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Epidemiological Report | Week # 21 – 2026

21 (24 – 30 May, 2026)

**Summary:**

Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **606 (98.8 %)** submitted reports this week.

A total of **434,184** new consultations were reported, among which **161,260 (37.1%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **81,872 (50.8%)** females and **75,562 (46.8%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **84,572** cases (**19.5%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **59,270** cases (**13.6%**), and pneumonia with **13,761** cases (**3.2%**).

A total of **348** deaths were reported this week, of which **41 (11.8%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **27 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **8 suspected meningitis** deaths, **3 measles** deaths, **2 AWD** with **dehydration** deaths and **1 hemorrhagic fever** death.

During this week, **16** outbreaks were reported: **4 scabies** outbreaks, **4 chickenpox** outbreaks, **3 CCHF** outbreaks, **2 measles** outbreaks, **1 pertussis** outbreak, **1 food poisoning** outbreak and **1 anthrax** outbreak.

**Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 21-2026**

| 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 | 818   | 802   | 741    | 846   | 1      | 0     | 0      | 1     | 3207   | 0.7 | 2      | 0.6 | 0.06 |
| ARI-Pneumonia        | 4642  | 2336  | 4255   | 2528  | 11     | 6     | 8      | 2     | 13761  | 3.2 | 27     | 7.8 | 0.20 |
| Measles              | 182   | 81    | 140    | 53    | 0      | 1     | 2      | 0     | 456    | 0.1 | 3      | 0.9 | 0.66 |
| CCHF                 | 0     | 42    | 0      | 14    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 1     | 56     | 0.0 | 1      | 0.3 | 1.79 |
| Confirmed Malaria    | 124   | 421   | 125    | 347   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1017   | 0.2 | 0      | 0.0 | 0.00 |
| Dengue Fever         | 0     | 11    | 0      | 13    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 24     | 0.0 | 0      | 0.0 | 0.00 |
| Covid-19             | 0     | 318   | 10     | 328   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 656    | 0.2 | 0      | 0.0 | 0.00 |



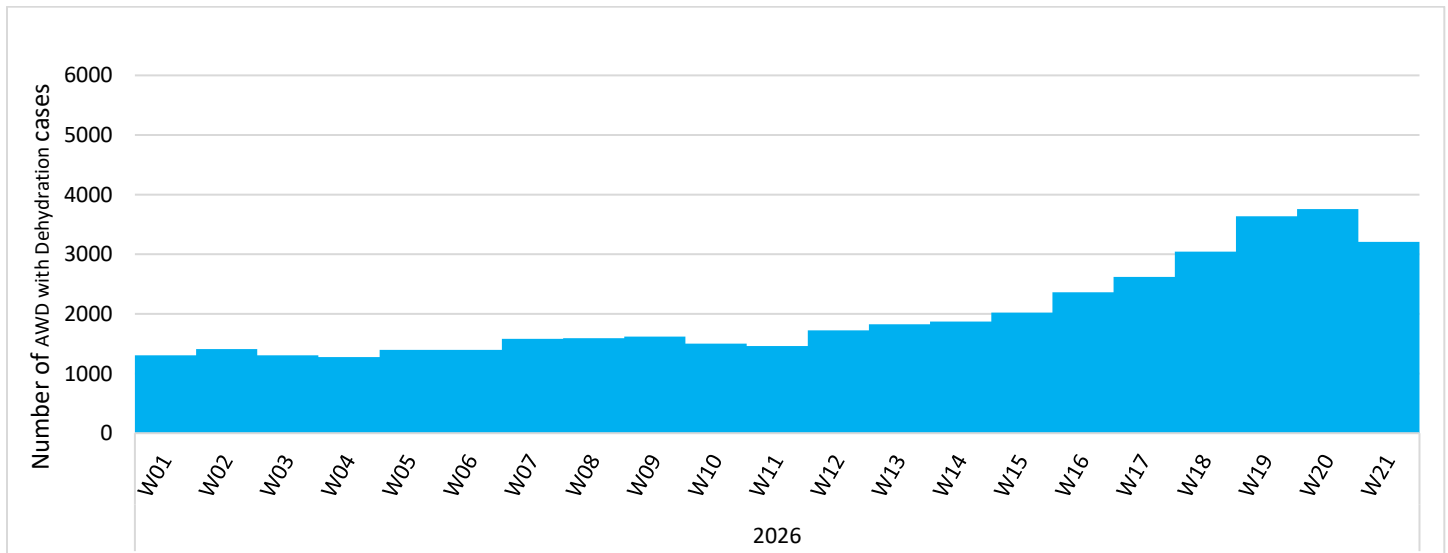
**Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W21, 2026)**

