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Epidemiological Report | Week # 26 – 2026

26 (28 Jun-04 Jul, 2026)

Summary:

Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **603 (98.4 %)** submitted reports this week.

A total of **710,247** new consultations were reported, among which **257,488 (36.2%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **132,640 (51.5%)** females and **120,762 (46.9%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **134,957** cases (**19%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **100,502** cases (**14.1%**), and pneumonia with **15,380** cases (**2.2%**).

A total of **396** deaths were reported this week, of which **59 (14.9%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **45 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **8 suspected meningitis**, **5 acute viral hepatitis** deaths and **1 AWD** with **dehydration** death,

During this week, **45** outbreaks were reported: **9 pertussis** outbreaks, **13 chickenpox** outbreaks, **9 scabies** outbreaks, **4 dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **7 AWD** outbreaks, **1 measles** outbreak, **1 mumps** outbreak and **1 clinical impetigo** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 26-2026

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	1385	1061	1302	1105	1	0	0	0	4853	0.7	1	0.3	0.02
ARI-Pneumonia	4760	2692	4582	3346	22	3	19	1	15380	2.2	45	11.4	0.29
Measles	201	80	178	104	0	0	0	0	563	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
CCHF	0	42	0	16	0	0	0	0	58	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Confirmed Malaria	252	1094	205	897	0	0	0	0	2448	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	32	0	13	0	0	0	0	45	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	3	524	3	550	0	0	0	0	1080	0.2	0	0.0	0.00

