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Epidemiological Report | Week # 27 – 2026

27 (05 - 11 Jul, 2026)

Summary:

Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **608 (99 %)** submitted reports this week.

A total of **722,230** new consultations were reported, among which **258,010 (36.7%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **132,608 (51.4%)** females and **121,939 (47.3%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **135,247** cases (**18.7%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **100,604** cases (**13.9%**), and pneumonia with **15,544** cases (**2.2%**).

A total of **394** deaths were reported this week, of which **56 (14.3%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **37 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **7 AWD with dehydration** deaths, **4 suspected meningitis**, **4 measles** deaths and **4 hemorrhagic fever** death.

During this week, **43** outbreaks were reported: **7 pertussis** outbreaks, **10 chickenpox** outbreaks, **15 scabies** outbreaks, **3 dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **3 AWD** outbreaks, **2 measles** outbreaks, **2 anthrax** outbreaks and **1 CCHF** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 27-2026

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	1380	988	1251	1081	2	2	3	0	4700	0.7	7	1.8	0.15
ARI-Pneumonia	5088	2714	4594	3148	12	5	19	1	15544	2.2	37	9.4	0.24
Measles	174	72	175	89	1	0	3	0	510	0.1	4	1.0	0.78
CCHF	0	40	0	24	0	2	0	2	64	0.0	4	1.0	6.25
Confirmed Malaria	210	1060	244	980	0	0	0	0	2494	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	25	0	15	0	0	0	0	40	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	1	492	6	434	0	0	0	0	933	0.1	0	0.0	0.00

