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Epidemiological Report | Week # 28 – 2026

28 (12 - 18 Jul, 2026)

Summary:

Out of **613** functional surveillance sentinel sites, **608 (99.2 %)** submitted reports this week.

A total of **724,680** new consultations were reported, among which **257,658 (35.5%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **132,097 (51.3%)** females and **122,032 (47.4%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **135,014** cases (**18.6%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **100,573** cases (**13.9%**), and pneumonia with **15,473** cases (**2.1%**).

A total of **412** deaths were reported this week, of which **44 (10.7%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **32 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **4 hemorrhagic fever** deaths, **3 AWD** with **dehydration** deaths, **3 suspected meningitis** deaths, **1 measles** death and **1 acute viral hepatitis** death.

During this week, **50** outbreaks were reported: **11 pertussis** outbreaks, **16 chickenpox** outbreaks, **11 scabies** outbreaks, **3 dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **4 AWD** outbreaks, **1 anthrax** outbreak, **1 acute viral hepatitis** outbreak, **1 Neonatal Tetanus** outbreak, **1 Tinea Capitis** outbreak and **1 CCHF** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 28-2026

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	1520	1050	1417	1204	1	0	2	0	5191	0.7	3	0.7	0.06
ARI-Pneumonia	5073	2667	4698	3035	13	1	13	5	15473	2.1	32	7.8	0.21
Measles	171	78	164	80	0	0	1	0	493	0.1	1	0.2	0.20
CCHF	0	33	0	19	0	3	0	1	52	0.0	4	1.0	7.69
Confirmed Malaria	250	1055	218	925	0	0	0	0	2448	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	27	0	10	0	0	0	0	37	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	3	516	3	484	0	0	0	0	1006	0.1	0	0.0	0.00

