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Epidemiological Report | Week # 23 – 2026

23 (07-13 Jun, 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **823,024** new consultations were reported, among which **264,526 (32.1%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **136,030 (51.4%)** females and **136,030 (47.8%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **143,075** cases (**17.4%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **97,671** cases (**11.9%**), and pneumonia with **17,231** cases (**2.1%**).

A total of **376** deaths were reported this week, of which **61 (16.3%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **43 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **5 suspected meningitis** deaths, **4 measles** deaths, **4 AWD** with **dehydration** deaths, **3 hemorrhagic fever** deaths, **1 neonatal tetanus** death and **1 acute viral hepatitis** death.

During this week, **48** outbreaks were reported: **11 pertussis** outbreaks, **6 scabies** outbreaks, **6 measles** outbreaks, **6 CCHF** outbreaks, **2 dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **11 chickenpox** outbreaks, **4 AWD** outbreaks, **1 food poisoning** outbreak and **1 anthrax** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 23-2026

Top 7 Diseases	Cases				Deaths				Total				
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Cases		Deaths		CFR
	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	< 5 Y	> 5 Y	Number	%	Number	%	
AWD with Dehydration	1358	999	1239	1080	0	0	4	0	4676	0.6	4	1.1	0.09
ARI-Pneumonia	5638	3114	5066	3413	14	5	19	5	17231	2.1	43	11.4	0.25
Measles	230	90	224	93	3	0	0	1	637	0.1	4	1.1	0.63
CCHF	0	81	0	37	0	2	0	1	118	0.0	3	0.8	2.54
Confirmed Malaria	230	956	229	830	0	0	0	0	2245	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	17	0	15	0	0	0	0	32	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	0	498	2	517	0	0	0	0	1017	0.1	0	0.0	0.00

