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**Epidemiological Report | Week # 15– 2026** **15 (12 - 18 April, 2026)**

**Summary:**

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

A total of **715,114** new consultations were reported, among which **263,800 (36.9%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **136,952 (51.9%)** females and **125,393 (45%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **174,774** cases (**24.4%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **56,919** cases (**8%**), and pneumonia with **27,746** cases (**3.9%**).

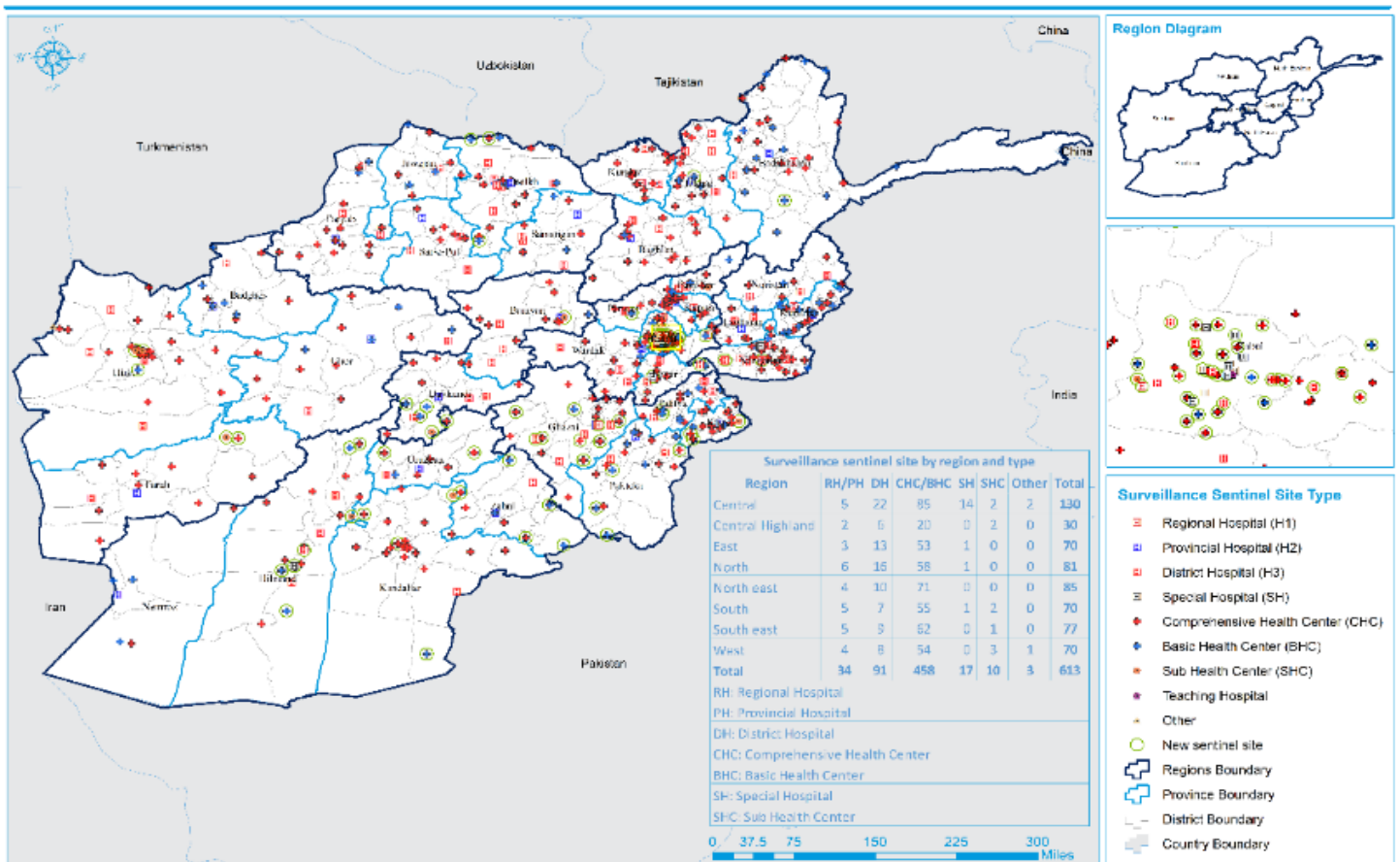
A total of **421** deaths were reported this week, of which **51 (12%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **41 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **7 suspected meningitis** deaths, **02 measles** deaths and **1 acute viral hepatitis** death.

During this week, 48 outbreaks were reported: **6 measles** outbreaks, **14 pertussis** outbreaks, **13 scabies** outbreaks, **6 chickenpox** outbreaks, **4 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, **3 mumps** outbreaks, **1 anthrax** outbreak and **1 malaria** outbreak.

**Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 15-2026**

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	624	414	537	447	0	0	0	0	2022	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	9416	4619	8452	5259	14	6	16	5	27746	3.9	41	5.4	0.15
Measles	253	70	211	64	1	0	1	0	598	0.1	2	0.3	0.33
CCHF	0	11	0	8	0	0	0	0	19	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Confirmed Malaria	65	251	66	216	0	0	0	0	598	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	23	0	6	0	0	0	0	29	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	1	610	6	578	0	0	0	0	1195	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

