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Epidemiological Report | Week # 25 – 2026

25 (14-20 Jun, 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **716,286** new consultations were reported, among which **257,144 (35.9%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **131,958 (51.3%)** females and **121,323 (47.2%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **135,180** cases (**18.9%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **100,019** cases (**14%**), and pneumonia with **15,543** cases (**2.2%**).

A total of **376** deaths were reported this week, of which **59 (15.7%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **43 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **4 AWD with dehydration** deaths, **5 suspected meningitis** deaths, **2 measles** deaths, **3 hemorrhagic fever** deaths and **2 acute viral hepatitis** deaths.

During this week, **41** outbreaks were reported: **8 pertussis** outbreaks, **10 scabies** outbreaks, **4 chickenpox** outbreaks, **4 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, **4 AWD** outbreaks, **3 food poisoning** outbreaks, **2 malaria** outbreak, **2 measles** outbreaks, **1 anthrax** outbreak, **1 neonatal tetanus** outbreak, **1 COVID-19** outbreak, and **1 typhoid fever** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 25-2026

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	1397	1088	1204	1167	1	0	3	0	4856	0.7	4	1.1	0.08
ARI-Pneumonia	5142	2649	4744	3008	22	3	16	2	15543	2.2	43	11.4	0.28
Measles	209	89	181	92	1	0	1	0	571	0.1	2	0.5	0.35
CCHF	0	39	0	25	0	2	0	1	64	0.0	3	0.8	4.69
Confirmed Malaria	219	954	185	870	0	0	0	0	2228	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	26	0	19	0	0	0	0	45	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	4	501	5	562	0	0	0	0	1072	0.1	0	0.0	0.00