| 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>          | 12,106           | 9,081            | 10,960           | 9,776            | 9            | 2            | 5            | 2            | 41,923            | 0.3         | 18           | 0.2        | 0.04        |
| <b>Acute Bloody Diarrhea</b>         | 57,265           | 63,430           | 53,012           | 65,364           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 239,071           | 1.7         | 0            | 0.0        | 0.00        |
| <b>AFP</b>                           | 191              | 104              | 184              | 83               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 562               | 0.0         | 0            | 0.0        | 0.00        |
| <b>Acute Viral Hepatitis</b>         | 918              | 1,201            | 766              | 1,260            | 13           | 10           | 5            | 5            | 4,145             | 0.0         | 33           | 0.4        | 0.80        |
| <b>Acute Watery Diarrhea</b>         | 224,793          | 134,736          | 212,611          | 147,950          | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 720,090           | 5.2         | 0            | 0.0        | 0.00        |
| <b>ARI-C&amp;C</b>                   | 721,919          | 930,902          | 698,168          | 1,098,738        | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 3,449,727         | 24.8        | 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                | 258              | 0                | 123              | 0            | 6            | 0            | 3            | 381               | 0.0         | 9            | 0.1        | 2.36        |
| <b>Confirmed Malaria</b>             | 1,027            | 4,208            | 953              | 3,542            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 9,730             | 0.1         | 0            | 0.0        | 0.00        |
| <b>Measles</b>                       | 5,313            | 1,246            | 4,563            | 1,305            | 28           | 2            | 21           | 0            | 12,427            | 0.1         | 51           | 0.6        | 0.41        |
| <b>Covid-19</b>                      | 28               | 13,015           | 112              | 12,907           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 26,062            | 0.2         | 0            | 0.0        | 0.00        |
| <b>Pertussis</b>                     | 389              | 39               | 360              | 27               | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 815               | 0.0         | 0            | 0.0        | 0.00        |
| <b>ARI-Pneumonia</b>                 | 213,652          | 106,542          | 193,816          | 122,796          | 543          | 123          | 439          | 92           | 636,806           | 4.6         | 1,197        | 13.9       | 0.19        |
| <b>Meningitis</b>                    | 832              | 637              | 742              | 596              | 36           | 24           | 35           | 29           | 2,807             | 0.0         | 124          | 1.4        | 4.42        |
| <b>Dengue Fever</b>                  | 0                | 214              | 0                | 107              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 321               | 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>                 | 726              | 10,943           | 674              | 13,982           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 26,325            | 0.2         | 0            | 0.0        | 0.00        |
| <b>NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths</b> | <b>1,239,162</b> | <b>1,276,556</b> | <b>1,176,924</b> | <b>1,478,558</b> | <b>630</b>   | <b>167</b>   | <b>506</b>   | <b>131</b>   | <b>5,171,200</b>  | <b>37.2</b> | <b>1,434</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>0.03</b> |
| <b>Total of new clients/ death</b>   | <b>2,174,917</b> | <b>3,778,365</b> | <b>2,119,957</b> | <b>5,814,208</b> | <b>2,595</b> | <b>2,434</b> | <b>1,885</b> | <b>1,728</b> | <b>13,887,447</b> | <b>100</b>  | <b>8,642</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>0.06</b> |

### Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual increase since week 07-2026.
- During 21<sup>st</sup> week of 2026, a total of 3,207 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.06%)
- Out of the total cases, 1,559 (48.6%) were under-five children, and 1,587(49.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 41,923 AWD + dehydration cases and 18 deaths (CFR=0.04%) have been reported. Of these cases 23,066 (55%) are children under five and 20,736 (49.4%) are females.

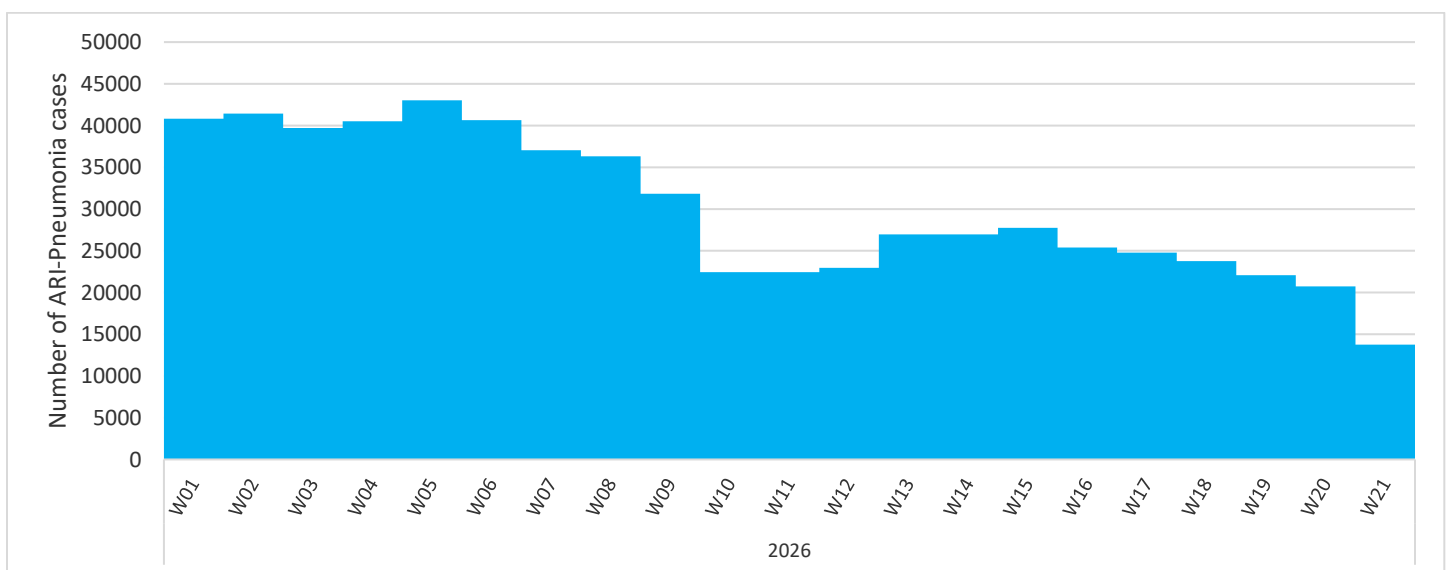
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 21, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 21<sup>st</sup> week of 2026, a total of 13,761 cases and 27 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 8,897 (64.5%) were under-five children, and 6,783 (49.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 636,806 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,197 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 407,468 (63.9%) are children under five and 316,612 (49.7%) are females.