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

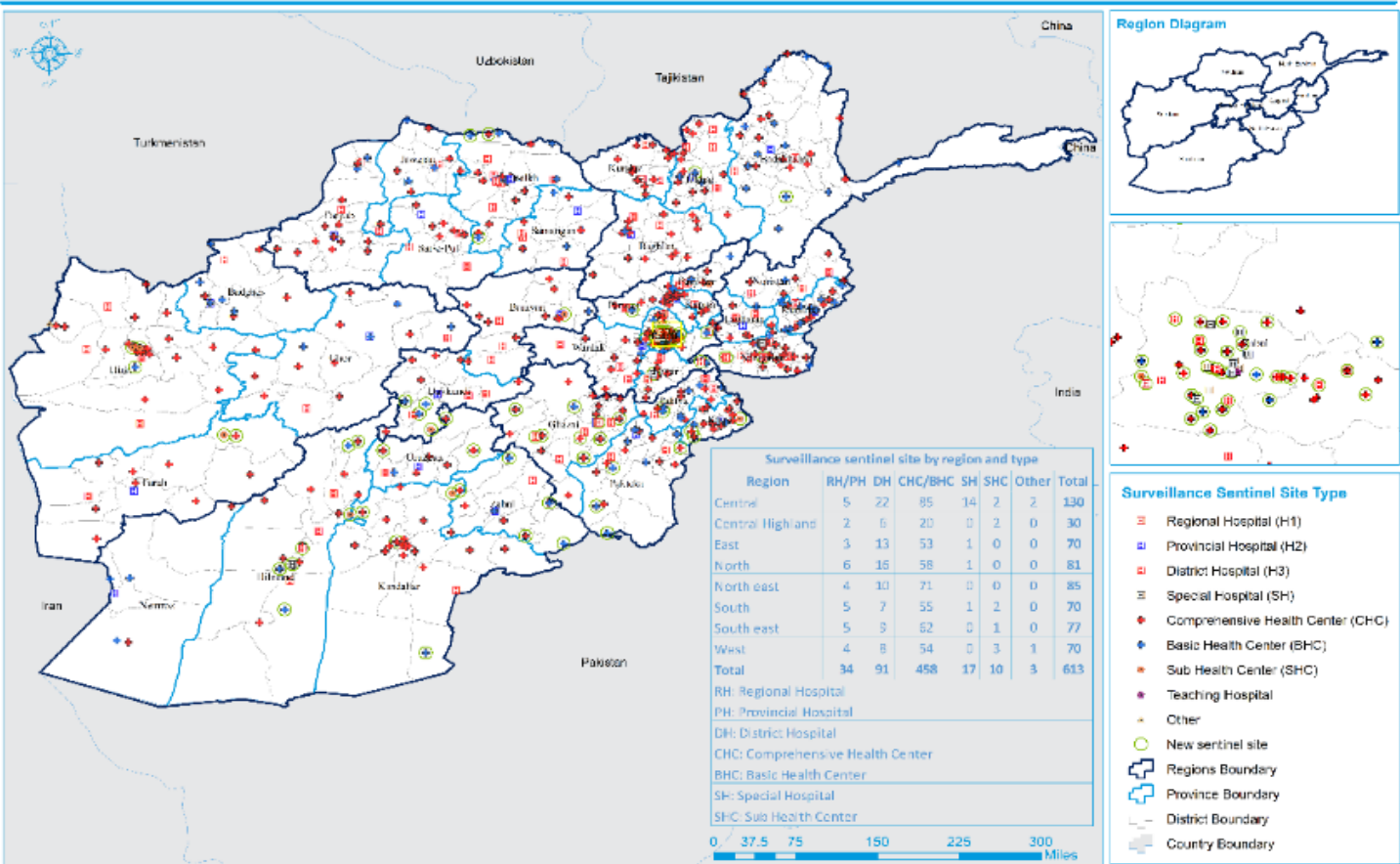


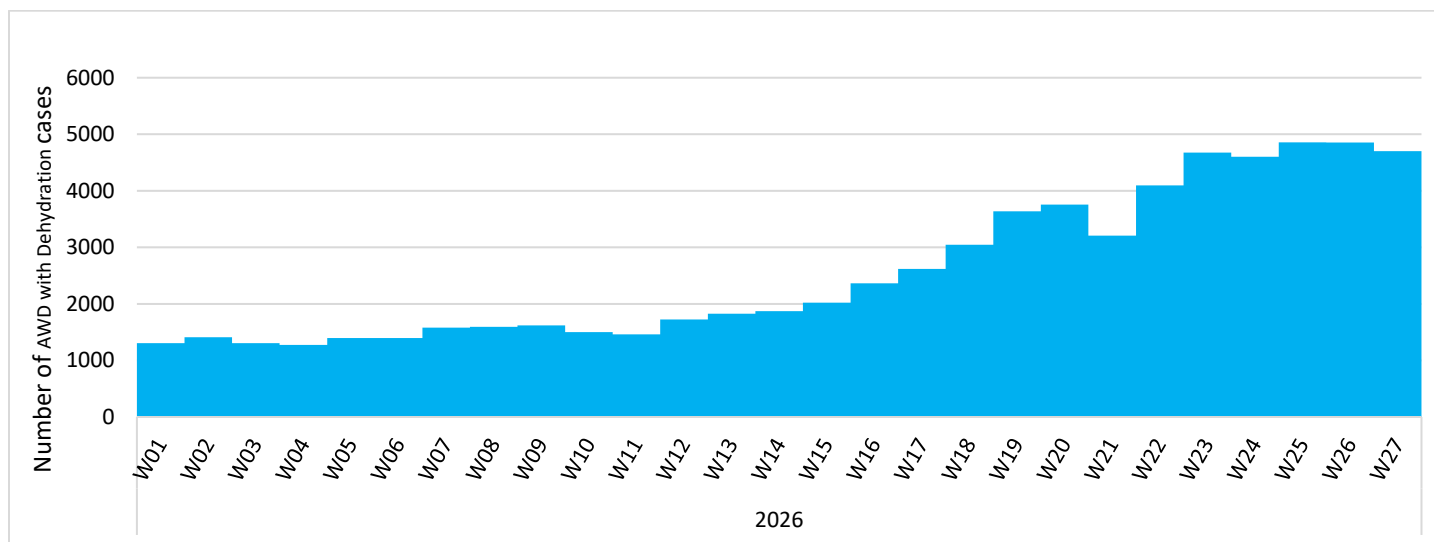
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W27, 2026)

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	20,141	15,076	18,199	16,292	16	4	18	2	69,708	0.4	40	0.4	0.06
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	83,259	94,399	77,642	98,045	0	0	0	0	353,345	1.9	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	260	132	245	106	0	0	0	0	743	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,204	1,619	1,002	1,754	17	14	8	5	5,579	0.0	44	0.4	0.79
Acute Watery Diarrhea	360,988	219,676	341,884	242,003	0	0	0	0	1,164,551	6.4	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	889,371	1,152,847	861,059	1,364,647	0	0	0	0	4,267,924	23.4	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	651	0	303	0	22	0	9	954	0.0	31	0.3	3.25
Confirmed Malaria	2,352	10,111	2,180	8,787	0	0	0	0	23,430	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	6,573	1,757	5,728	1,856	35	2	28	1	15,914	0.1	66	0.6	0.41
Covid-19	38	15,910	136	15,867	0	0	0	0	31,951	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	630	79	548	63	0	0	0	0	1,320	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	245,275	123,175	222,642	142,311	646	150	537	114	733,403	4.0	1,447	13.2	0.20
Meningitis	1,055	827	932	773	48	33	42	33	3,587	0.0	156	1.4	4.35
Dengue Fever	0	351	0	207	0	0	0	0	558	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	4	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	07	0.0	4	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	1,092	15,612	1,070	20,308	0	0	0	0	38,082	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,612,242	1,652,222	1,533,270	1,913,324	765	225	634	164	6,711,058	36.7	1,788	16	0.03
Total of new clients/death	2,834,439	5,041,716	2,767,655	7,619,443	3,310	3,023	2,424	2,192	18,263,253	100	10,949	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 27th week of 2026, a total of 4,700 cases and 7 death have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,631 (55.9%) were under-five children, and 2,332 (49.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 69,708 AWD + dehydration cases and 40 deaths (CFR=0.06%) have been reported. Of these cases 38,340 (55%) are children under five and 34,491 (49.5%) are females.