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

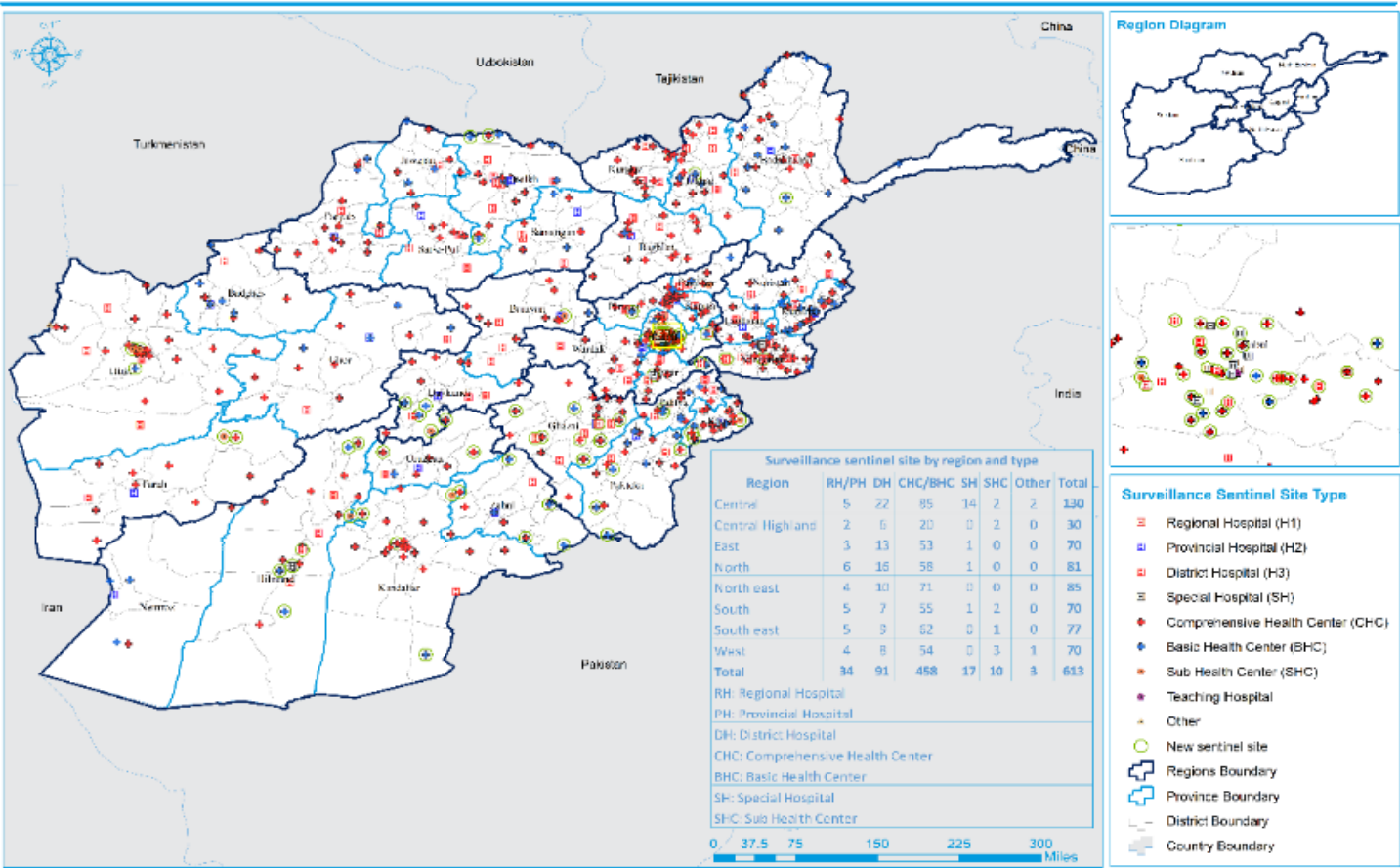


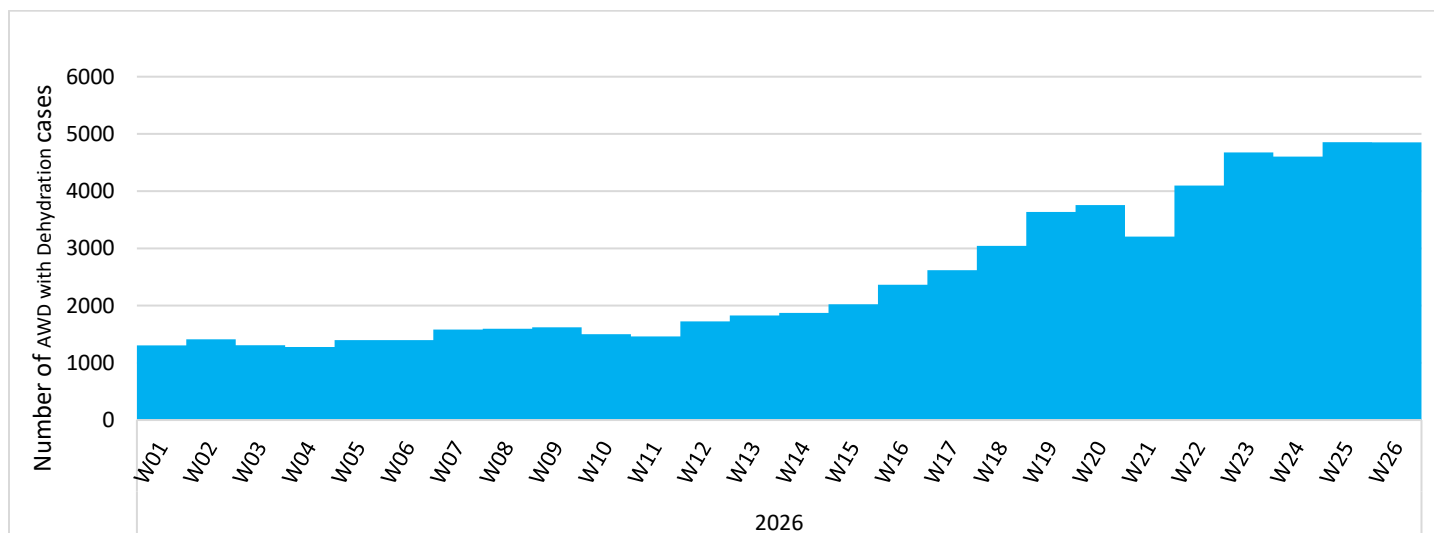
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W26, 2026)

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	18,761	14,088	16,948	15,211	14	2	15	2	65,008	0.4	33	0.3	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	79,125	89,311	73,690	92,618	0	0	0	0	334,744	1.9	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	244	127	234	103	0	0	0	0	708	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,135	1,539	946	1,670	17	14	8	5	5,290	0.0	44	0.4	0.83
Acute Watery Diarrhea	337,219	204,902	319,316	225,811	0	0	0	0	1,087,248	6.2	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	862,138	1,115,872	834,311	1,320,356	0	0	0	0	4,132,677	23.6	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	611	0	279	0	20	0	7	890	0.0	27	0.3	3.03
Confirmed Malaria	2,142	9,051	1,936	7,807	0	0	0	0	20,936	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	6,399	1,685	5,553	1,767	34	2	25	1	15,404	0.1	62	0.6	0.40
Covid-19	37	15,418	130	15,433	0	0	0	0	31,018	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	599	77	515	60	0	0	0	0	1,251	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	240,187	120,461	218,048	139,163	634	145	518	113	717,859	4.1	1,410	13.4	0.20
Meningitis	1,018	791	899	746	47	33	39	33	3,454	0.0	152	1.4	4.40
Dengue Fever	0	326	0	192	0	0	0	0	518	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	4	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	7	0.0	4	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	1,028	14,767	1,008	19,231	0	0	0	0	36,034	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,550,036	1,589,026	1,473,537	1,840,449	749	216	606	161	6,453,048	36.8	1,732	16	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	2,724,370	4,842,418	2,658,120	7,316,115	3,205	2,918	2,318	2,114	17,541,023	100	10,555	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 26th week of 2026, a total of 4,853 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR=0.02%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,687 (55.4%) were under-five children, and 2,407 (49.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 65,008 AWD + dehydration cases and 33 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 35,709 (54.9%) are children under five and 32,159 (49.5%) are females.