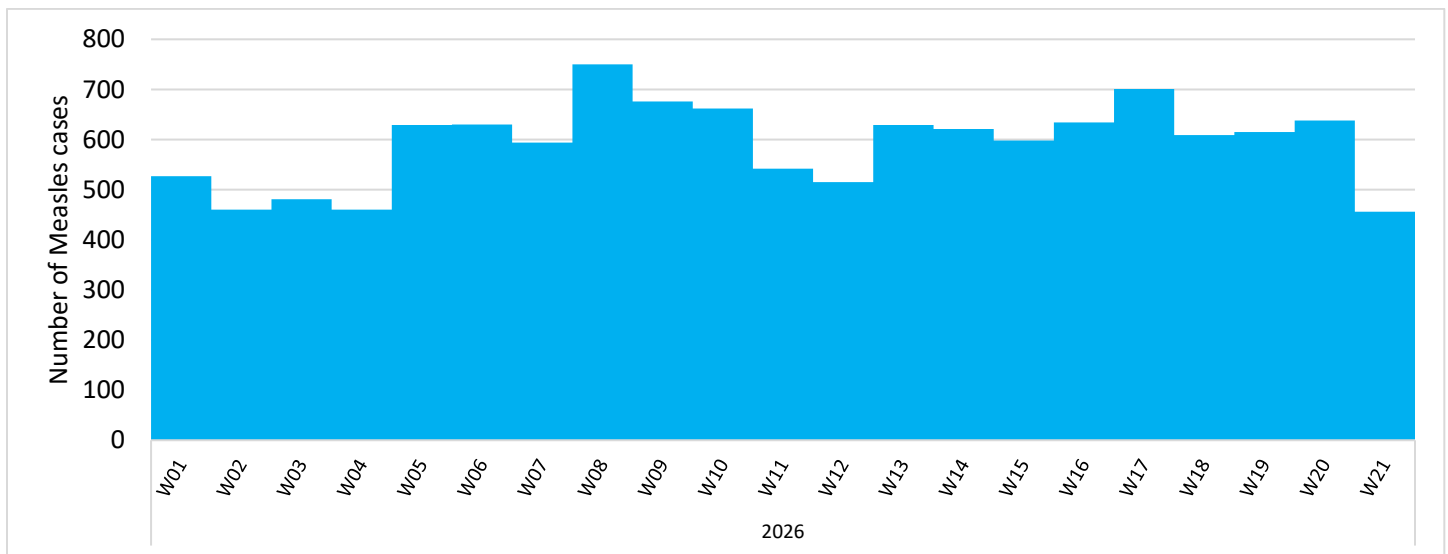
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 21, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 21<sup>st</sup> week of 2026, a total of 456 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.6%)
- Out of the total cases, 322 (70.6%) were under-five children, and 193 (42.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 12,427 measles cases and 51 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 9,876 (79.5%) are children under five and 5,868 (47.2%) are females.

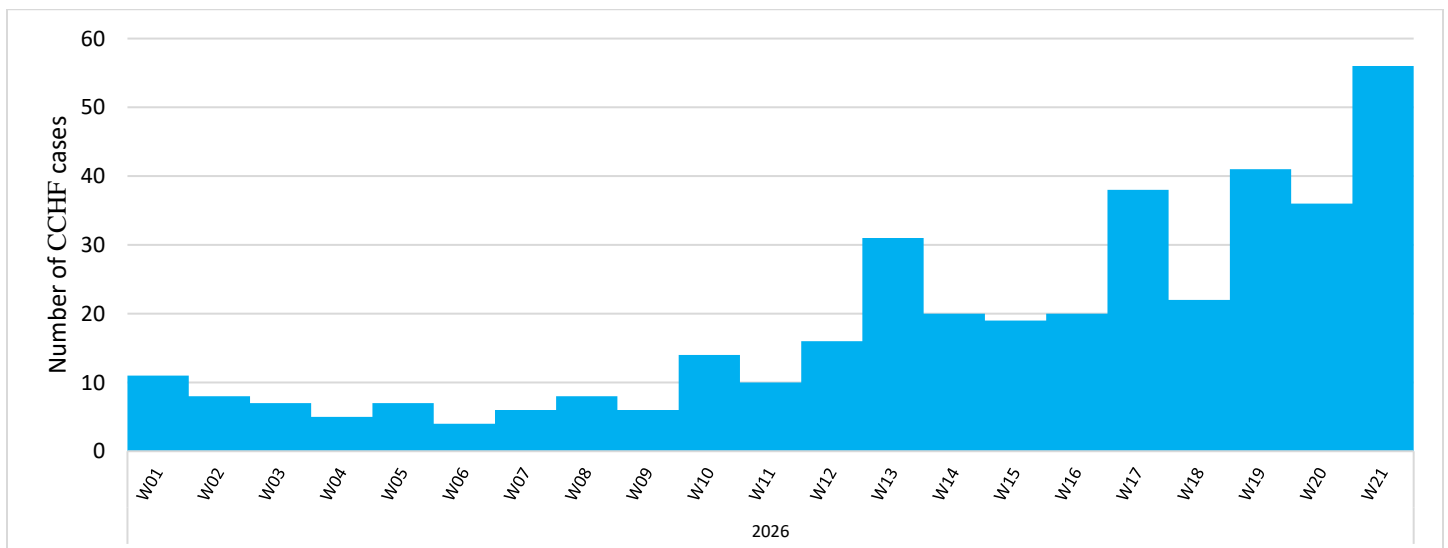
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 21, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual increase since week 10-2026.
- During week 21<sup>st</sup> 2026, a total of 56 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR= 1.8%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 14 of them (25%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 381 suspected CCHF cases and 9 deaths (CFR= 2.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 123 (32.2%) are females.

