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Epidemiological Report | Week # 24 – 2026

24 (14-20 Jun, 2026)

Summary:

Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **605 (98.6 %)** submitted reports this week.

A total of **727,881** new consultations were reported, among which **259,158 (35.6%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **132,799 (51.2%)** females and **123,575 (47.7%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **137,866** cases (**18.9%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **98,980** cases (**13.6%**), and pneumonia with **15,830** cases (**2.2%**).

A total of **371** deaths were reported this week, of which **54 (14.5%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **39 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **3 AWD with dehydration** deaths, **4 suspected meningitis** deaths, **3 measles** deaths, **2 hemorrhagic fever** deaths, **2 acute viral hepatitis** deaths and **1 neonatal tetanus** death.

During this week, **60** outbreaks were reported: **16 pertussis** outbreaks, **15 scabies** outbreaks, **10 chickenpox** outbreaks, **6 dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **4 AWD** outbreaks, **3 mumps** outbreaks, **2 CCHF** outbreaks, **2 food poisoning** outbreaks, **1 acute viral hepatitis** outbreak and **1 measles** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 24-2026

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	1307	998	1208	1090	3	0	0	0	4603	0.6	3	0.8	0.07
ARI-Pneumonia	5289	2666	4663	3212	17	5	11	6	15830	2.2	39	10.5	0.25
Measles	225	81	205	92	2	0	1	0	603	0.1	3	0.8	0.50
CCHF	0	65	0	22	0	2	0	0	87	0.0	2	0.5	2.30
Confirmed Malaria	237	1073	197	1000	0	0	0	0	2507	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	18	0	21	0	0	0	0	39	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	2	451	5	442	0	0	0	0	900	0.1	0	0.0	0.00

