78	8,560	0	0	0	0	17,081	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	173	21	157	14	0	0	0	0	365	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	151,161	75,644	137,133	87,644	421	90	335	70	451,582	5.3	916	16.4	0.20
Meningitis	556	391	470	366	24	17	26	15	1,783	0.0	82	1.5	4.60
Dengue Fever	0	91	0	39	0	0	0	0	130	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	417	5,996	398	7,523	0	0	0	0	14,334	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	757,539	803,812	718,810	926,910	483	117	373	91	3,207,071	37.8	1,064	19	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	1,335,332	2,309,100	1,291,647	3,545,221	1,708	1,504	1,263	1,127	8,481,300	100	5,602	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 13th week of 2026, a total of 1,827 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 1,000 (54.7%) were under-five children, and 894 (48.9%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 19,401 AWD + dehydration cases and 6 deaths (CFR=0.03%) have been reported. Of these cases 10,857 (56%) are children under five and 9,572 (49.3%) are females.

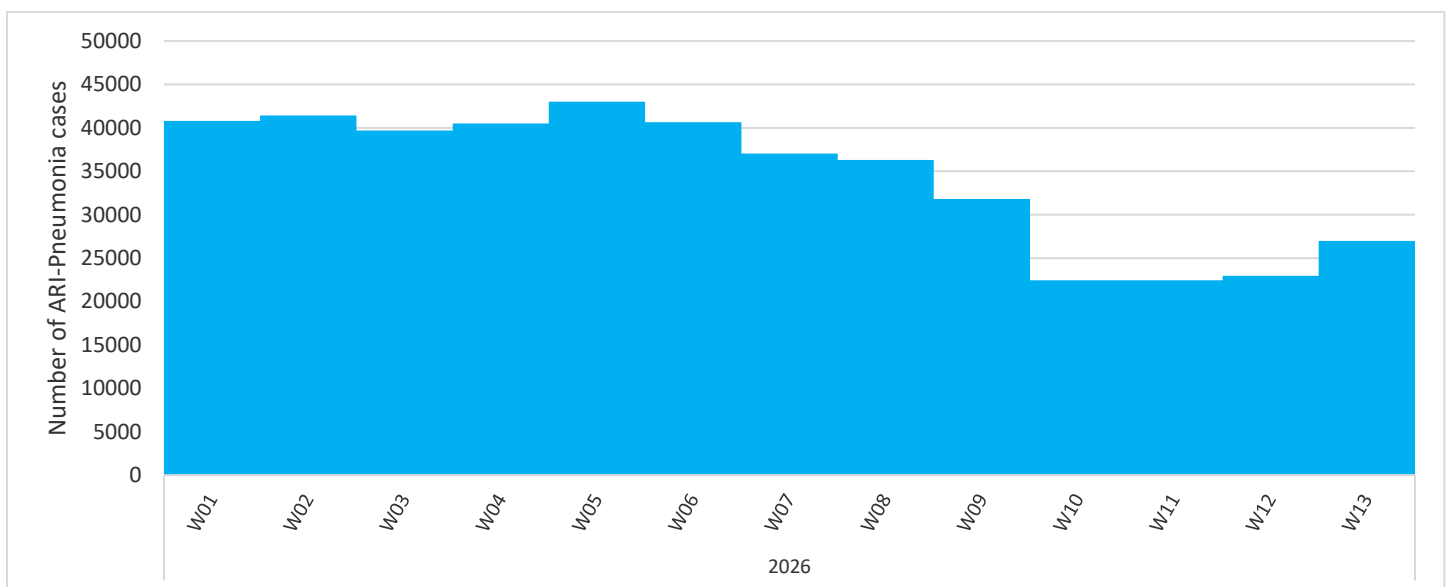
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 13, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 13th week of 2026, a total of 26,970 cases and 46 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 17,572 (65.1%) were under-five children, and 13,361 (49.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 451,582 ARI pneumonia cases and 916 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 288,294 (63.8%) are children under five and 224,777 (49.7%) are females.