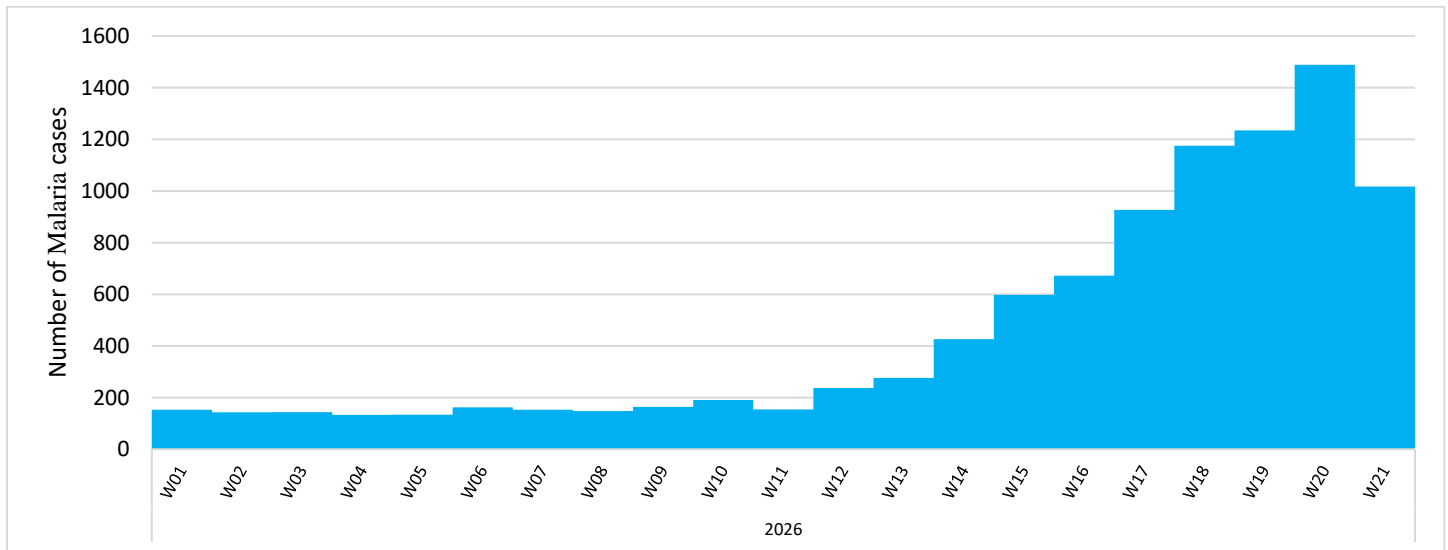
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 21, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 21<sup>st</sup> week of 2026, a total of 1,017 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 249 (24.5%) were children under-five, and 472 (46.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 9,730 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 1980 (20.3%) are children under-five, and 4,495 (46%) are females.