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

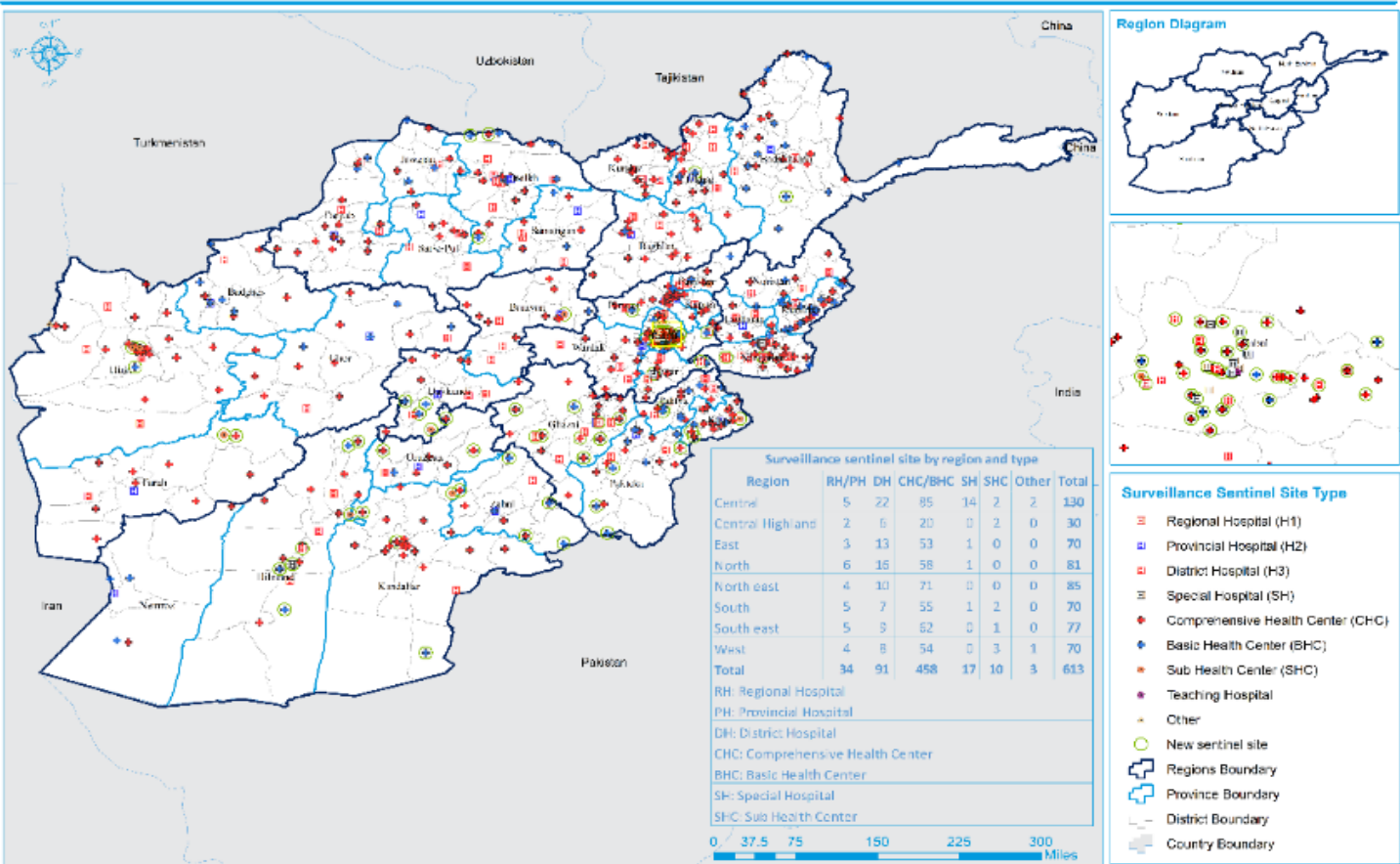


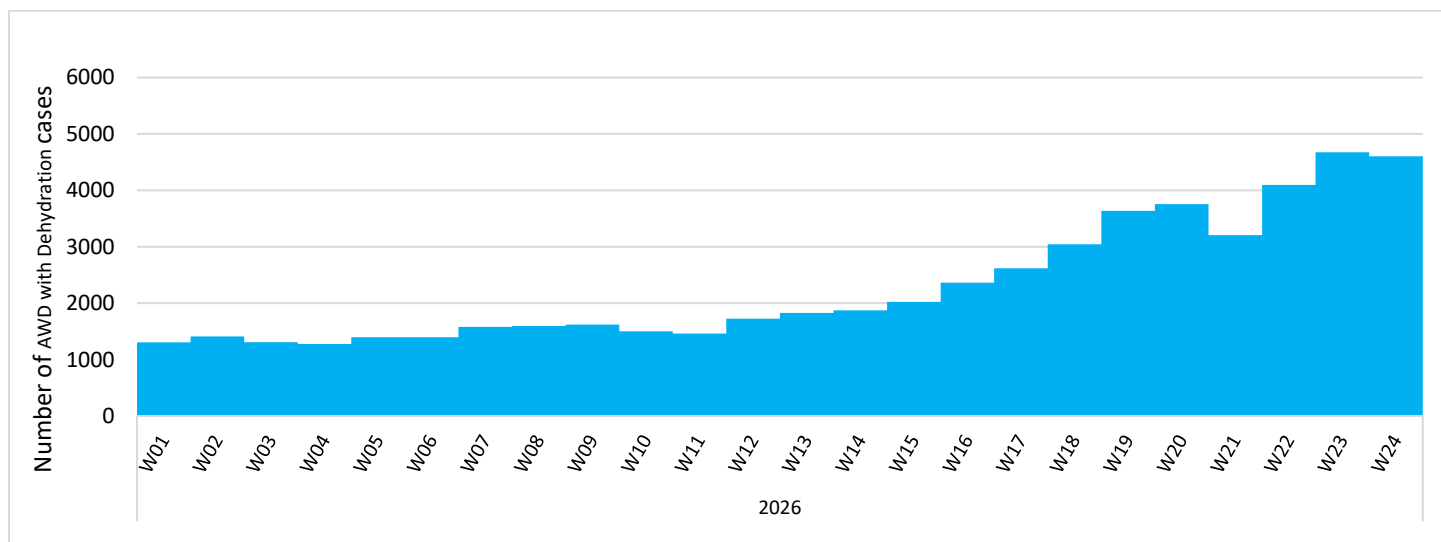
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W24, 2026)

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	15979	11939	14442	12939	12	2	12	2	55299	0.3	28	0.3	0.1
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	70406	78889	65443	81603	0	0	0	0	296341	1.8	0	0.0	0.0
AFP	220	111	226	96	0	0	0	0	653	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1028	1398	864	1529	15	11	6	5	4819	0.0	37	0.4	0.8
Acute Watery Diarrhea	291125	175342	275164	193208	0	0	0	0	934839	5.8	0	0.0	0.0
ARI-C&C	807445	1041975	781037	1232083	0	0	0	0	3862540	24.0	0	0.0	0.0
Probable Diphtheria	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
CCHF	0	530	0	238	0	18	0	6	768	0.0	24	0.2	3.1
Confirmed Malaria	1671	7003	1546	6040	0	0	0	0	16260	0.1	0	0.0	0.0
Measles	5989	1516	5194	1571	33	2	24	1	14270	0.1	60	0.6	0.4
Covid-19	30	14393	122	14321	0	0	0	0	28866	0.2	0	0.0	0.0
Pertussis	516	57	450	45	0	0	0	0	1068	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
ARI-Pneumonia	230285	115120	208722	132809	590	139	483	110	686936	4.3	1322	13.5	0.2
Meningitis	938	729	841	686	41	30	37	31	3194	0.0	139	1.4	4.4
Dengue Fever	0	268	0	160	0	0	0	0	428	0.0	0	0.0	0.0
Neonatal Tetanus	3	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	6	0.0	4	0.0	0.0
Typhoid Fever	909	13214	890	17114	0	0	0	0	32127	0.2	0	0.0	0.0
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1426544	1462484	1354944	1694444	694	202	563	155	5938416	36.9	1614	16.5	0.0
Total of new clients/ death	2505664	4449707	2445703	6713416	2938	2735	2151	1959	16114490	100	9783	100.0	0.1

Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual increase since week 07-2026.
- During 24th week of 2026, a total of 4,603 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.07%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,515 (54.6%) were under-five children, and 2,298 (49.9%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 55,299 AWD + dehydration cases and 28 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 30,421 (55%) are children under five and 27,381 (49.5%) are females.

