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Epidemiological Report | Week # 29 – 2026

29 (19 - 25 Jul, 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **723,821** new consultations were reported, among which **256,645 (35.4%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **131,882 (51.4%)** females and **120,694 (47%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **134,196** cases (**18.5%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **100,432** cases (**13.9%**), and pneumonia with **15,652** cases (**2.2%**).

A total of **448** deaths were reported this week, of which **53 (11.9%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **41 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **2 hemorrhagic fever** deaths, **2 AWD** with **dehydration** deaths, **4 suspected meningitis** deaths, **3 measles** deaths and **1 acute viral hepatitis** death.

During this week, **60** outbreaks were reported: **17 pertussis** outbreaks, **6 chickenpox** outbreaks, **11 scabies** outbreaks, **6 dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **7 AWD + dehydration** outbreaks, **3 food poisoning** outbreaks. **1 ABD** outbreak, **1 AVH** outbreak, **1 measles** outbreak, **3 AWD** outbreak, **1 anthrax** outbreak, **1 mumps** outbreak, **1 CCHF** outbreak and **1 impetigo** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 29-2026

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	1306	1032	1248	1114	1	0	1	0	4700	0.6	2	0.4	0.04
ARI-Pneumonia	5161	2694	4763	3034	20	2	16	3	15652	2.2	41	9.2	0.26
Measles	194	80	164	81	2	0	1	0	519	0.1	3	0.7	0.58
CCHF	0	39	0	25	0	0	0	2	64	0.0	2	0.4	3.13
Confirmed Malaria	216	1079	193	937	0	0	0	0	2425	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	19	0	15	0	0	0	0	34	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	2	499	1	447	0	0	0	0	949	0.1	0	0.0	0.00