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

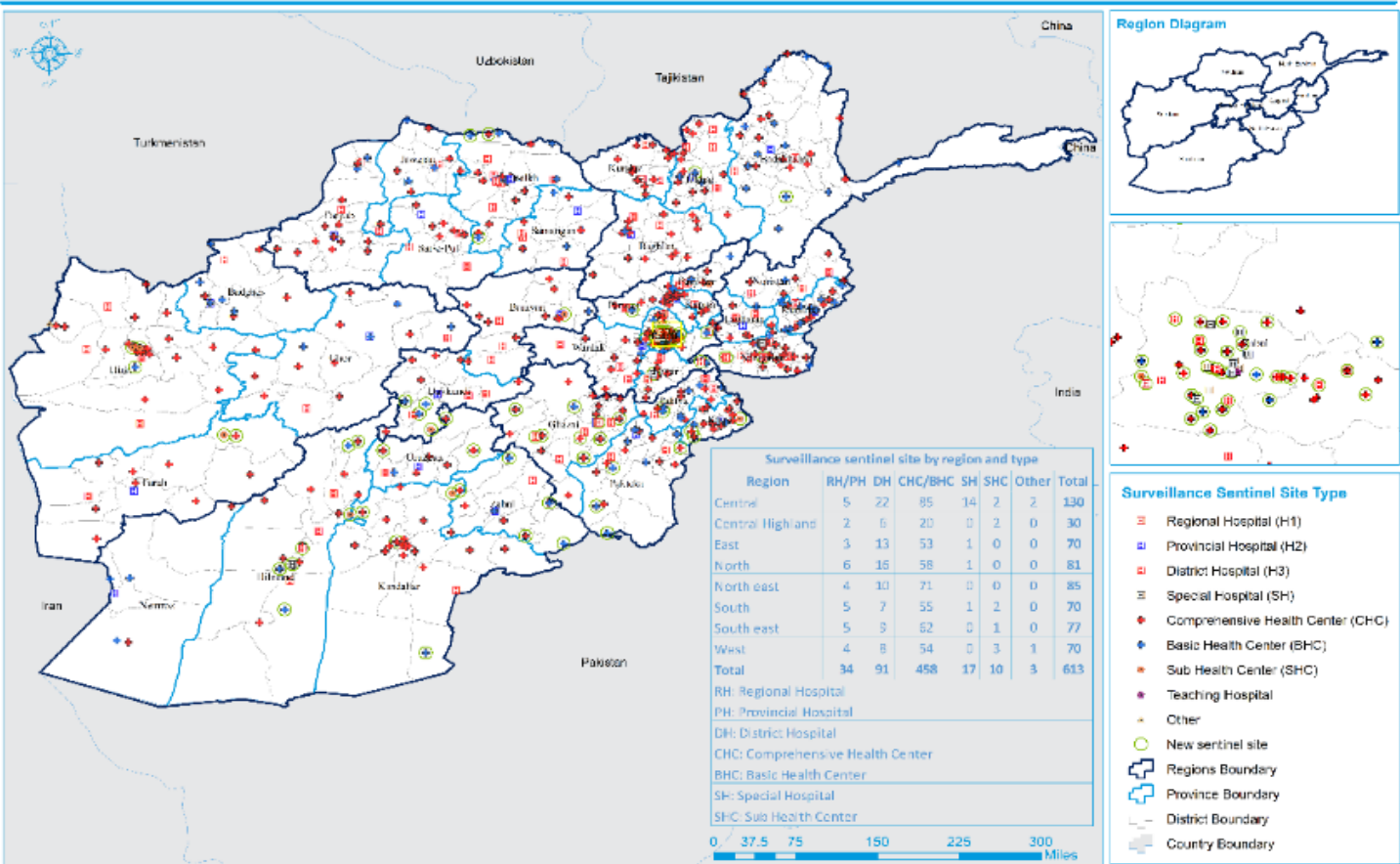


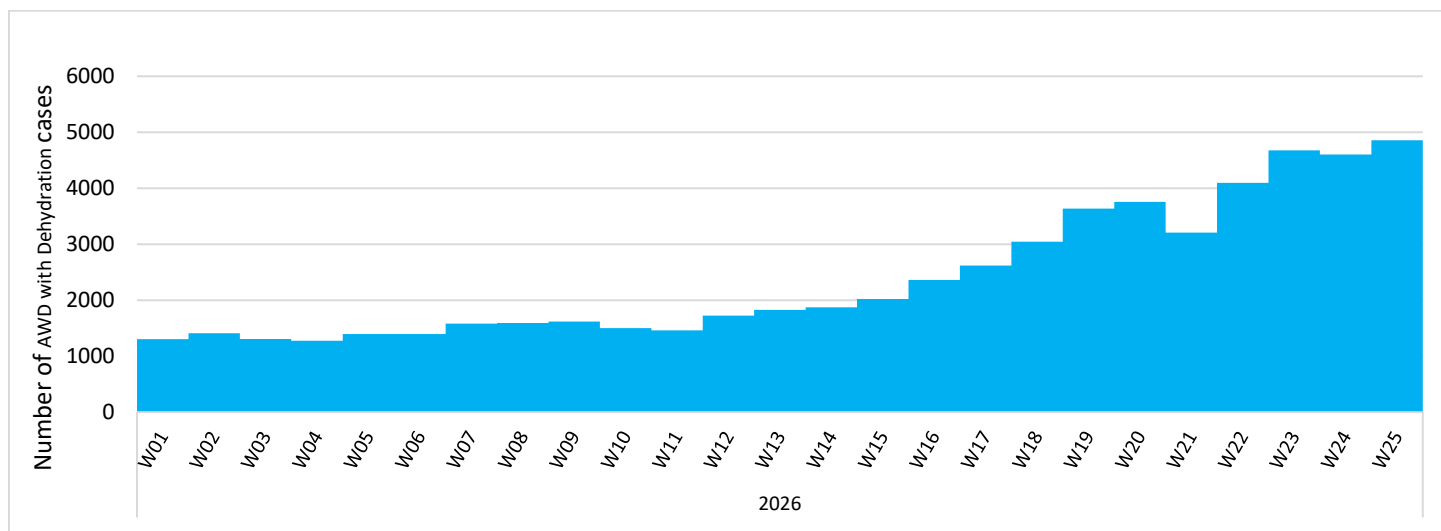
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W25, 2026)

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	17,376	13,027	15,646	14,106	13	2	15	2	60,155	0.4	32	0.3	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	74,772	84,054	69,614	87,018	0	0	0	0	315,458	1.9	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	232	122	230	100	0	0	0	0	684	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,089	1,476	903	1,602	17	11	6	5	5,070	0.0	39	0.4	0.77
Acute Watery Diarrhea	314,036	190,133	297,189	209,527	0	0	0	0	1,010,885	6.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	834,880	1,079,056	807,788	1,275,996	0	0	0	0	3,997,720	23.8	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	569	0	263	0	20	0	7	832	0.0	27	0.3	3.25
Confirmed Malaria	1,890	7,957	1,731	6,910	0	0	0	0	18,488	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	6,198	1,605	5,375	1,663	34	2	25	1	14,841	0.1	62	0.6	0.42
Covid-19	34	14,894	127	14,883	0	0	0	0	29,938	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	550	67	477	51	0	0	0	0	1,145	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	235,427	117,769	213,466	135,817	612	142	499	112	702,479	4.2	1,365	13.4	0.19
Meningitis	975	759	869	721	44	31	38	31	3,324	0.0	144	1.4	4.33
Dengue Fever	0	294	0	179	0	0	0	0	473	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	3	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	6	0.0	4	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	975	13,995	956	18,134	0	0	0	0	34,060	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,488,437	1,525,777	1,414,374	1,766,972	723	208	584	158	6,195,560	36.8	1,673	16	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	2,615,670	4,646,453	2,553,741	7,014,912	3,062	2,820	2,243	2,034	16,830,776	100	10,159	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 25th week of 2026, a total of 4,856 cases and 4 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.08%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,601 (53.5%) were under-five children, and 2,371 (48.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 60,155 AWD + dehydration cases and 32 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 33,022 (54.9%) are children under five and 29,752 (49.5%) are females.