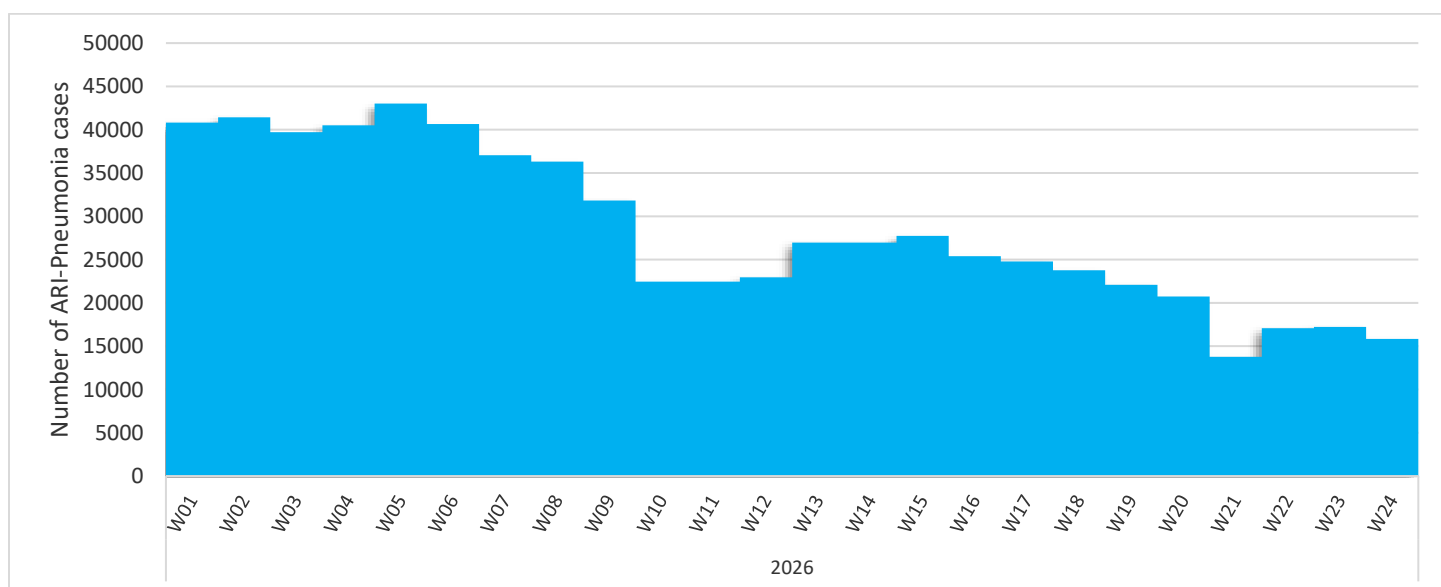
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 24, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 24th week of 2026, a total of 15,830 cases and 39 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 9,952 (62.8%) were under-five children, and 7,875 (49.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 686,936 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,322 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 439,007 (63.9%) are children under five and 341,531 (49.7%) are females.

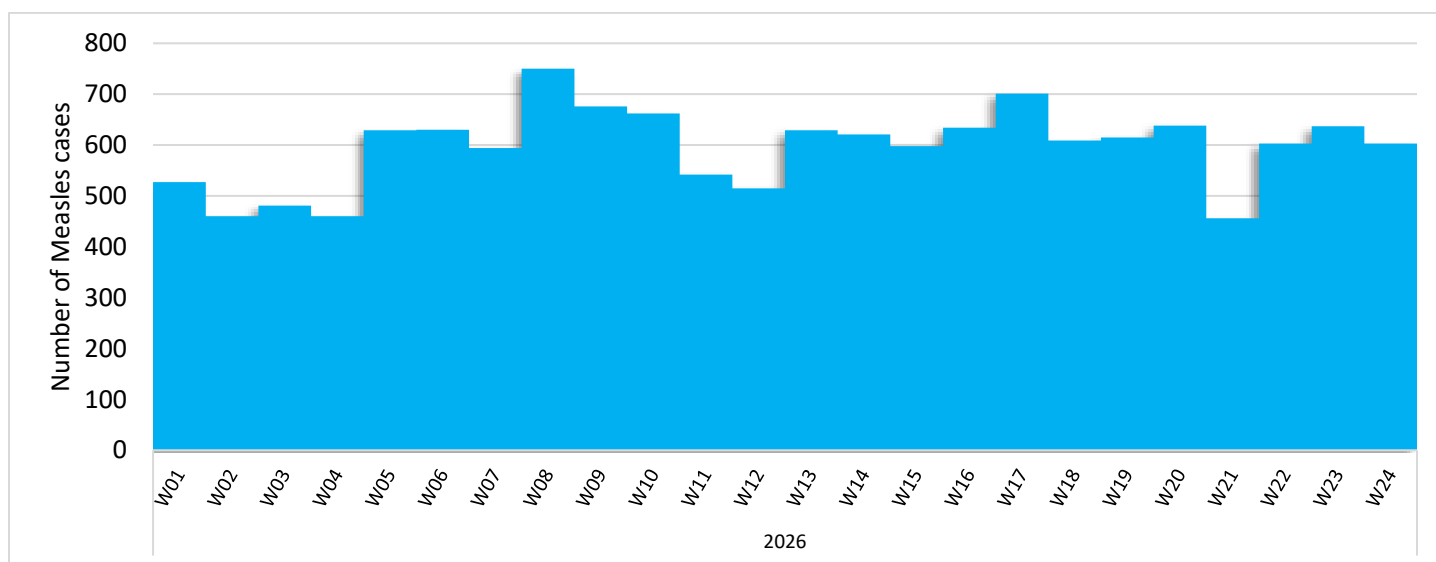
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 24, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 24th week of 2026, a total of 603 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.5%)
- Out of the total cases, 430 (71.3%) were under-five children, and 297 (49.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 14,270 measles cases and 60 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 11,183 (78.3%) are children under five and 6,765 (47.4%) are females.