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

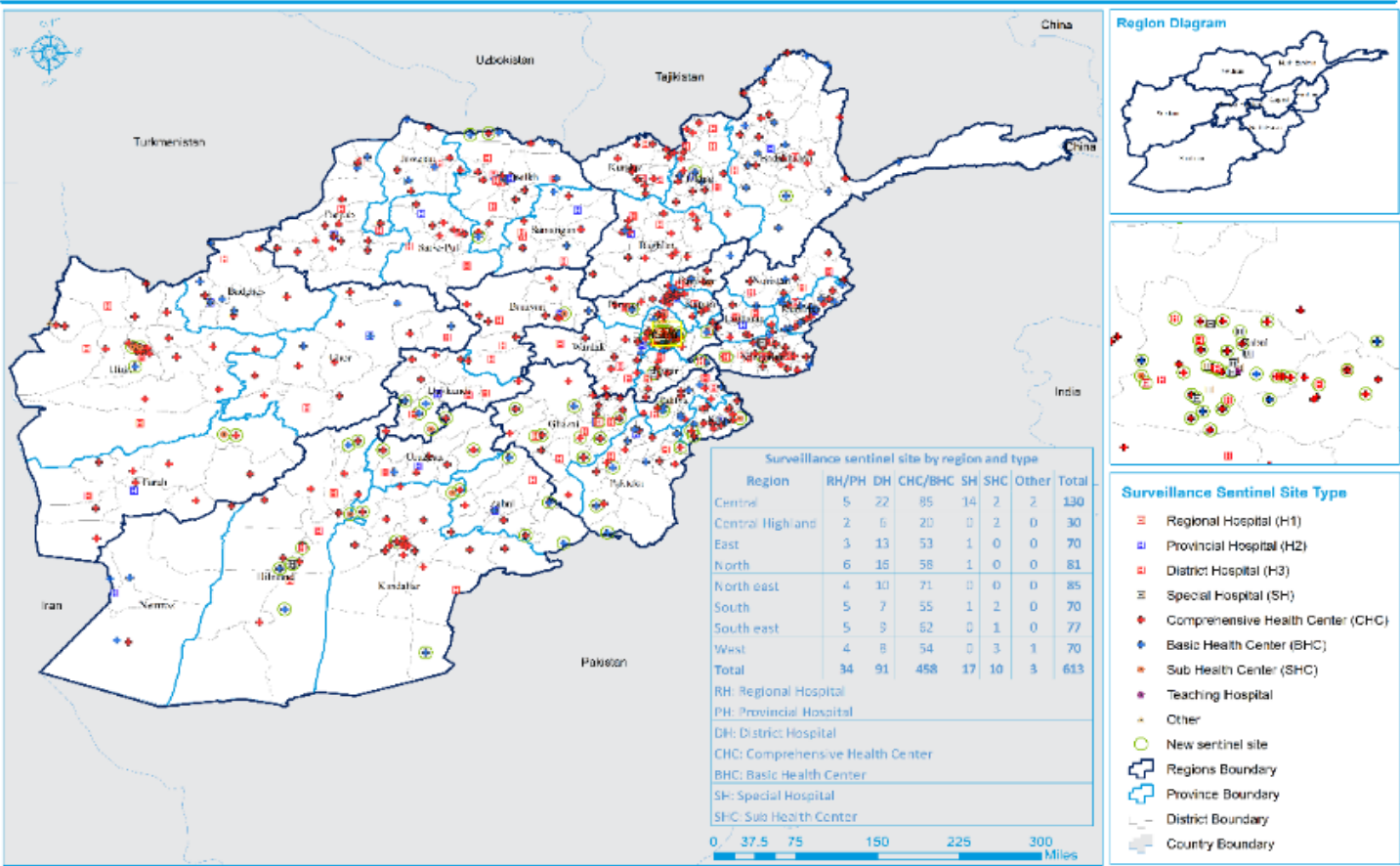


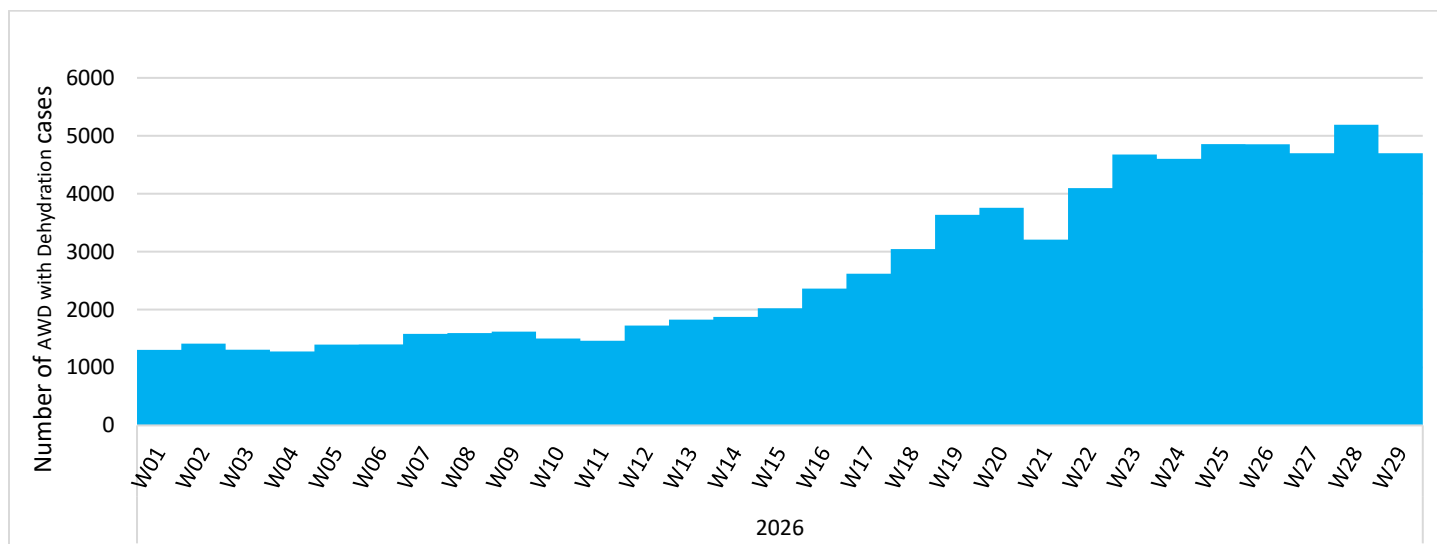
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W29, 2026)

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	22,967	17,158	20,864	18,610	18	4	21	2	79,599	0.4	45	0.4	0.06
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	91,542	104,625	85,569	108,489	0	0	0	0	390,225	2.0	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	282	148	264	111	0	0	0	0	805	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,333	1,771	1,110	1,907	17	16	8	5	6,121	0.0	46	0.4	0.75
Acute Watery Diarrhea	408,267	249,468	386,344	274,706	0	0	0	0	1,318,785	6.7	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	943,864	1,226,143	913,840	1,453,287	0	0	0	0	4,537,134	23.0	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	723	0	347	0	25	0	12	1,070	0.0	37	0.3	3.46
Confirmed Malaria	2,818	12,245	2,591	10,649	0	0	0	0	28,303	0.1	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	6,938	1,915	6,056	2,017	37	2	30	1	16,926	0.1	70	0.6	0.41
Covid-19	43	16,925	140	16,798	0	0	0	0	33,906	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	680	90	589	80	0	0	0	0	1,439	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	255,509	128,536	232,103	148,380	679	153	566	122	764,528	3.9	1,520	12.9	0.20
Meningitis	1,149	883	1,014	824	50	34	44	35	3,870	0.0	163	1.4	4.21
Dengue Fever	0	397	0	232	0	0	0	0	629	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	1,190	17,175	1,165	22,482	0	0	0	0	42,012	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,736,586	1,778,202	1,651,652	2,058,921	804	234	670	177	7,225,361	36.7	1,885	16	0.03
Total of new clients/death	3,055,329	5,439,363	2,985,641	8,231,421	3,584	3,268	2,601	2,356	19,711,754	100	11,809	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 29th week of 2026, a total of 4,700 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.04%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,554 (54.3%) were under-five children, and 2,362 (50.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 79,599 AWD + dehydration cases and 45 deaths (CFR=0.06%) have been reported. Of these cases 43,831 (55%) are children under five and 39,474 (49.5%) are females.