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

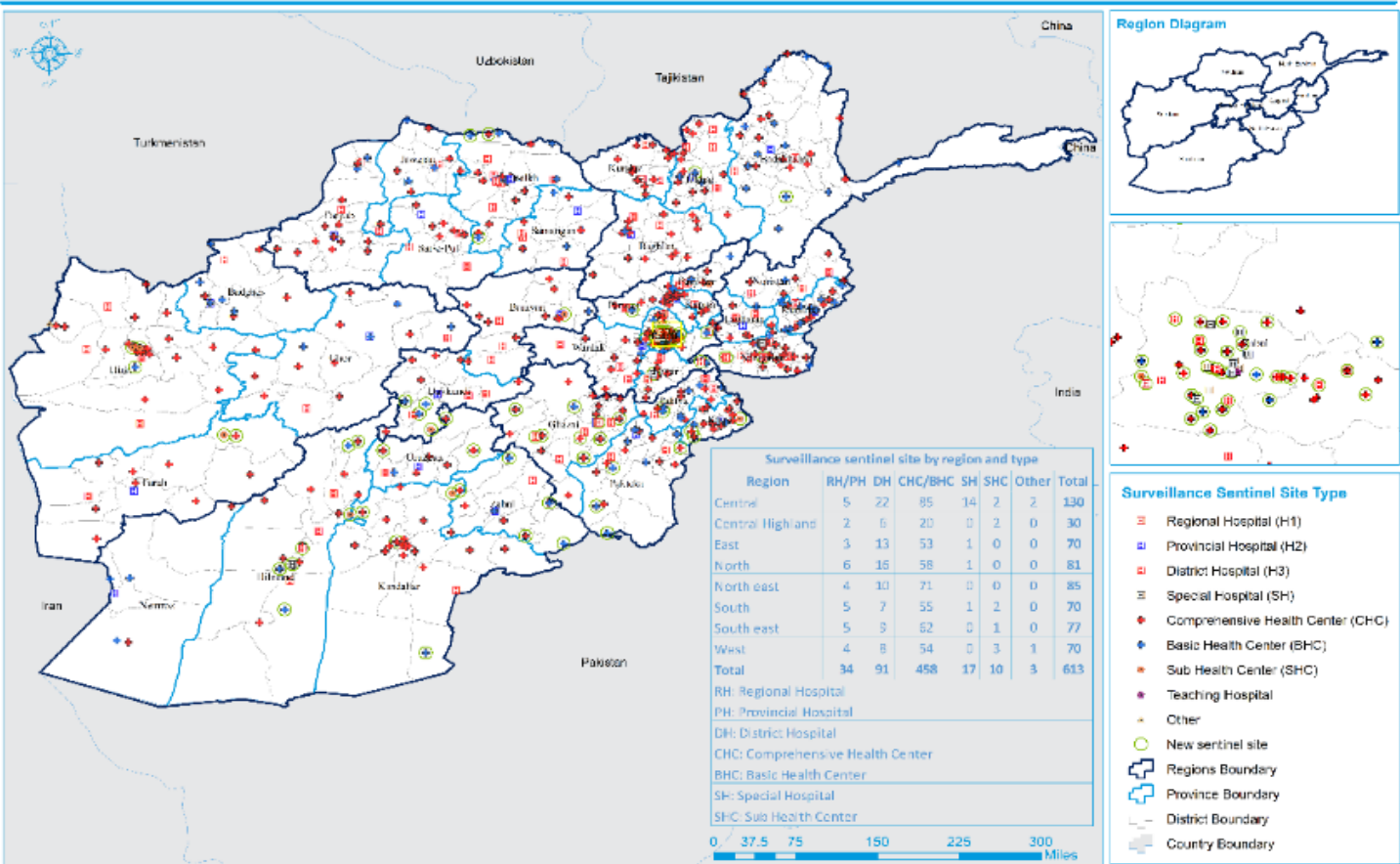


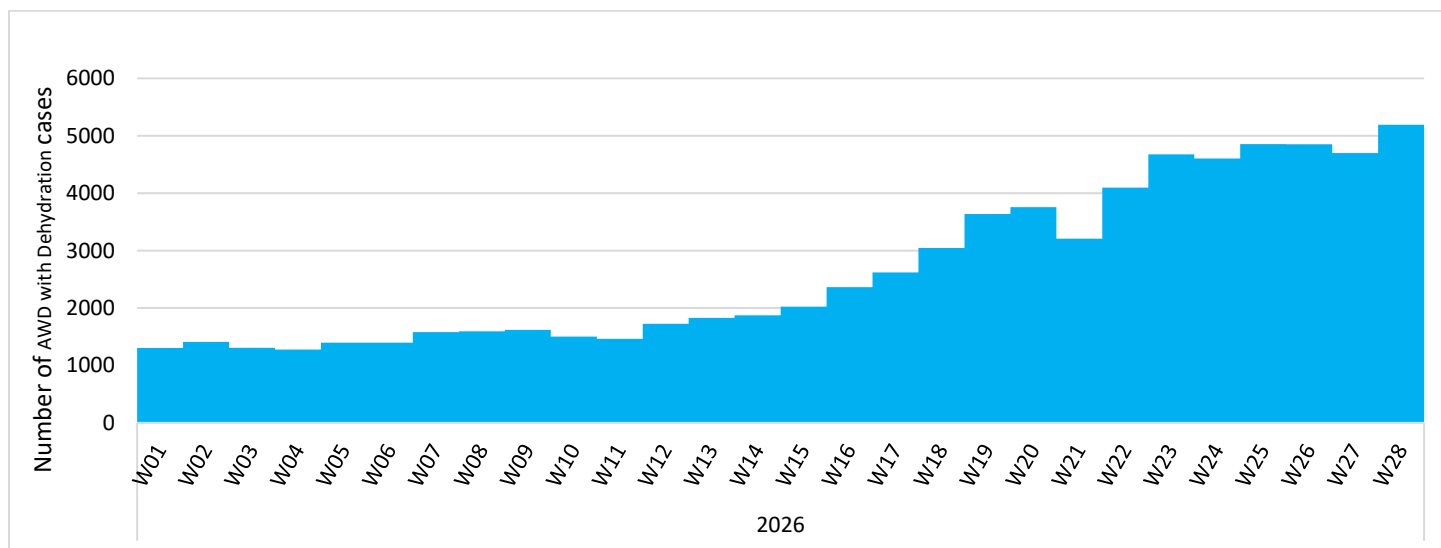
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W28, 2026)

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	21,661	16,126	19,616	17,496	17	4	20	2	74,899	0.4	43	0.4	0.06
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	87,484	99,497	81,576	103,259	0	0	0	0	371,816	2.0	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	268	139	251	109	0	0	0	0	767	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,261	1,697	1,064	1,840	17	15	8	5	5,862	0.0	45	0.4	0.77
Acute Watery Diarrhea	384,701	234,506	364,039	258,216	0	0	0	0	1,241,462	6.5	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	916,839	1,189,513	887,712	1,408,874	0	0	0	0	4,402,938	23.2	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	684	0	322	0	25	0	10	1,006	0.0	35	0.3	3.48
Confirmed Malaria	2,602	11,166	2,398	9,712	0	0	0	0	25,878	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	6,744	1,835	5,892	1,936	35	2	29	1	16,407	0.1	67	0.6	0.41
Covid-19	41	16,426	139	16,351	0	0	0	0	32,957	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	654	85	570	72	0	0	0	0	1,381	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	250,348	125,842	227,340	145,346	659	151	550	119	748,876	3.9	1,479	13.0	0.20
Meningitis	1,097	851	968	799	49	33	43	34	3,715	0.0	159	1.4	4.28
Dengue Fever	0	378	0	217	0	0	0	0	595	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	1,148	16,428	1,124	21,448	0	0	0	0	40,148	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,674,852	1,715,173	1,592,692	1,985,999	780	230	651	171	6,968,716	36.7	1,832	16	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	2,944,998	5,241,145	2,876,981	7,924,809	3,454	3,139	2,501	2,267	18,987,933	100	11,361	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 28th week of 2026, a total of 5,191 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.06%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,937 (56.5%) were under-five children, and 2,621 (50.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 74,899 AWD + dehydration cases and 43 deaths (CFR=0.06%) have been reported. Of these cases 41,277 (55%) are children under five and 37,112 (49.5%) are females.