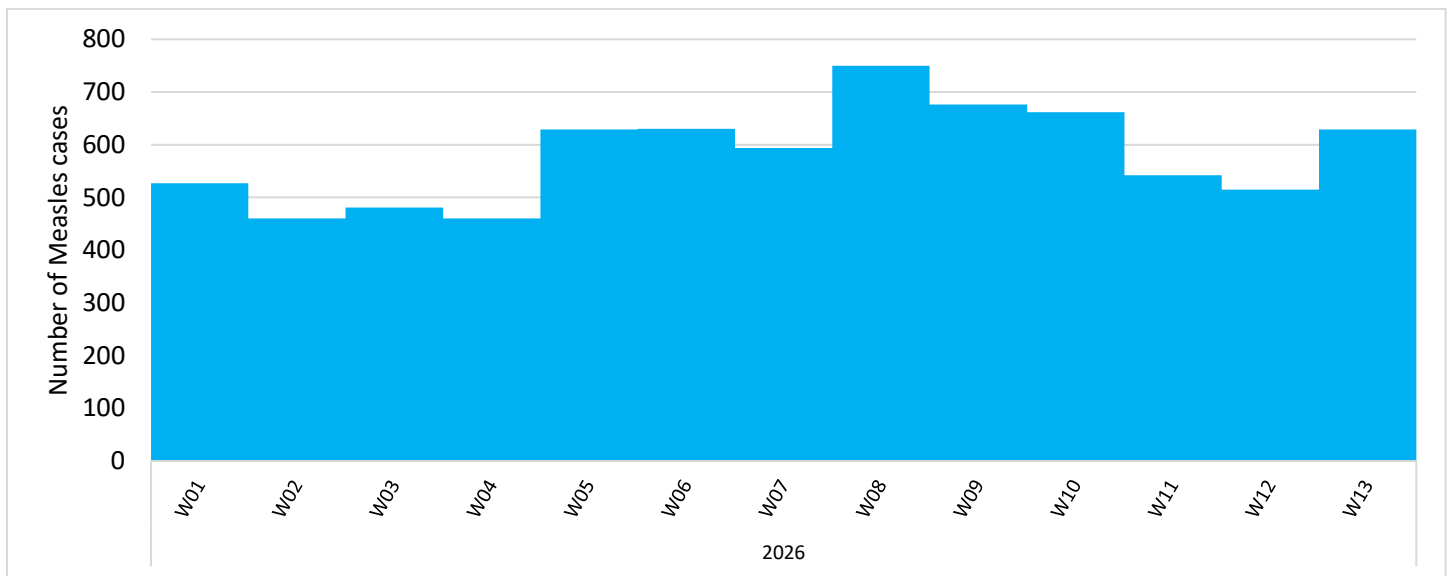
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 13, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 13th week of 2026, a total of 629 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 512 (81.4%) were under-five children, and 305 (48.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 7,555 measles cases and 32 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 6,132 (81.1%) are children under five and 3,576 (47.3%) are females.