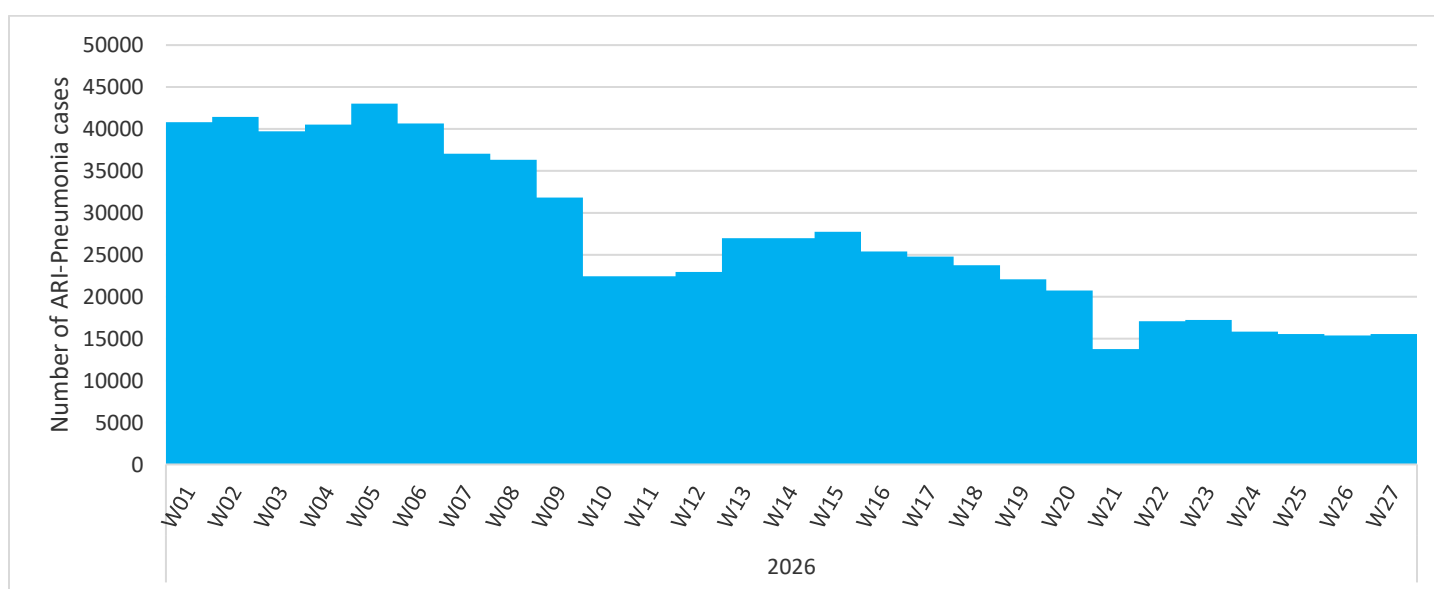
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 27, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 27th week of 2026, a total of 15,544 cases and 37 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 9,682 (62.3%) were under-five children, and 7,742 (49.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 733,403 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,447 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 467,917 (63.8%) are children under five and 364,953 (49.7%) are females.

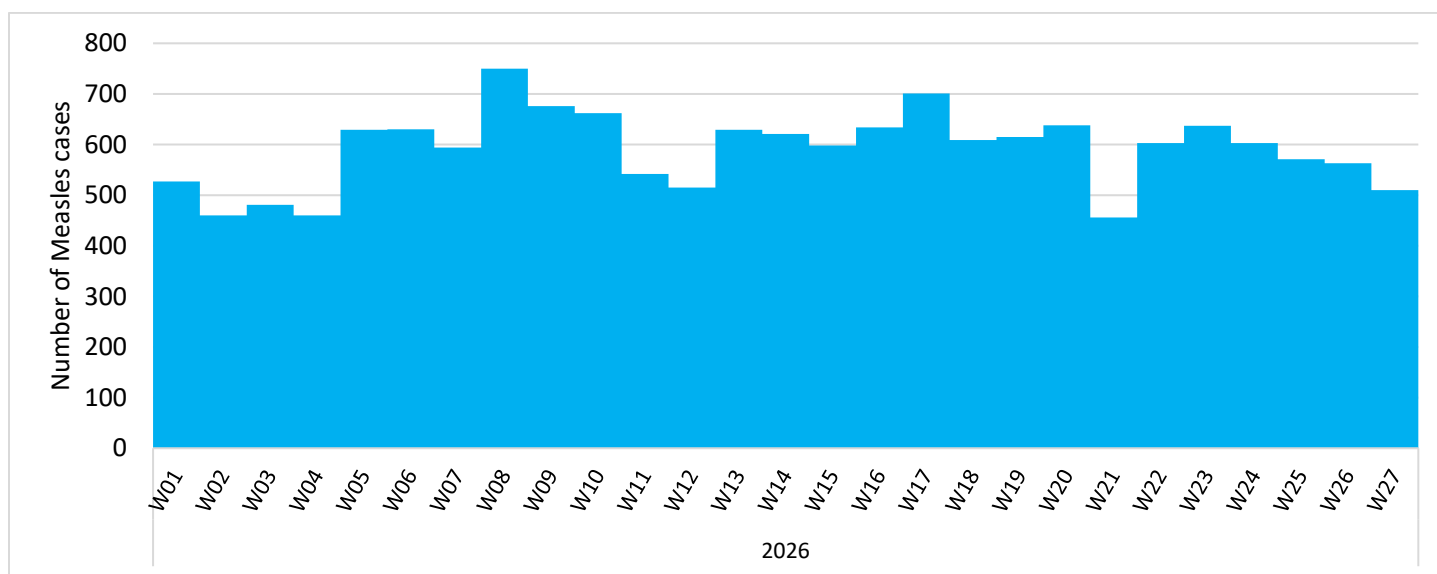
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 27, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 27th week of 2026, a total of 510 cases and 4 death have been reported (CFR=0.8%)
- Out of the total cases, 349 (68.4%) were under-five children, and 264 (51.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 15,914 measles cases and 66 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 12,301 (77.3%) are children under five and 7,584 (47.6%) are females.