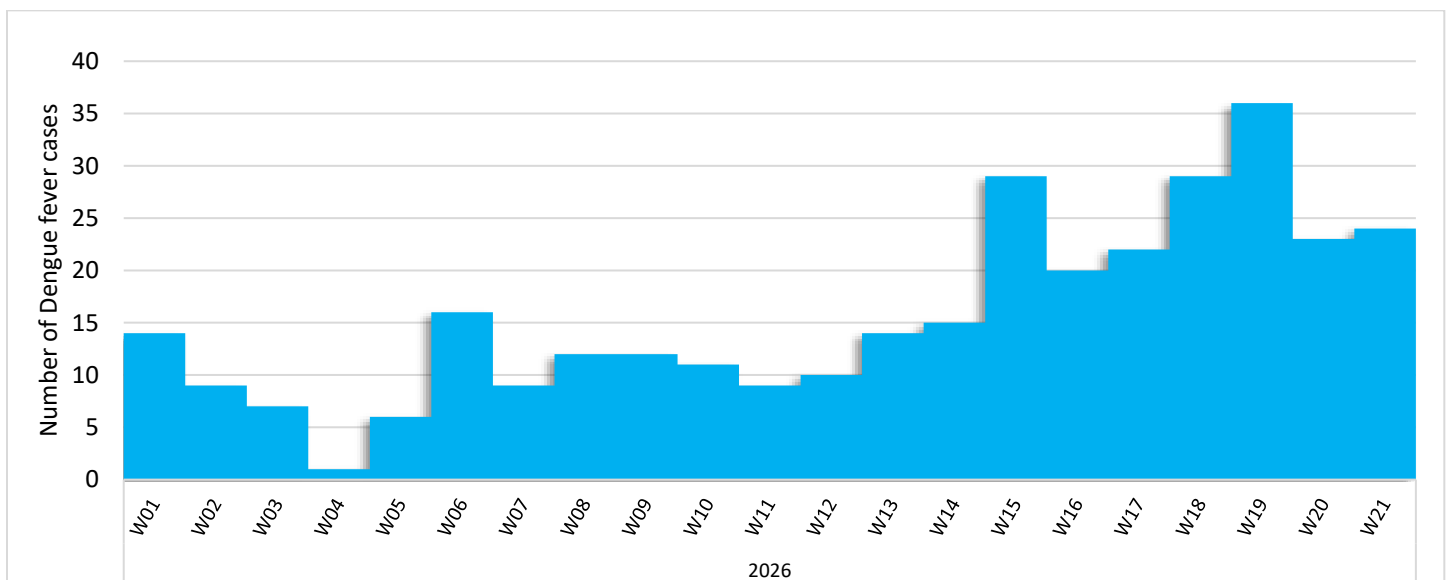
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 21, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable increase since week 13 of 2026.
- During 21<sup>st</sup> week of 2026, a total of 24 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 13 (54%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 321 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 107 (33.3%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 21, 2026)



## Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 21<sup>st</sup> week of 2026, a total of 656 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 10 (1.5%) were under-five children, and 338 (51.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 26,062 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 140 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 13,019 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 21, 2026)