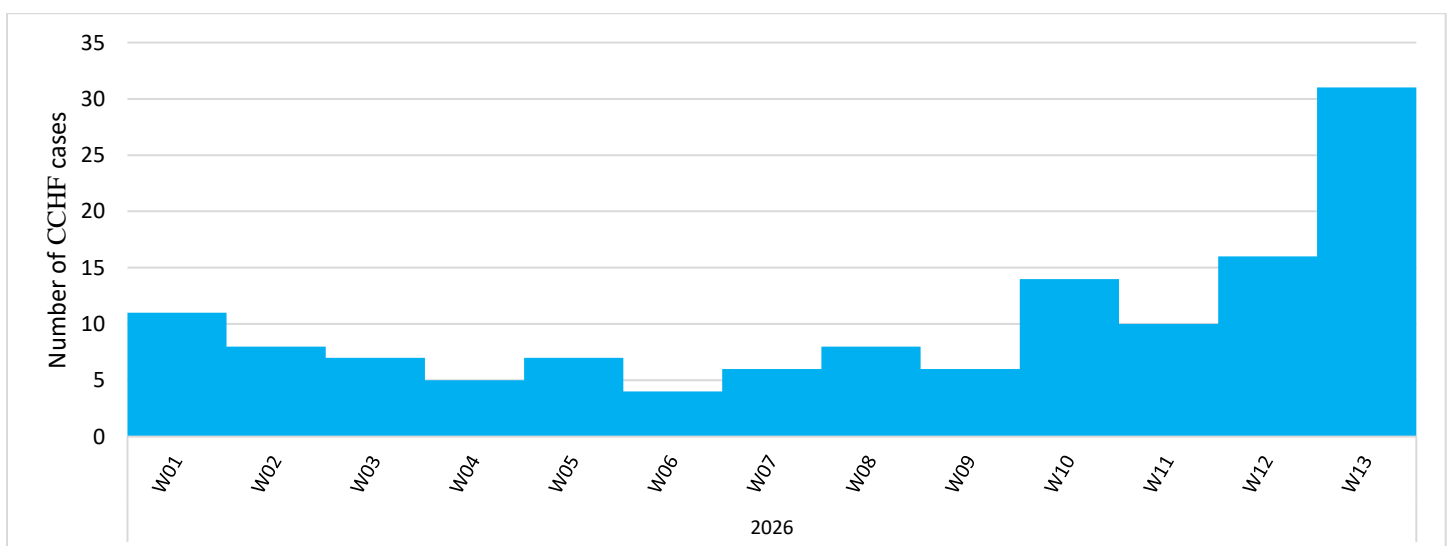
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 13, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 25-2025.
- During week 13th 2026, a total of 31 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR= 0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 13 of them (41.9%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 133 suspected CCHF cases and 2 death (CFR=1.5%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 52 (39%) are females.

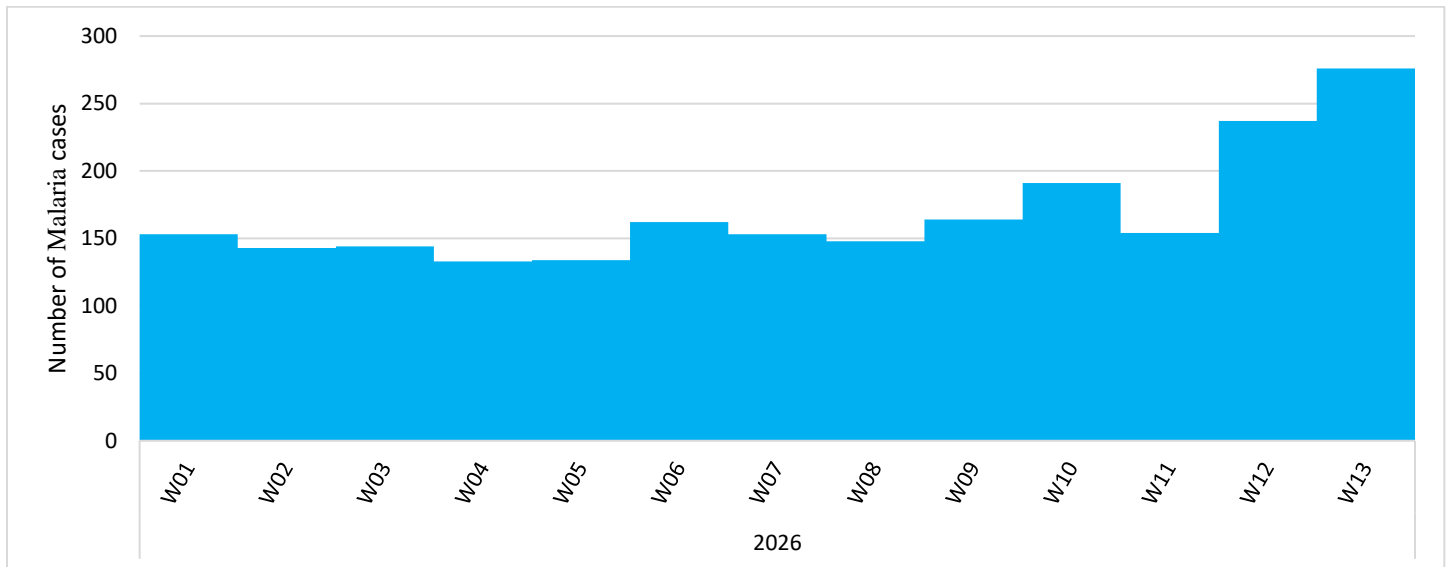
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 13, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 13th week of 2026, a total of 276 cases and zero deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 59 (21.4%) were children under-five, and 116 (42%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 2,192 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 398 (18.2%) are children under-five, and 991 (45.2%) are females.