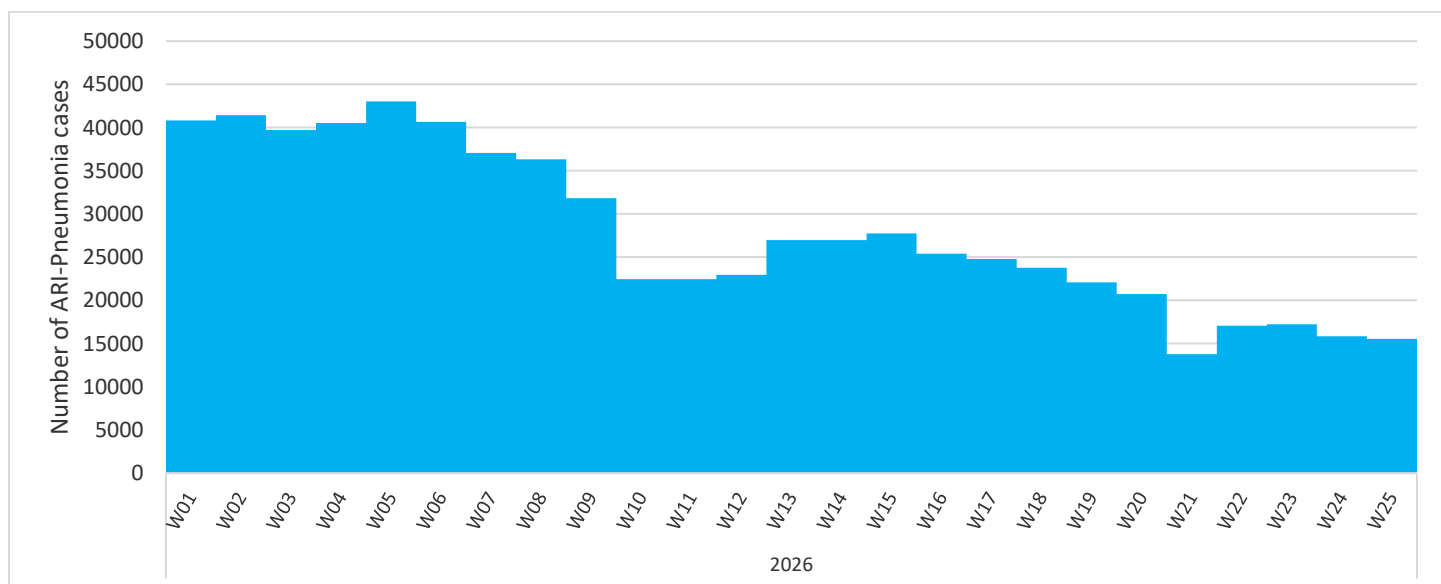
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 25, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 25th week of 2026, a total of 15,543 cases and 43 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.3%)
- Out of the total cases, 9,886 (63.6%) were under-five children, and 7,752 (49.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 702,479 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,365 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 448,893 (63.9%) are children under five and 249,283 (49.7%) are females.

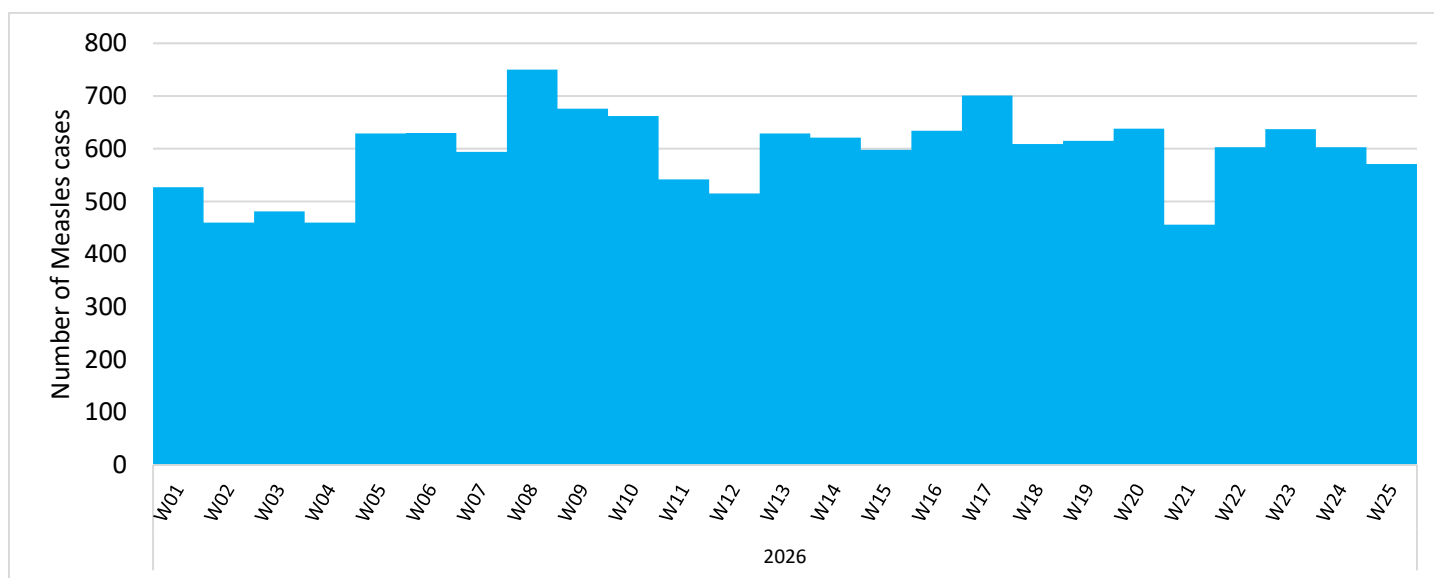
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 25, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable increase since week 05-2026.
- During the 25th week of 2026, a total of 571 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.4%)
- Out of the total cases, 390 (68.3%) were under-five children, and 273 (47.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 14,841 measles cases and 62 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 11,573 (77.9%) are children under five and 7,038 (47.4%) are females.

