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Epidemiological Report | Week # 31 – 2026

31 (02 Aug - 08 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **736,315** new consultations were reported, among which **257,782 (35%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **132,603 (51.4%)** females and **120,947 (46.9%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **137,635** cases (**18.7%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **97,840** cases (**13.3%**), and pneumonia with **15,974** cases (**2.2%**).

A total of **397** deaths were reported this week, of which **74 (18.7%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **58 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **7 suspected meningitis** deaths, **5 measles** deaths, **2 AWD** with **dehydration** deaths, **1 acute viral hepatitis** death and **1 hemorrhagic fever** death.

During this week, **46** outbreaks were reported: **6 pertussis** outbreaks, **14 chickenpox** outbreaks, **8 scabies** outbreaks, **9 AWD + dehydration** outbreaks, **3 mumps** outbreaks, **2 measles** outbreaks, **1 AWD** outbreak, **1 anthrax** outbreak, **1 acute viral hepatitis** outbreak and **1 unknown poisoning** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 31-2026

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	1352	985	1191	1132	2	0	0	0	4660	0.6	2	0.5	0.04
ARI-Pneumonia	5126	2819	4769	3260	26	1	26	5	15974	2.2	58	14.6	0.36
Measles	142	50	130	59	3	0	2	0	381	0.1	5	1.3	1.31
CCHF	0	15	0	20	0	0	0	1	35	0.0	1	0.3	2.86
Confirmed Malaria	252	1065	248	942	0	0	0	0	2507	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	26	0	13	0	0	0	0	39	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	2	487	3	482	0	0	0	0	974	0.1	0	0.0	0.00