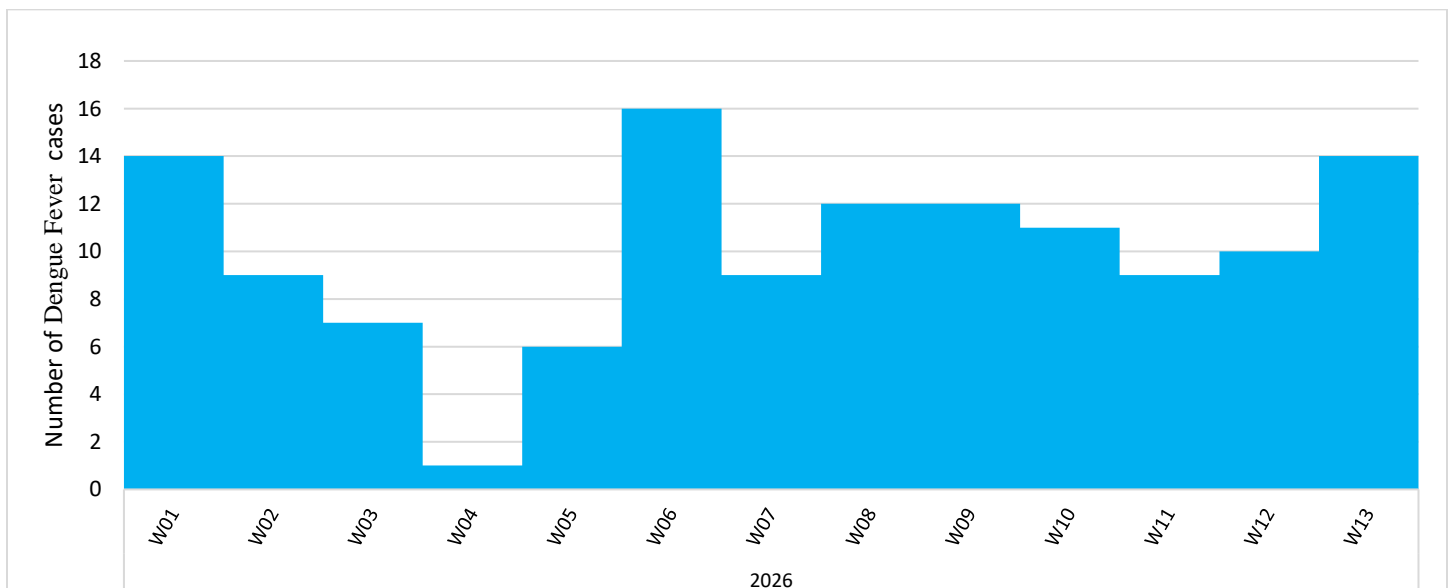
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 13, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 47 of 2025.
- During 13th week of 2026, a total of 14 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 4 (28.5%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 130 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 39 (30%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 13, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 13th week of 2026, a total of 1,091 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 6 (0.5%) were under-five children, and 516 (47.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 17,081 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 102 (0.6%) are under-five children, and 8,638 (50.6%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 13, 2026)