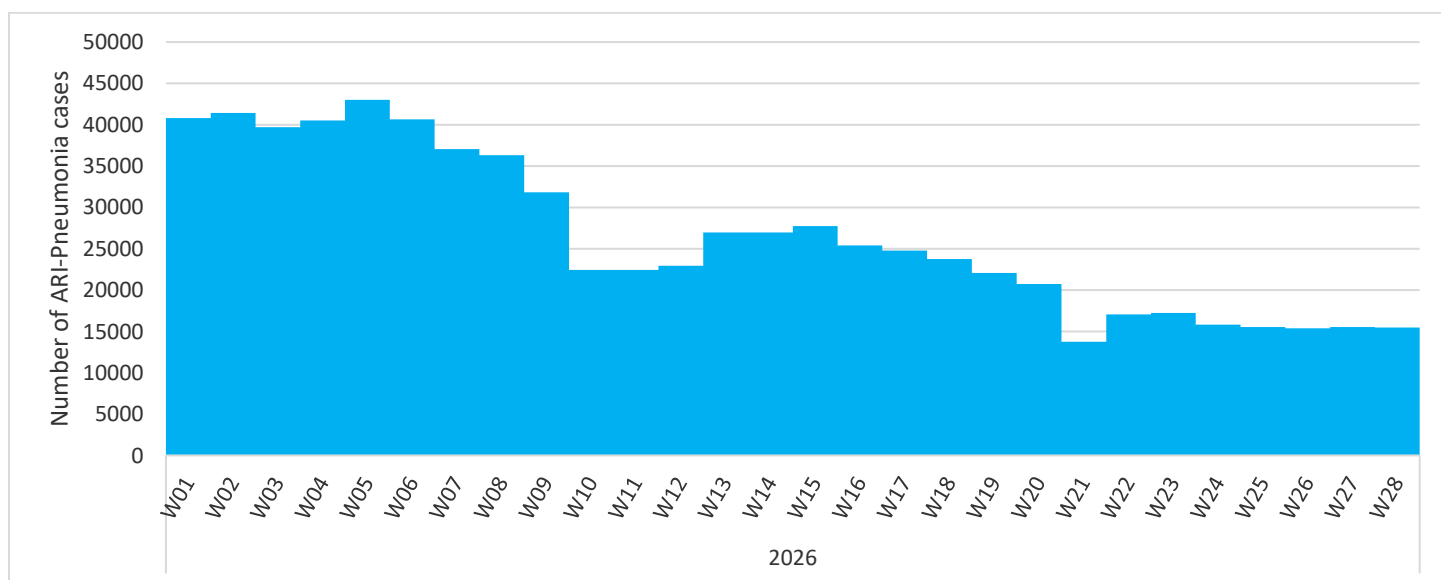
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 28, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 28th week of 2026, a total of 15,473 cases and 32 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 9,771 (63.1%) were under-five children, and 7,733 (49.9%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 748,876 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,479 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 477,688 (63.7%) are children under five and 372,686 (49.7%) are females.

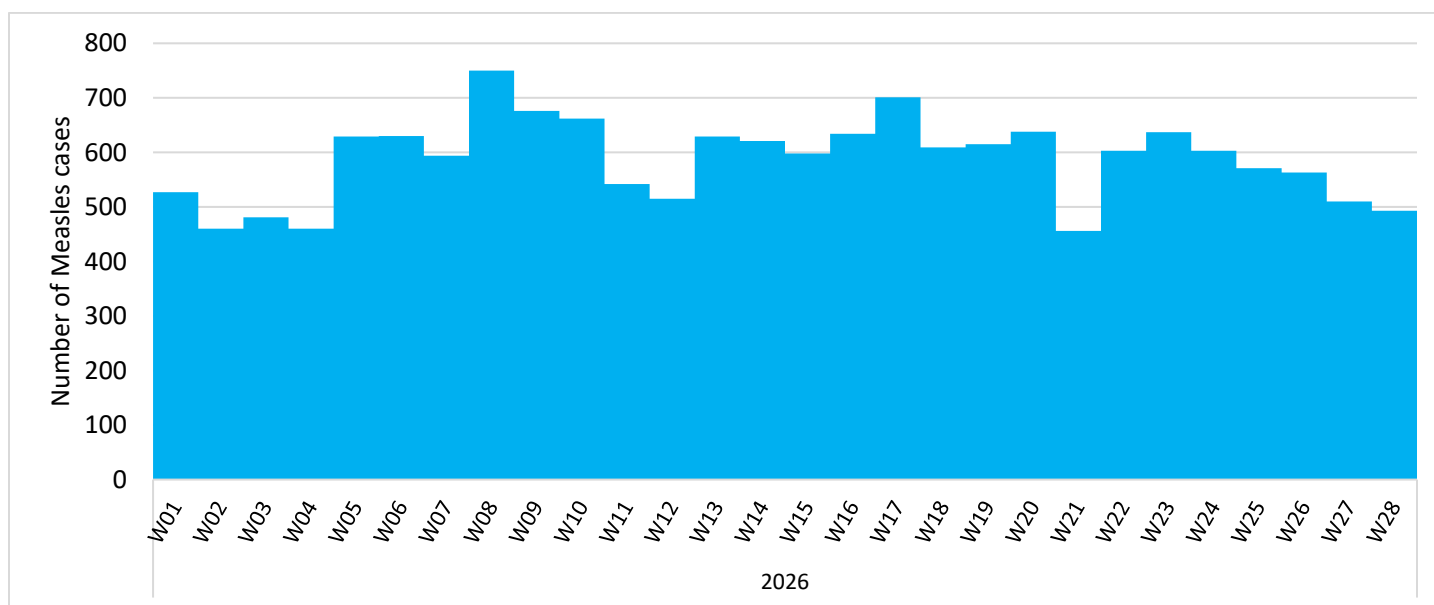
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 28, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 28th week of 2026, a total of 493 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 335 (67.9%) were under-five children, and 244 (49.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 16,407 measles cases and 67 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 12,636 (77%) are children under five and 7,828 (47.7%) are females.