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

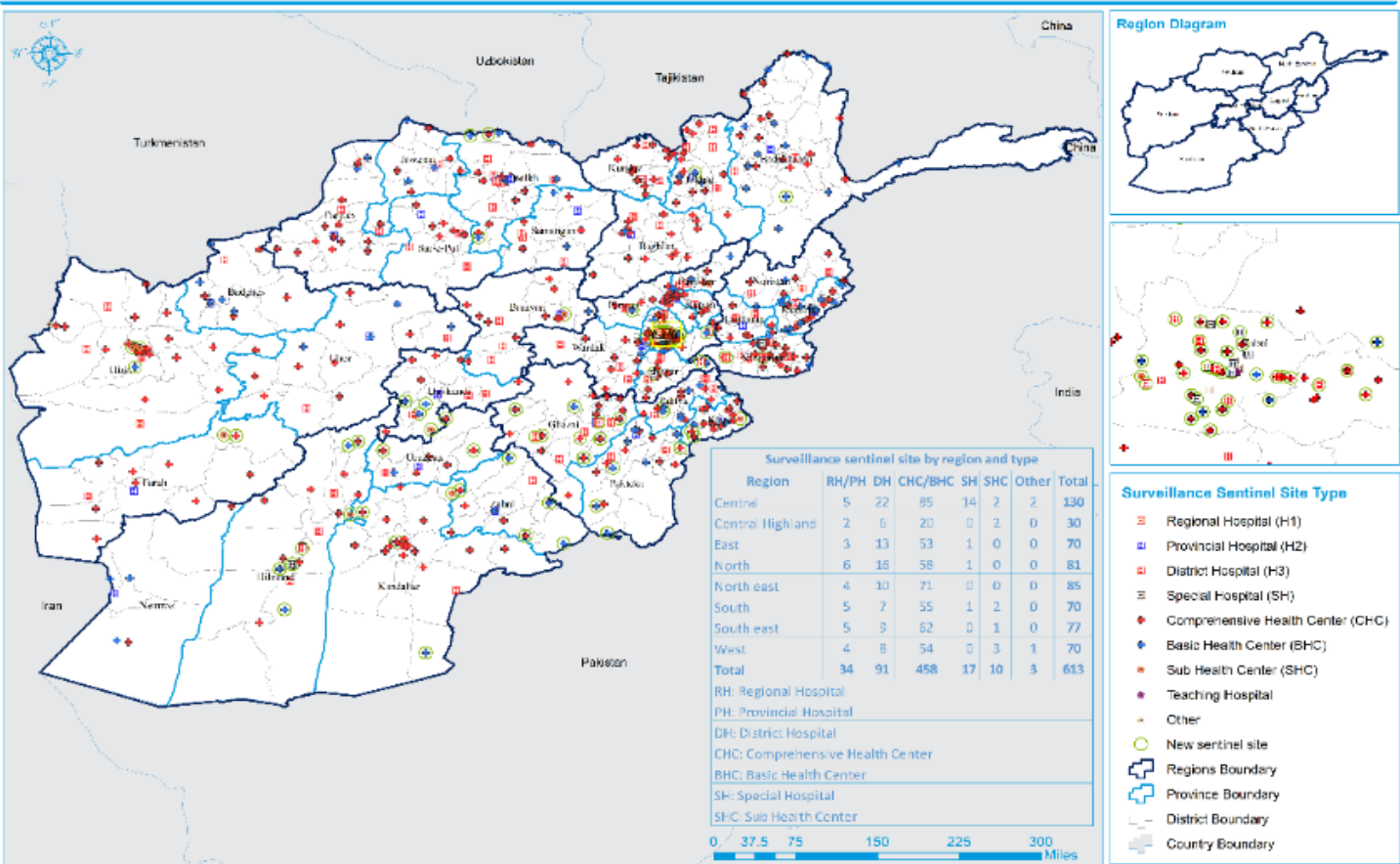


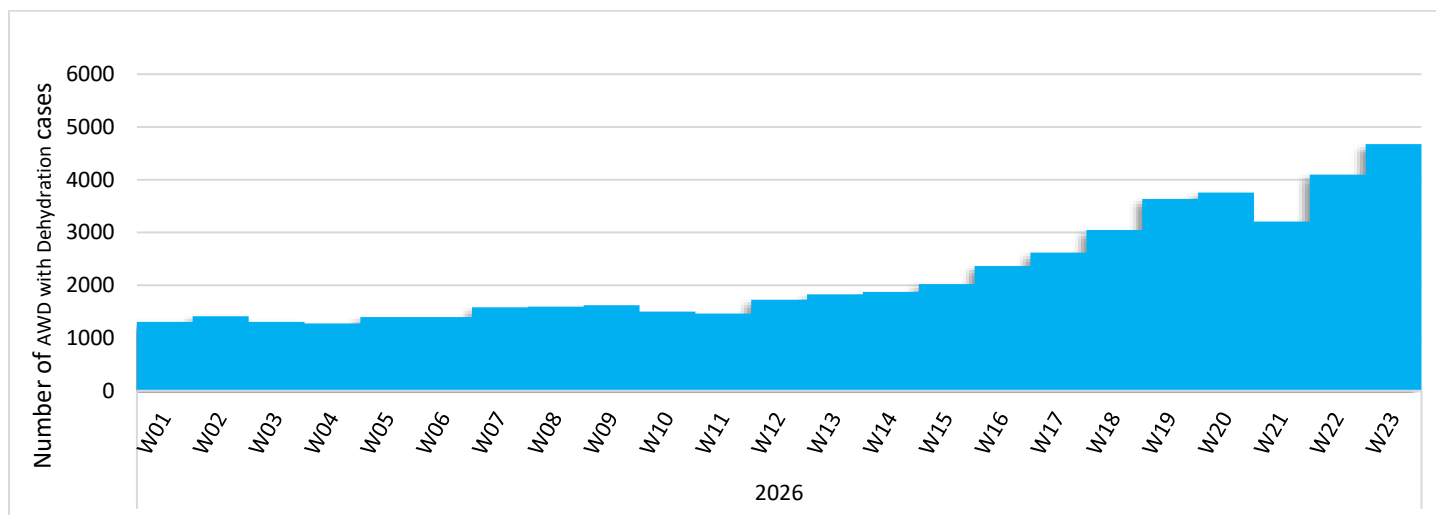
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W23, 2026)

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	14,672	10,941	13,234	11,849	9	2	12	2	50,696	0.3	25	0.3	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	65,855	73,713	61,095	76,071	0	0	0	0	276,734	1.8	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	207	107	210	89	0	0	0	0	613	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	993	1,324	831	1,394	14	10	6	5	4,542	0.0	35	0.4	0.77
Acute Watery Diarrhea	268,260	160,870	253,565	177,368	0	0	0	0	860,063	5.6	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	778,760	1,004,826	753,215	1,187,873	0	0	0	0	3,724,674	24.2	0	0.0	0.00
Probable Diphtheria	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
CCHF	0	465	0	216	0	16	0	6	681	0.0	22	0.2	3.23
Confirmed Malaria	1,434	5,930	1,349	5,040	0	0	0	0	13,753	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	5,764	1,435	4,989	1,479	31	2	23	1	13,667	0.1	57	0.6	0.42
Covid-19	28	13,942	117	13,879	0	0	0	0	27,966	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	471	43	425	30	0	0	0	0	969	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	224,996	112,454	204,059	129,597	573	134	472	104	671,106	4.4	1,283	13.6	0.19
Meningitis	903	701	804	660	40	29	35	31	3,068	0.0	135	1.4	4.40
Dengue Fever	0	250	0	139	0	0	0	0	389	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	3	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	6	0.0	3	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	855	12,464	816	16,119	0	0	0	0	30,254	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,363,201	1,399,465	1,294,712	1,621,805	669	193	549	149	5,679,183	36.9	1,560	17	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	2,393,101	4,250,417	2,334,507	6,408,584	2,826	2,645	2,066	1,875	15,386,609	100	9,412	100	0.06

Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual increase since week 07-2026.
- During 23rd week of 2026, a total of 4,676 cases and 4 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.09%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,597 (55.5%) were under-five children, and 2,319 (49.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 50,696 AWD + dehydration cases and 25 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 27,906 (55%) are children under five and 25,083 (49.5%) are females.