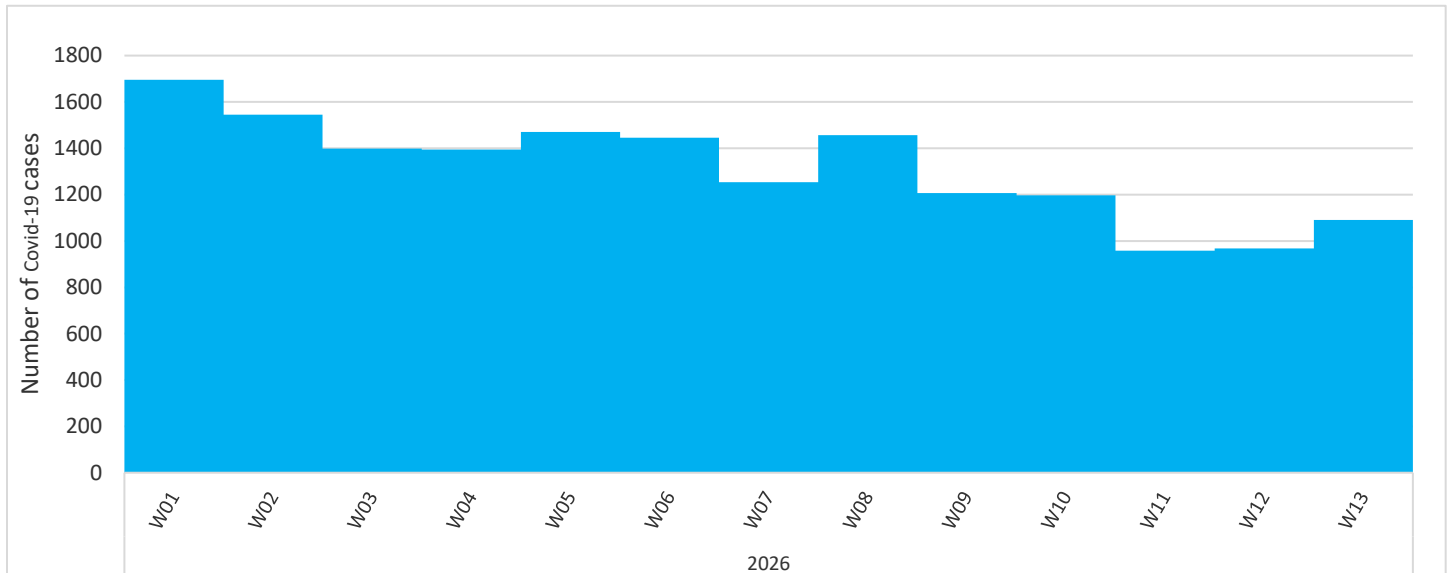
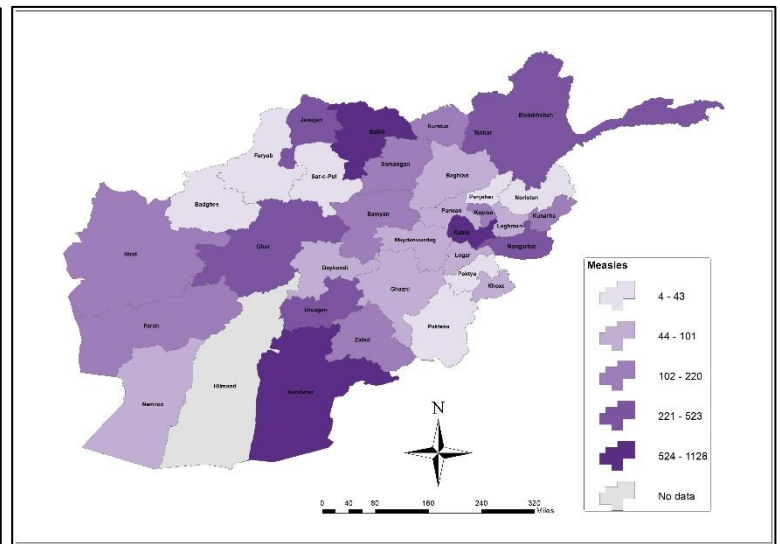
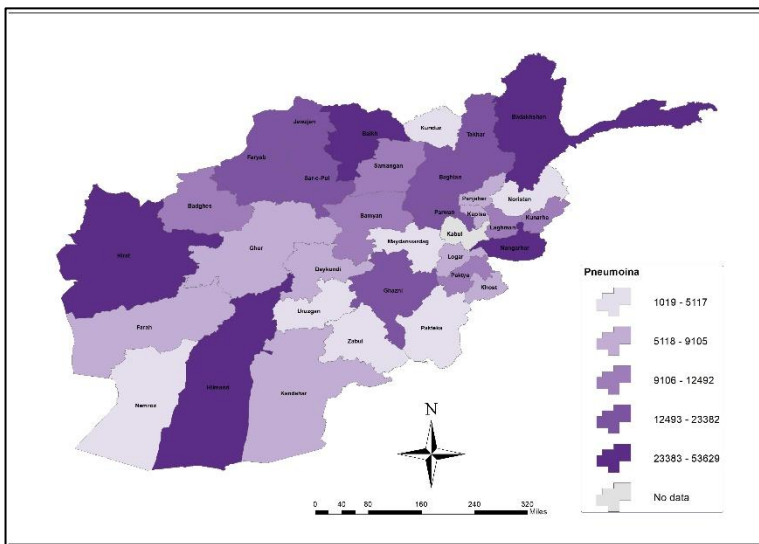