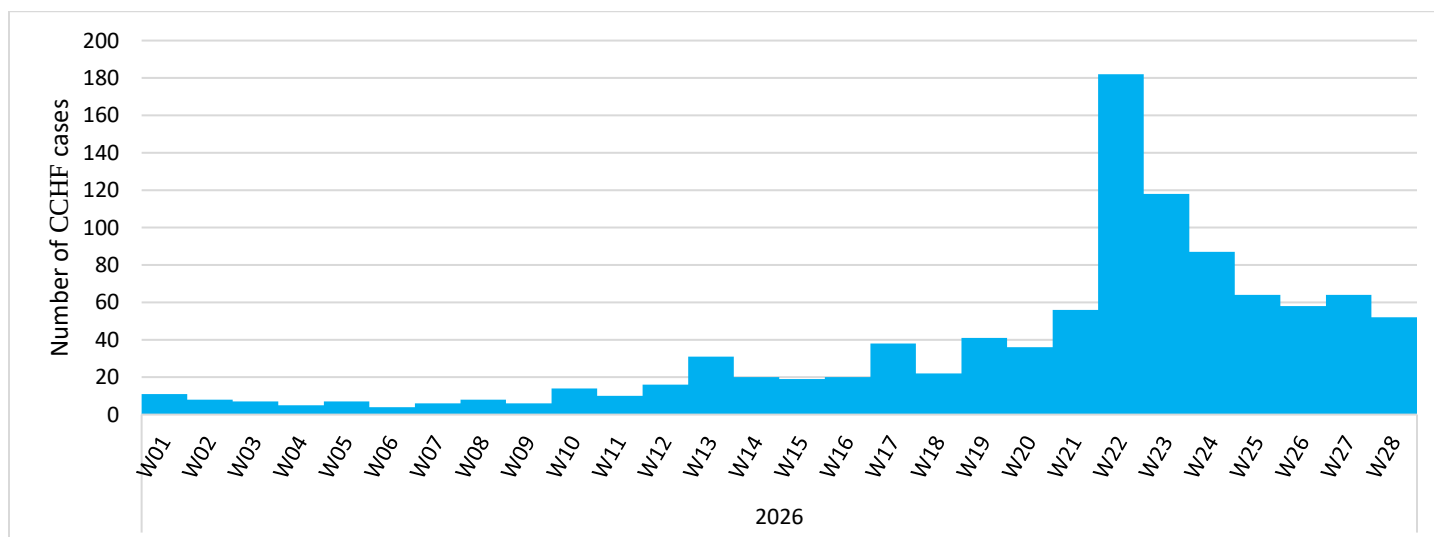
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 28, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 28th 2026, a total of 52 cases and 4 deaths have been reported (CFR= 7.6%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 19 of them (36.5%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,006 suspected CCHF cases and 35 deaths (CFR= 3.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 322 (32%) are females.

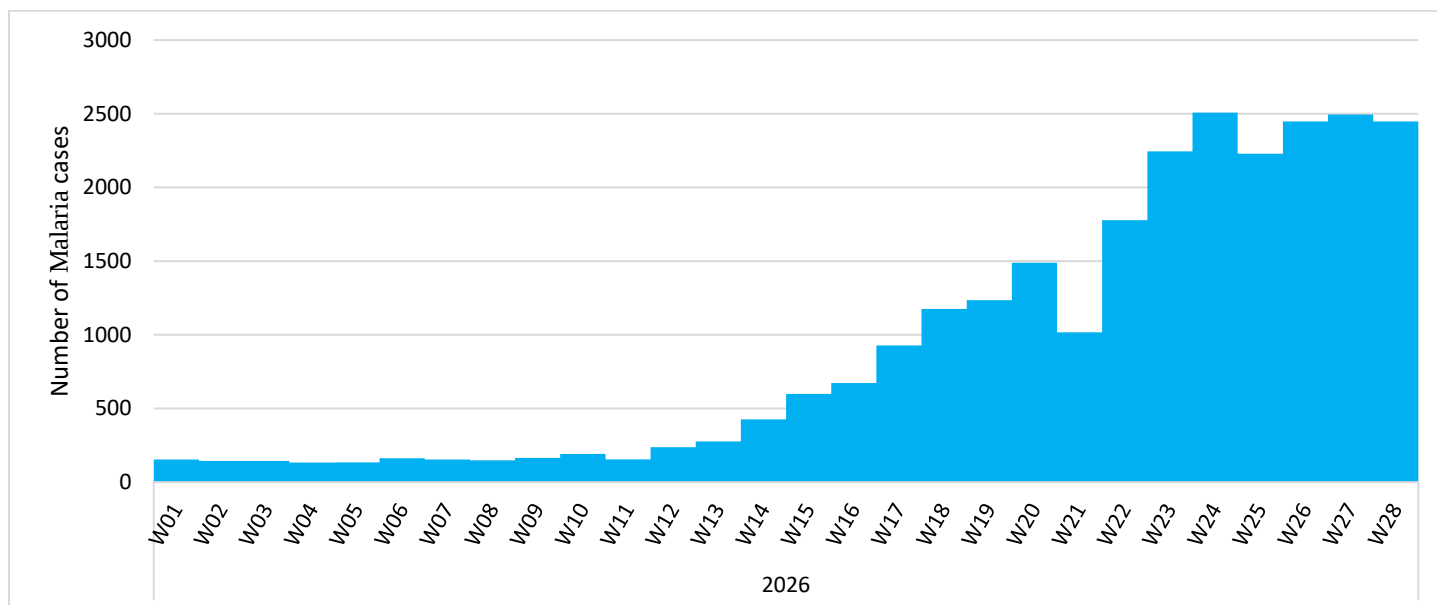
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 28, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 28th week of 2026, a total of 2,448 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 468 (19.1%) were children under-five, and 1,143 (46.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 25,878 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 5,000 (19.3%) are children under-five, and 12,110 (46.8%) are females.