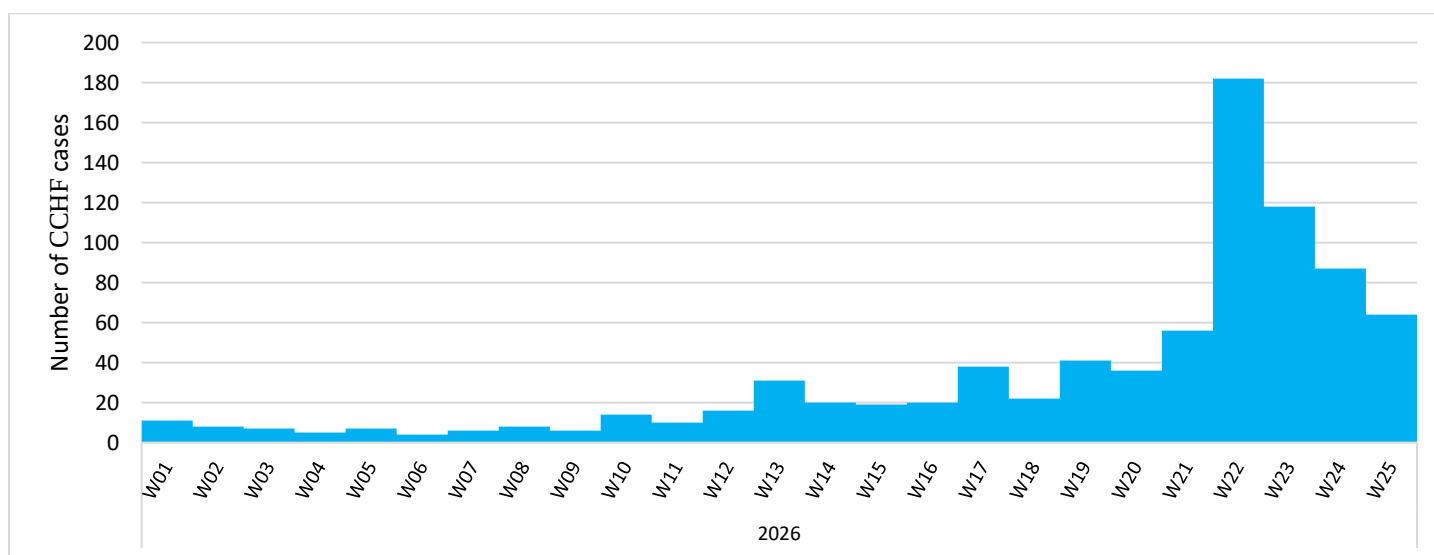
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 25, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 25th 2026, a total of 64 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR= 4.7%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 25 of them (39%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 832 suspected CCHF cases and 27 deaths (CFR= 3.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 263 (31.6%) are females.

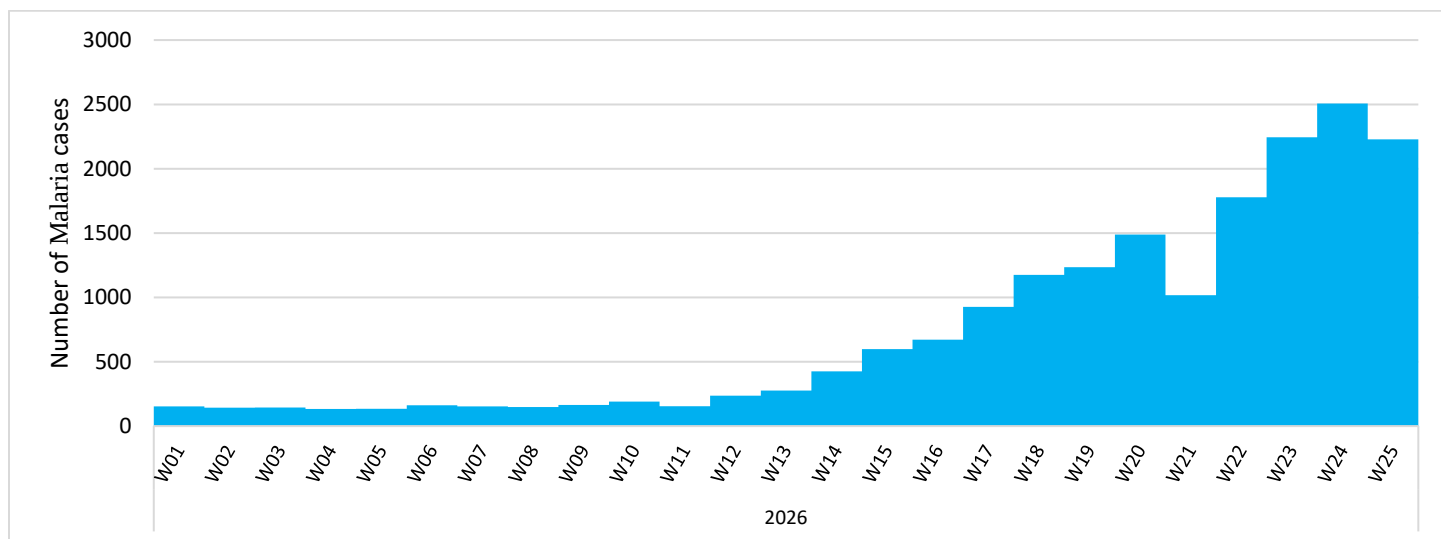
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 25, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 25th week of 2026, a total of 2,228 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 404 (18.1%) were children under-five, and 1,055 (47.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 18,488 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 3,621 (19.6%) are children under-five, and 8,641 (46.7%) are females.