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

Figure 9: B (Measles)



Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 13-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Measles	04/04/2026	Wardak	Nerkh	Awal Khil	7	0	85%	78%
	04/04/2026	Helmand	Lashkargaah	Kariz	14	0	0%	0%
Pertussis	29/03/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Reishkhor	3	0	72%	65%
	29/03/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Hood Khil	4	0	93%	57%
	29/03/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Ghazi Abad	2	0	76%	70%
	31/03/2026	Kapisa	Mahmodraqi	Dorbafan	5	0	81%	77%
	31/03/2026	Kapisa	Mahmodraqi	Sorghal	1	0	81%	60%
	30/03/2026	Parwan	Bagram	Khanaqa	1	0	90%	80%
	01/04/2026	Urozgan	Terenkot	Salizai	7	0	75%	93%
	31/03/2026	Urozgan	Terenkot	Poti kalacha	10	0	76%	70%
Scabies	4 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Logar (1), Nangarhar (1), Panjshir (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 312)							
Chickenpox	3 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1), Kabul (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 29)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	6 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1), Ghazni (2), Kabul (2) and Nangarhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 56 and 2 deaths)							
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	1 Acute Bloody Diarrhea outbreak was reported from Badakhshan province (Total number of cases = 15)							
CCHF	1 CCHF outbreak was reported from Parwan province (Total number of cases = 9)							
Mumps	1 Mumps outbreak was reported from Paktya province (Total number of cases = 7)							