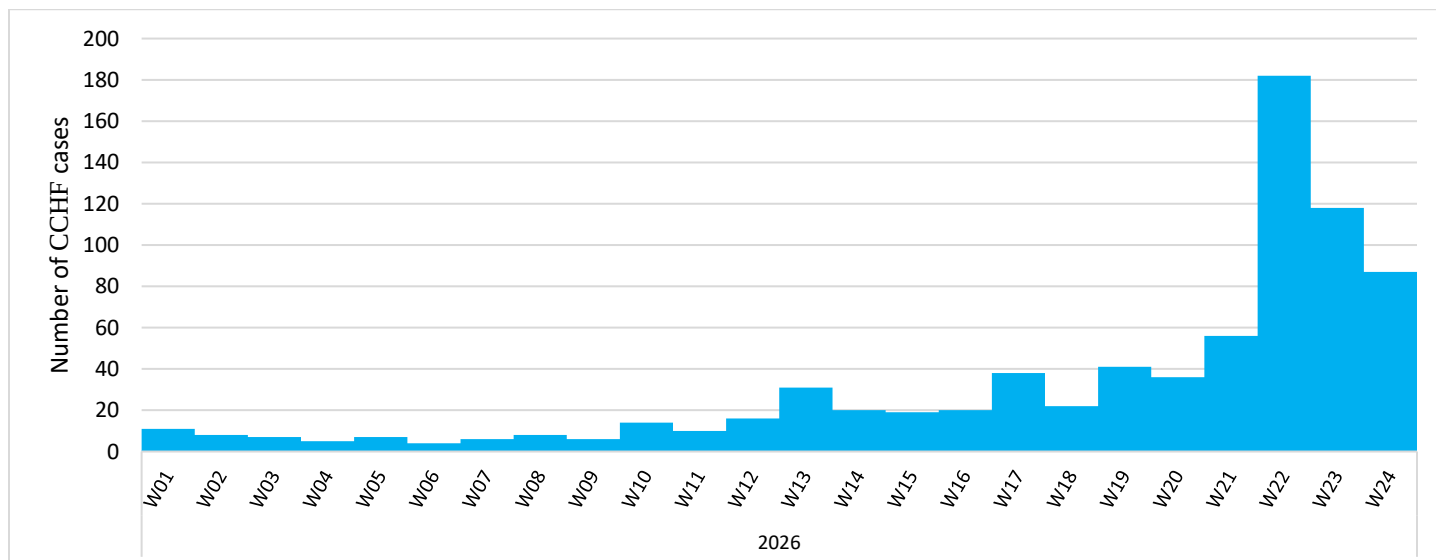
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 24, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 24th 2026, a total of 87 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR= 2.3%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 22 of them (25.3%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 768 suspected CCHF cases and 24 deaths (CFR= 3.1%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 238 (30.9%) are females.

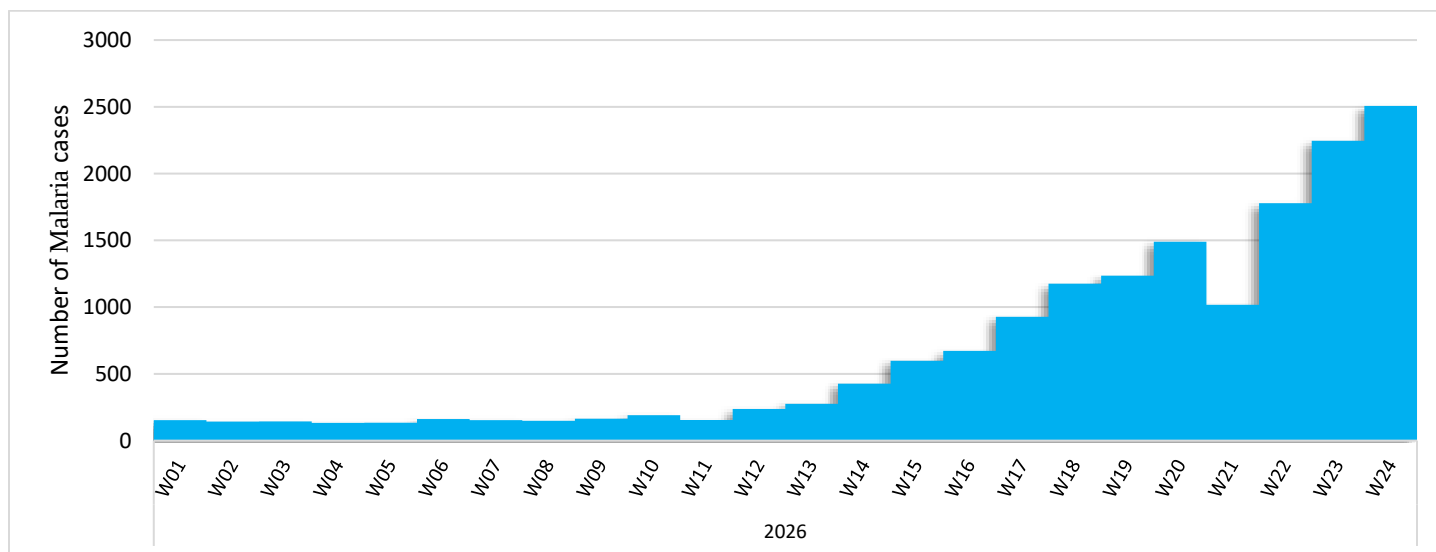
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 24, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 24th week of 2026, a total of 2,507 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 434 (17.3%) were children under-five, and 1,197 (47.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 16,260 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 3,217 (19.7%) are children under-five, and 7,586 (46.6%) are females.