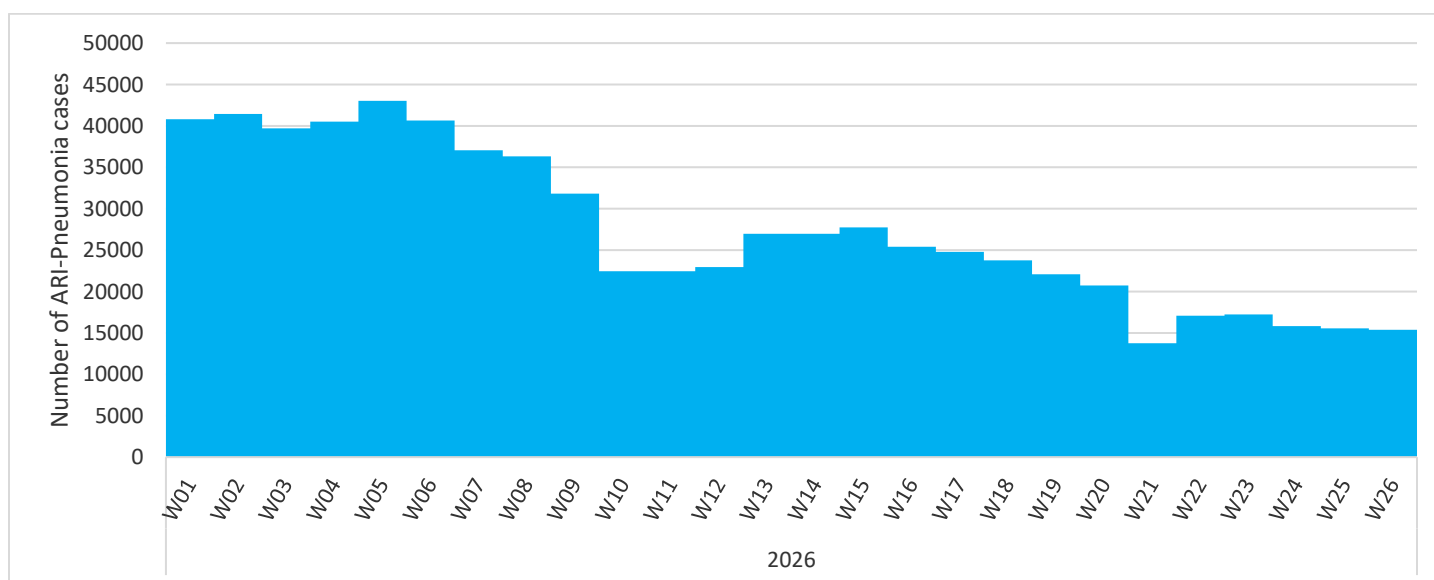
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 26, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 26th week of 2026, a total of 15,380 cases and 45 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.3%)
- Out of the total cases, 9,342 (60.7%) were under-five children, and 7,928 (51.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 717,859 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,410 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 458,235 (63.8%) are children under five and 357,211 (49.7%) are females.

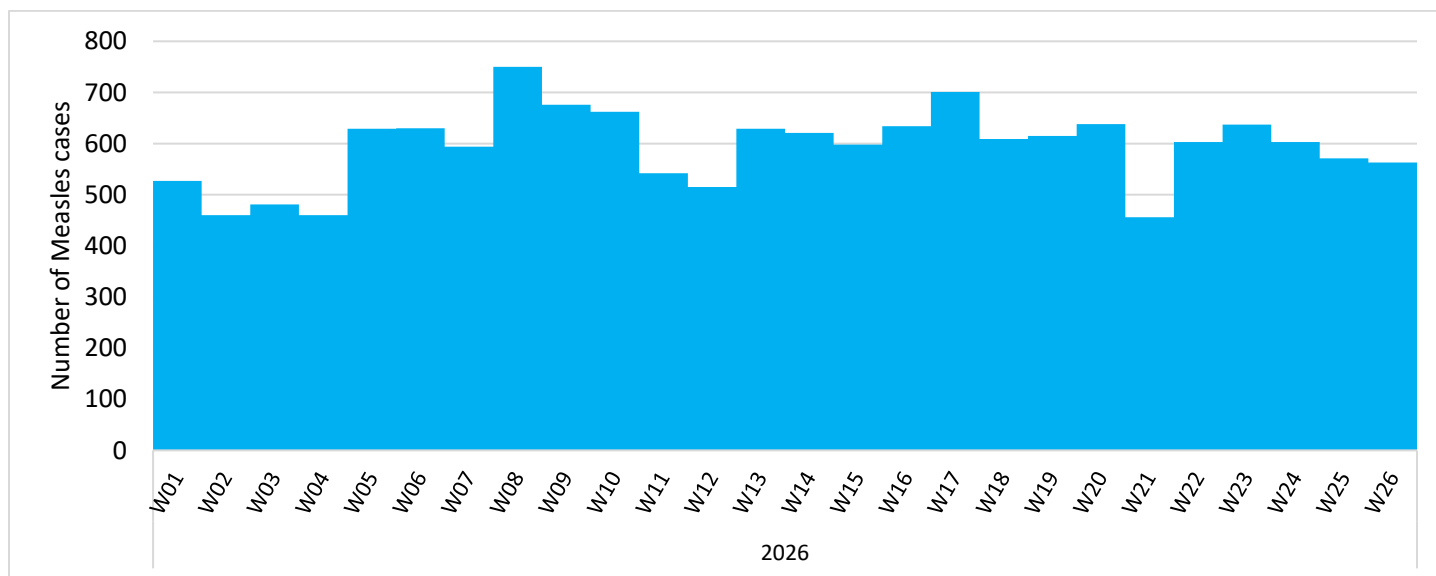
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 26, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 26th week of 2026, a total of 563 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 379 (67.3%) were under-five children, and 282 (50%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 15,408 measles cases and 62 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 11,952 (77.6%) are children under five and 7,320 (47.5%) are females.