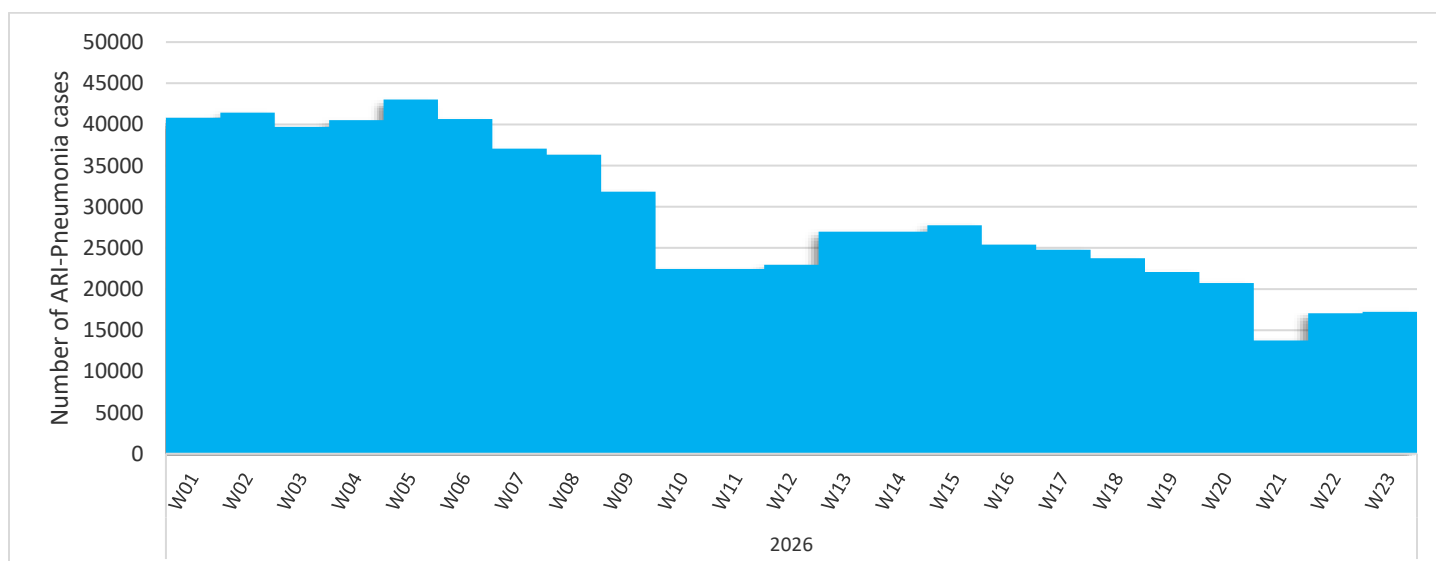
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 23, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 23rd week of 2026, a total of 17,231 cases and 43 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 10,704 (62%) were under-five children, and 8,479 (49.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 671,106 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,283 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 429,055 (63.9%) are children under five and 333,656 (49.7%) are females.

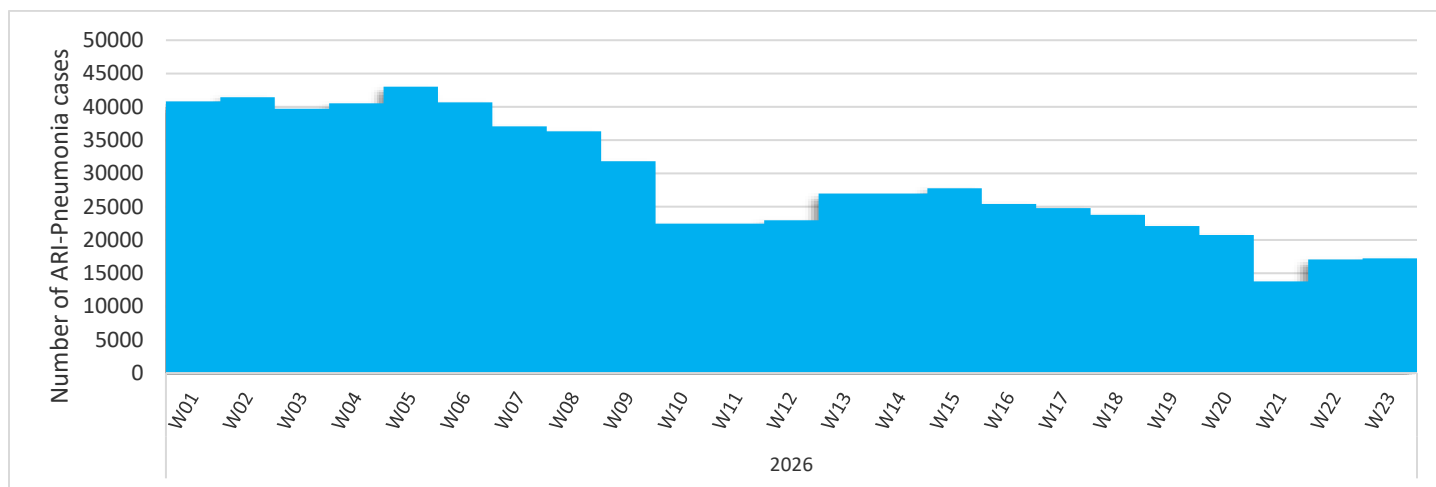
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 23, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 23rd week of 2026, a total of 637 cases and 4 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.6%)
- Out of the total cases, 454 (71.2%) were under-five children, and 317 (49.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 13,667 measles cases and 57 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 10,753 (78.6%) are children under five and 6,468 (47.3%) are females.