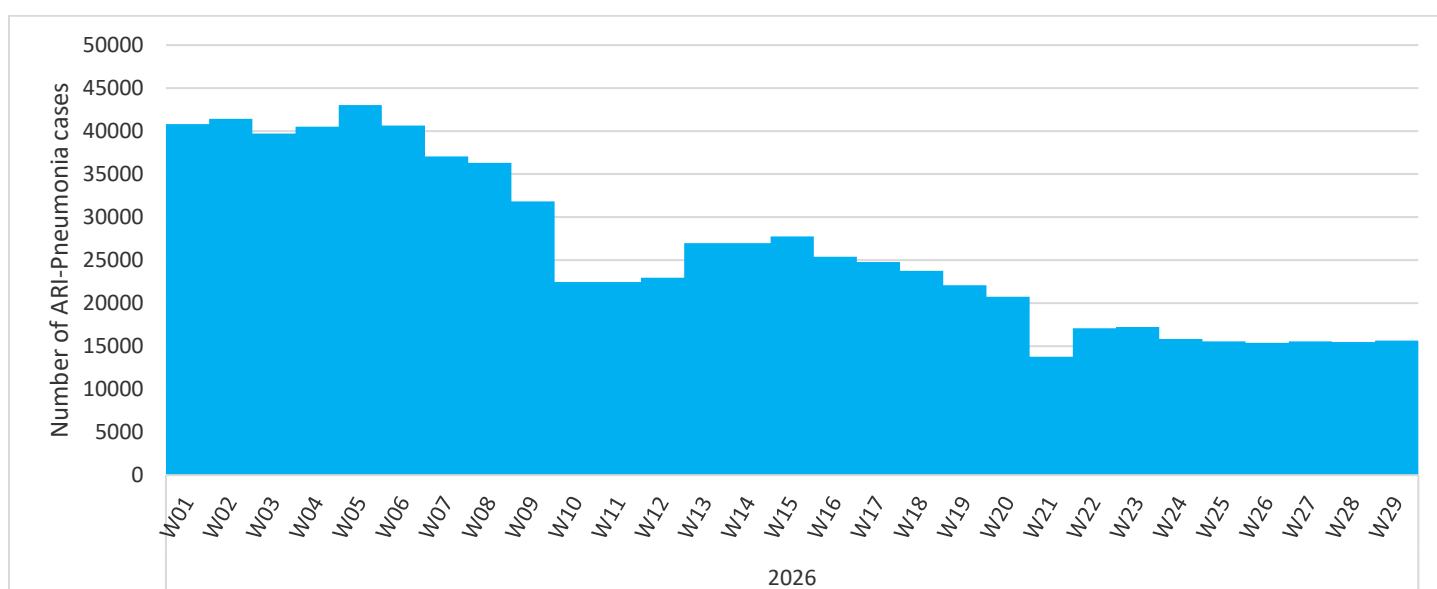
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 29, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 29th week of 2026, a total of 15,652 cases and 41 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 9,924 (63.4%) were under-five children, and 7,797 (49.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 764,528 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,520 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 487,612 (63.7%) are children under five and 380,483 (49.7%) are females.

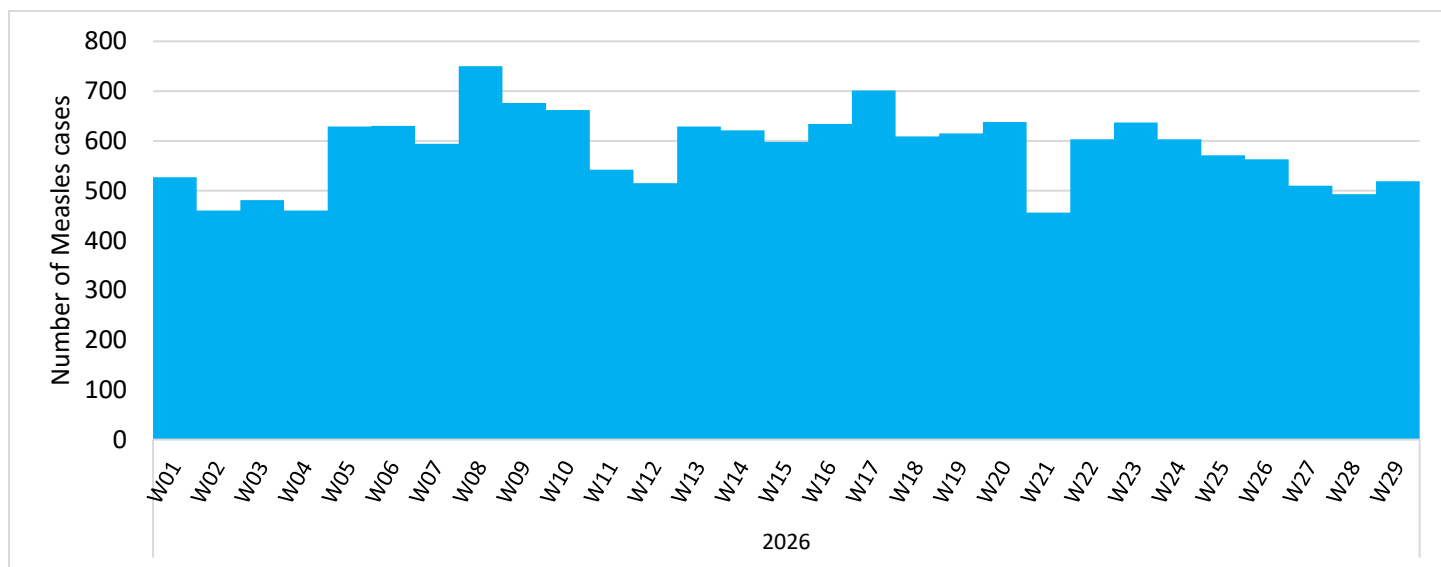
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 29, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 29th week of 2026, a total of 519 cases and 3 death have been reported (CFR=0.6%)
- Out of the total cases, 358 (68.9%) were under-five children, and 245 (47.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 16,926 measles cases and 70 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 12,994 (76.7%) are children under five and 8,073 (47.7%) are females.