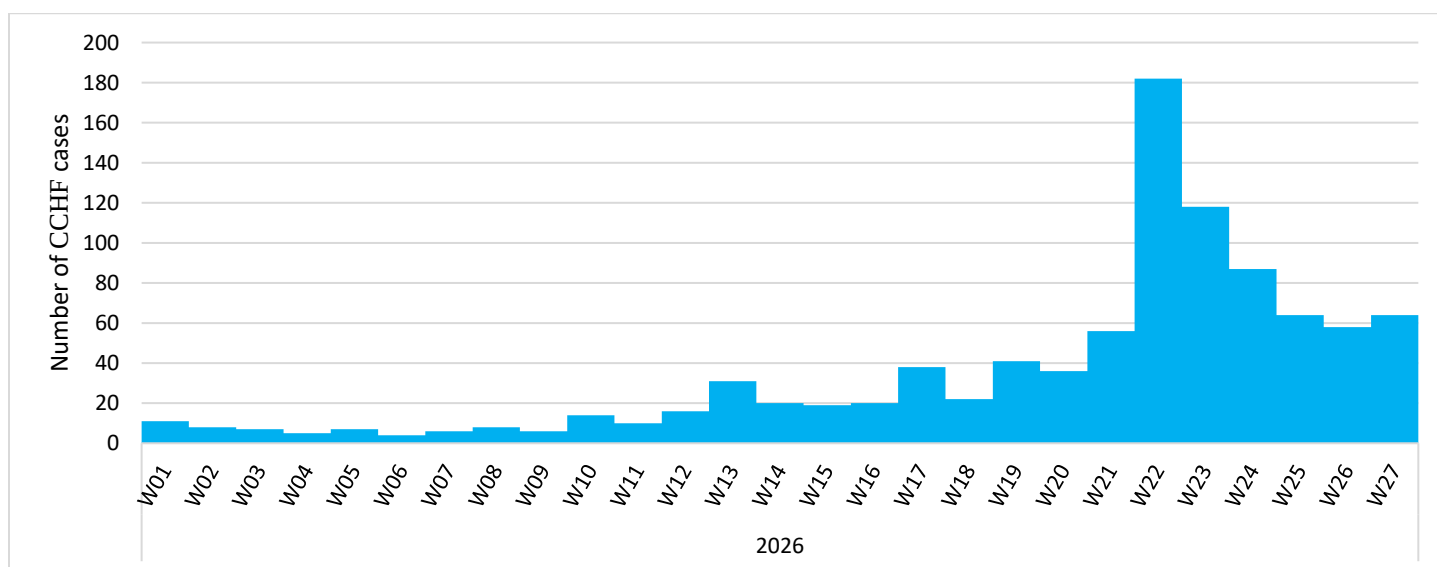
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 27, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 27th 2026, a total of 64 cases and 4 death have been reported (CFR= 6.2%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 24 of them (37.5%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 954 suspected CCHF cases and 31 deaths (CFR= 3%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 303 (31.7%) are females.

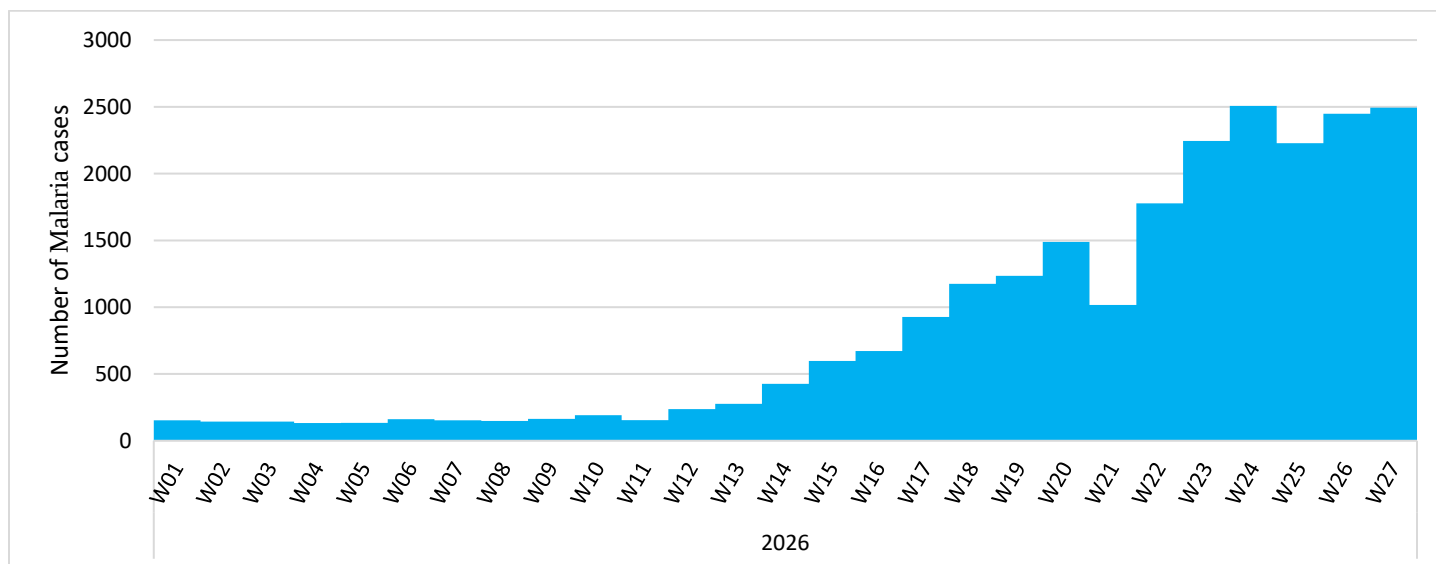
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 27, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 27th week of 2026, a total of 2,494 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 454 (18.2%) were children under-five, and 1,224 (49%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 23,430 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 4,532 (19.3%) are children under-five, and 10,967 (46.8%) are females.