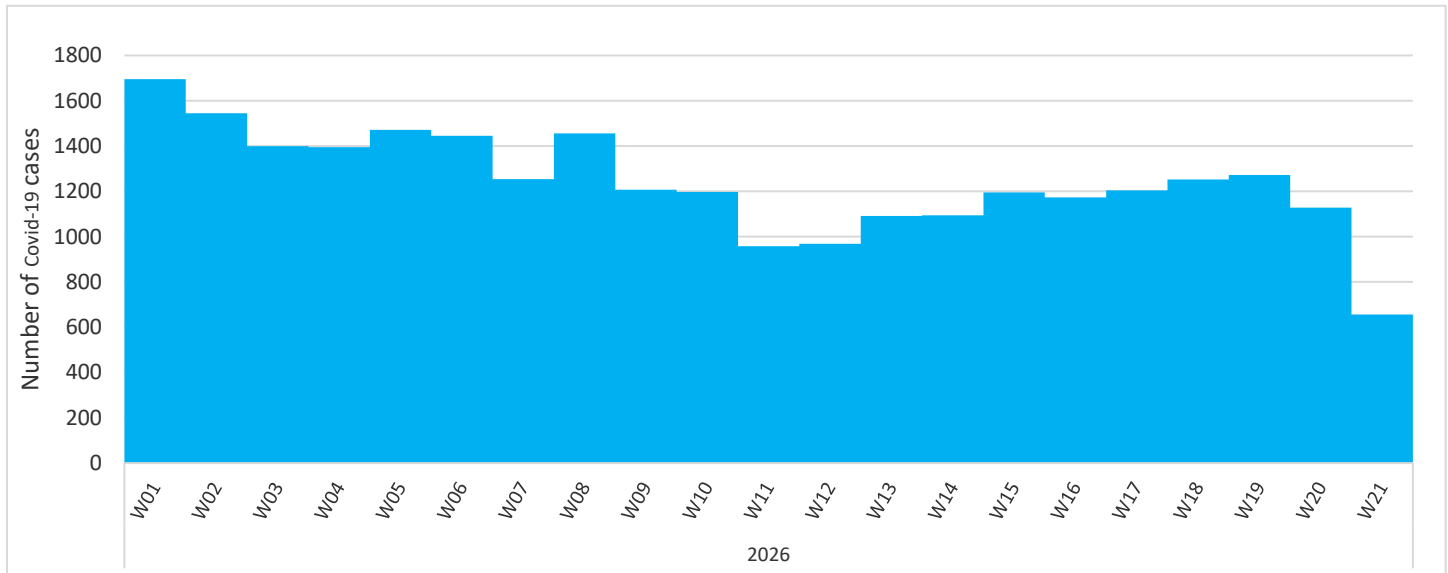


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

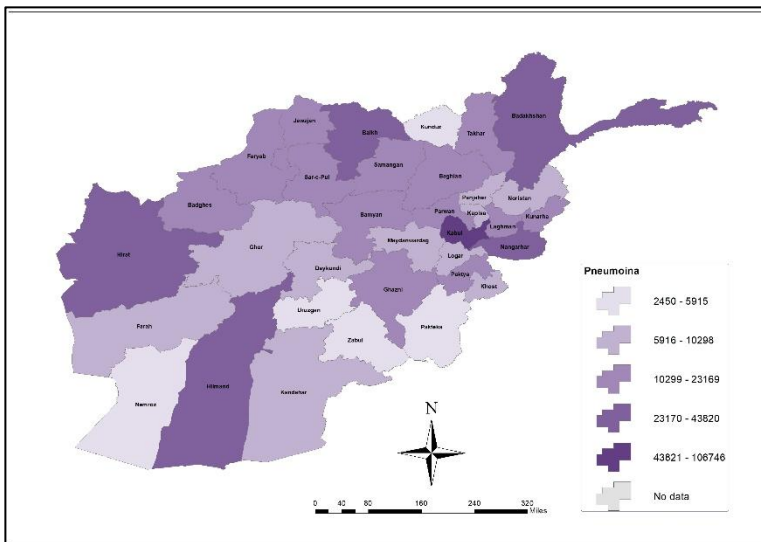
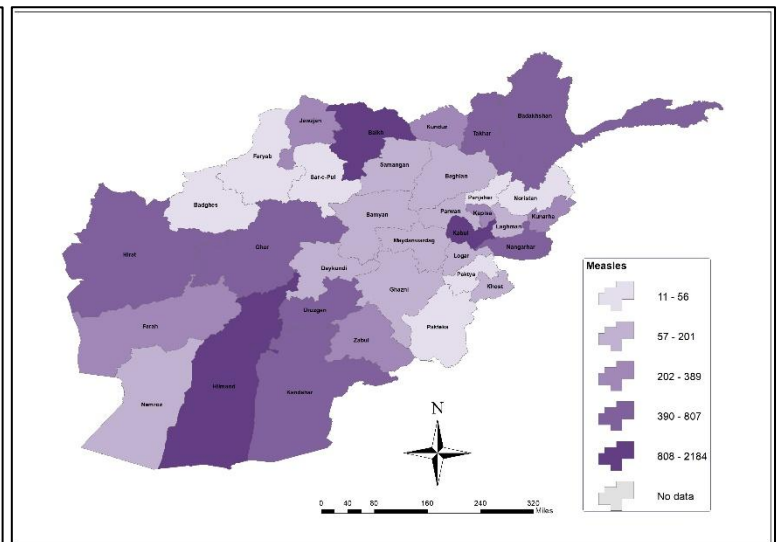


Figure 9: B (Measles)