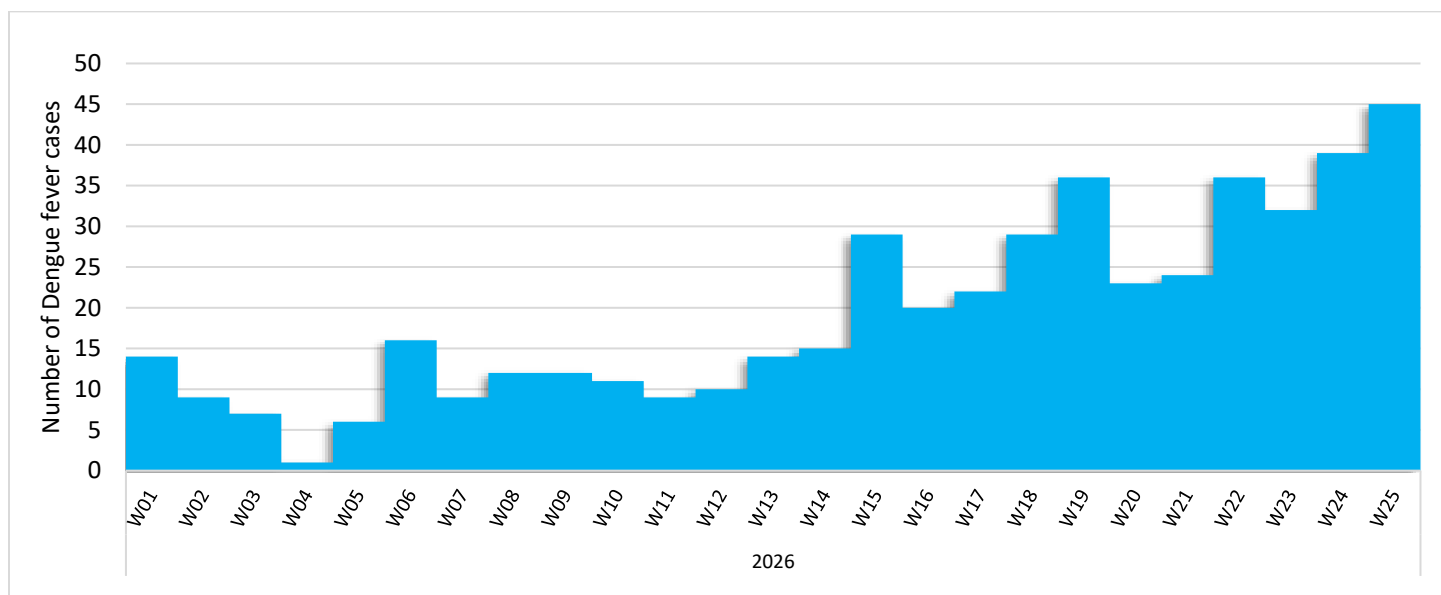
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 25, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable increase since week 13 of 2026.
- During 25th week of 2026, a total of 45 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 19 (42.2 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 473 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 179 (37.8%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 25, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 25th week of 2026, a total of 1,072 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 9 (0.8%) were under-five children, and 567 (52.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 29,938 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 161 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 15,010 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 25, 2026)