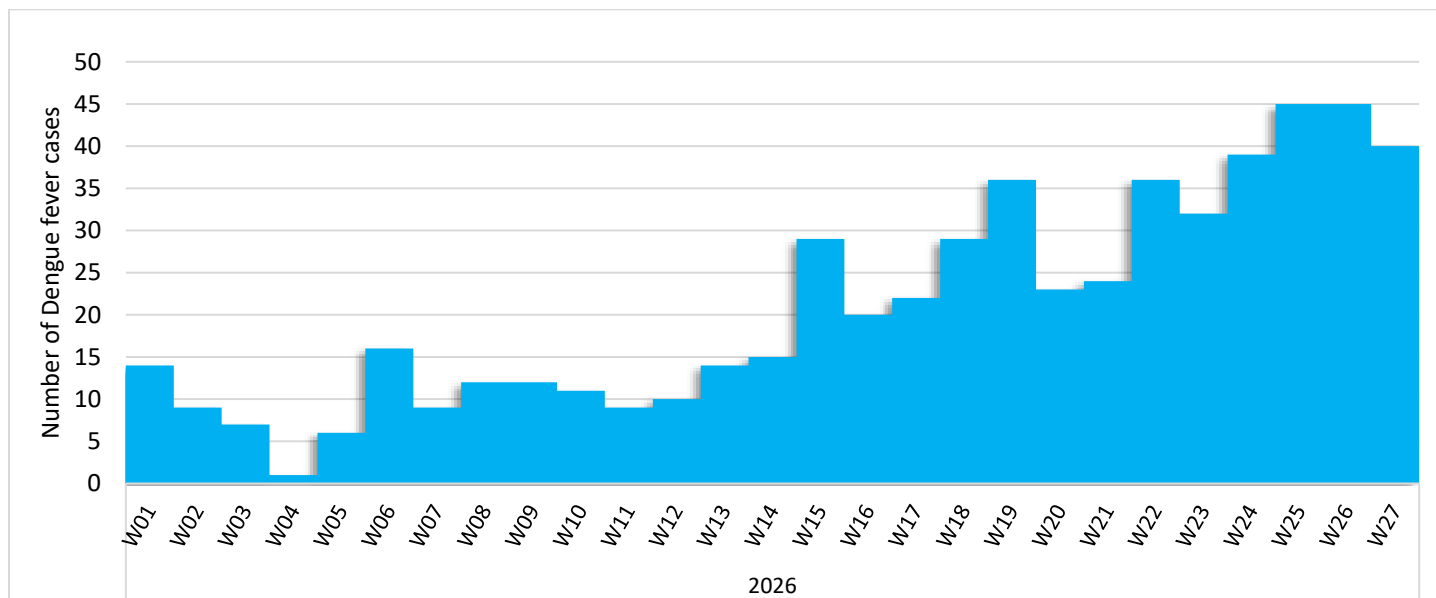
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 27, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable increase since week 13 of 2026.
- During 27th week of 2026, a total of 40 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 15 (37.5 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 558 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 207 (37%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 27, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 27th week of 2026, a total of 933 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 7 (0.7%) were under-five children, and 440 (47.1%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 31,951 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 174 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 16,003 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 27, 2026)