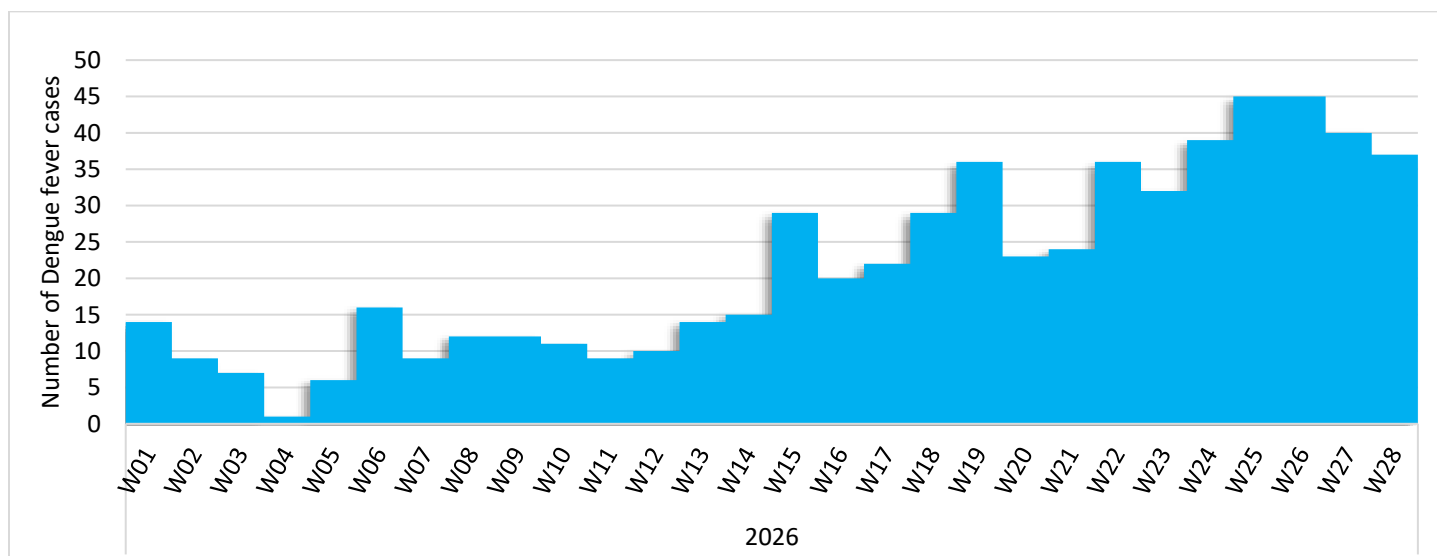
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 28, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable increase since week 13 of 2026.
- During 28th week of 2026, a total of 37 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 10 (27 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 595 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 217 (36.4%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 28, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 28th week of 2026, a total of 1,006 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 6 (0.5%) were under-five children, and 487 (48.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 32,957 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 180 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 16,490 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 28, 2026)