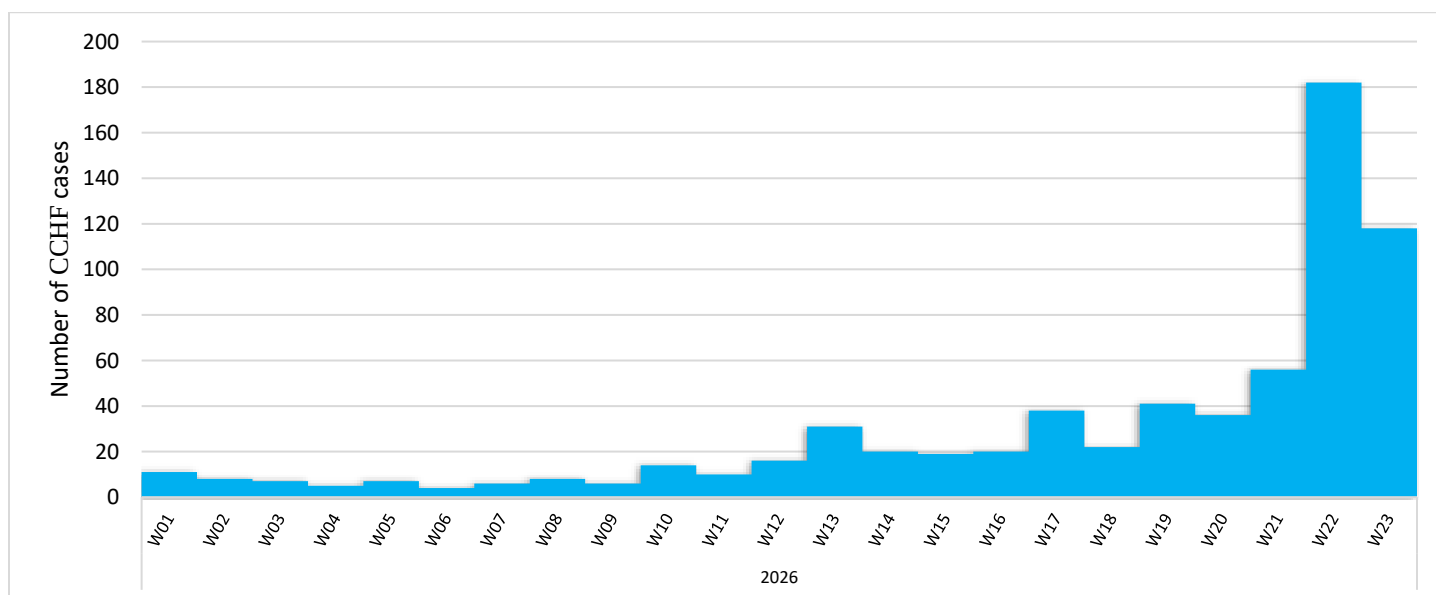
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 23, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 23rd 2026, a total of 118 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR= 2.5%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 37 of them (31.4%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 681 suspected CCHF cases and 22 deaths (CFR= 3.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 216 (31.7%) are females.

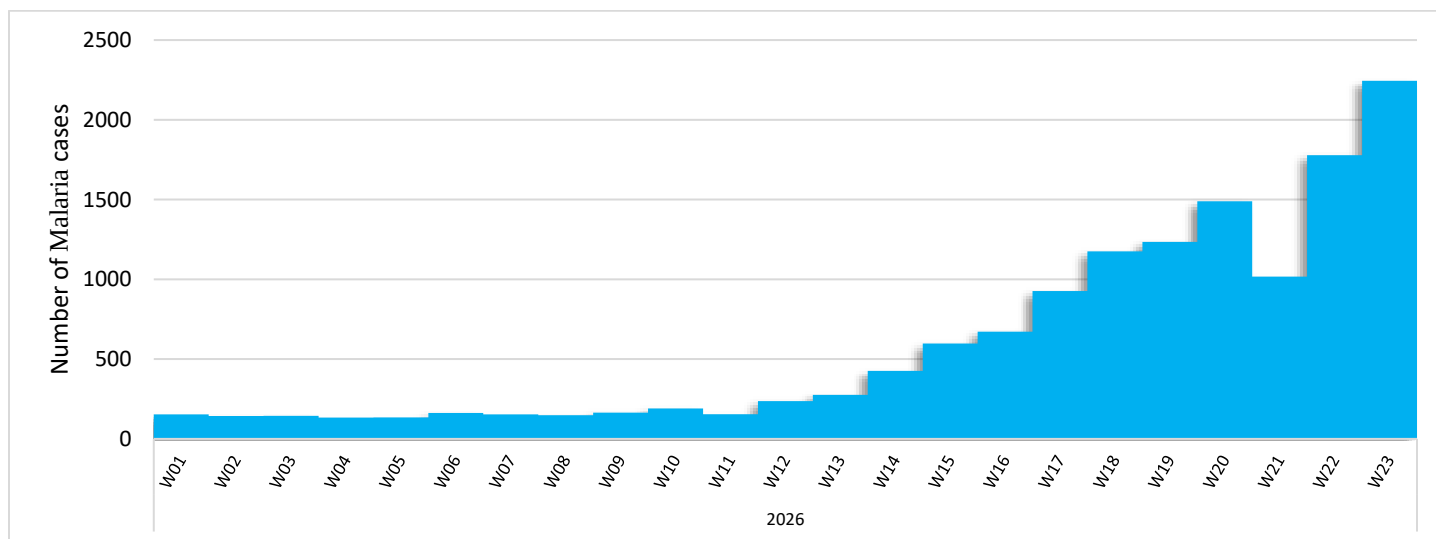
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 23, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 23rd week of 2026, a total of 2,245 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 459 (20.4%) were children under-five, and 1,059 (47.1%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 13,753 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 2,783 (20.2%) are children under-five, and 6,389 (46.4%) are females.