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

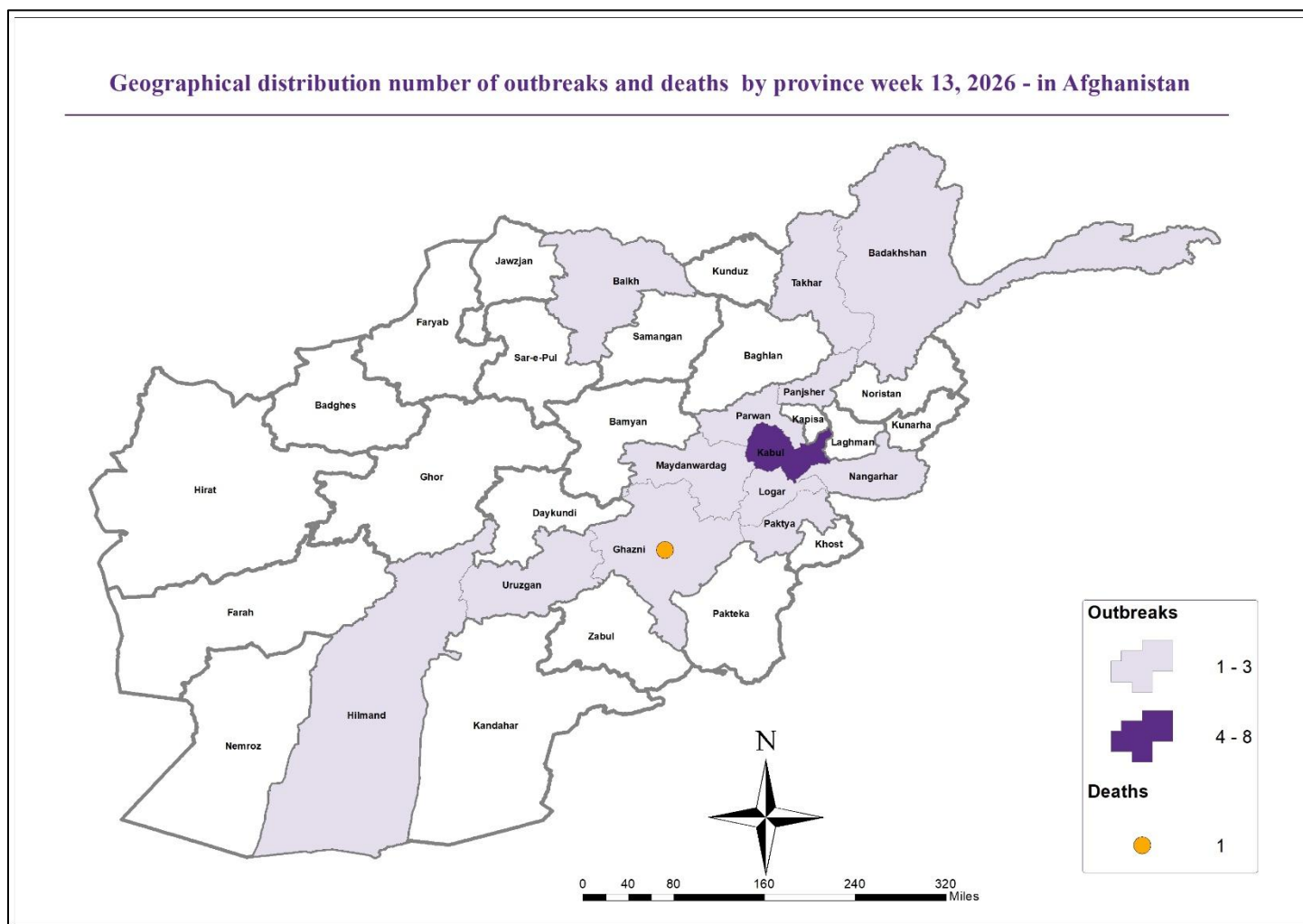


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	60	31	552	11
Scabies	188	0	7139	0
Chickenpox	94	22	1592	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	46	0	346	10
CCHF	2	3	14	0
Food Poisoning	3	0	48	0
Pertussis	46	40	251	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	13	0	140	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	1	0	15	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	475	96	10817	22