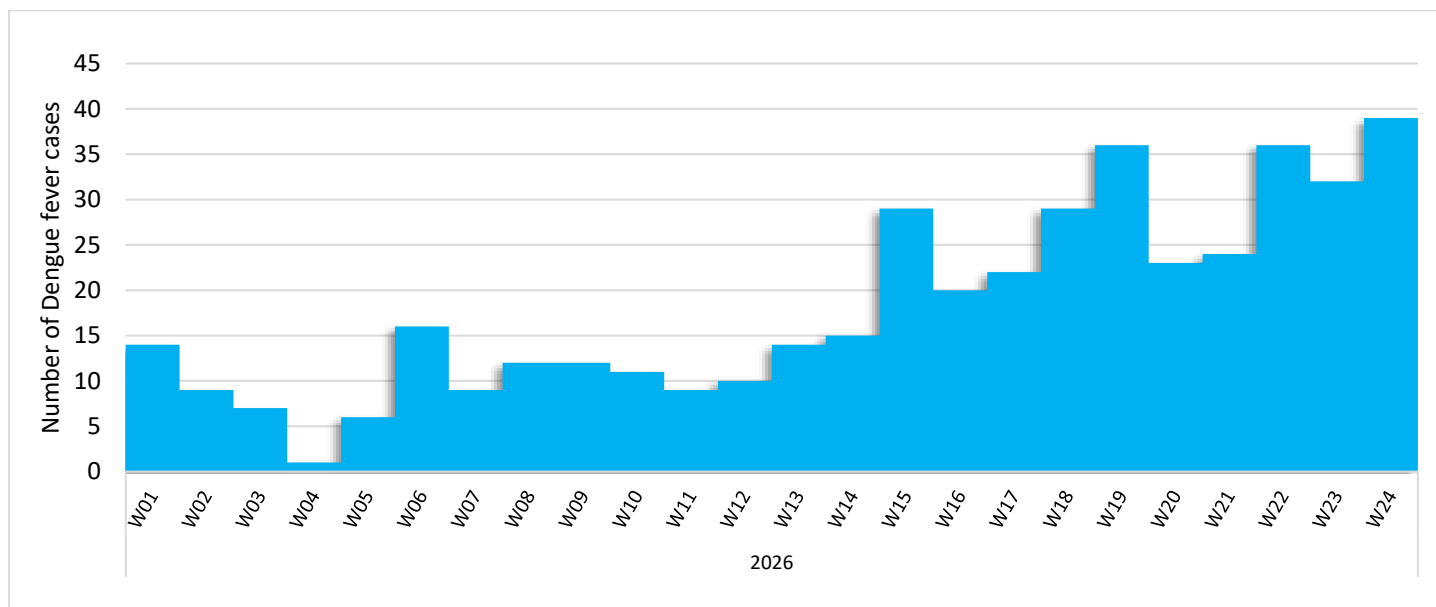
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 24, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable increase since week 13 of 2026.
- During 24th week of 2026, a total of 39 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 21 (53.8%) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 428 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 160 (37.4%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 24, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 24th week of 2026, a total of 900 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 7 (0.7%) were under-five children, and 447 (49.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 28,866 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 152 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 14,443 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 24, 2026)

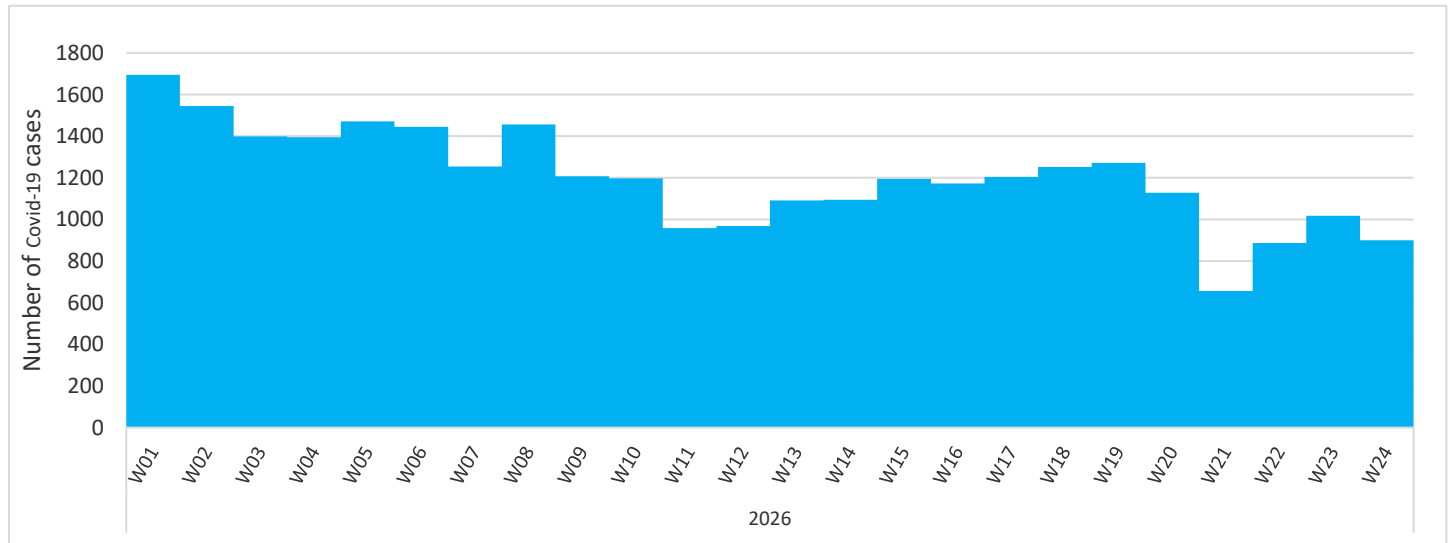


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

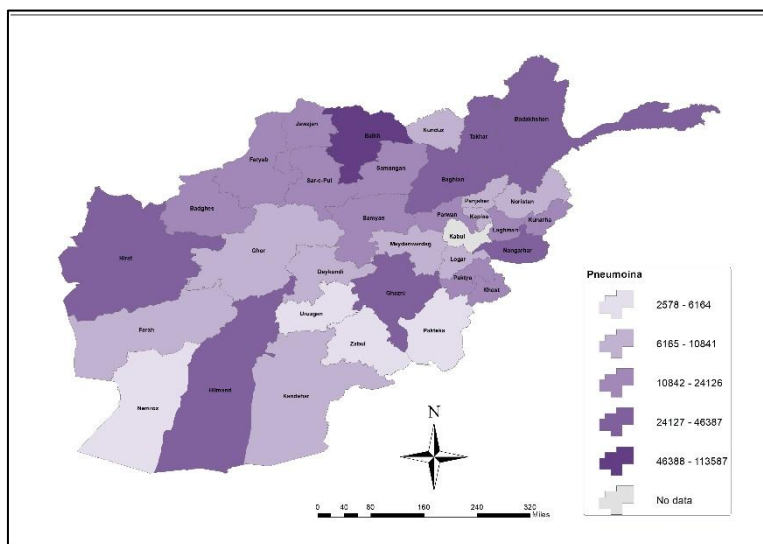


Figure 9: B (Measles)