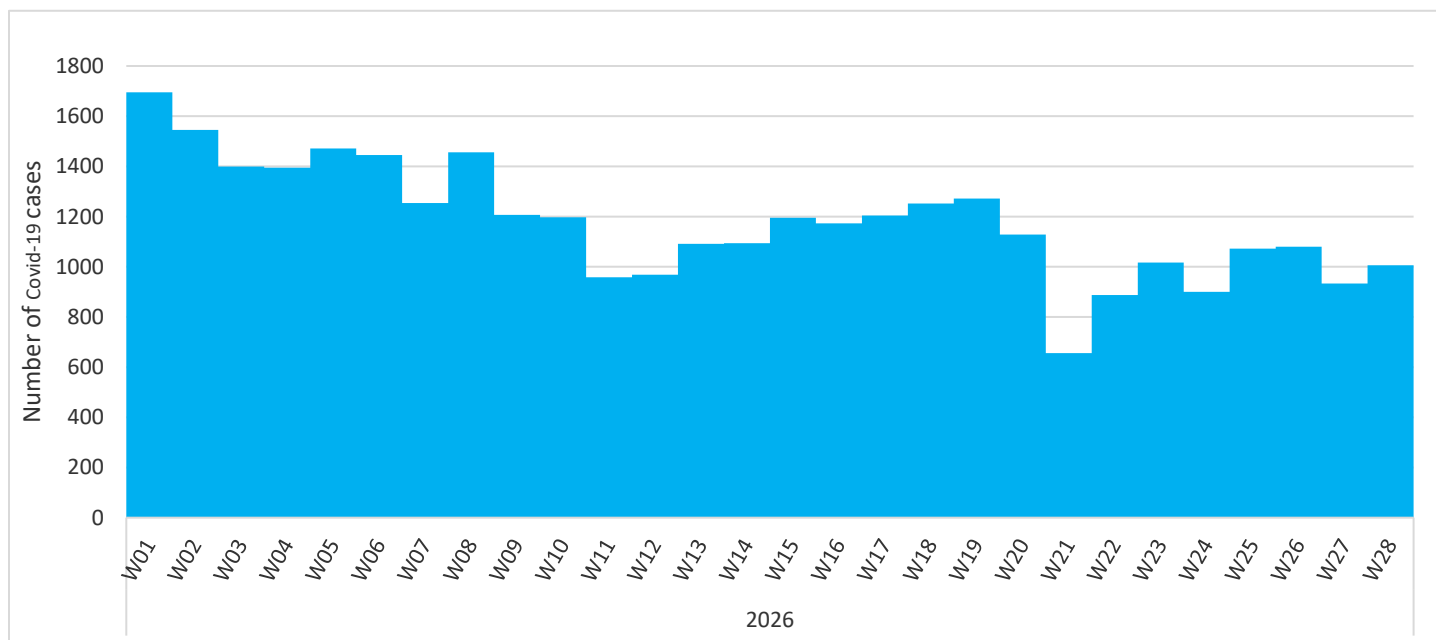


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

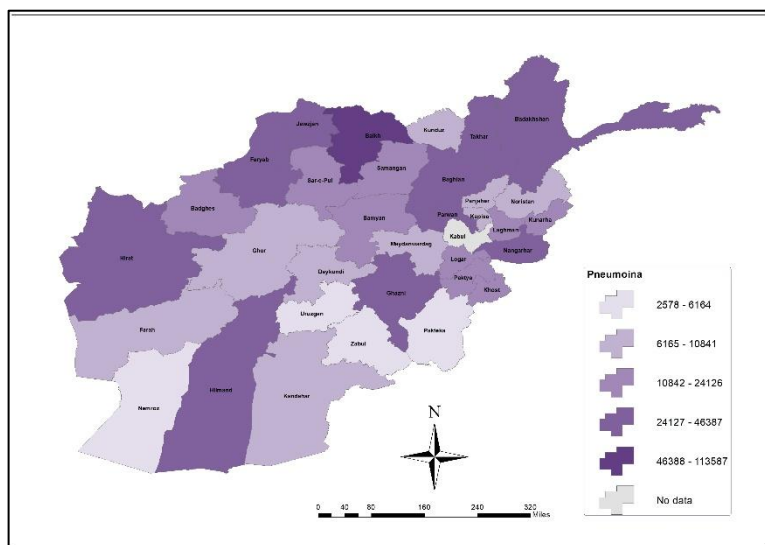


Figure 9: B (Measles)

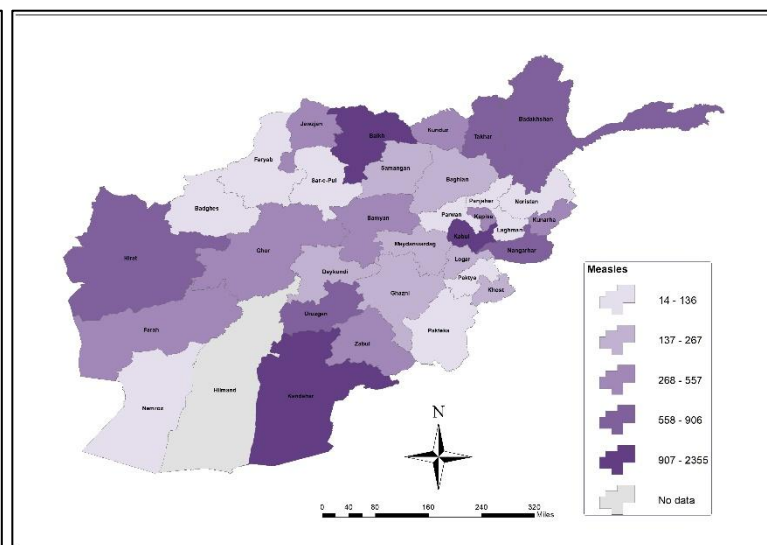


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

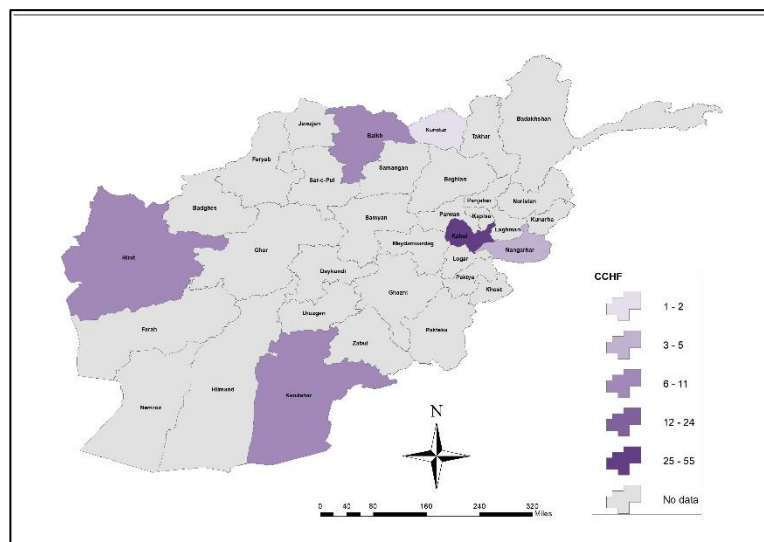
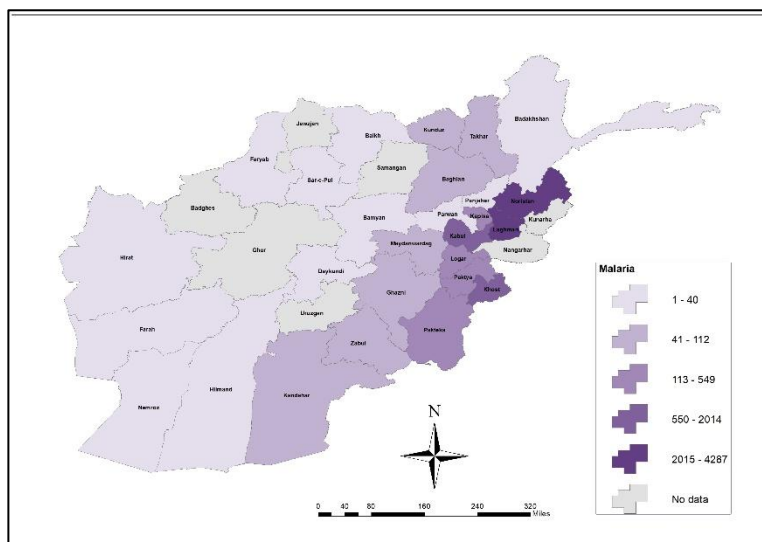