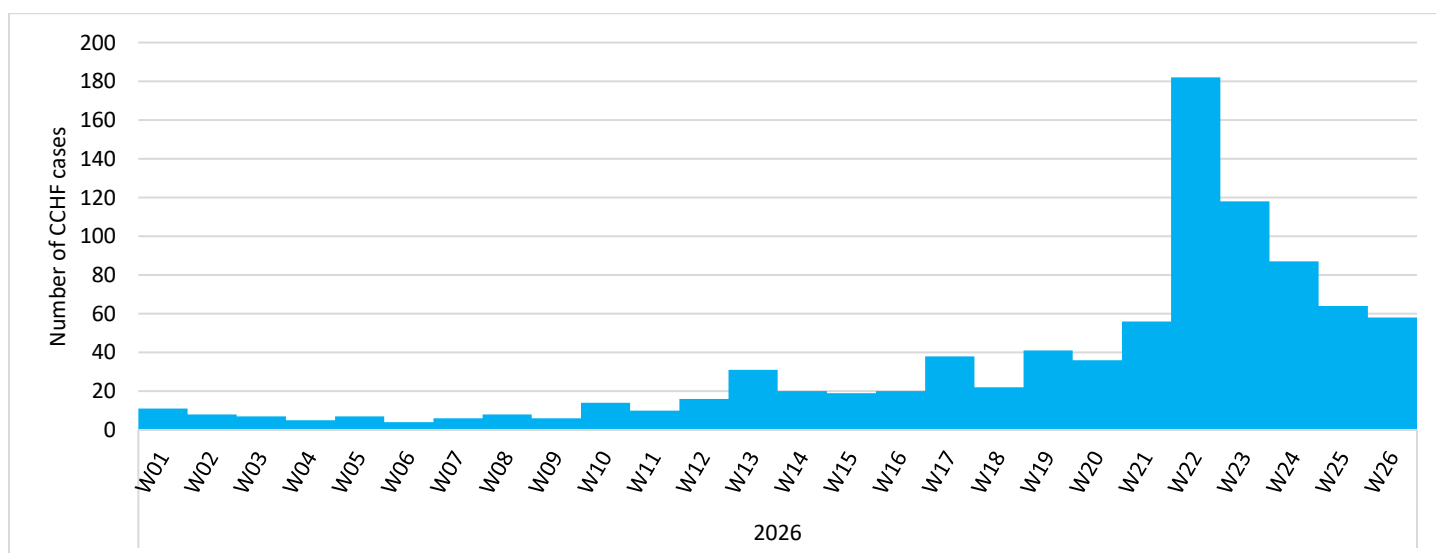
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 26, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 26th 2026, a total of 58 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR= 0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 16 of them (27.5%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 890 suspected CCHF cases and 27 deaths (CFR= 3%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 279 (31.3%) are females.

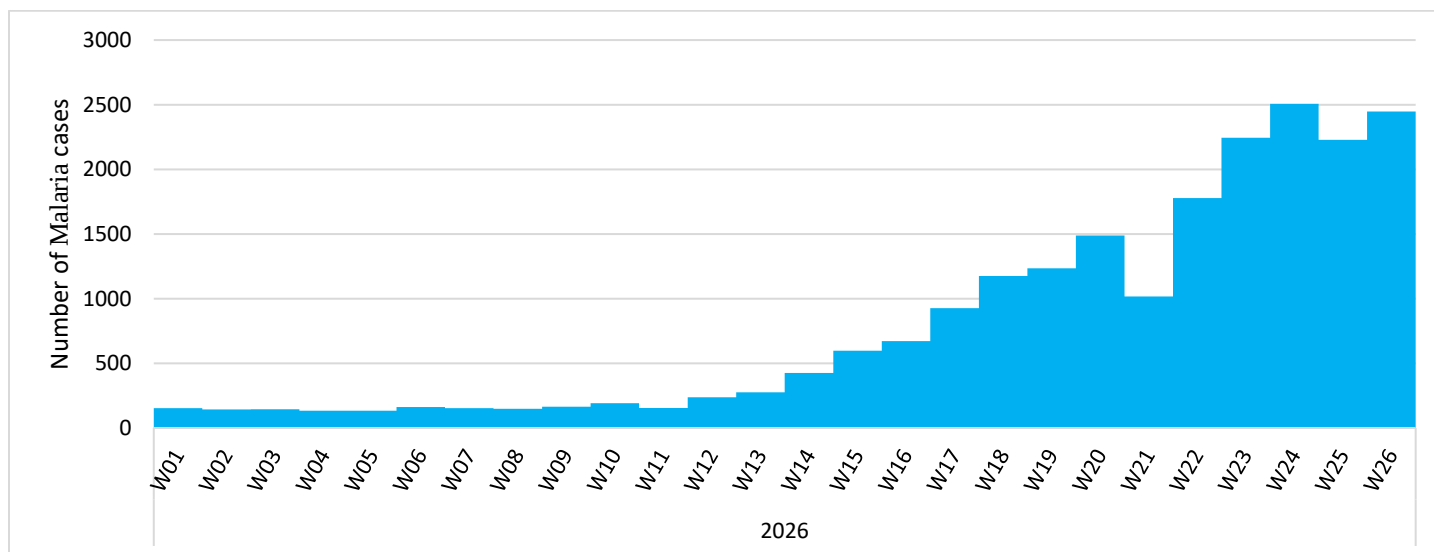
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 26, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 26th week of 2026, a total of 2,448 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 457 (18.6%) were children under-five, and 1,102 (45%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 20,936 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 4,078 (19.5%) are children under-five, and 9,743 (46.5%) are females.