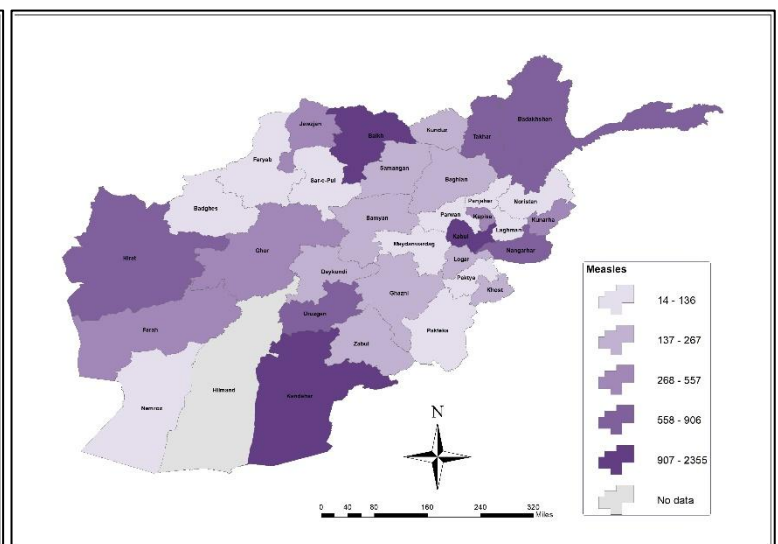


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

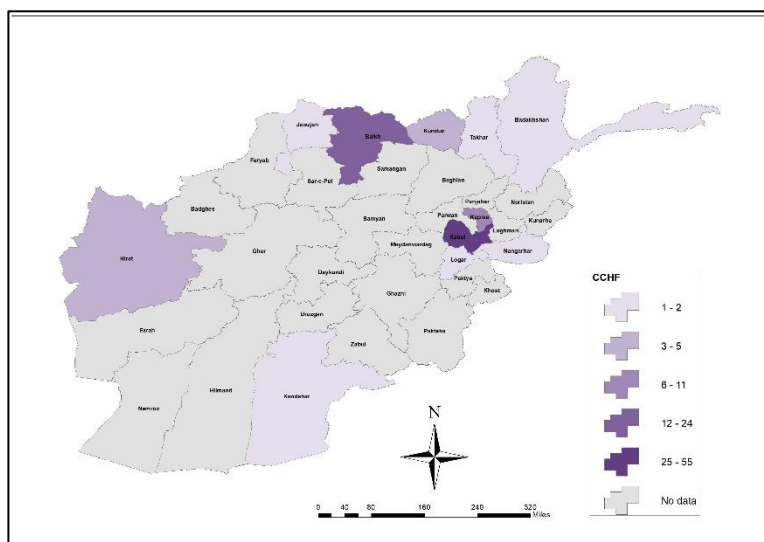
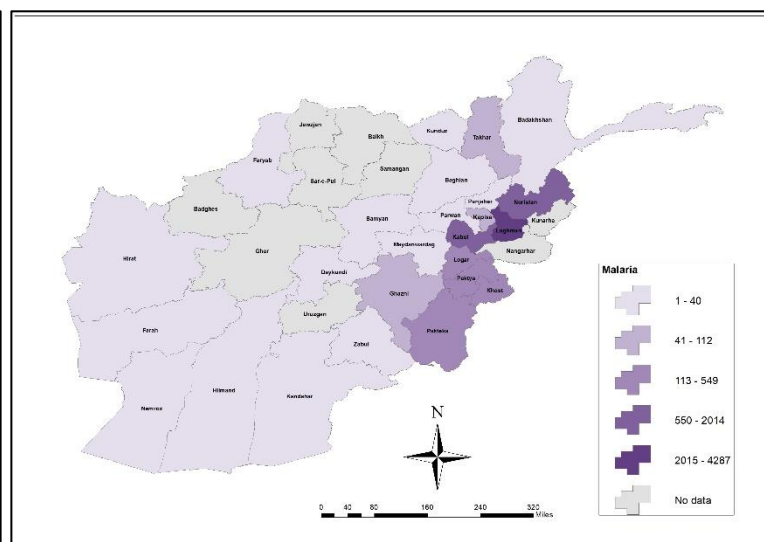


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 24 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 750 (12.2%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 458 (61%) were under 5 years old and 382 (50.1%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (0.4%) compared to the previous week, and 32-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 26 (81.2%) under five and 12 (37.5%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (30%), Balkh (19%), and Kabul (13.9%).
- 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, 2 lab confirmed case reported for Influenza B Victoria, and 6 for COVID-19, but not a new influenza virus subtype.