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



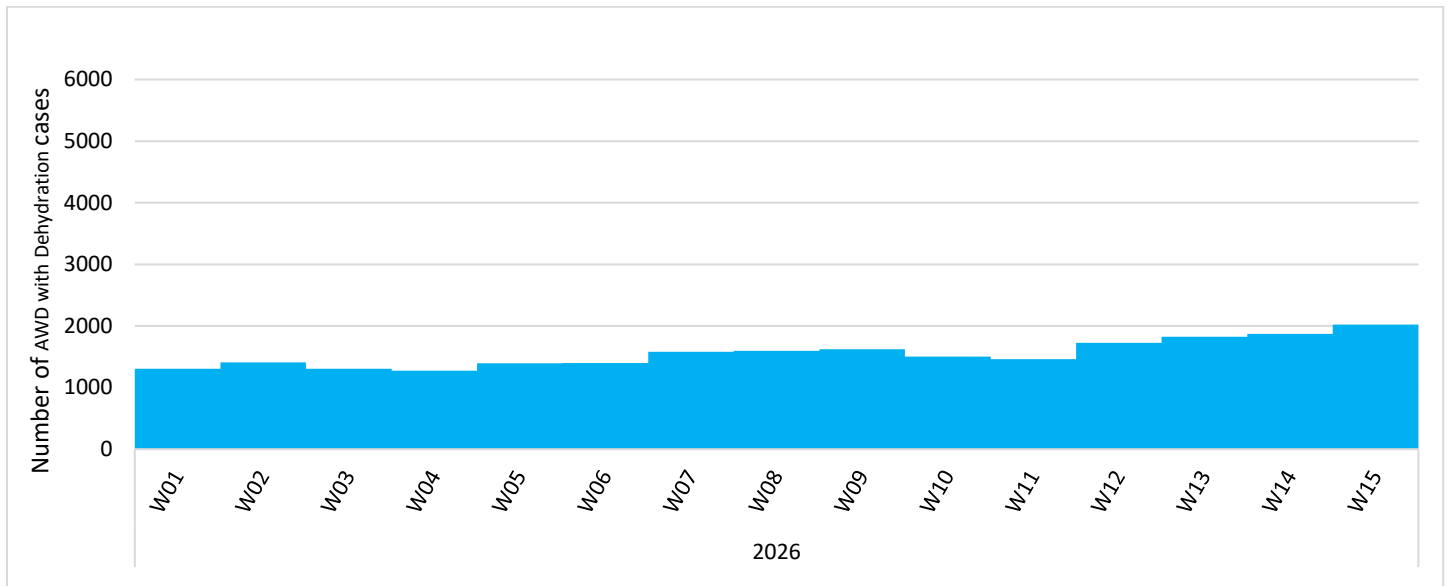
**Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W15, 2026)**

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>	6,831	4,984	6,205	5,275	4	1	1	1	23,295	0.2	7	0.1	0.03
<b>Acute Bloody Diarrhea</b>	35,188	39,314	32,185	40,795	0	0	0	0	147,482	1.5	0	0.0	0.00
<b>AFP</b>	129	87	129	66	0	0	0	0	411	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Acute Viral Hepatitis</b>	657	800	549	866	11	7	3	4	2,872	0.0	25	0.4	0.87
<b>Acute Watery Diarrhea</b>	128,119	77,444	121,160	85,808	0	0	0	0	412,531	4.2	0	0.0	0.00
<b>ARI-C&amp;C</b>	536,097	697,891	518,403	819,437	0	0	0	0	2,571,828	26.1	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Probable Diphtheria</b>	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>CCHF</b>	0	106	0	66	0	1	0	2	172	0.0	3	0.0	1.74
<b>Confirmed Malaria</b>	322	1,428	279	1,186	0	0	0	0	3,215	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Measles</b>	3,811	833	3,278	852	23	1	12	0	8,774	0.1	36	0.5	0.41
<b>Covid-19</b>	26	9,570	87	9,687	0	0	0	0	19,370	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Pertussis</b>	215	24	200	19	0	0	0	0	458	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>ARI-Pneumonia</b>	169,714	84,777	153,959	97,848	451	102	363	78	506,298	5.1	994	14.7	0.20
<b>Meningitis</b>	642	486	555	464	29	17	30	16	2,147	0.0	92	1.4	4.29
<b>Dengue Fever</b>	0	127	0	47	0	0	0	0	174	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
<b>Neonatal Tetanus</b>	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	6	0.0	2	0.0	0.00
<b>Typhoid Fever</b>	468	7,093	459	8,938	0	0	0	0	16,958	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
<b>NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths</b>	<b>882,222</b>	<b>924,964</b>	<b>837,451</b>	<b>1,071,356</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>3,715,993</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Total of new clients/ death</b>	<b>1,552,207</b>	<b>2,678,163</b>	<b>1,504,137</b>	<b>4,129,435</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>9,863,942</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,749</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.07</b>

### Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual increase since week 07-2026.
- During 15<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 2,022 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 1,161 (57.4%) were under-five children, and 984 (48.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 23,295 AWD + dehydration cases and 7 deaths (CFR=0.03%) have been reported. Of these cases 13,036 (55.9%) are children under five and 11,480 (49.2%) are females.