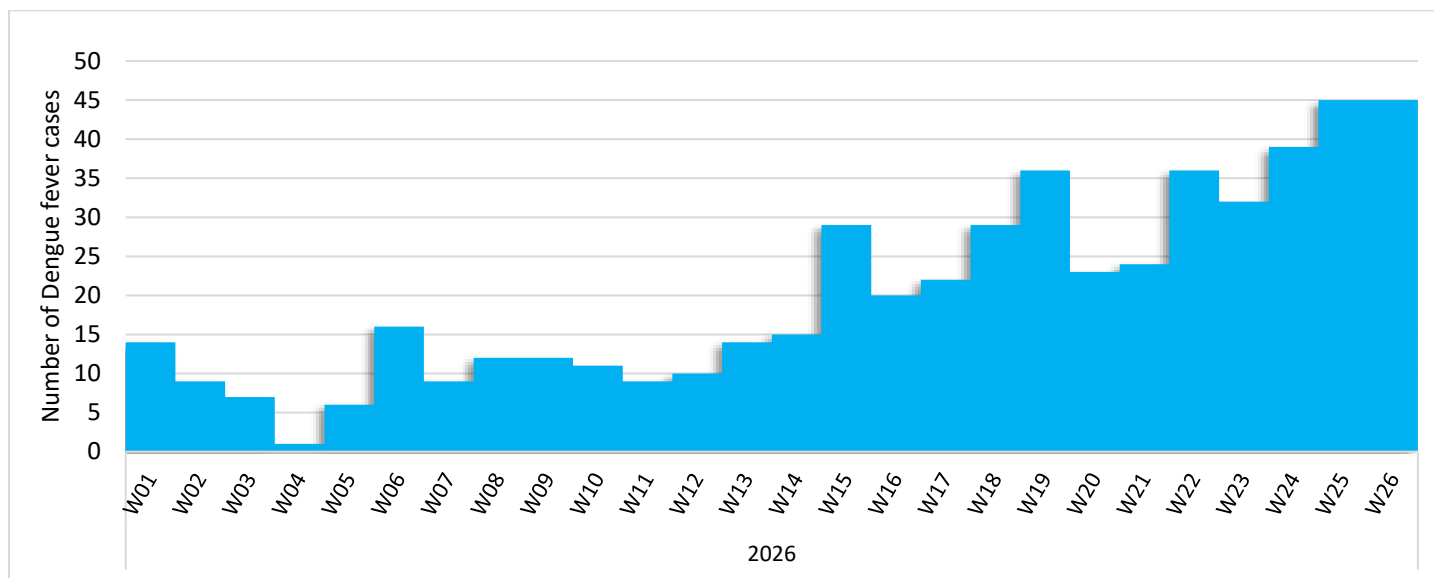
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 26, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable increase since week 13 of 2026.
- During 26th 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 13 (28.8 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 518 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 192 (37%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 26, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 26th week of 2026, a total of 1,080 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 6 (0.5%) were under-five children, and 553 (51.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 31,018 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 167 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 15,563 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 26, 2026)