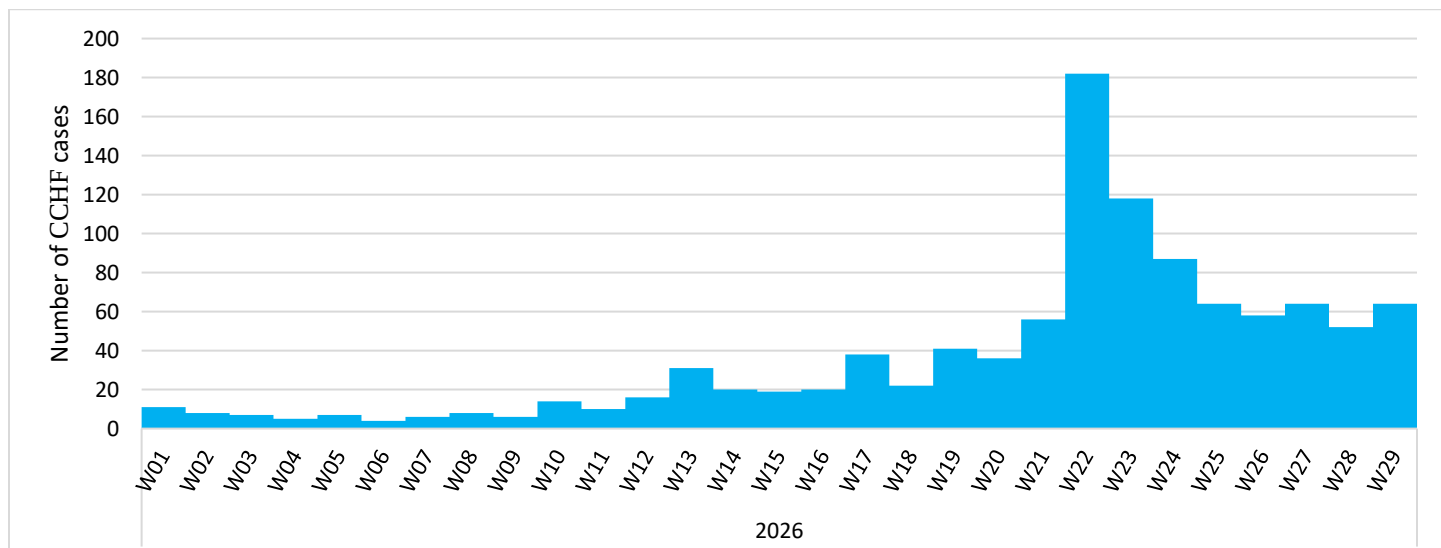
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 29, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 29th 2026, a total of 64 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR= 3%)
- 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 1,070 suspected CCHF cases and 37 deaths (CFR= 3.5%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 347 (32.4%) are females.

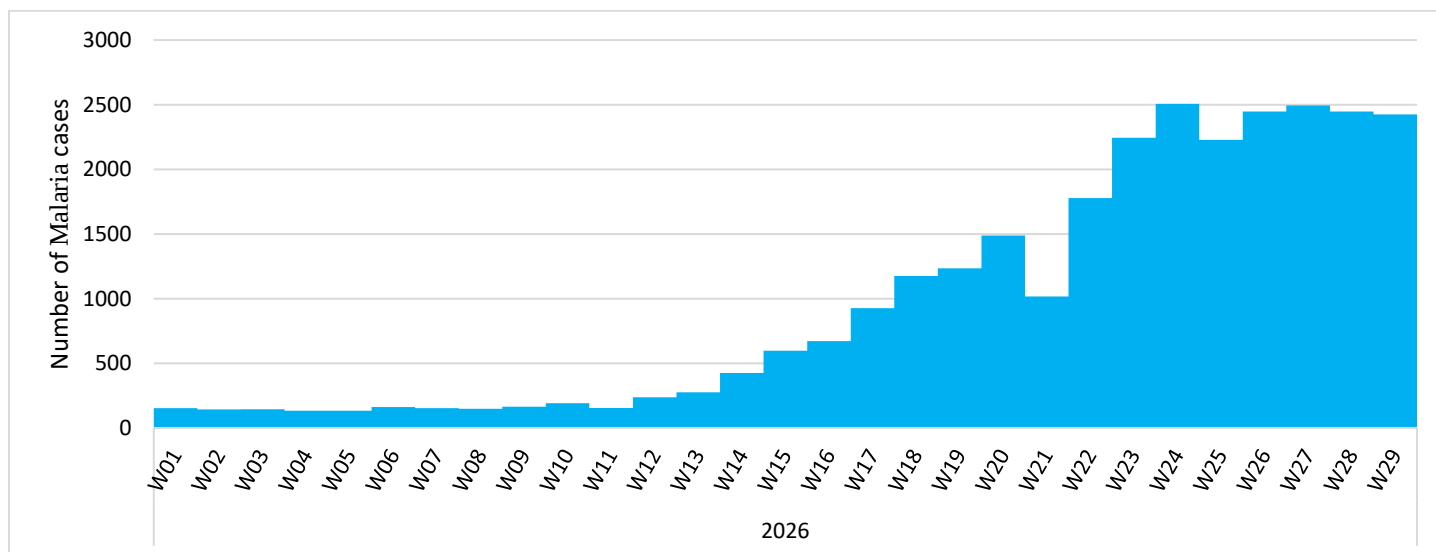
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 29, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 29th week of 2026, a total of 2,425 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 409 (16.8%) were children under-five, and 1,130 (46.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 28,303 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 5,409 (19.1%) are children under-five, and 13,240 (46.7%) are females.