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

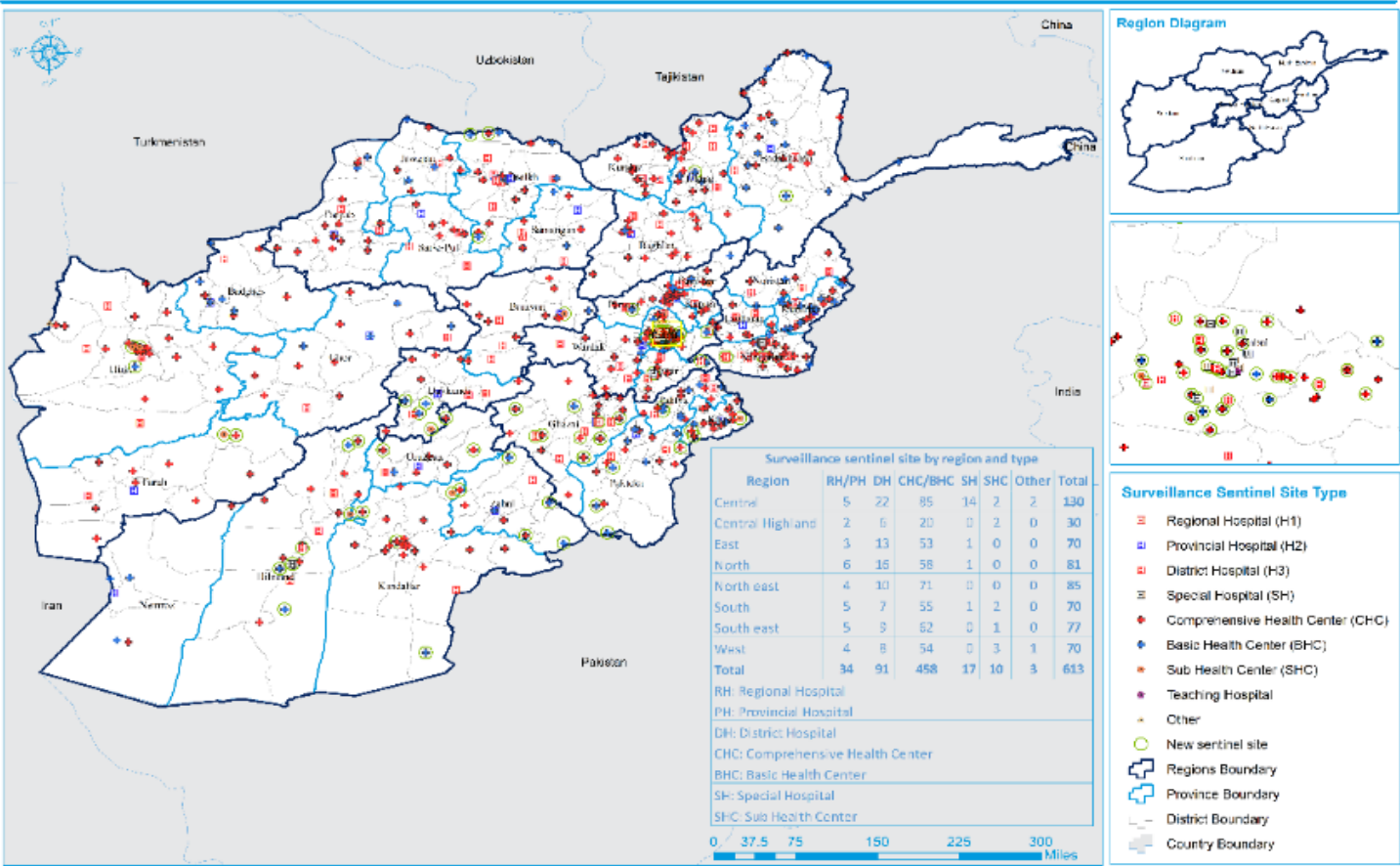


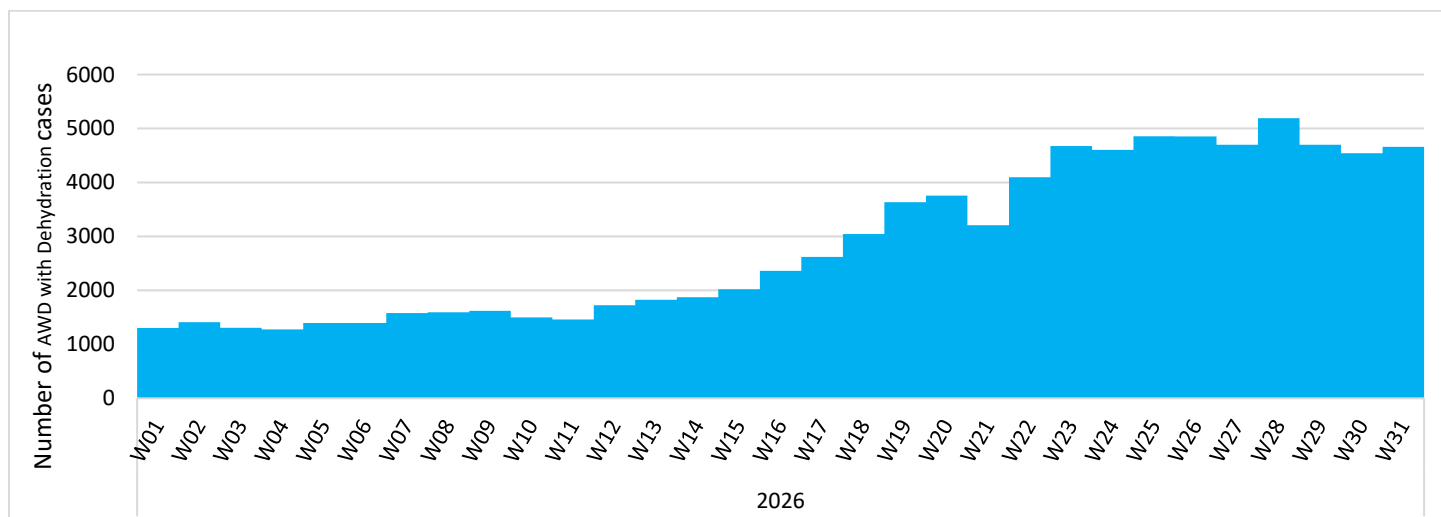
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W31, 2026)

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	25,582	19,139	23,204	20,875	21	4	21	2	88,800	0.4	48	0.4	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	100,115	115,186	93,610	119,206	0	0	0	0	428,117	2.0	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	303	164	281	117	0	0	0	0	865	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,477	1,906	1,230	2,068	17	16	8	6	6,681	0.0	47	0.4	0.70
Acute Watery Diarrhea	454,847	279,205	430,118	307,324	0	0	0	0	1,471,494	6.9	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	999,717	1,301,432	968,193	1,544,374	0	0	0	0	4,813,716	22.7	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	775	0	380	0	28	0	14	1,155	0.0	42	0.3	3.64
Confirmed Malaria	3,312	14,407	3,041	12,567	0	0	0	0	33,327	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	7,244	2,032	6,361	2,147	40	2	33	1	17,784	0.1	76	0.6	0.43
Covid-19	48	17,924	146	17,749	0	0	0	0	35,867	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	731	105	643	92	0	0	0	0	1,571	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	265,828	134,189	241,669	154,849	718	159	609	135	796,535	3.8	1,621	12.9	0.20
Meningitis	1,220	936	1,089	881	52	37	49	36	4,126	0.0	174	1.4	4.22
Dengue Fever	0	448	0	255	0	0	0	0	703	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Neonatal Tetanus	2	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	5	0.0	4	0.0	0.00
Typhoid Fever	1,285	18,765	1,259	24,518	0	0	0	0	45,827	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,861,711	1,906,613	1,770,847	2,207,404	851	246	721	194	7,746,575	36.6	2,012	16	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	3,279,562	5,846,092	3,205,229	8,857,907	3,826	3,464	2,773	2,534	21,188,790	100	12,597	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 31st week of 2026, a total of 4,660 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.04%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,543 (54.6%) were under-five children, and 2,323 (49.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 88,800 AWD + dehydration cases and 48 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 48,786 (55%) are children under five and 44,079 (49.6%) are females.