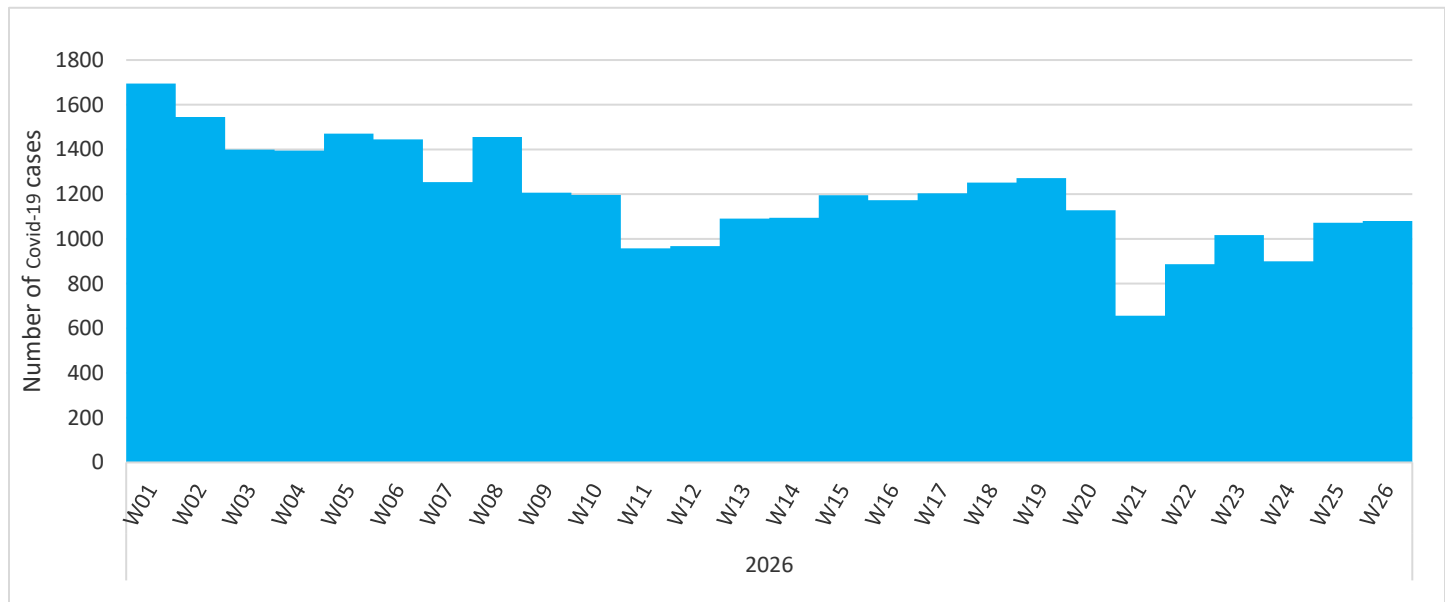


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

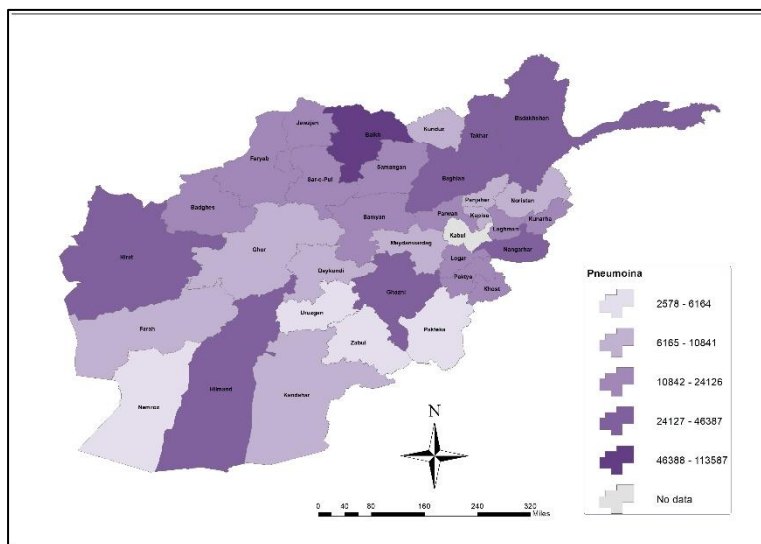


Figure 9: B (Measles)

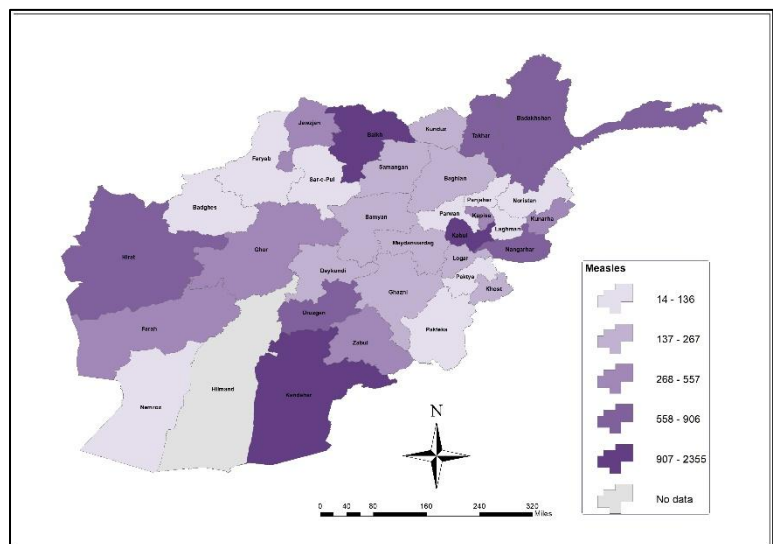


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

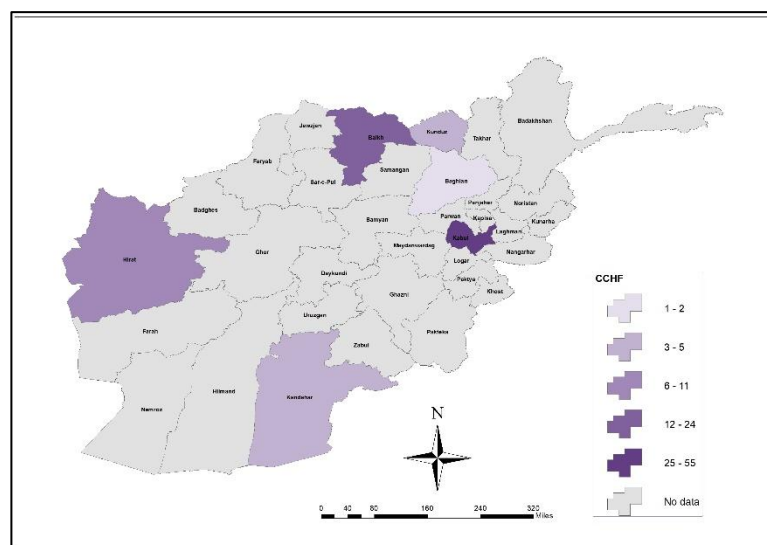
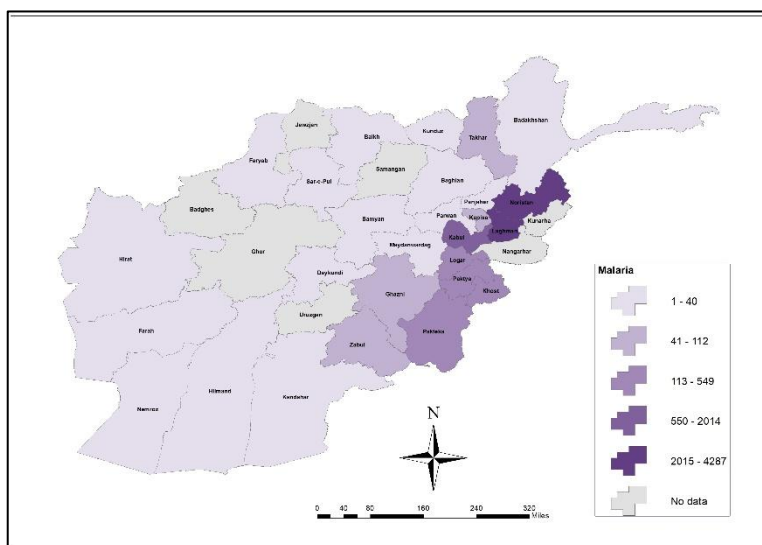