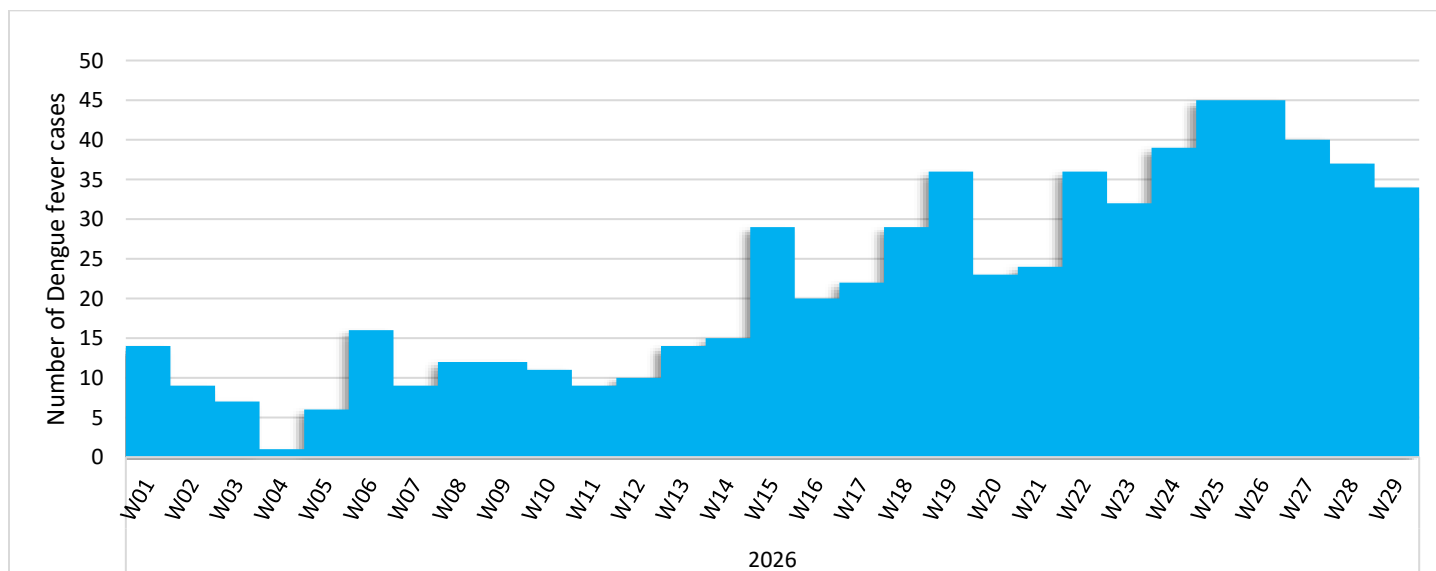
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 29, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 26 of 2026.
- During 29th week of 2026, a total of 34 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 15 (44 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 629 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 232 (36.8%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 29, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 29th week of 2026, a total of 949 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 3 (0.3%) were under-five children, and 448 (42.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 33,906 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 183 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 16,938 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 29, 2026)