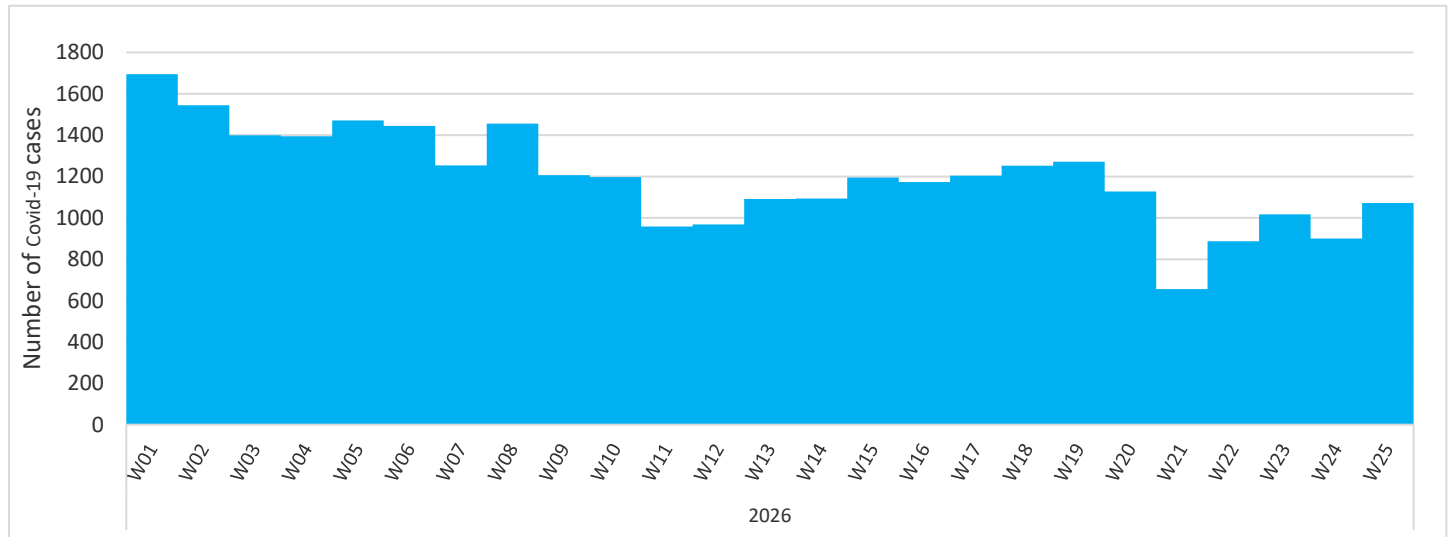


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

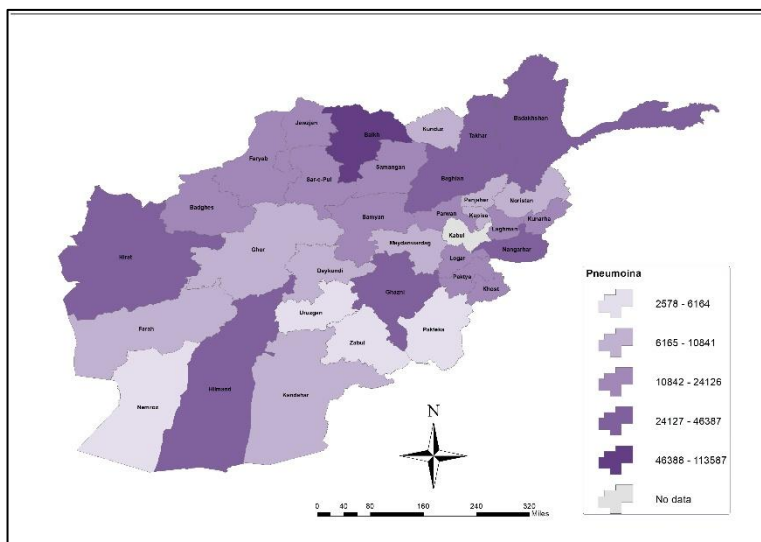


Figure 9: B (Measles)

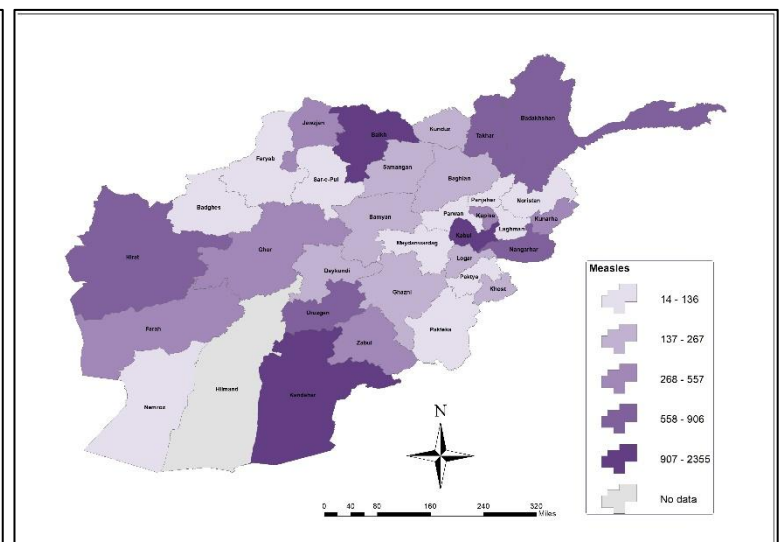


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

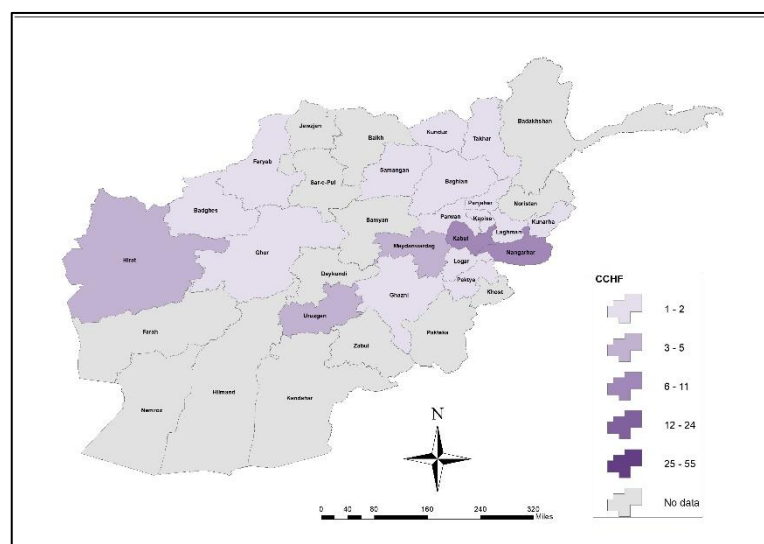
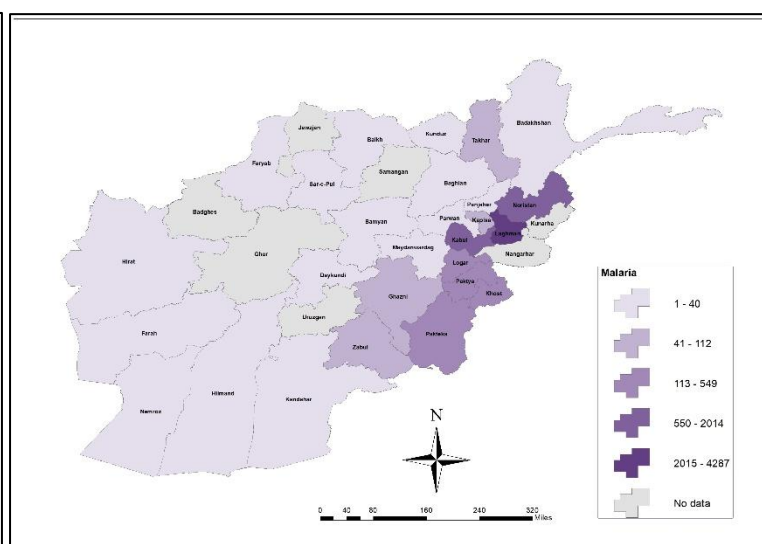


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 25th 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 664 (10.9%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 423 (63.7%) were under 5 years old and 319 (46%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (1.3%) compared to the previous week, and 23-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 20 (86.9%) under five and 9 (39.1%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (21%), Balkh (16%), and Badakhshan (13%).
- 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 B Victoria, but not a new influenza virus subtype.