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 26 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 694 (11.2%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 431 (62.1%) were under 5 years old and 362 (52.1%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases increased (0.3%) compared to the previous week, and 29-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 25 (86.2%) under five and 15 (51.7%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (25%), Balkh (15%), and Herat (11%).
- 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, 5 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 26, 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Paktia	5	5	0	0	5	0	0	100%
Total	50	5	0	0	5	0	0	10%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 26-2026

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

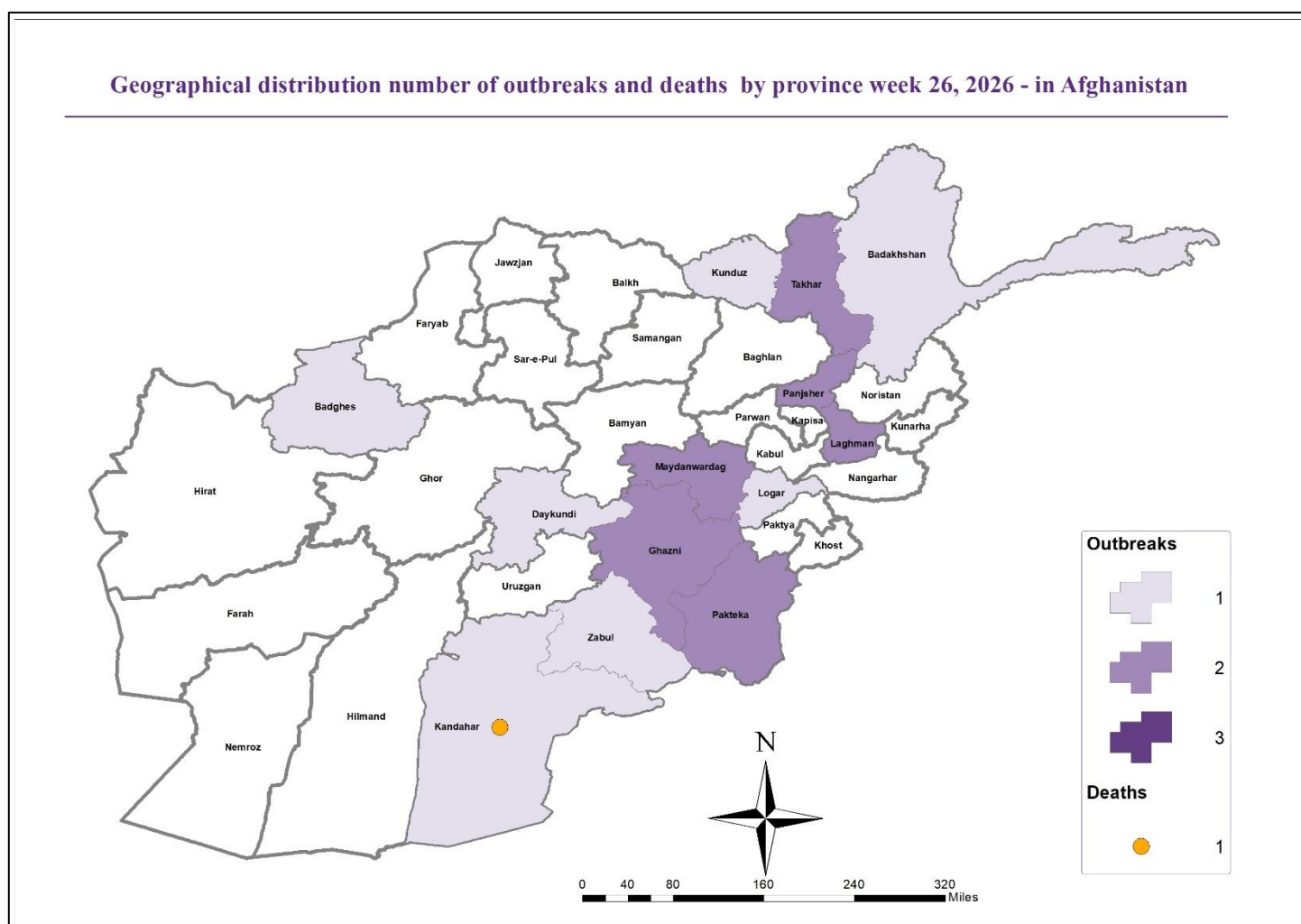


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	110	48	1001	16
Scabies	351	0	14273	0
Chickenpox	188	56	3149	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	82	0	667	16
CCHF	24	14	79	5
Food Poisoning	16	0	215	3
Pertussis	171	129	1069	2
Anthrax	19	0	20	0
AWD with Dehydration	21	19	66	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	2	0	29	0
Typhoid Fever	8	0	173	0
Mumps	27	0	314	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	1047	270	23205	48