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 24, 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	0%
Badakhshan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Balkh	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	40%
Bamyan	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	40%
Herat	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kabul	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
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	2	0	0	2	0	0	40%
Total	50	8	0	0	2	0	6	16%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 24-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Pertussis	14/06/2026	Badakhshan	Yaawan	Aajil	44	2	0%	0%
	17/06/2026	Kabul	Paghman	Koshkak	7	0	91%	60%
	17/06/2026	Kabul	Shakar Darah	Akhund Khil	5	0	52%	40%
	16/06/2026	Kabul	District 8	Sarak 1 Karte Naw	5	0	66%	80%
	16/06/2026	Kabul	District 13	Syedani Pule Khushk	4	0	67%	75%
	14/06/2026	Kabul	District 2	Baharistan	6	0	84%	50%
	14/06/2026	Kabul	District 4	Sarandoy Blocks	6	0	84%	70%
	17/06/2026	Kunduz	Chahar Darah	Aynul Majar	23	0	98%	78%
	14/06/2026	Kunduz	Chahar Darah	Dagh Aroq	11	0	98%	53%
	15/06/2026	Logar	Baraki Barak	Pandeh	8	0	80%	40%
	14/06/2026	Logar	Pul-e-Alam	Qalai Wazir	7	0	80%	60%
	18/06/2026	Parwan	Bagram	Panj Qala	7	0	80%	25%
	18/06/2026	Takhar	Taloqan	Payi Areba	5	0	123%	100%
	14/06/2026	Takhar	Taloqan	Muqim	3	0	123%	100%
	17/06/2026	Urozgan	TereenKot	Garmab	9	0	40%	80%
	20/06/2026	Zabul	Qalat	Sur Masjid	11	0	90%	48%
Measles	15/06/2026	Helmand	Washir	Ahmadabad	8	0	85%	65%
Chickenpox	10 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1), Bamyan (2), Dykundi (1), Herat (1), Kabul (1), Takhar (1), Ghazni (1) and Wardak (2) provinces (Total number of cases = 185)							
Scabies	15 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Bamyan (4), Dykundi (3), Ghazni (1), Herat (1), Jawzjan (1), Khost (1), Laghman (1), Logar (1), Panjshir (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 362)							
Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies	6 dog bite outbreaks were reported from Ghazni (2), Herat (1), Kabul (1), Kapisa (1) and Wardak (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 35)							
AWD with Dehydration	4 AWD with Dehydration outbreak was reported from Nangarhar province (Total number of cases = 8)							
Mumps	3 Mumps outbreaks were reported from Panjshir (1), Takhar (1) and Wardak (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 31)							
CCHF	2 CCHF outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1) and Kapisa (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 5)							

Food poisoning	2 Food poisoning outbreaks were reported from Kandahar (1) and Kunar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 17)
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1 Acute viral hepatitis outbreak was reported from Paktya province (Total number of cases = 6)

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

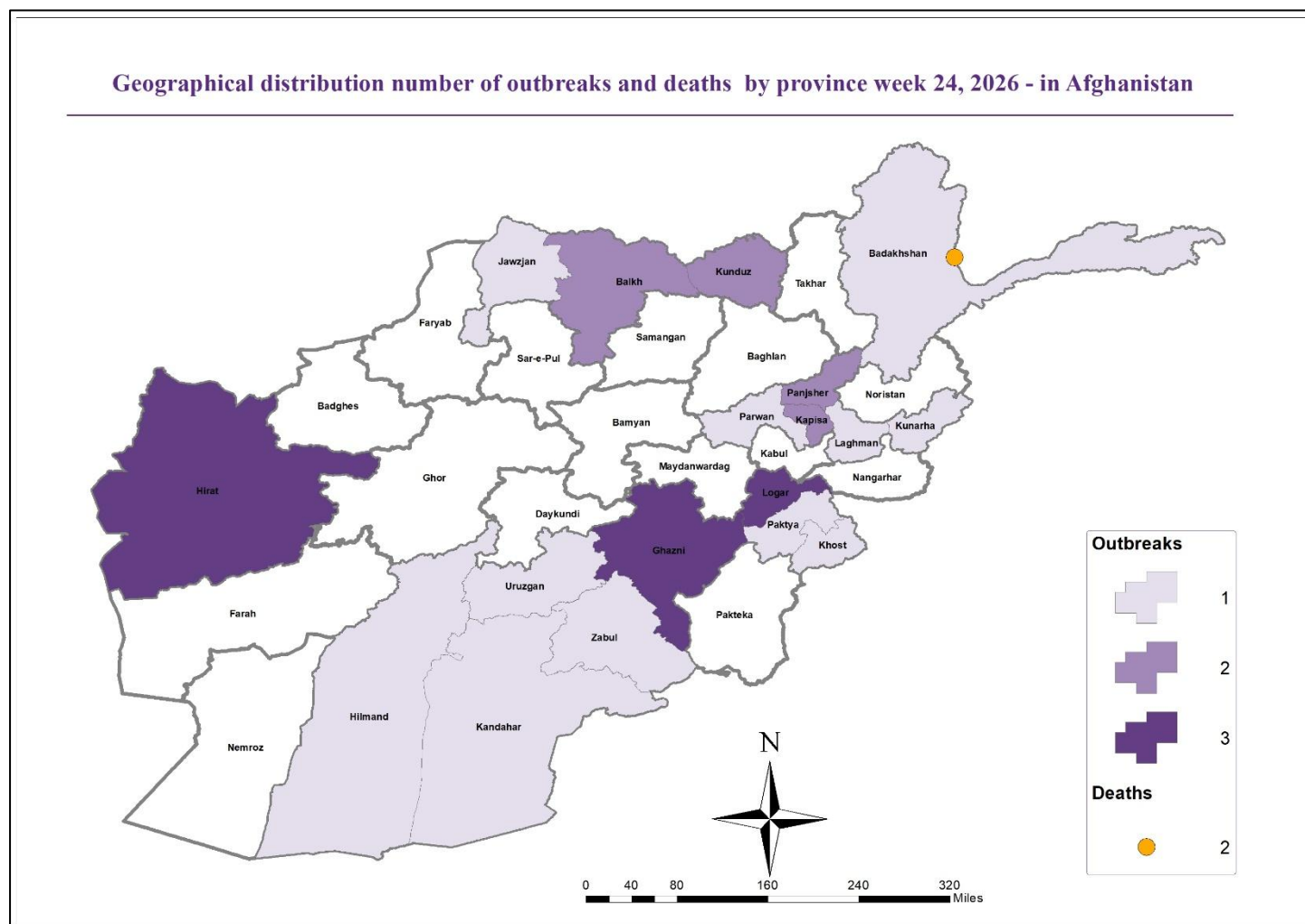


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

<u>Disease/Event</u>	<u>Disease/Event</u>	<u>Lab-Confirm</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Measles	107	48	973	16
Scabies	332	0	13762	0
Chickenpox	171	53	2912	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	74	0	616	15
CCHF	24	14	79	5
Food Poisoning	13	0	195	2
Pertussis	154	129	938	2
Anthrax	18	0	19	0
AWD with Dehydration	10	10	41	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	1	1	6	0