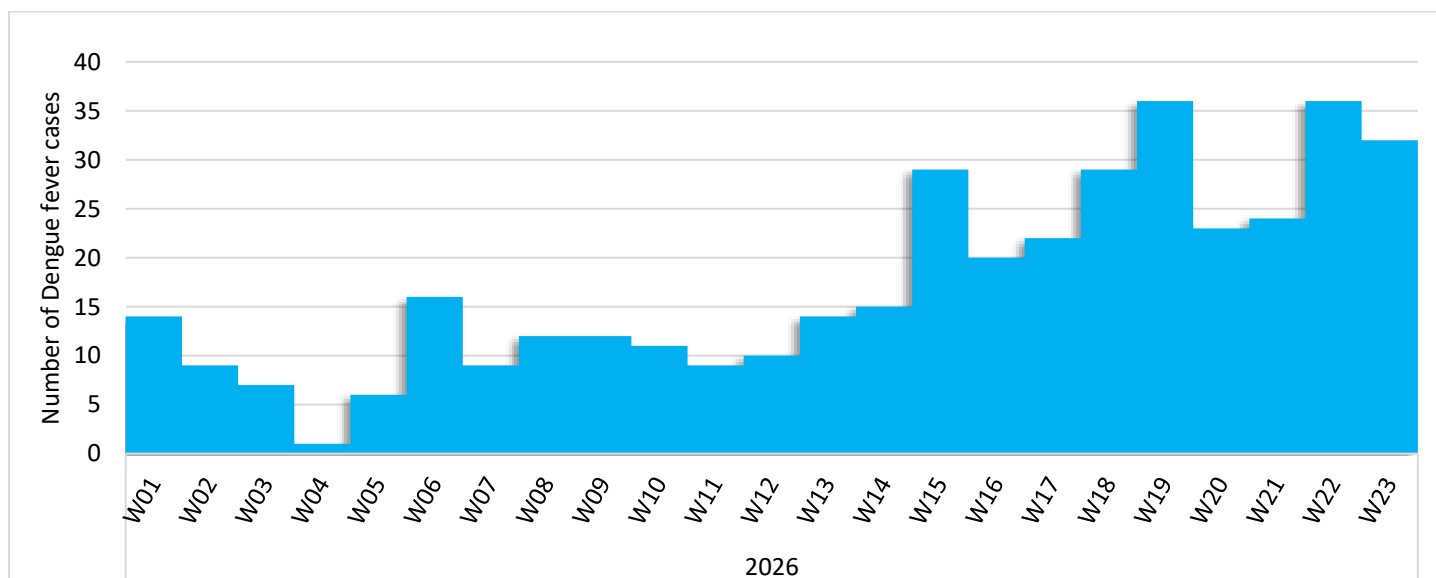
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 23, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable increase since week 13 of 2026.
- During 23rd week of 2026, a total of 32 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 15 (46.8%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 389 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 139 (35.7%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 23, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 23rd week of 2026, a total of 1,017 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 2 (0.2%) were under-five children, and 519 (51%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 27,966 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 145 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 13,996 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 23, 2026)

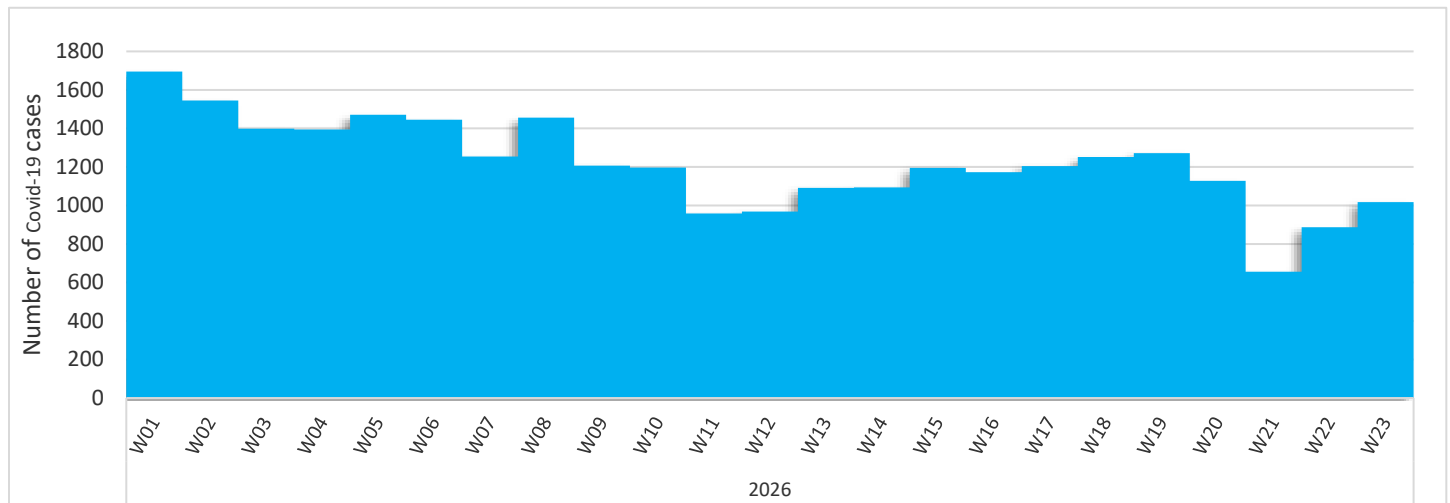


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

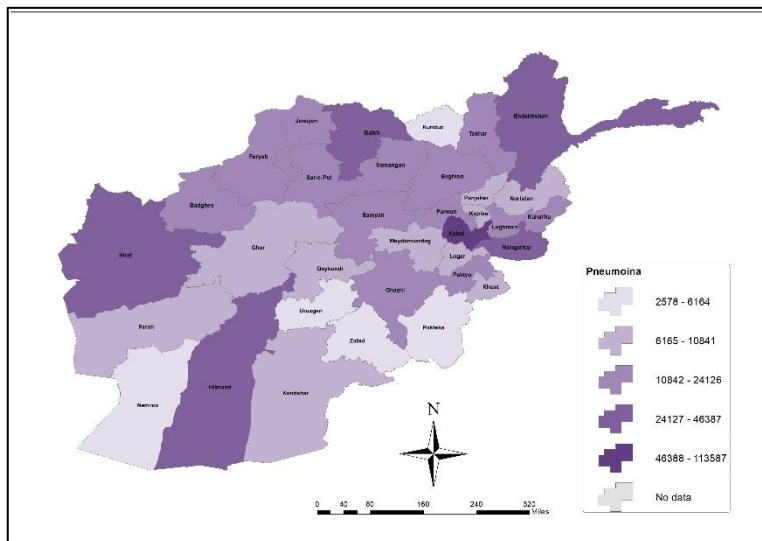


Figure 9: B (Measles)