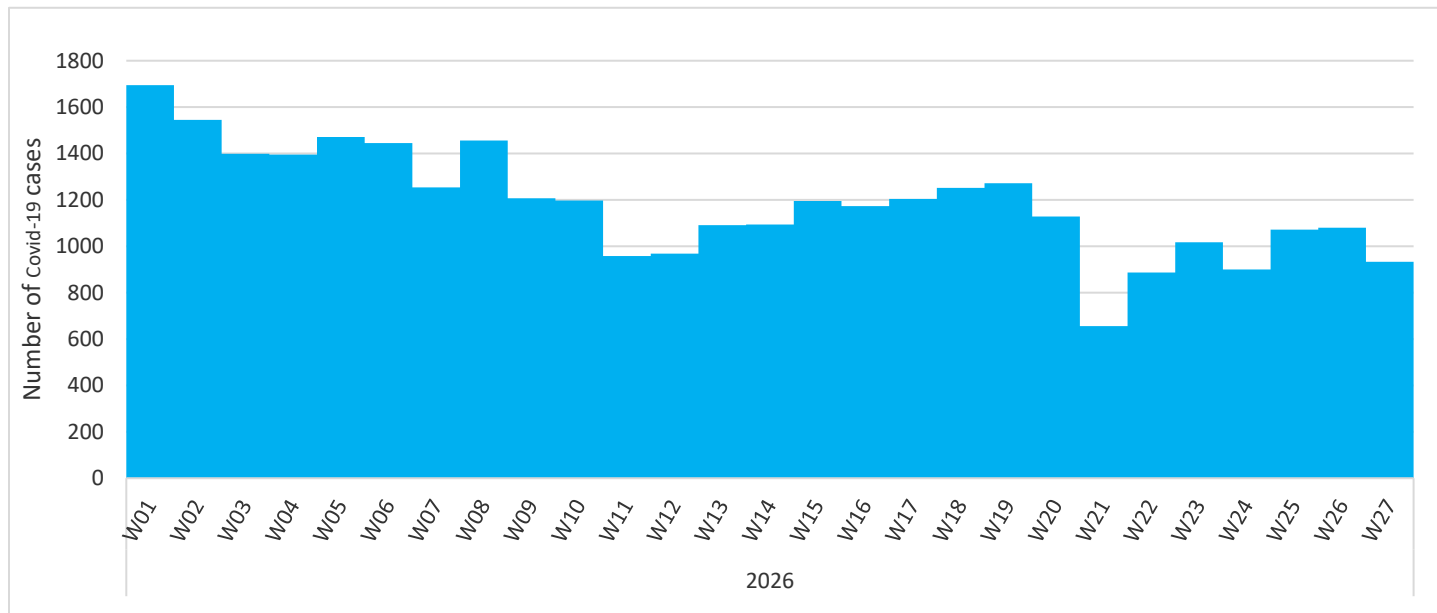


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

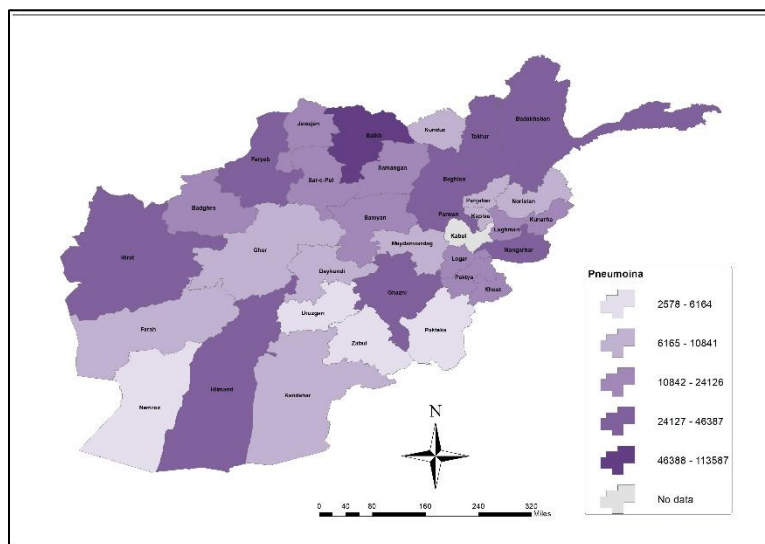


Figure 9: B (Measles)

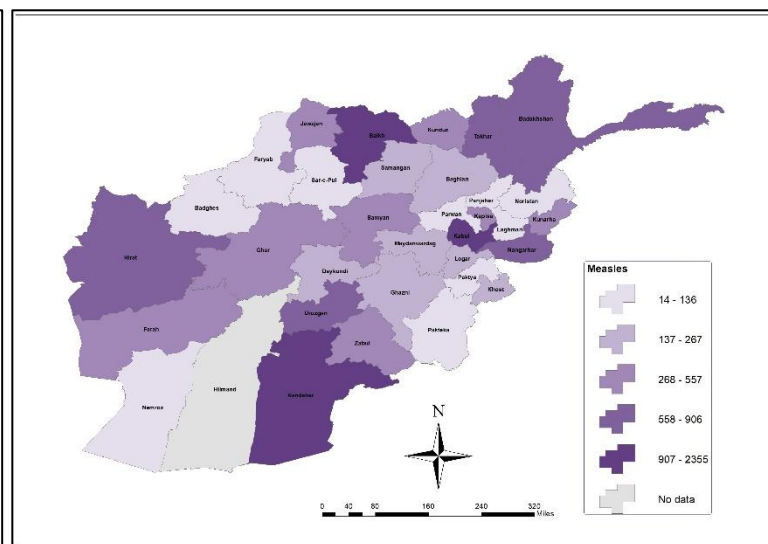


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

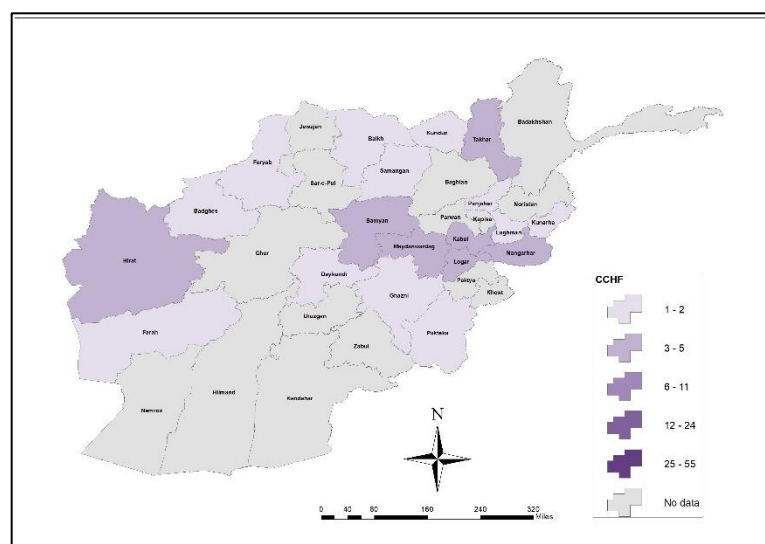
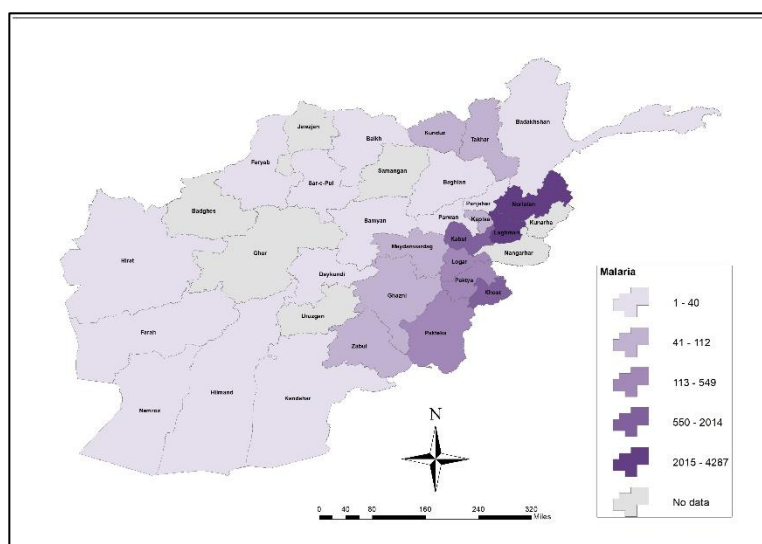