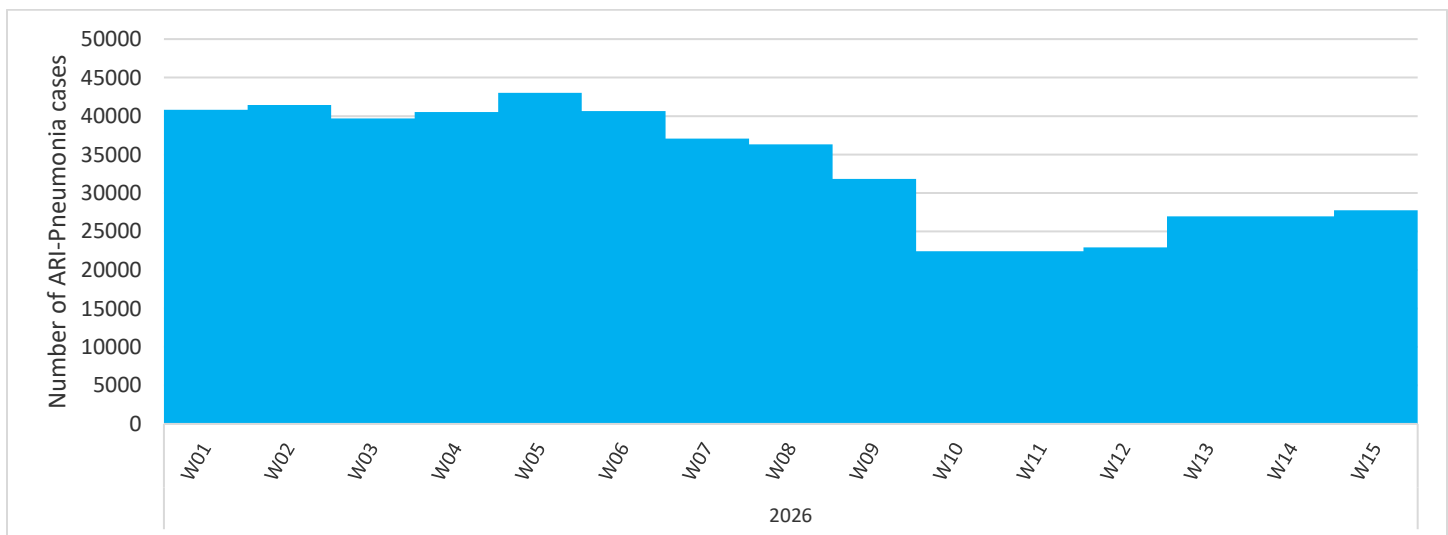
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 15, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 15<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 27,746 cases and 41 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.1%)
- Out of the total cases, 17,868 (64.4%) were under-five children, and 13,711 (49.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 506,298 ARI pneumonia cases and 994 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 323,673 (63.9%) are children under five and 251,807 (49.7%) are females.

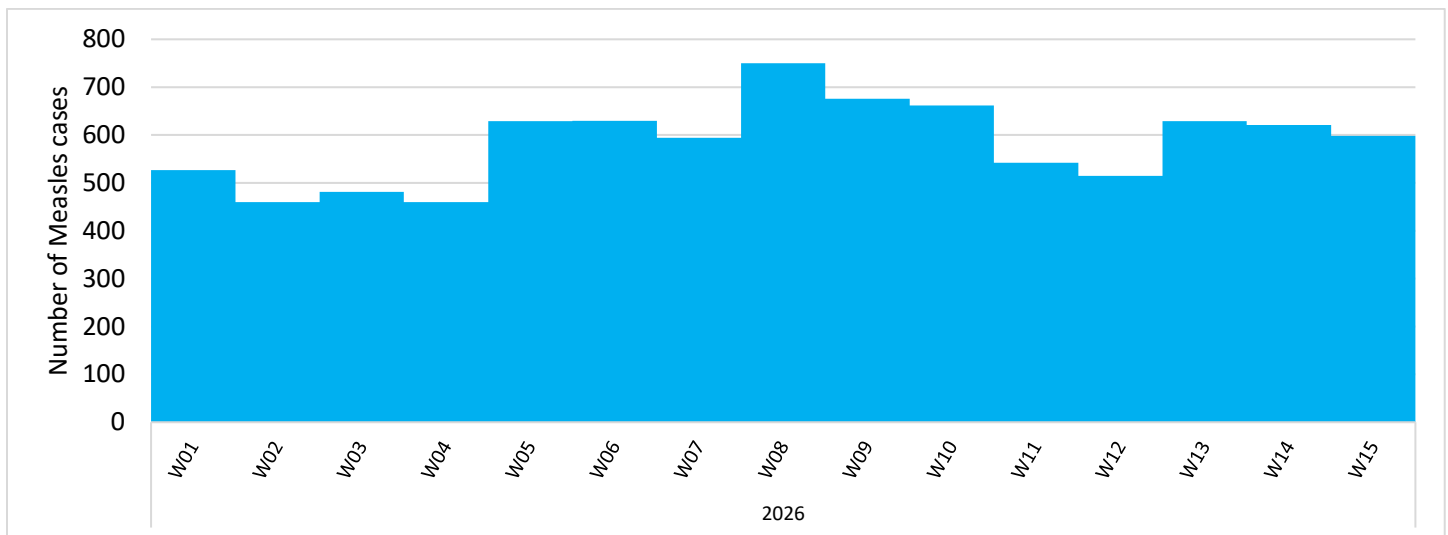
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 15, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 15<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 598 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.3%)
- Out of the total cases, 464 (77.6%) were under-five children, and 275 (45.9%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 8,774 measles cases and 36 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 7,089 (80.7%) are children under five and 4,130 (47.1%) are females.