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 28 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 642 (11.1%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 369 (57.4%) were under 5 years old and 308 (47.9%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (0.2%) compared to the previous week, and 26-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 21 (80.7%) under five and 10 (38.6%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (26%), Balkh (14%), and Herat (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, 7 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 28, 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	0	0	2	40%
Badakhshan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Balkh	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
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	2	0	0	0	0	2	40%
Kandahar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nangarhar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Paktia	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	40%
Total	50	7	0	0	2	0	5	14%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 28-2026[illegible]

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

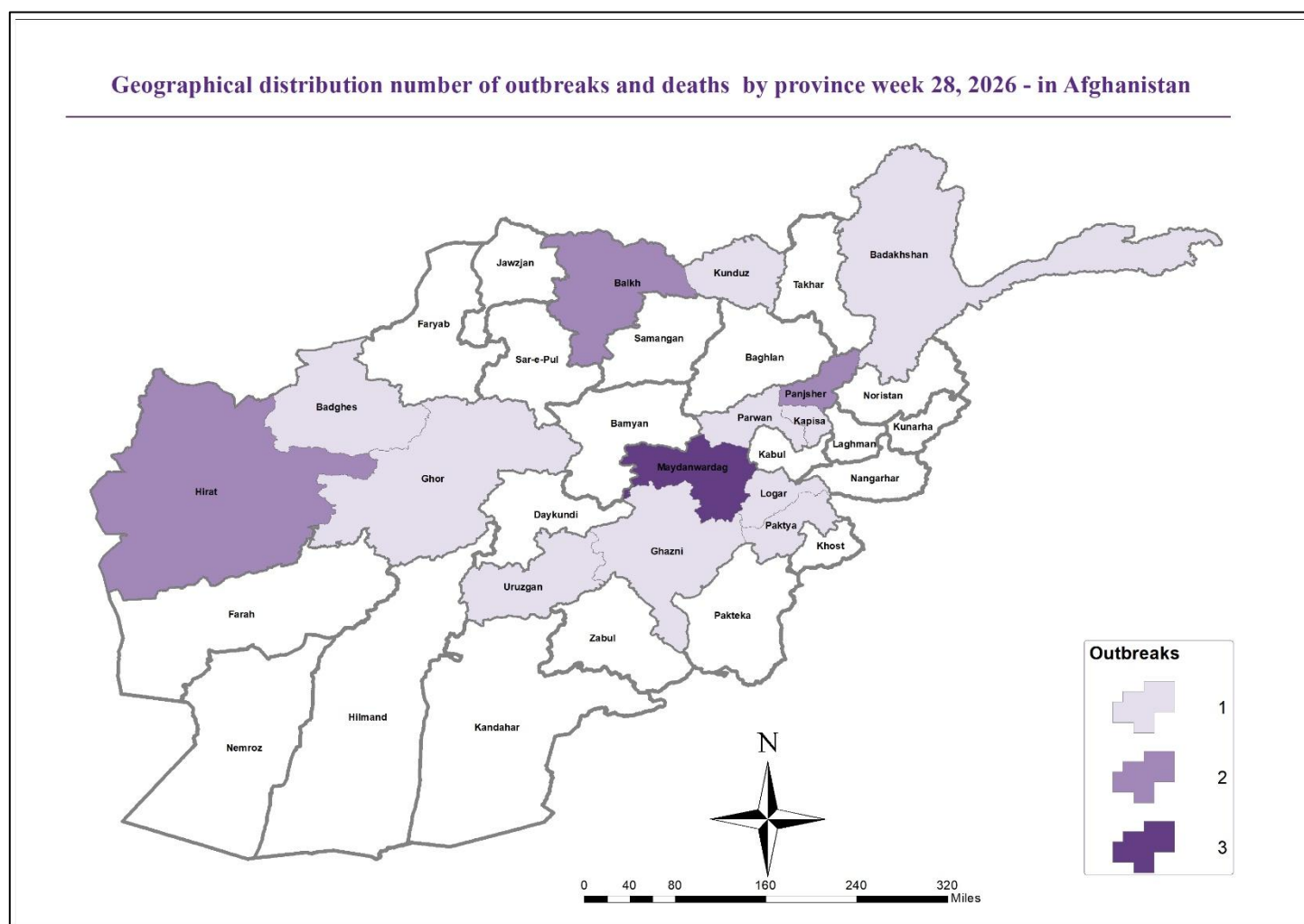


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	112	49	1023	16
Scabies	377	0	14925	0
Chickenpox	214	56	3478	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	88	0	715	17
CCHF	26	14	87	6
Food Poisoning	16	0	215	3
Pertussis	189	129	1185	2
Anthrax	22	0	23	0
AWD with Dehydration	28	19	80	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	2	1	12	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	2	0	17	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	3	0	3	2
Dengue fever	0	0	0	0
Mushroom Poisoning	1	0	9	0
Donkey Bite	1	0	43	0
Grand Total	1140	271	24410	50