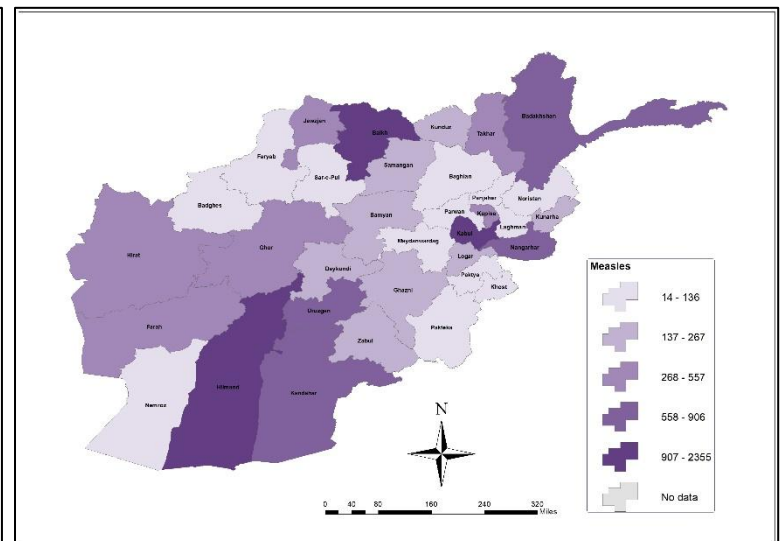


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

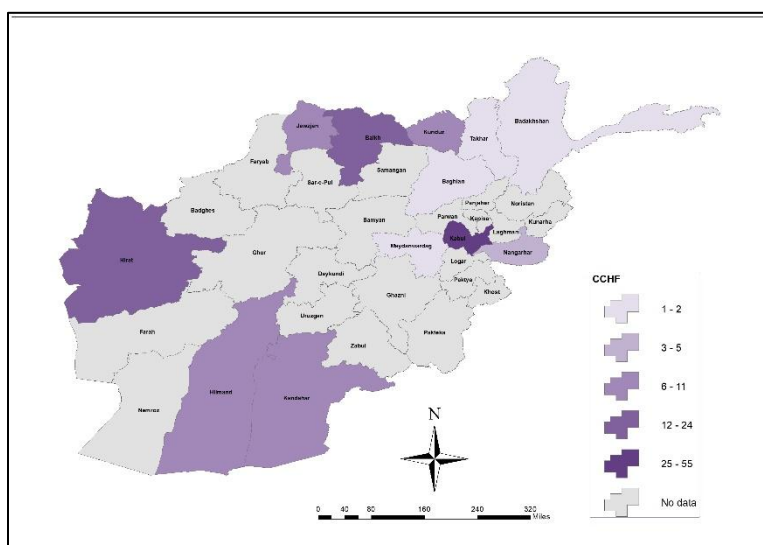
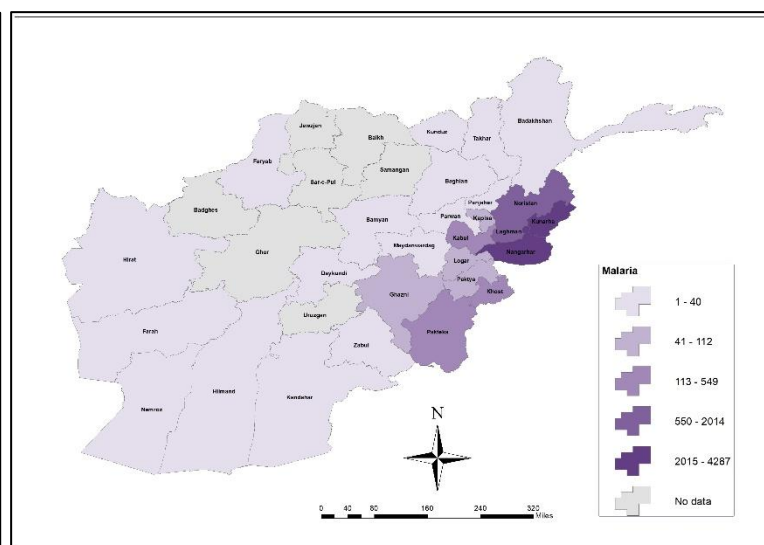


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 23 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 765 (12.6%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 456 (59.6%) were under 5 years old and 368 (48.1%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (0.4%) compared to the previous week, and 33-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 25 (83%) under five and 14 (42.4%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (28%), Balkh (18%), and Kabul (14%).
- During this week, our field staff in the country collected and shipped 45 specimens (27 SARI and 18 ILI) to the NIC. Out of all these tested specimens, 5 lab confirmed case reported for, Influenza Flu B Victoria (2), and COVID-19 (3), but not a new influenza virus subtype