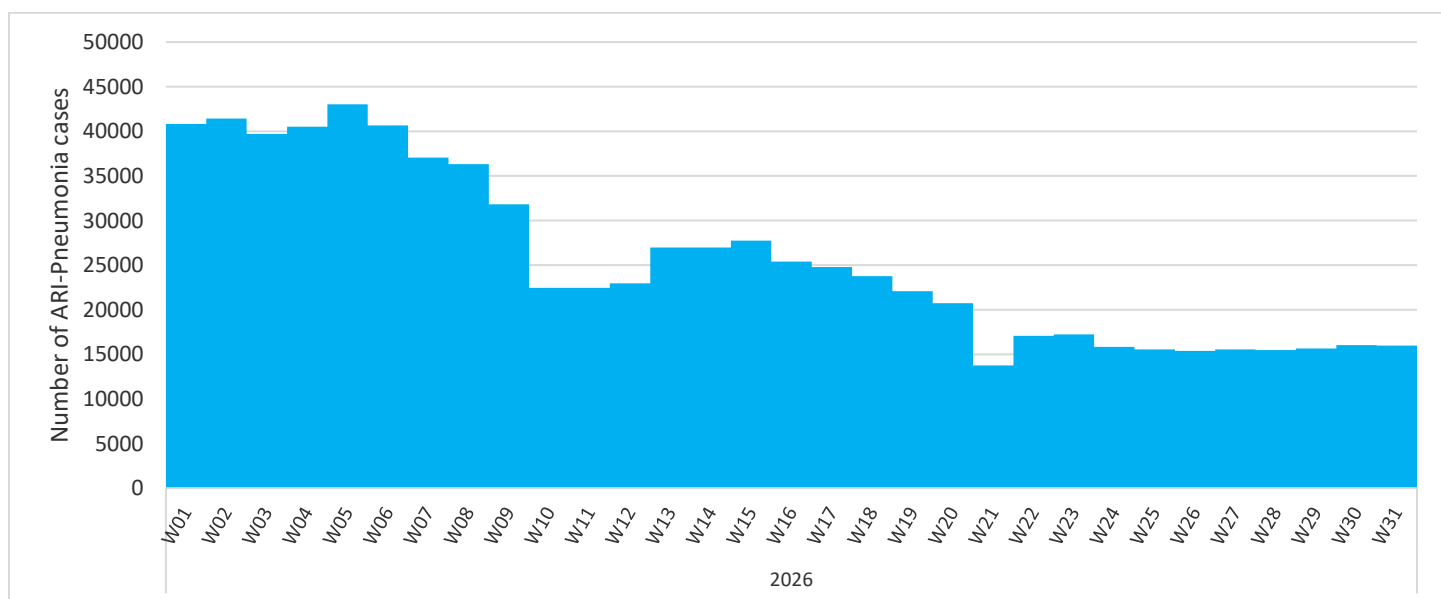
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 31, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 31st week of 2026, a total of 15,974 cases and 58 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.3%)
- Out of the total cases, 9,895 (62%) were under-five children, and 8,029 (50.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 796,538 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,621 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 507,497 (63.7%) are children under five and 396,518 (49.7%) are females.