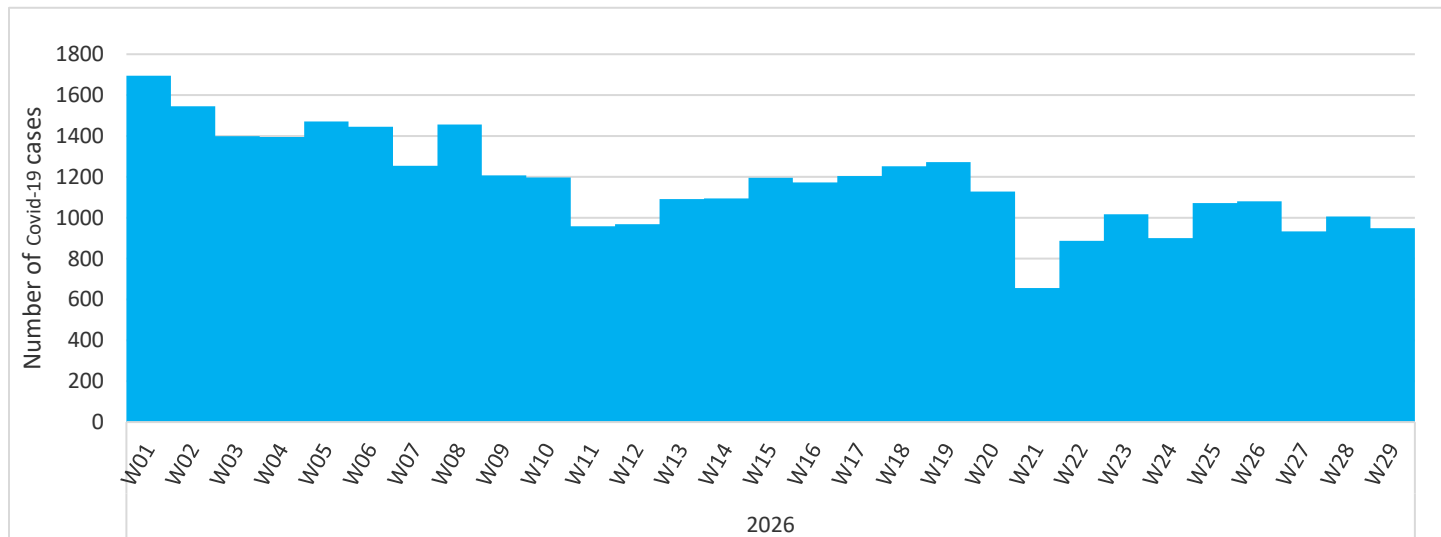


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

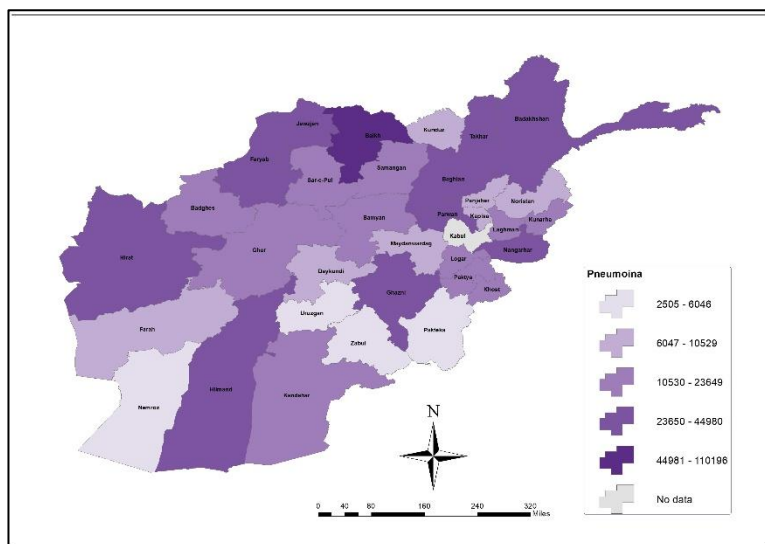


Figure 9: B (Measles)

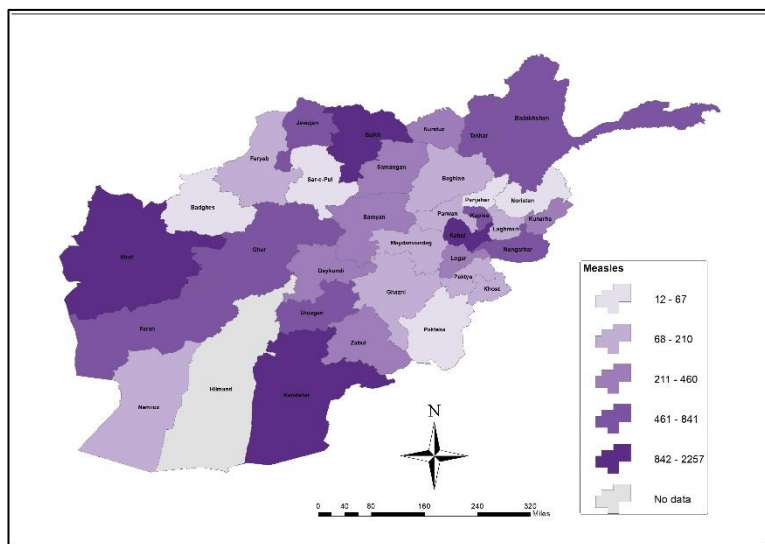


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

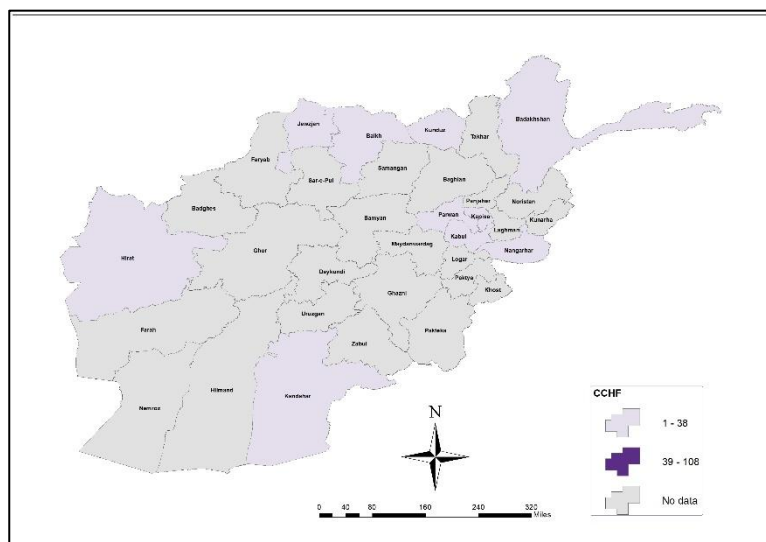
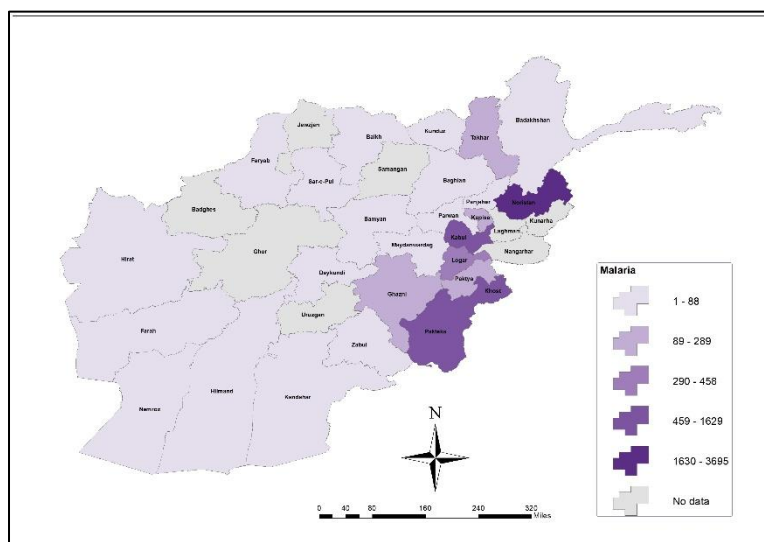