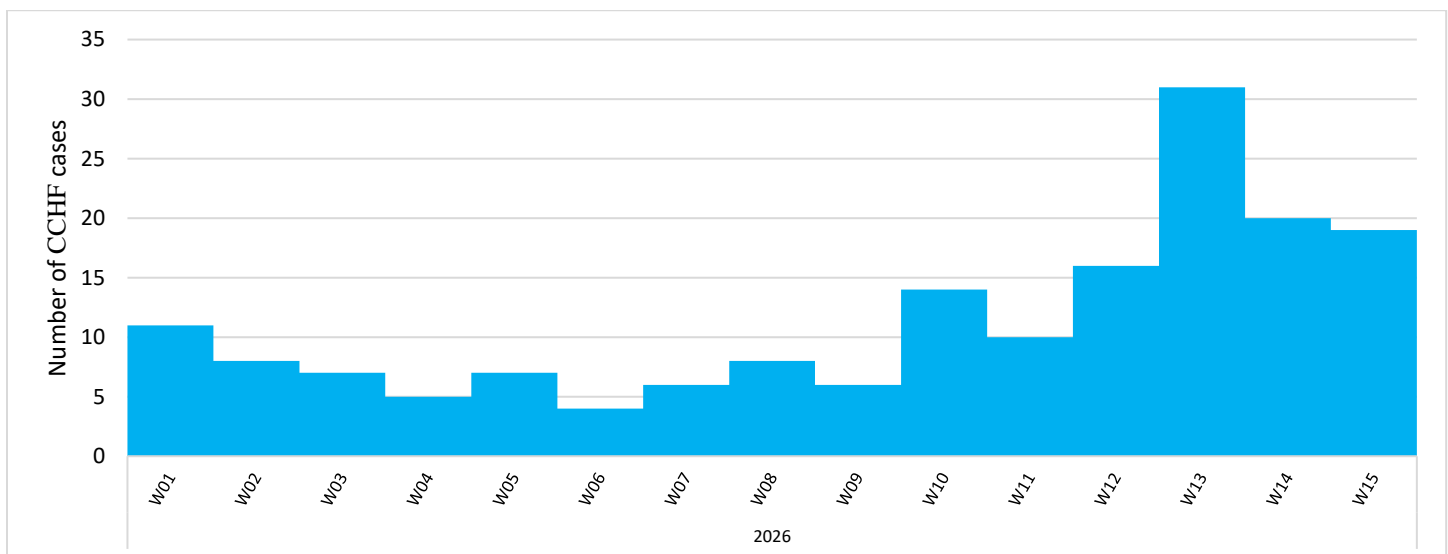
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 15, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual increase since week 10-2026.
- During week 15<sup>th</sup> 2026, a total of 19 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR= 0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 8 of them (42.1%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 172 suspected CCHF cases and 3 deaths (CFR=1.7%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 66 (38.4%) are females.

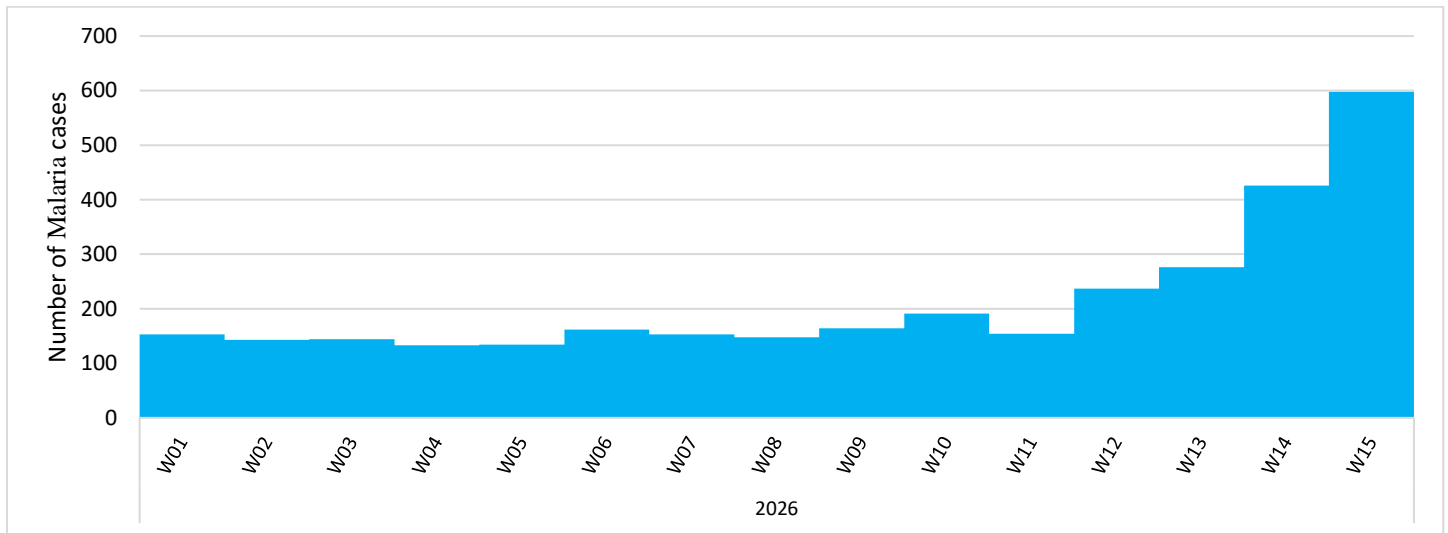
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 15, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 15<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 598 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.3%)
- Out of the total cases, 464 (77.6%) were children under-five, and 275 (46%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 3,215 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 601 (18.7%) are children under-five, and 1,465 (45.6%) are females.