COVID-19	1	0	30	0
Impetigo	1	0	9	0
Typhoid Fever	7	0	147	0
Mumps	26	0	305	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	961	256	21786	45

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

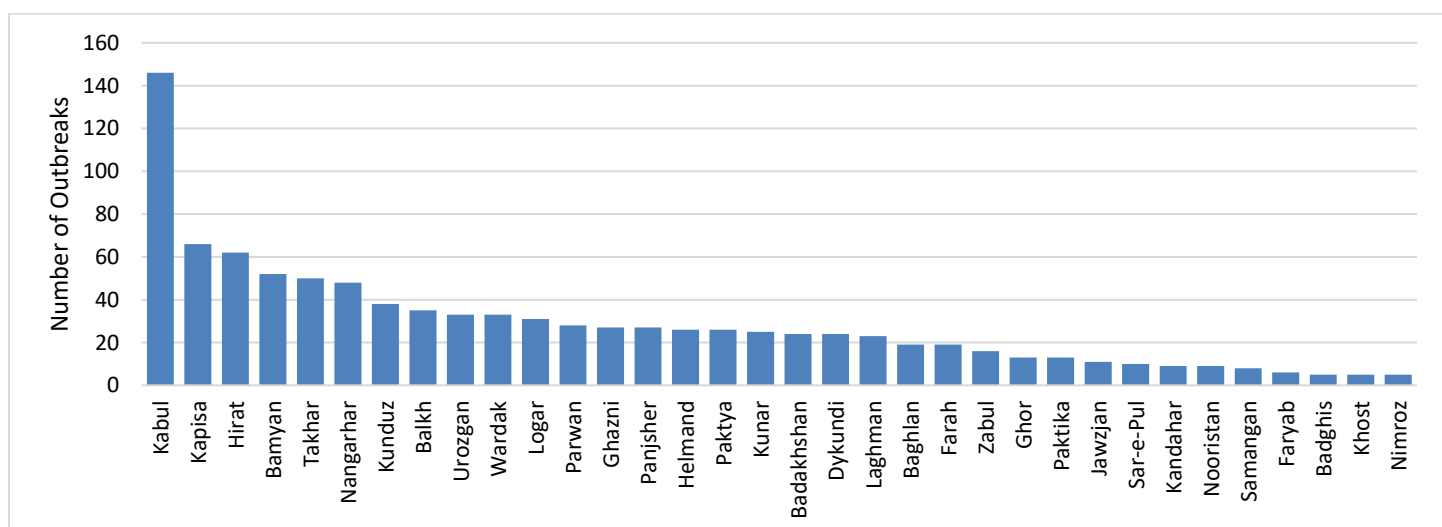


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

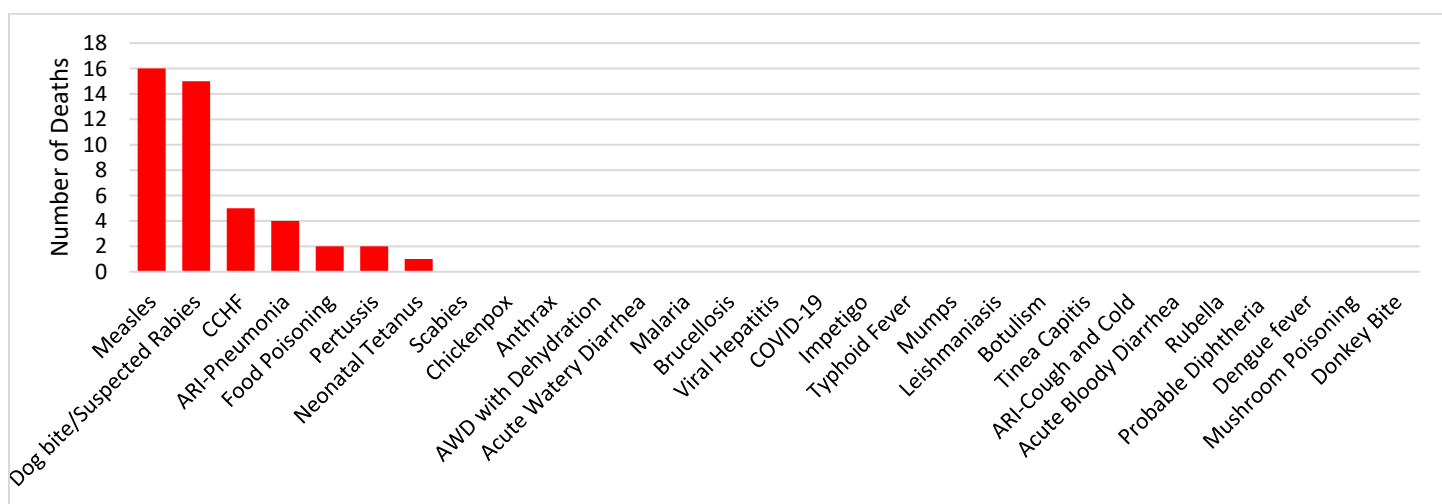


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 24-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
CCHF	95	19	20.0
Measles	64	27	42.2
Chickenpox	62	52	83.9
Pertussis	41	31	75.6
SARI	30	7	23.3
ILI	20	1	5.0
COVID-19	2	1	50.0
Dengue Fever	2	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
HAV/HEV	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	316	138	43.7

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 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 **611 (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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