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported

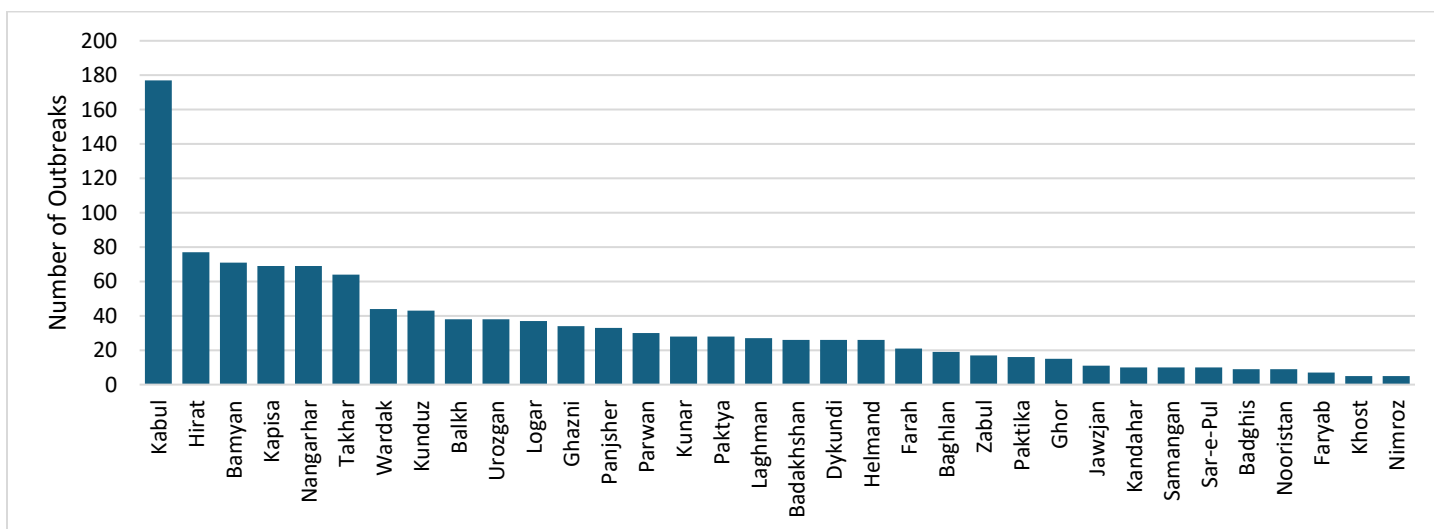


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

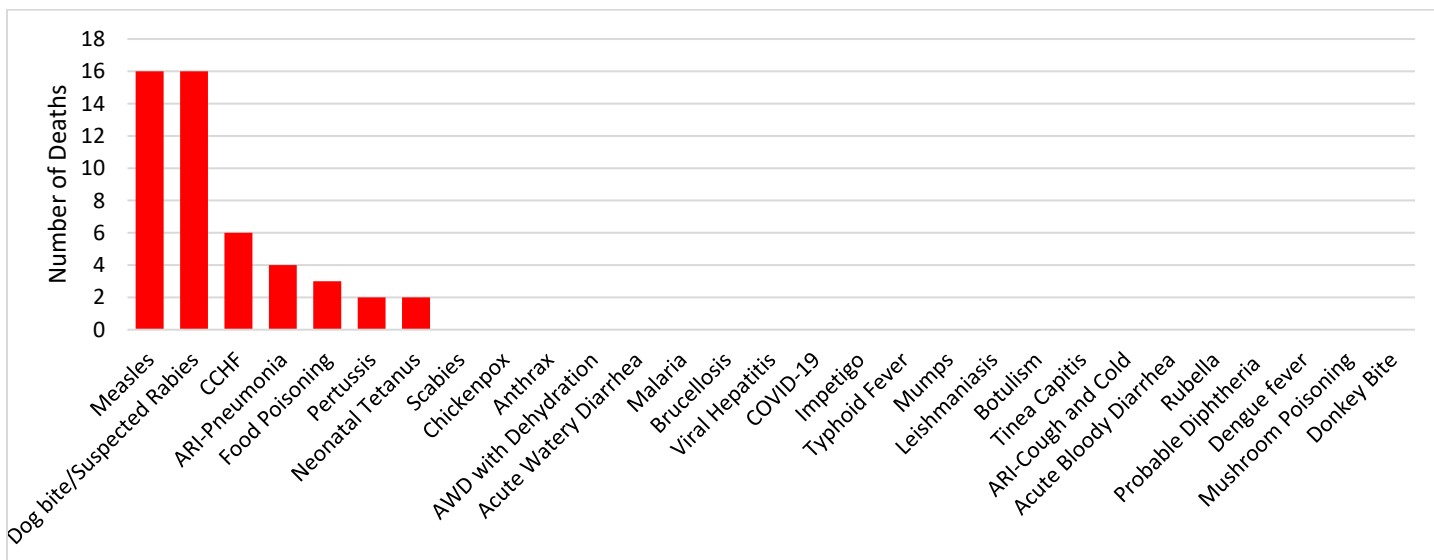


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 28-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
Measles	72	20	27.8
Chickenpox	64	56	87.5
CCHF	62	26	41.9
SARI	30	5	16.7
ILI	20	2	10.0
Pertussis	18	10	55.6
Dengue Fever	11	3	27.3
HAV/HEV	9	8	88.9
COVID-19	7	4	57.1
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	293	134	45.7

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 **493 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **1 (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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