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

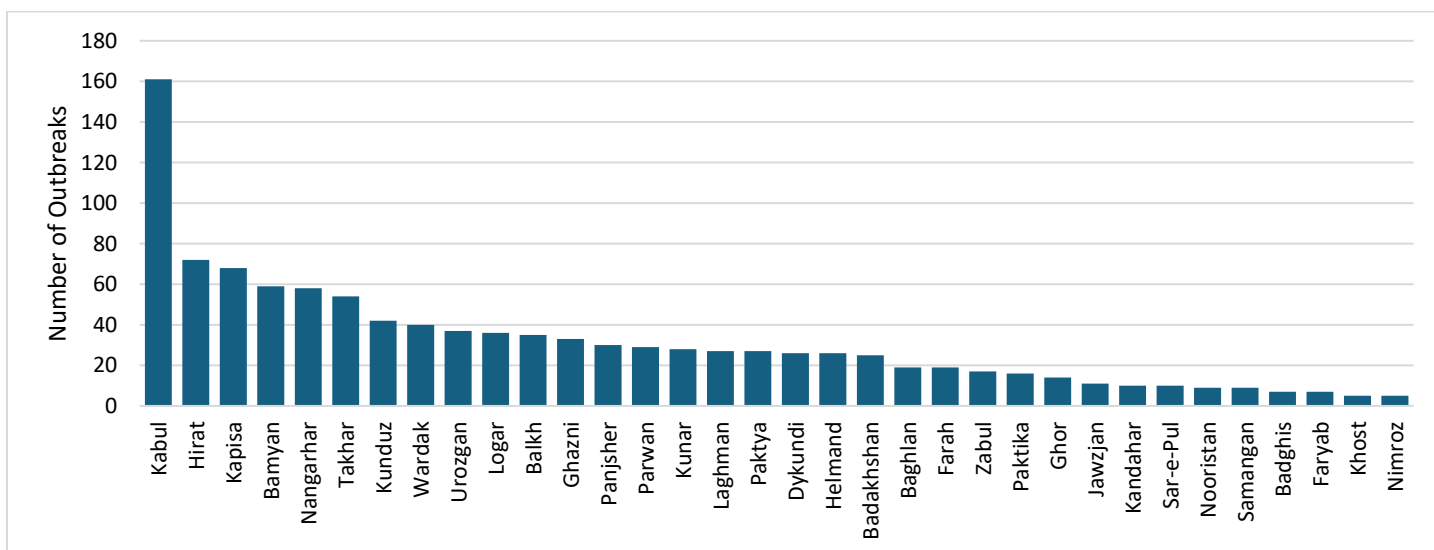


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

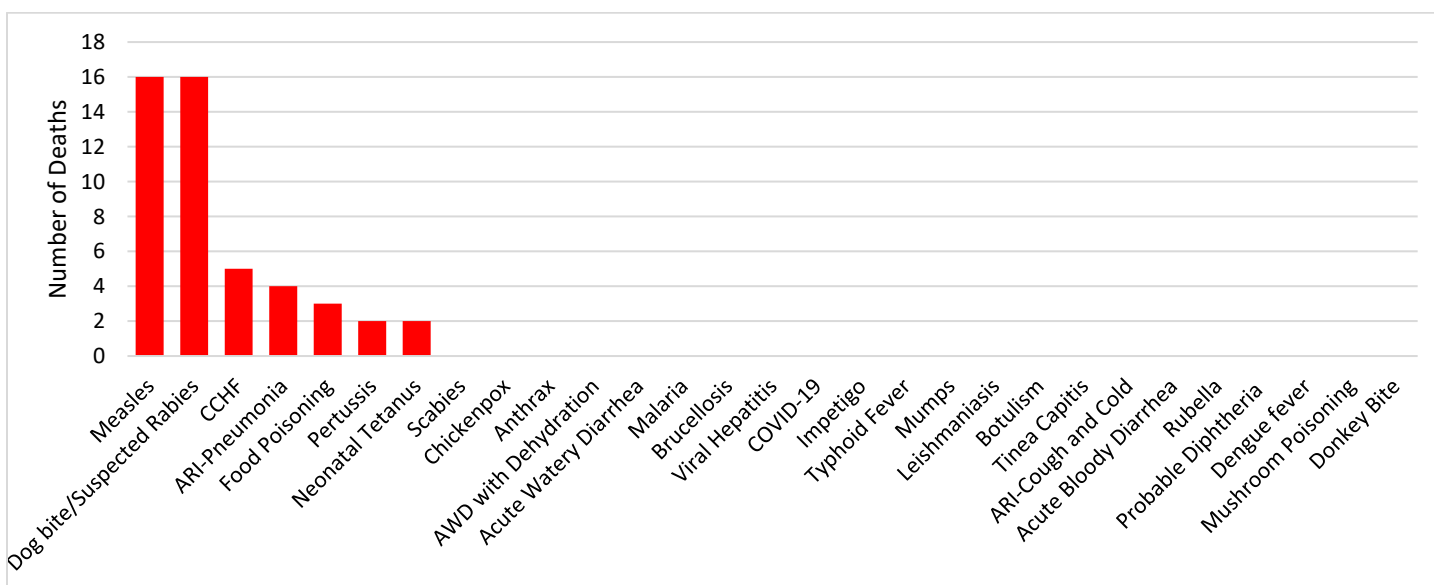


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 26-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
Measles	95	38	40.0
CCHF	71	22	31.0
Chickenpox	59	53	89.8
Pertussis	42	33	78.6
SARI	21	3	14.3
ILI	14	3	21.4
Dengue Fever	12	6	50.0
COVID-19	10	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	324	158	48.8

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 **575 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **0 (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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