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 29 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 649 (10.7%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 389 (59.9%) were under 5 years old and 331 (51%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (0.4%) compared to the previous week, and 34-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 27 (79.4%) under five and 20 (58.8%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (23%), Balkh (13%), 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, 5 lab confirmed case reported for COVID-19, but not a new influenza virus subtype

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 29, 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	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
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	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	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
Paktia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	50	5	0	0	0	0	5	10%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 29-2026[illegible]

CCHF	1 CCHF outbreak was reported from Jawzjan provinces (Total number of cases = 5 and 1 death)
Mumps	1 Mumps outbreak was reported from Herat province (Total number of cases = 20)
Impetigo	1 Impetigo outbreak was reported from Badakhshan province (Total number of cases = 30)

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

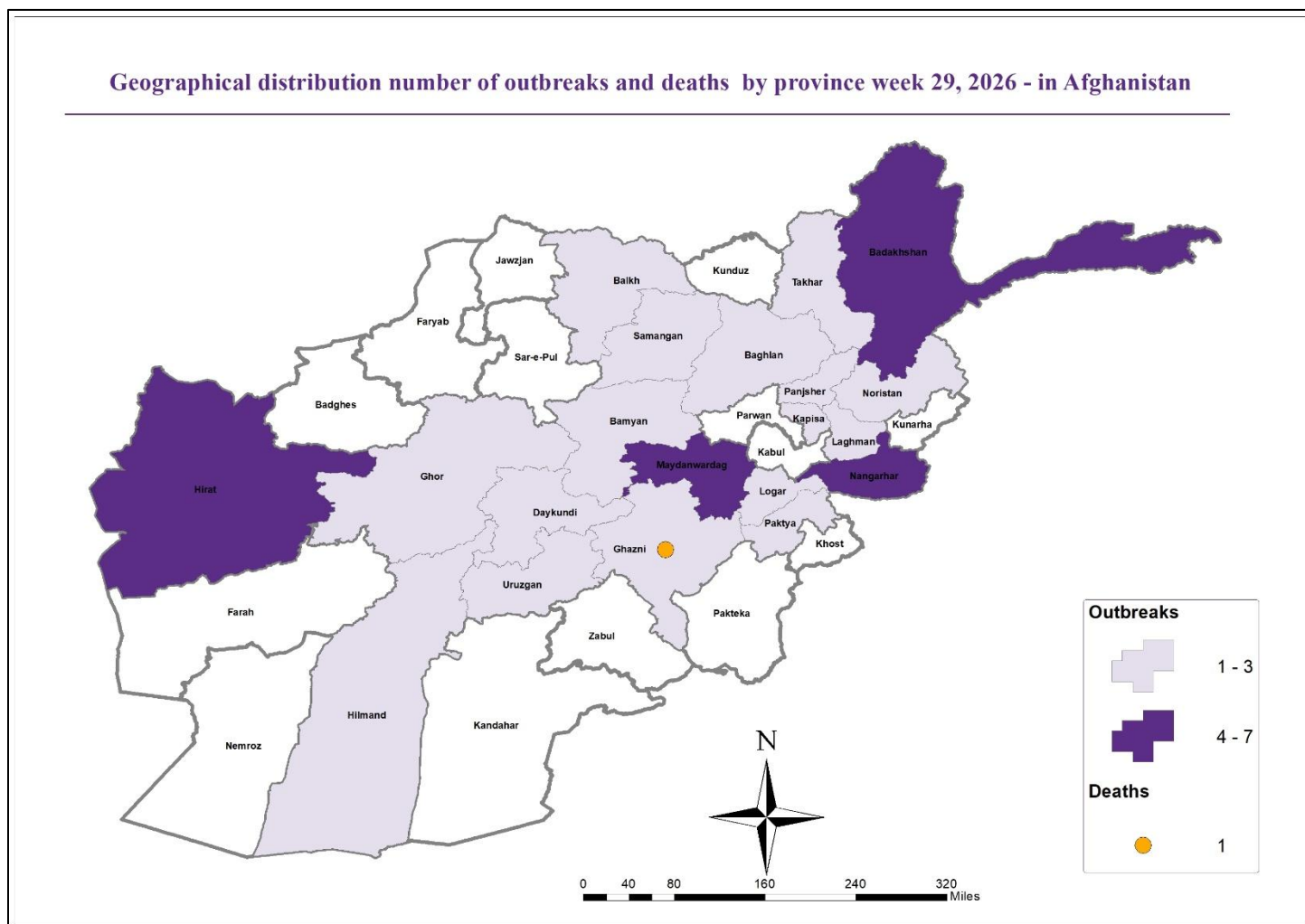


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

<u>Disease/Event</u>	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	113	49	1033	16
Scabies	388	0	15261	0
Chickenpox	220	56	3567	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	94	0	772	19
CCHF	27	14	92	7
Food Poisoning	19	0	244	3
Pertussis	206	129	1268	2
Anthrax	23	0	25	0
AWD with Dehydration	35	19	148	0
Acute Watery Diarrhea	4	0	233	0
Malaria	5	3	1166	0