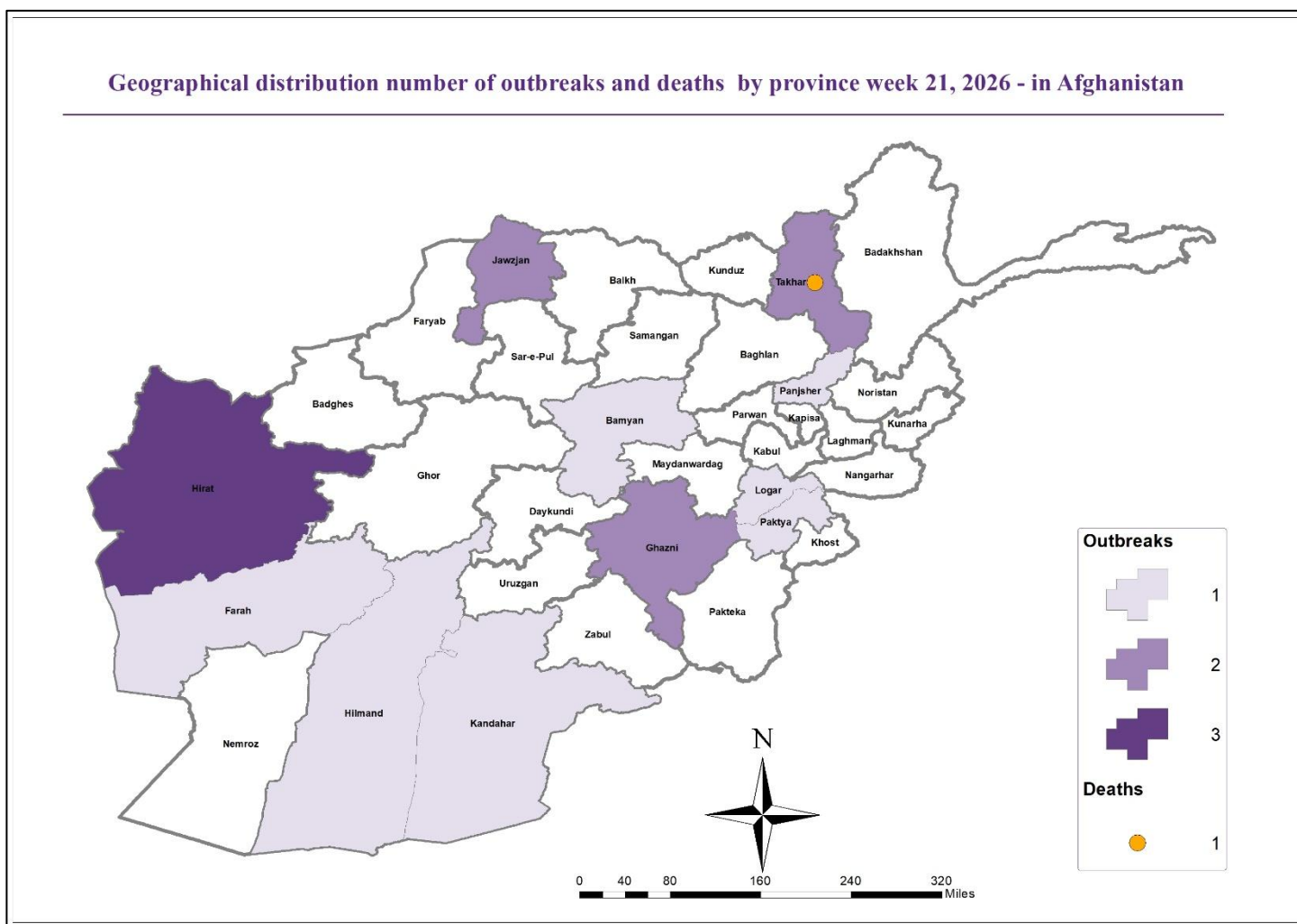


## Outbreak Situation

**Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 21-2026**

| Event / Diseases Name | Investigation date   | Province | District     | Village        | Total Cases | Total Deaths | Vaccination coverage, If VPD |                          |
|-----------------------|--|----------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                       |  |          |              |                |             |              | HF reported coverage         | Field Estimated Coverage |
| Measles               | 24/5/2026  | Farah    | Farah        | Sang Zoor      | 12          | 0            | 109%                         | 88%                      |
|                       | 24/5/2026  | Helmand  | Nahr-e-Seraj | Obaidullah     | 7           | 0            | 0%                           | 0%                       |
| Pertussis             | 26/5/2026  | Takhar   | Taloqan      | Mughal Qushlaq | 1           | 0            | 92%                          | 85%                      |
| Scabies               | 4 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Ghazni (1), Logar (1), Paktya (1) and Panjshir (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 94) |          |              |                |             |              |                              |                          |
| Chickenpox            | 4 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Bamyān (1), Ghazni (1) Kapsa (1) and Herat (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 42)  |          |              |                |             |              |                              |                          |
| CCHF                  | 3 CCHF outbreaks were reported from Herat (2) and Jawzjan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 7)                              |          |              |                |             |              |                              |                          |
| Food Poisoning        | 1 Food Poisoning outbreak was reported from Kandahar province (Total number of cases = 9)  |          |              |                |             |              |                              |                          |
| Anthrax               | 1 Anthrax outbreak was reported from Takhar province (Total number of cases = 1)   |          |              |                |             |              |                              |                          |

**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                   | 96            | 47          | 883         | 16           |
| Scabies                   | 304           | 0           | 13106       | 0            |
| Chickenpox                | 148           | 27          | 2410        | 0            |
| Dog bite/Suspected Rabies | 64            | 0           | 521         | 13           |
| CCHF                      | 13            | 7           | 46          | 0            |
| Food Poisoning            | 10            | 0           | 170         | 2            |
| Pertussis                 | 119           | 40          | 678         | 0            |
| Anthrax                   | 16            | 0           | 17          | 0            |
| AWD with Dehydration      | 2             | 1           | 25          | 0            |
| Acute Watery Diarrhea     | 1             | 0           | 38          | 0            |
| Malaria                   | 3             | 1           | 814         | 0            |
| ARI-Pneumonia             | 7             | 0           | 337         | 4            |
| Brucellosis               | 0             | 0           | 0           | 0            |
| Viral Hepatitis           | 0             | 0           | 0           | 0            |
| COVID-19                  | 1             | 0           | 30          | 0            |
| Impetigo                  | 1             | 0           | 9           | 0            |
| Typhoid Fever             | 6             | 0           | 102         | 0            |

|                       |            |            |             |           |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Mumps                 | 22         | 0          | 257         | 0         |
| Leishmaniasis         | 5          | 0          | 471         | 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         |
| Mushroom Poisoning    | 1          | 0          | 9           | 0         |
| Donkey Bite           | 1          | 0          | 43          | 0         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>    | <b>824</b> | <b>123</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>36</b> |