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

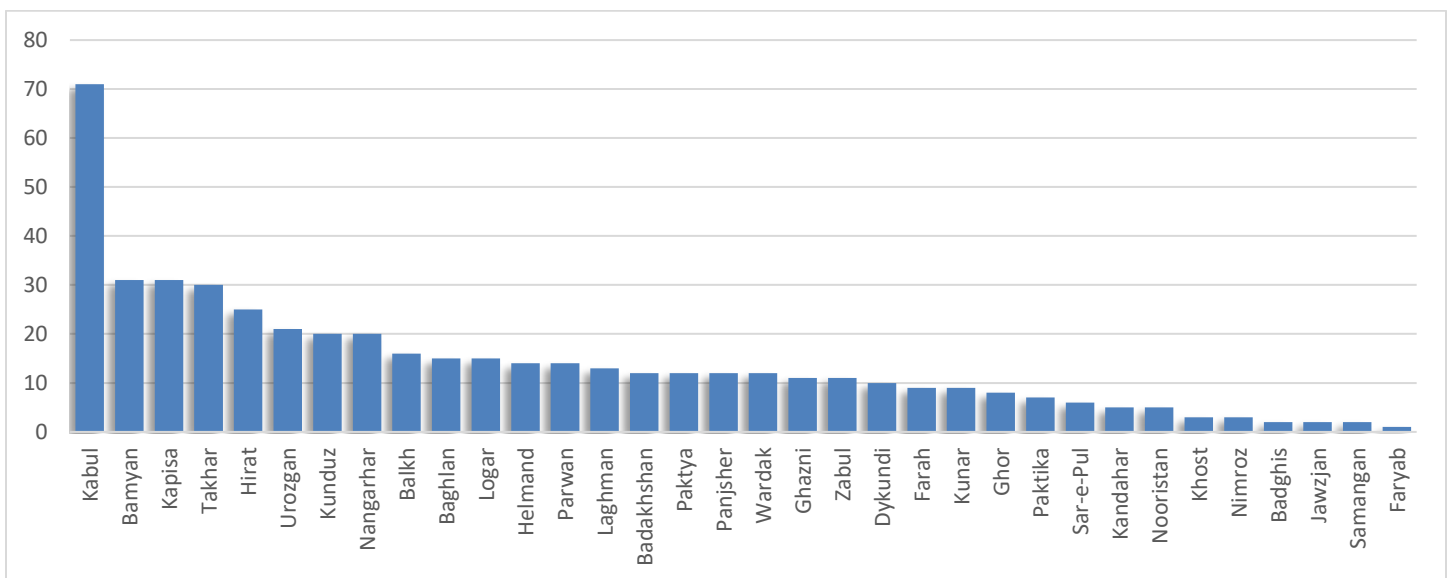


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

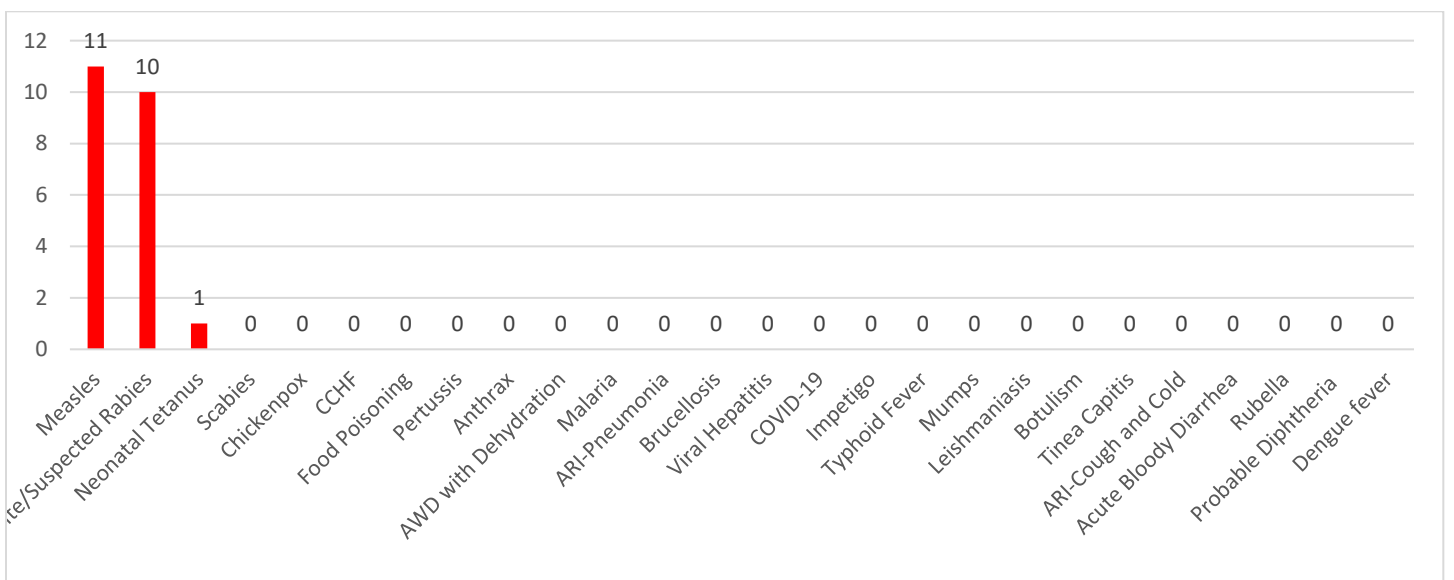


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 13-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
COVID-19	51	0	0.0
Chickenpox	49	37	75.5
CCHF	21	12	57.1
Pertussis	6	6	100.0
HAV/HEV	3	0	0.0
Dengue Fever	2	0	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
Monkey pox	0	0	0.0
Total	132	55	41.7

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 **650 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **0 (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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