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 27 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 689 (11.3%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 408 (59.2%) were under 5 years old and 343 (49.7%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases increased (0.1%) compared to the previous week, and 22-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 15 (68%) under five and 11 (50%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (25%), Balkh (15%), and Kabul (12%).
- 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, 8 lab confirmed case reported for, Influenza B Victoria and COVID-19, but not a new influenza virus subtype

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 27, 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	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
Kabul	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	40%
Kapisa	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kandahar	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
Nangarhar	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	40%
Paktia	5	2	0	0	1	0	1	20%
Total	50	8	0	0	1	0	7	16%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 27-2026[illegible]

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

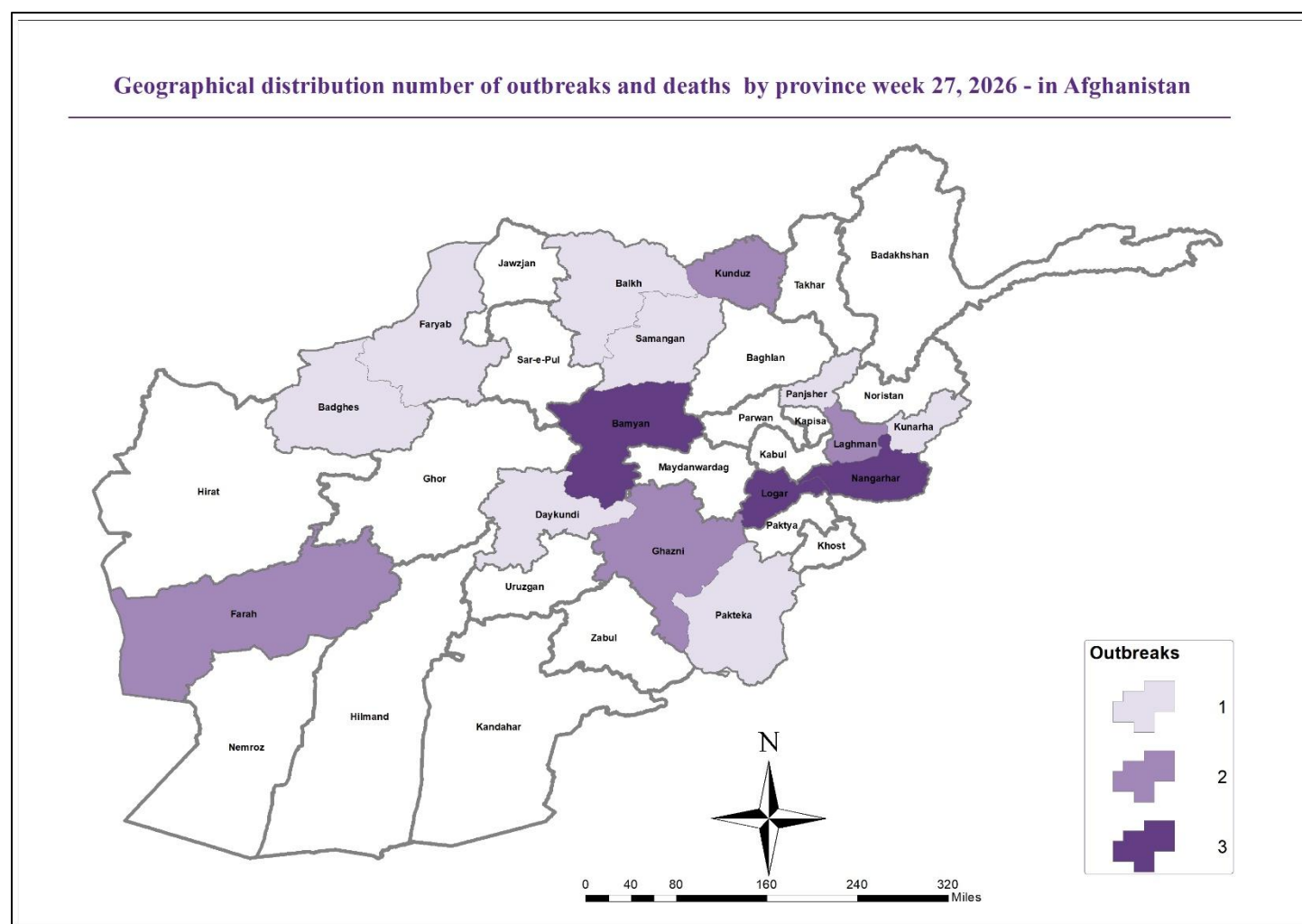


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	112	49	1023	16
Scabies	366	0	14706	0
Chickenpox	198	56	3285	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	85	0	700	16
CCHF	25	14	81	5
Food Poisoning	16	0	215	3
Pertussis	178	129	1111	2
Anthrax	21	0	22	0
AWD with Dehydration	24	19	71	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	1090	271	23880	48