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 23, 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	2	0	0	2	0	0	40%
Badakhshan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Balkh	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Bamyan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Herat	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kabul	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	40%
Kapisa	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kandahar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nangarhar	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
Paktia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	45	5	0	0	2	0	3	11.1%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 23-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Pertussis	13/06/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Yakatoot	7	0	136%	40%
	11/06/2026		Kabul	Qala e Sadeeq	5	0	78%	50%
	08/06/2026		Kabul	Alokhil	7	0	89%	60%
	07/06/2026		Kabul	Shahrak Mehdia	6	0	67%	70%
	08/06/2026	Kapisa	Kapisa	Share now	3	0	179%	97%
	08/06/2026		Kapisa	Paryat	2	0	100%	90%
	09/06/2026	Logar	Logar	Dehnow Alozay	8	0	90%	30%
	08/06/2026		Logar	Sangi Village	5	0	90%	70%
	10/06/2026	Wardak	Wardak	Badam Taimany	1	0	91%	81%
	09/06/2026		Wardak	Sultan Khil	4	0	89%	78%
	07/06/2026		Wardak	Spen Khawray	8	0	95%	83%
	Measles	07/06/2026	Dykundi	Dykundi	Gharalij	9	0	100%
07/06/2026		Kunduz	Kunduz	Chenar Sayed Jalal	5	0	75%	45%
10/06/2026		Panjsher	Panjsher	Iskavi Pojawa	7	0	93%	81%
13/06/2026		Urozgan	Dehrawod	Miandaw	8	0	94%	82%
08/06/2026		Urozgan	Tarinkot	Nasaran	7	0	74%	40%
08/06/2026		Urozgan	Charchino	Sangishta	12	0	96%	60%
Chickenpox	11 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Balkh (2), Dykundi (2), Herat (3), Kabul (1), Samangan (1), Sar-e-Pul (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 272)							
Scabies	6 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Ghor (1), Herat (1), Logar (1), Paktya (1), Panjshir (1) and Parwan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 109)							
CCHF	6 CCHF outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1), Helmand (1), Kunar (1), Jawzjan (1) and Kunduz (2) provinces (Total number of cases = 21 and deaths= 4)							
Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies	2 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Ghazni (1) and Samangan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 16 and deaths= 1)							
AWD with Dehydration	4 AWD with Dehydration outbreaks were reported from Kunar (1) and Nangarhar (3) province (Total number of cases = 8)							
Food poisoning	1 outbreak was reported from Kunduz province (Total number of cases = 8)							
Anthrax	1 Anthrax outbreak was reported from Jawzjan province (Total number of cases = 1)							

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

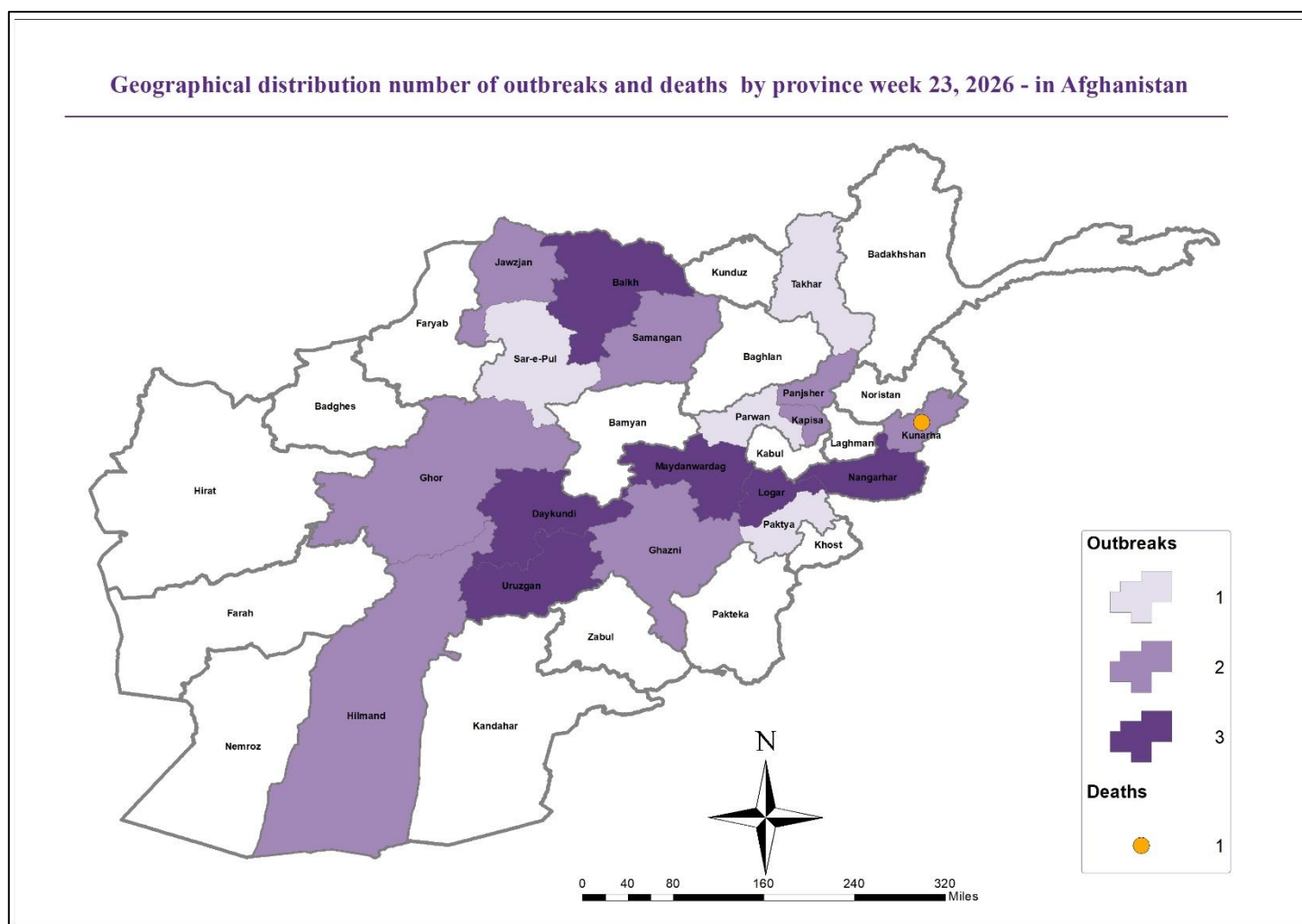


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	106	47	965	16
Scabies	317	0	13400	0
Chickenpox	161	35	2727	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	68	0	568	15
CCHF	22	12	74	5
Food Poisoning	11	0	178	2
Pertussis	138	40	777	0
Anthrax	18	0	19	0
AWD with Dehydration	6	4	33	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	7	0	147	0