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 25, 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	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kapisa	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kandahar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nangarhar	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	20%
Paktia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	50	1	0	0	1	0	0	2%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 25-2026

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

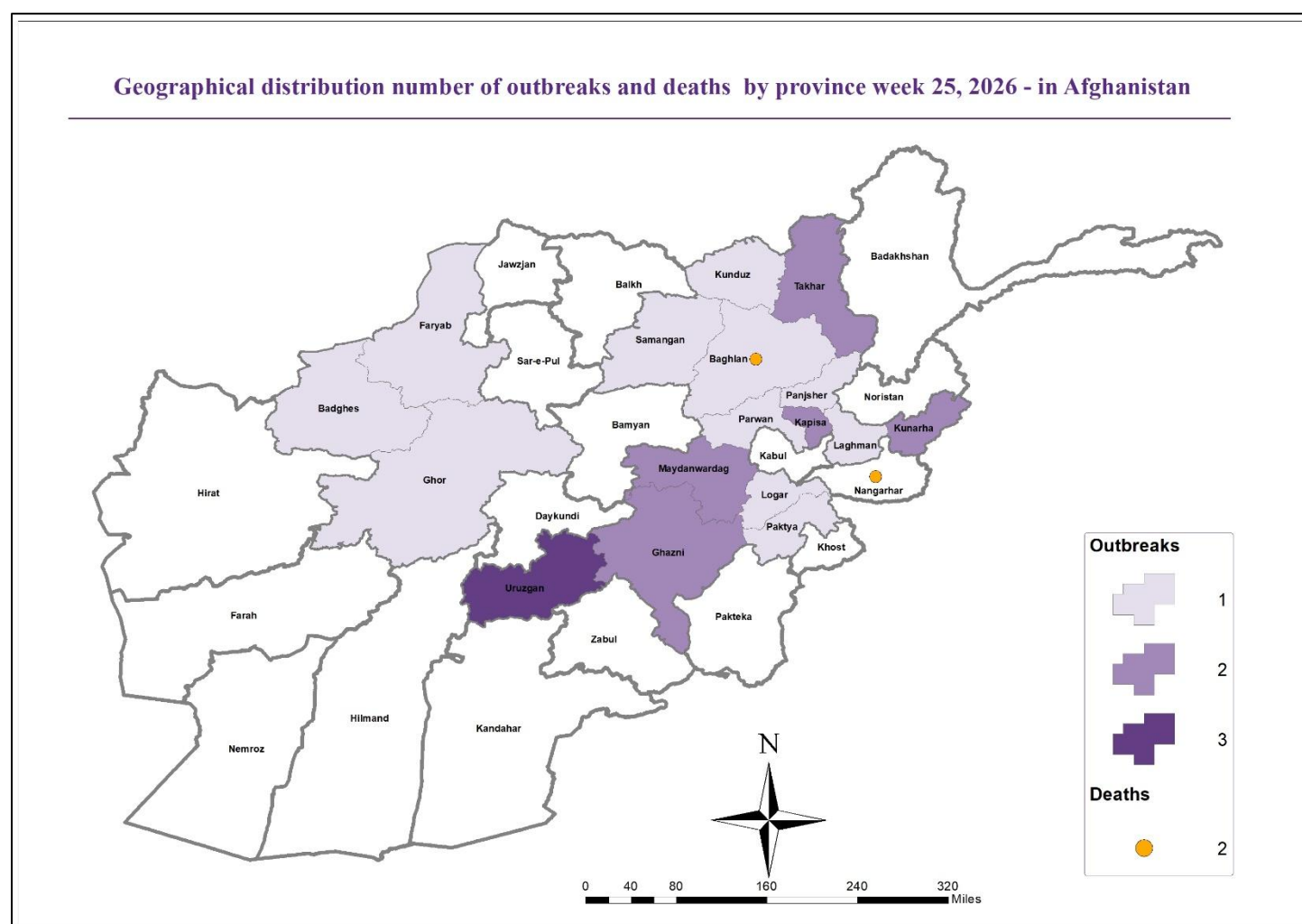


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	109	48	989	16
Scabies	342	0	14072	0
Chickenpox	175	56	2958	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	78	0	644	15
CCHF	24	14	79	5
Food Poisoning	16	0	215	3
Pertussis	162	129	1014	2
Anthrax	19	0	20	0
AWD with Dehydration	14	14	55	0
Acute Watery Diarrhea	1	0	38	0
Malaria	5	3	1166	0
ARI-Pneumonia	7	0	337	4
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0
Viral Hepatitis	1	1	6	0
COVID-19	2	0	37	0
Impetigo	1	0	9	0
Typhoid Fever	8	0	173	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	2	0	2	2
Dengue fever	0	0	0	0
Mushroom Poisoning	1	0	9	0
Donkey Bite	1	0	43	0
Grand Total	1002	265	22683	47