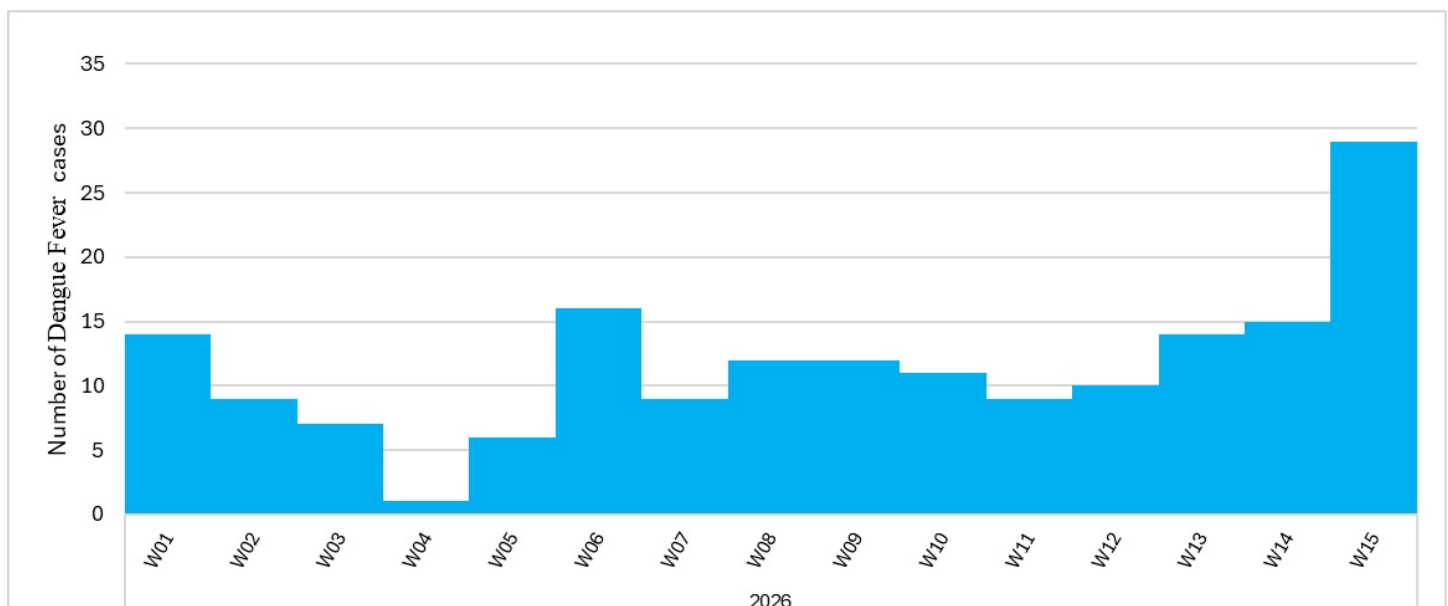
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 15, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable increase since week 13 of 2026.
- During 15<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 29 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 6 (20.7%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 174 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 47 (27%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 15, 2026)



## Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 15<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 1,195 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 7 (0.6%) were under-five children, and 584 (48.9%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 19,370 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 113 (0.6%) are under-five children, and 9,774 (50.5%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 15, 2026)

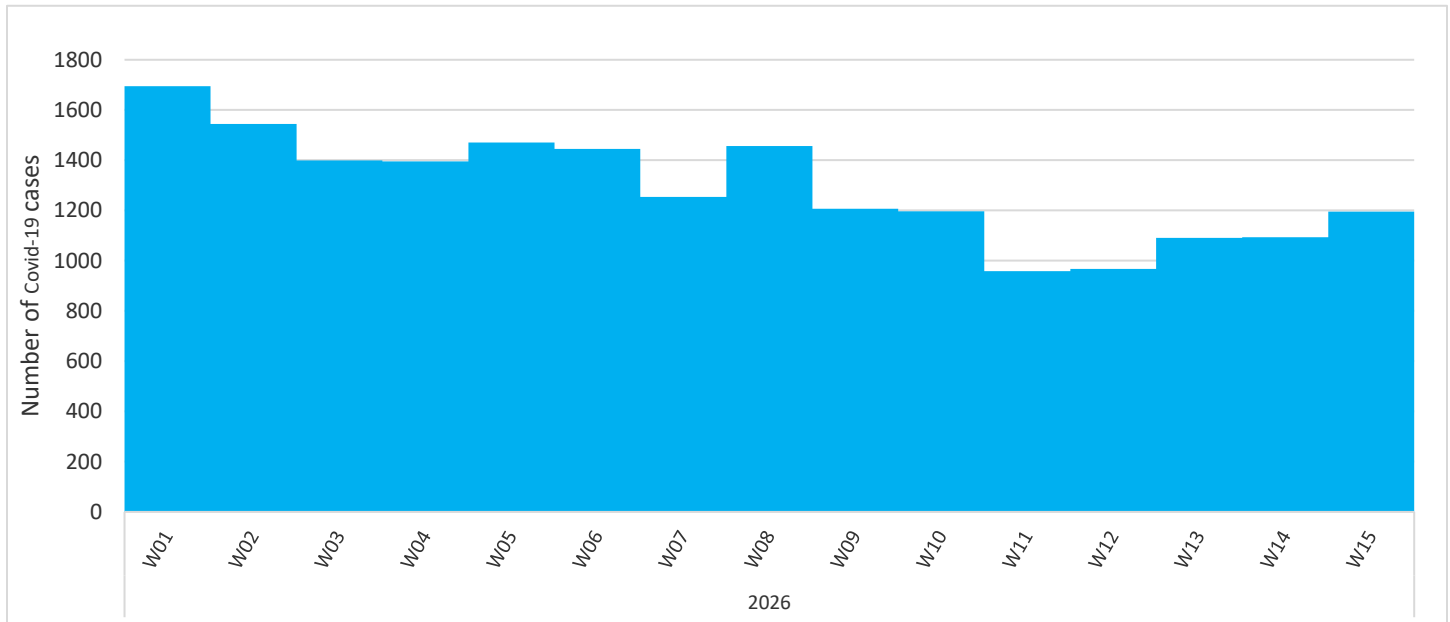
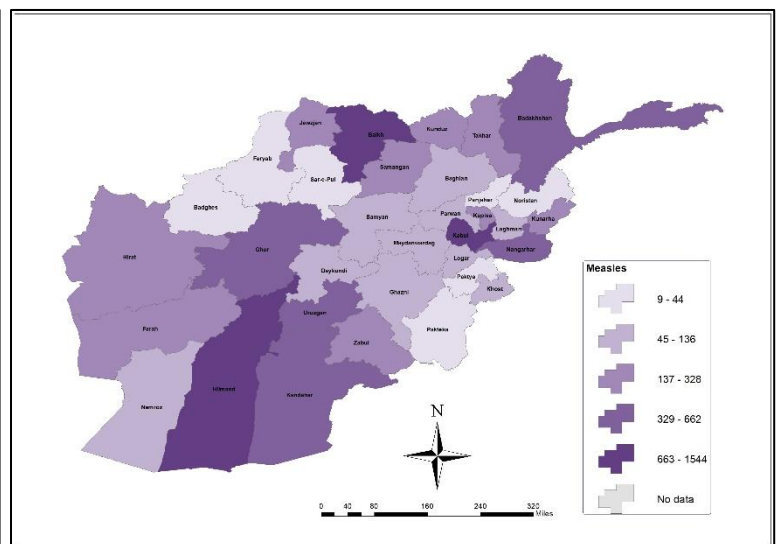
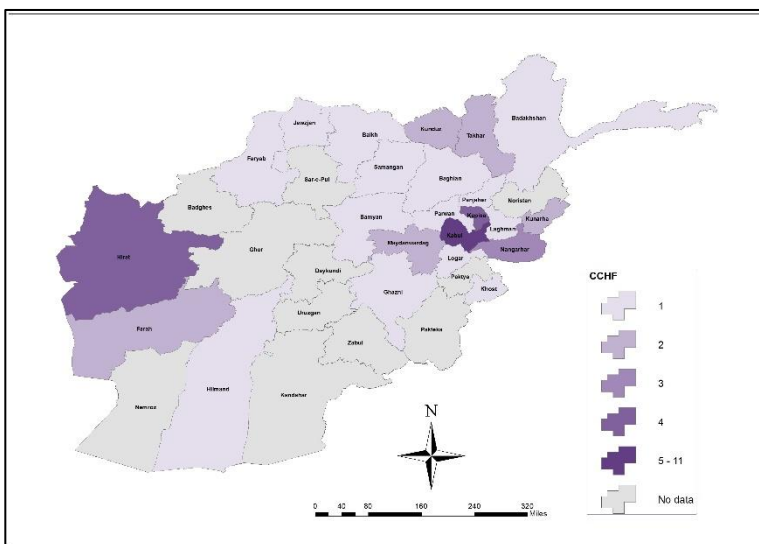