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

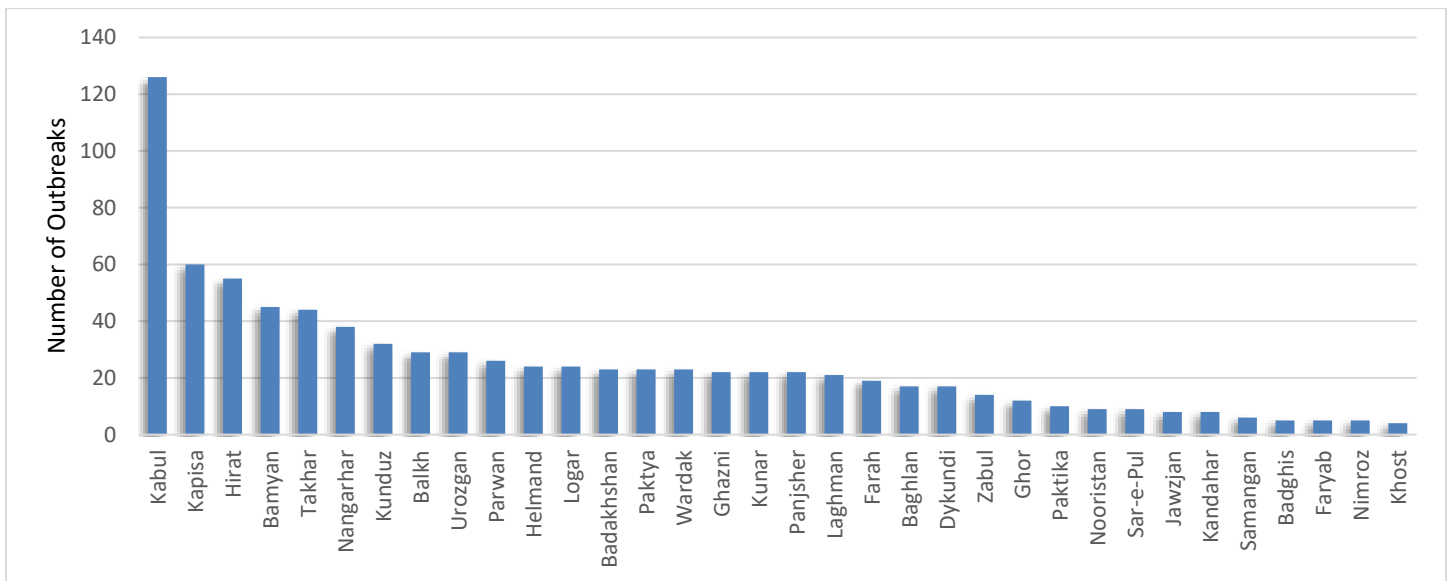
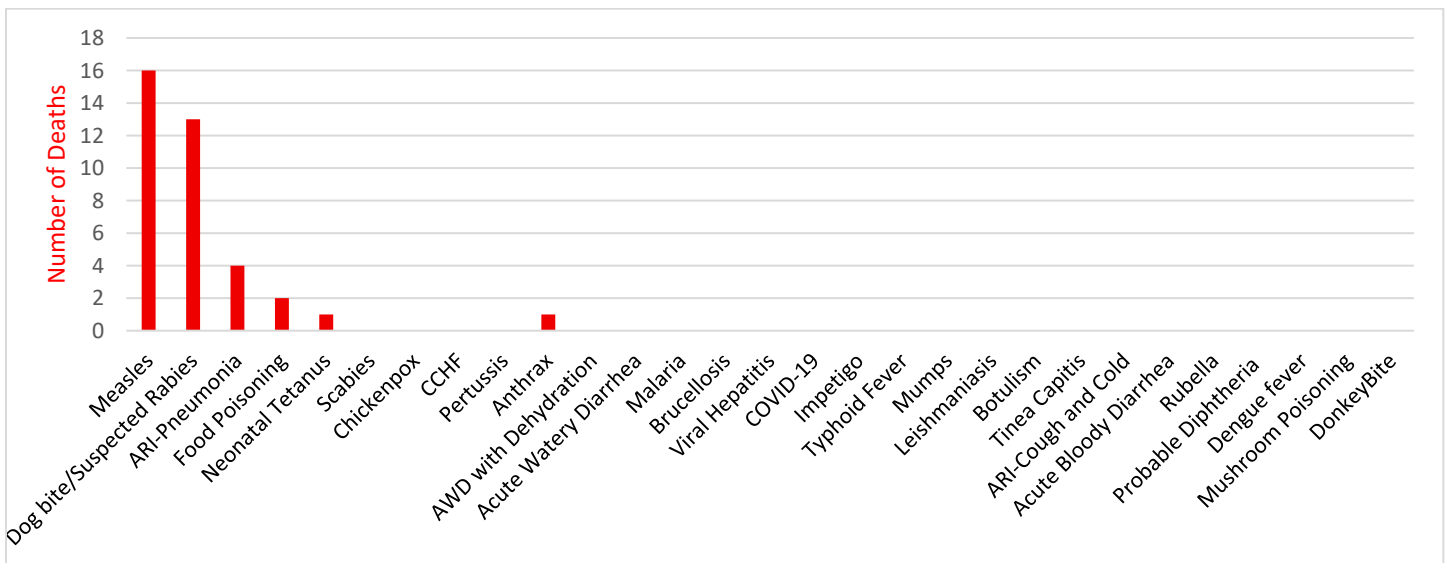


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026



**Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 21-2026**

| Lab Specimen      | Specimen Tested | Specimen Confirmed | Positivity rate (%) |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Chickenpox        | 50              | 39                 | 78.0                |
| CCHF              | 38              | 24                 | 63.2                |
| COVID-19          | 30              | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| Measles           | 13              | 7                  | 53.8                |
| Pertussis         | 10              | 8                  | 80.0                |
| HAV/HEV           | 4               | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| SARI              | 0               | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| ILI               | 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                 |
| <b>Monkey pox</b> | <b>145</b>      | <b>78</b>          | <b>53.8</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 increased since week 10 - 2026, it is recommended to maintain and strengthen control measures at the national level to prevent further transmission
- The increasing outbreaks of pertussis require strengthened vaccination coverage and preventive measures.
- The measles response strategy should be reviewed to respond to the current measles epidemic situation, as the surveillance system detected **475 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **3 (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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