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

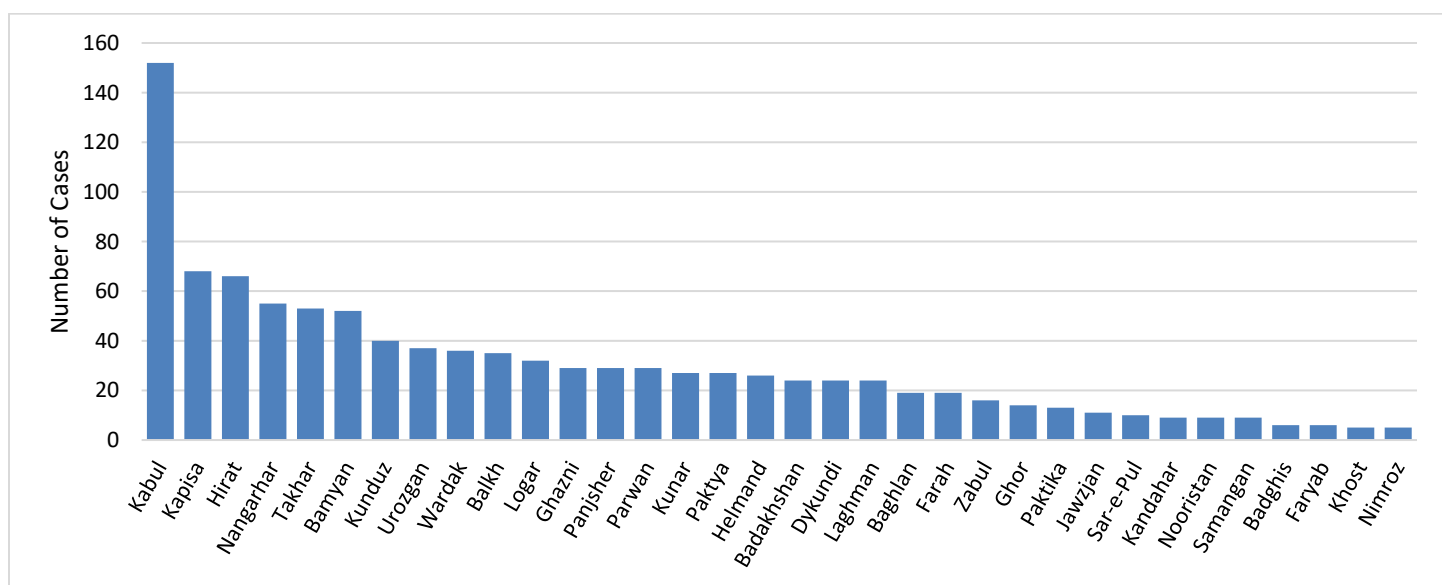


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

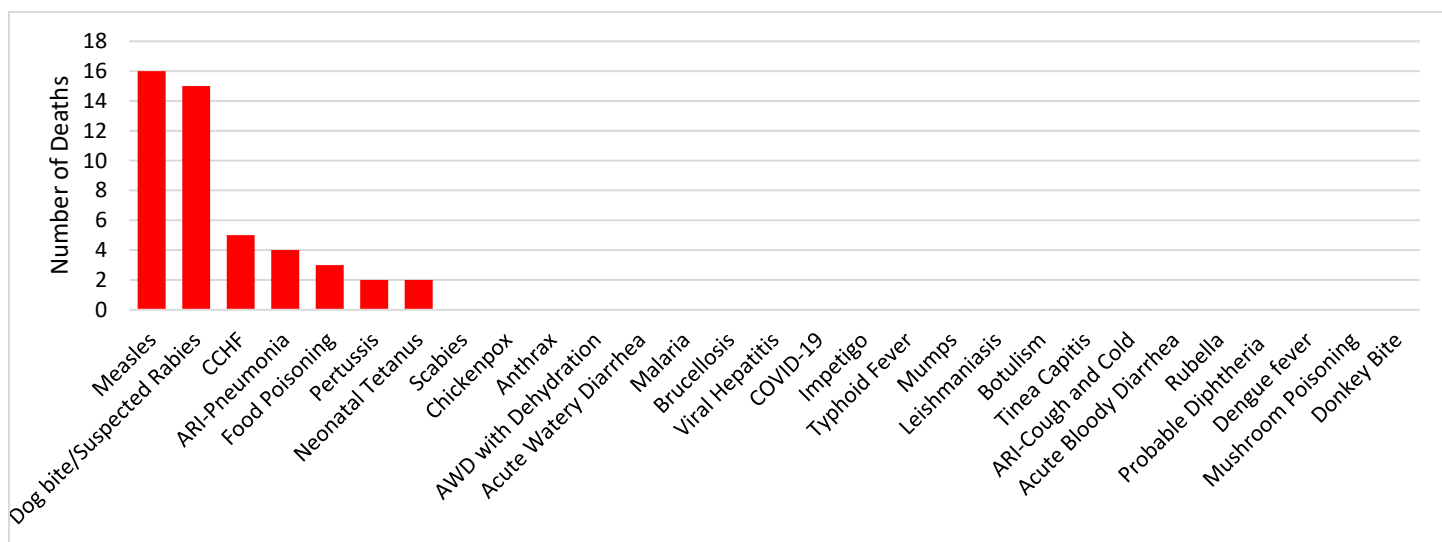


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 25-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
Measles	80	32	40.0
CCHF	76	21	27.6
Chickenpox	65	57	87.7
COVID-19	47	6	12.8
Pertussis	21	18	85.7
HAV/HEV	10	3	30.0
Dengue Fever	7	3	42.9
SARI	0	0	0.0
ILI	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
Monkey pox	306	140	45.8

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 **577 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **2 (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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