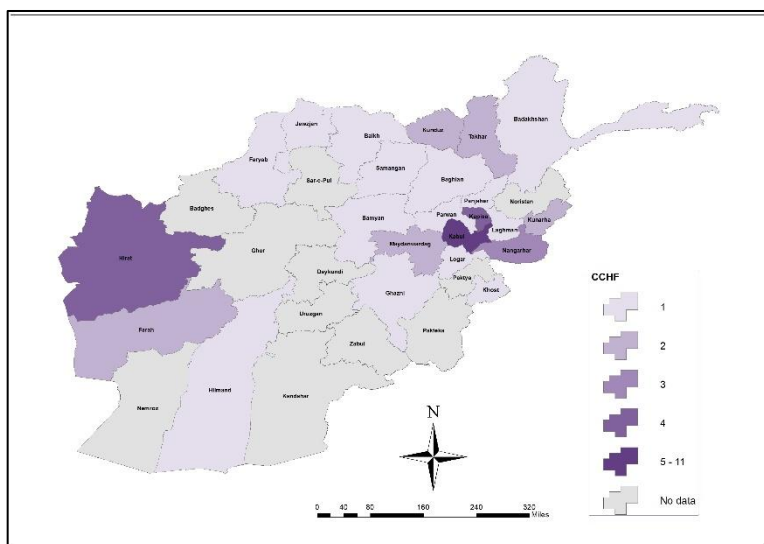
Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

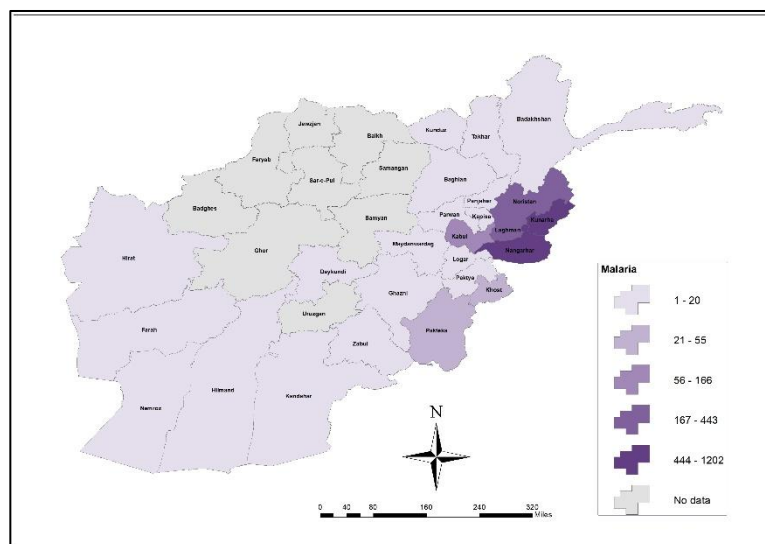
Figure 9: B (Measles)



**Figure 9: C (CCHF)**



**Figure 9: D (Malaria)**



## Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 15 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 1297 (23.2%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 866 (67.2%) were under 5 years old and 632 (49.1%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (1.1%) compared to the previous week, and 30-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 24(80%) under five and 19 (63.3%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Herat (35%), Paktia (27.9%), and Bamyan (26.3%).
- During this week, our field staff in the country collected and shipped 50 specimens (30 SARI and 20 ILI) to the NIC. Out of all these tested specimens, 1 lab confirmed case reported for, Influenza Flu B Victoria, but not a new influenza virus subtype.

**Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 15, 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	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Badakhshan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Balkh	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Bamyan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Herat	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kabul	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Kapisa	5	1	0	0	1	0	10%	
Kandahar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Nangarhar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Paktia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2%</b>	

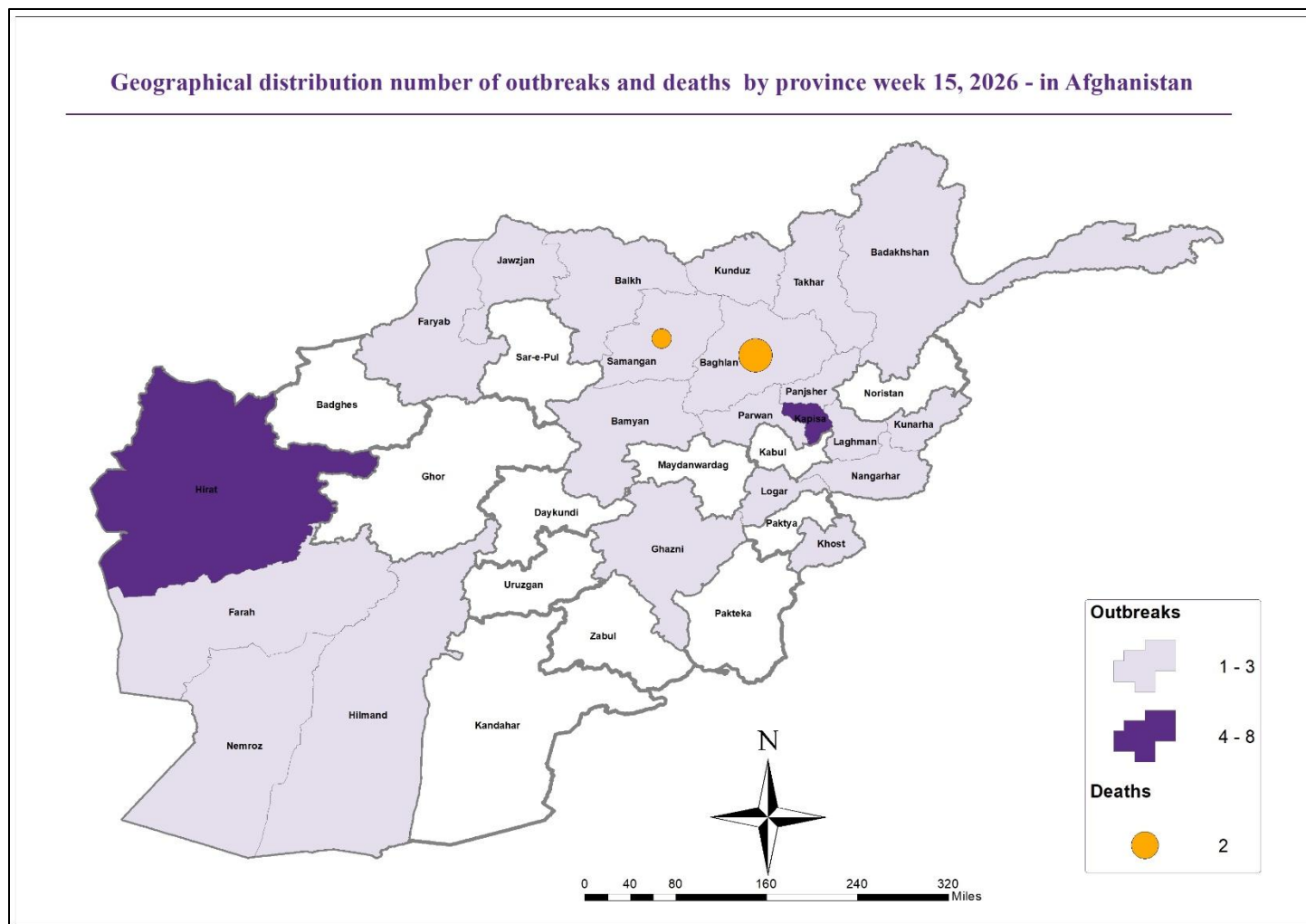
## Outbreak Situation

**Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 15-2026**

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Measles	12/04/2026	Baghlan	Pul-e-Khomri	Qol-e-Hamam	8	3	85%	80%
	12/04/2026	Farah	Khak-e-Safid	Diwar Surkh	6	0	80%	0%
	13/04/2026	Helmand	Mosa Qala	Doab	7	0	60%	50%
	15/04/2026	Khost	Matoon	Mata Cheena	6	0	80%	51%
	13/04/2026	Kunduz	Chahar Darah	Gharo Qeshlaq	9	0	79%	5%
	16/04/2026	Nangarhar	Sorkh Road	Hijrat kali	6	0	100%	83%
Pertussis	14/04/2026	Ghazni	Ghazni	Khashak	21	0	75%	5%
	13/04/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Hussain Khil	4	0	81%	60%
	13/04/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Bibi Mahro	9	0	30%	20%
	13/04/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Etefaq	4	0	94%	90%
	14/04/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Shahrak Safa Sare Kotal	6	0	43%	35%
	14/04/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Golayee Hese 1	5	0	78%	60%
	14/04/2026	Kabul	Kabul	500 Families	1	0	63%	55%
	18/04/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Chahar Rahi Qambar	3	0	53%	70%
	14/04/2026	Kapisa	Nijrab	Khermandi	4	0	93%	73%
	14/04/2026	Kapisa	Nijrab	Toghak	3	0	114%	75%
	14/04/2026	Kapisa	Nijrab	Ferozayee	1	0	73%	70%
	16/04/2026	Kapisa	His-e-Awal-e-Kohestan	Kasaba	3	0	78%	75%
	12/04/2026	Logar	Pul-e-Alam	Dashte Bahari	13	0	85%	40%
	15/04/2026	Wardak	Said Abad	Naway Shar	5	0	95%	79%
Scabies	13 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Balkh, (1), Farah (1), Herat (1), Kabul (2), Kunar (1), Kunduz (1), Laghman (1), Nangarhar (2), Nimroz (1), Takhar (1) and Wardak (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 628)							
Chickenpox	6 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Bamyan (1), Herat (2), Jawzjan (1), Nimroz (1) and Parwan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 103)							
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	4 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Herat (1), Kabul (1), Samangan (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 31 and 1 death)							