ARI-Pneumonia	7	0	337	4
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0
Viral Hepatitis	3	1	26	0
COVID-19	2	0	37	0
Impetigo	3	0	59	0
Typhoid Fever	8	0	173	0
Mumps	28	0	334	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	2	0	31	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	1200	271	25364	53

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported during 2026

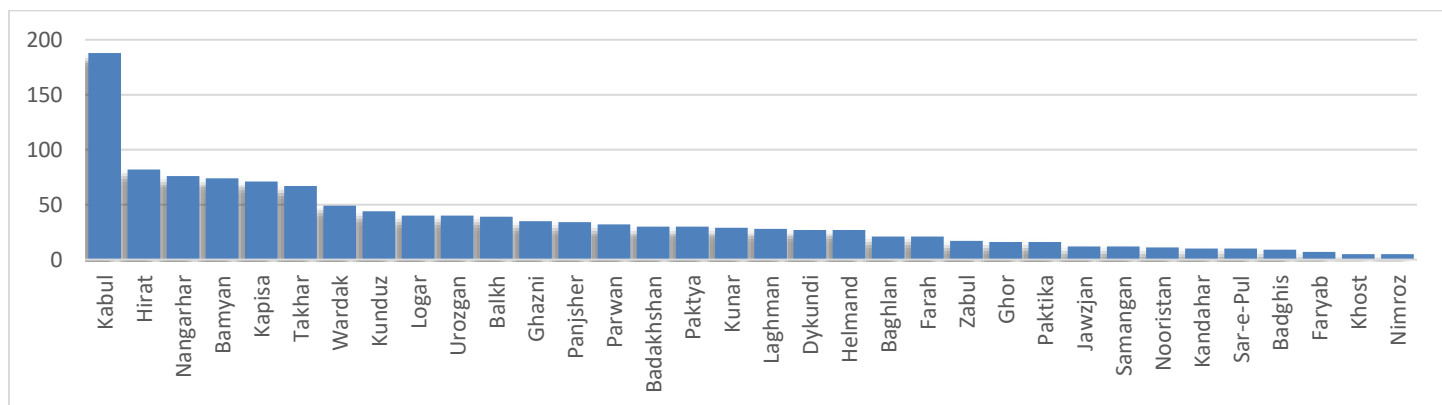


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

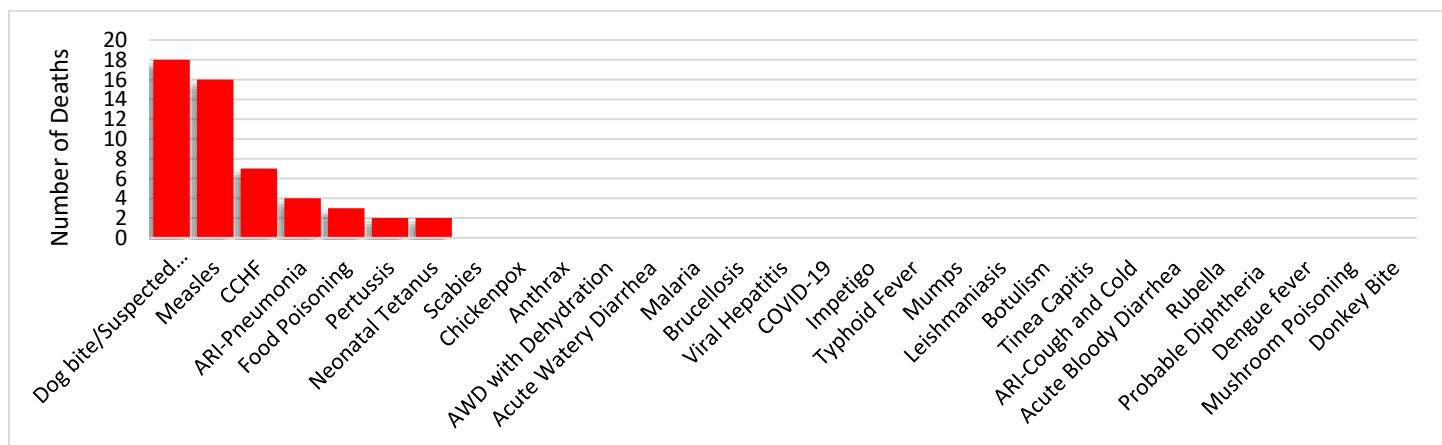


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 29-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
HAV/HEV	168	79	47.0
CCHF	49	18	36.7
Measles	47	17	36.2
SARI	36	4	11.1
Chickenpox	28	11	39.3
ILI	24	1	4.2
Pertussis	17	3	17.6
COVID-19	6	4	66.7
Dengue Fever	4	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
Total	379	137	36.1

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 **529 (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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