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported and Responded During 2026

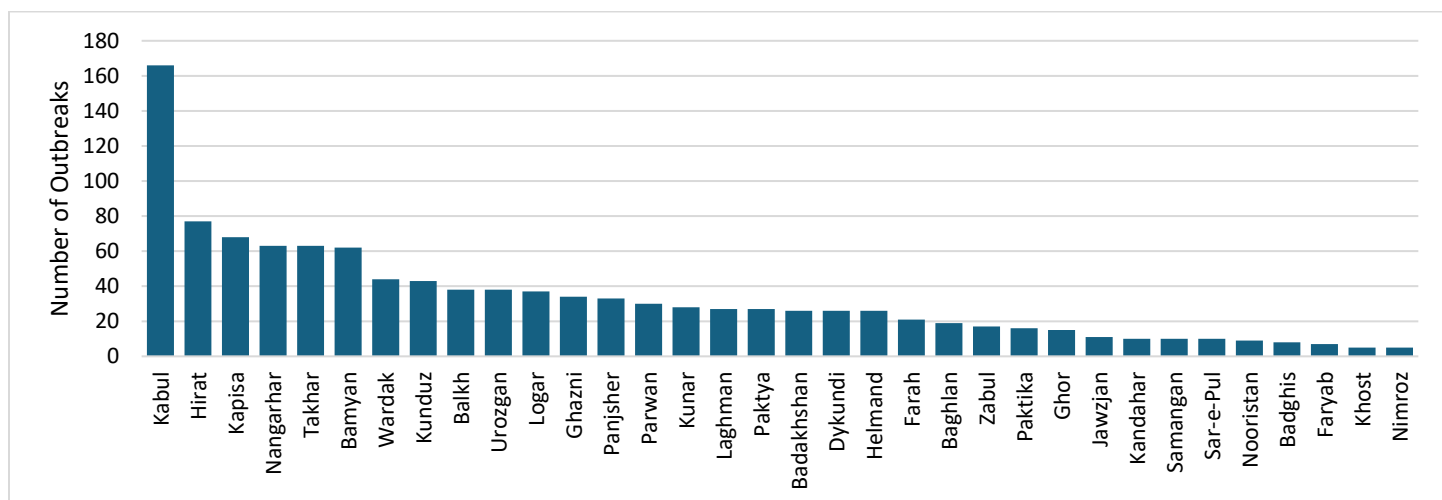


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

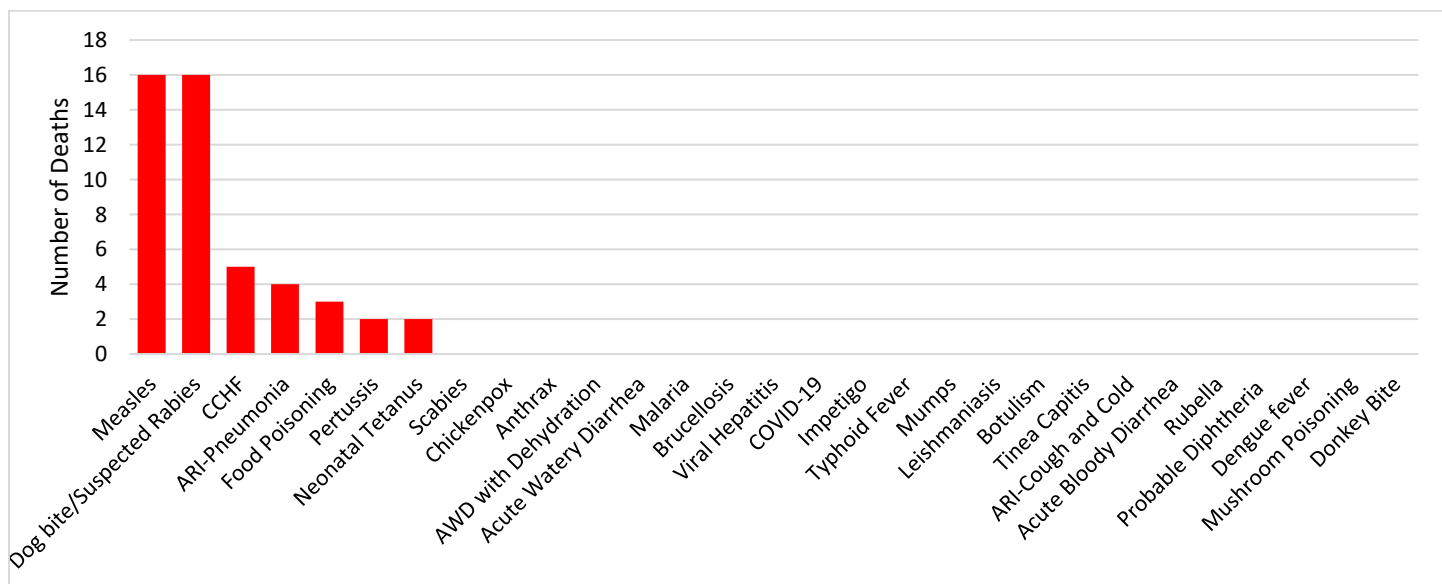


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 27-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
Measles	77	42	54.5
Chickenpox	68	55	80.9
CCHF	59	12	20.3
HAV/HEV	46	17	37.0
SARI	36	5	13.9
Pertussis	25	16	64.0
ILI	24	5	20.8
COVID-19	23	12	52.2
Dengue Fever	6	2	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	364	166	45.6

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 **532 (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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