<b>Mumps</b>	3 Mumps outbreaks were reported from Kabul (1), Kunar (1) and Panjshir (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 33)
<b>Anthrax</b>	1 Anthrax outbreak was reported from Badakhshan province (Total number of cases = 1)
<b>Malaria</b>	1 Malaria outbreak was reported from Faryab province (Total number of cases = 30)

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



**Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026**

<u>Disease/Event</u>	<u>Disease/Event</u>	<u>Lab-Confirm</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Measles	73	39	678	14
Scabies	210	0	8049	0
Chickenpox	106	22	1793	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	54	0	413	12
CCHF	4	5	21	0
Food Poisoning	3	0	48	0
Pertussis	66	40	361	0
Anthrax	11	0	12	0
AWD with Dehydration	0	0	0	0
Acute Watery Diarrhea	1	0	38	0

Malaria	1	0	30	0
ARI-Pneumonia	6	0	280	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0
Viral Hepatitis	0	0	0	0
COVID-19	1	0	30	0
Impetigo	0	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever	3	0	42	0
Mumps	18	0	201	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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>12418</b>	<b>27</b>

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

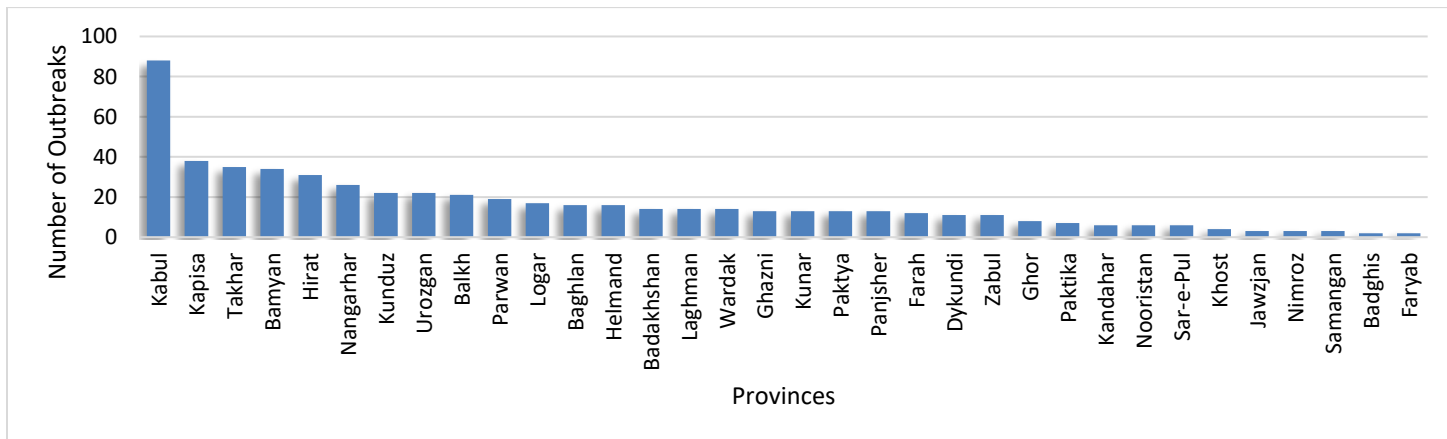
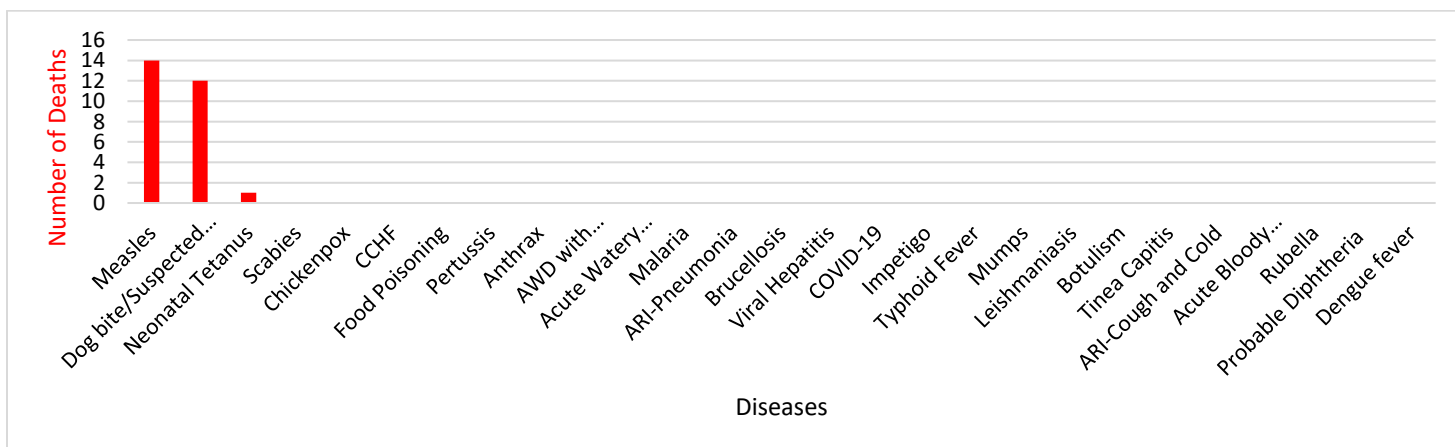


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026



**Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 15-2026**

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
COVID-19	84	0	0.0
Chickenpox	45	34	75.6
CCHF	36	8	22.2
Pertussis	34	12	35.3
SARI	30	2	6.7
ILI	20	1	5.0
Measles	14	9	64.3
HAV/HEV	4	4	100.0
Dengue Fever	1	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>26.1</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 **639 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **5 (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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