Mumps	23	0	274	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
Grand Total	901	139	20955	43

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

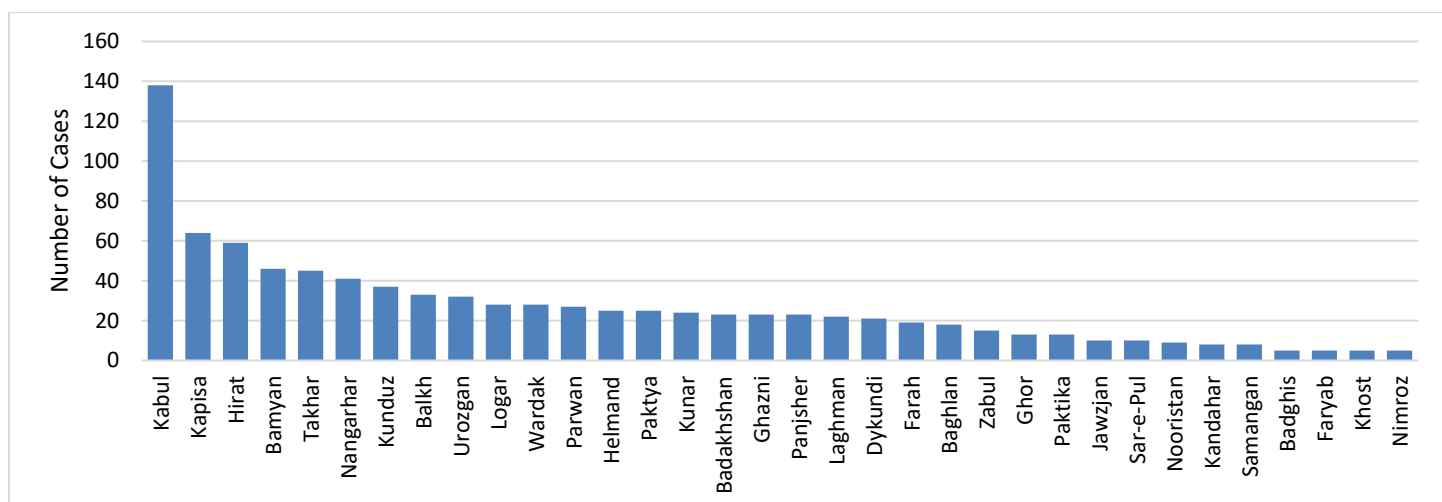


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

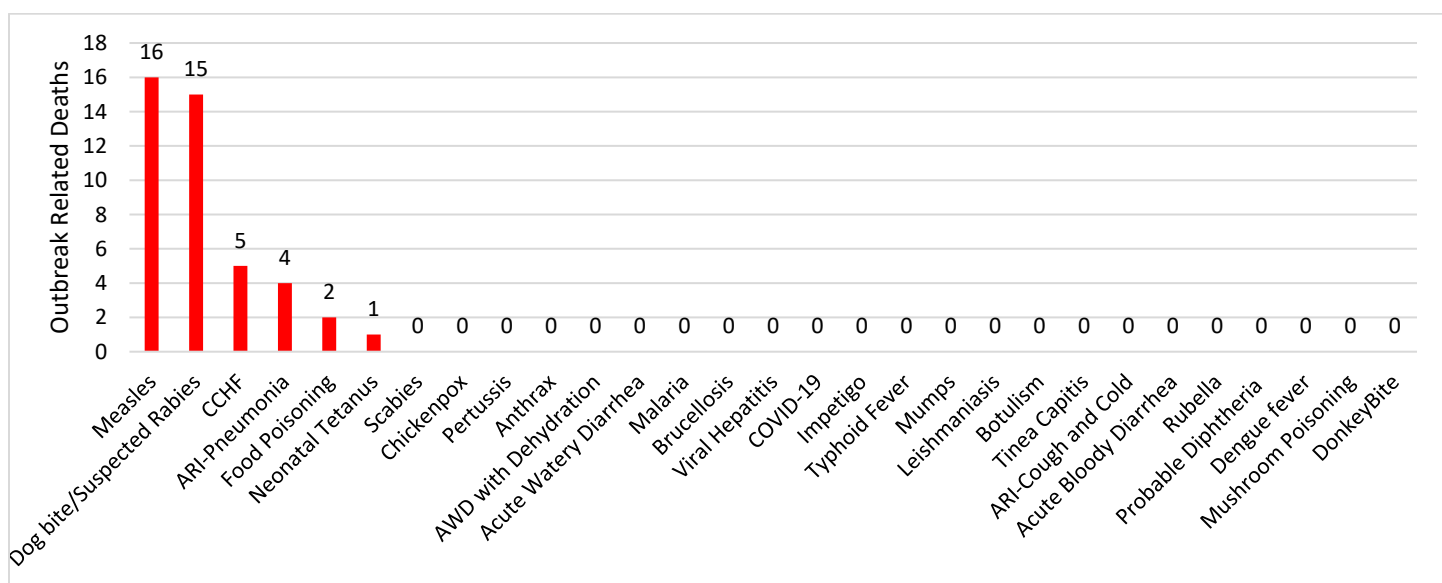


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 23-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
CCHF	130	52	40.0
Measles	126	57	45.2
Chickenpox	109	95	87.2
COVID-19	45	7	15.6
SARI	30	2	6.7
HAV/HEV	24	7	29.2
ILI	20	3	15.0
Pertussis	17	11	64.7
Dengue Fever	5	1	20.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	0	0	0.0
Total	506	235	46.4

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 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 **685 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **4 (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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