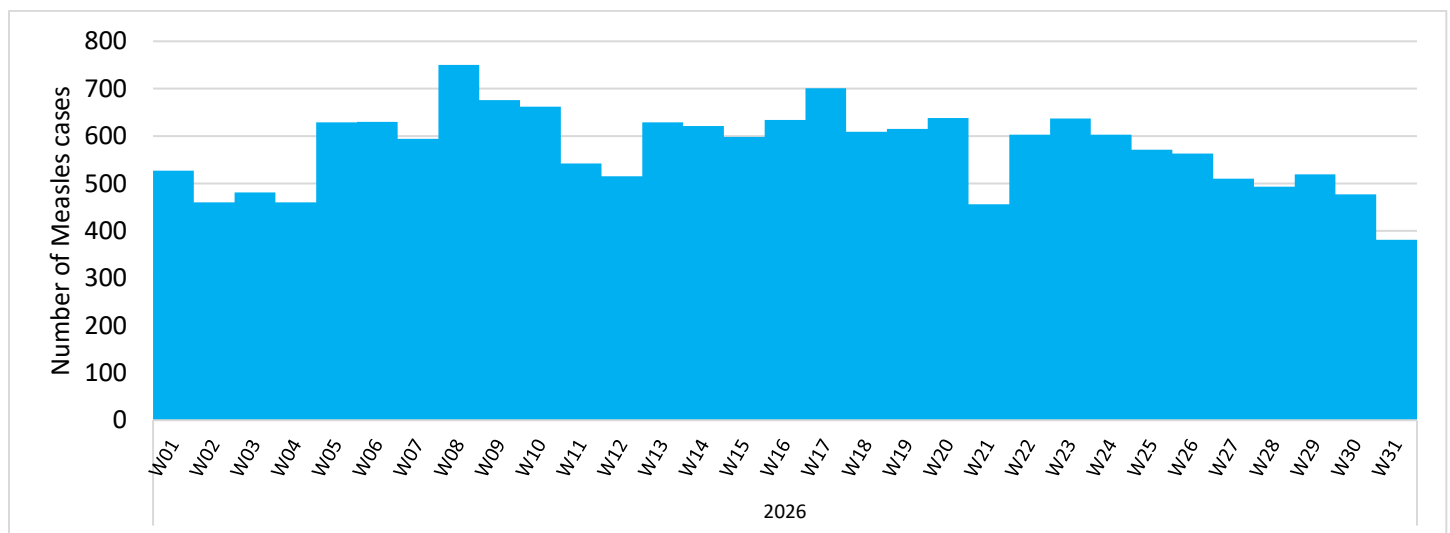
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 31, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 31st week of 2026, a total of 381 cases and 5 deaths have been reported (CFR=1.3%)
- Out of the total cases, 272 (71.4%) were under-five children, and 189 (49.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 17,784 measles cases and 76 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 13,605 (76.5%) are children under five and 8,508 (47.8%) are females.

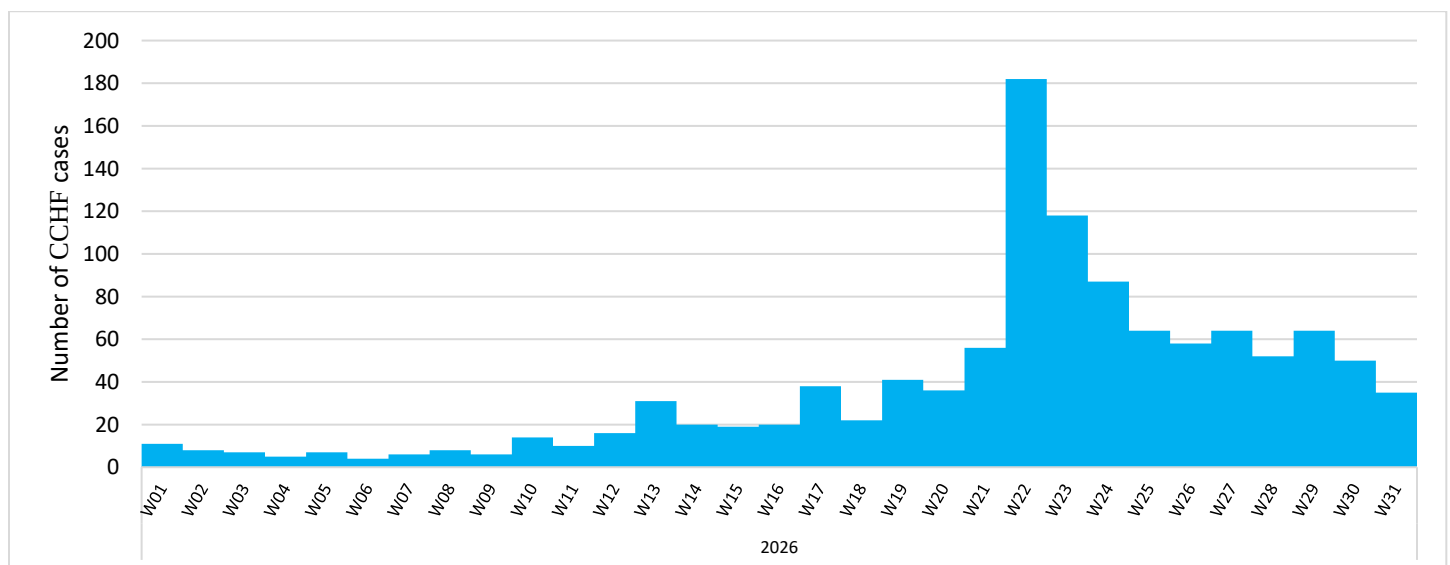
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 31, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 31st 2026, a total of 35 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR= 3%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 20 of them (57%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,155 suspected CCHF cases and 42 deaths (CFR= 3.6%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 380 (32.9%) are females.

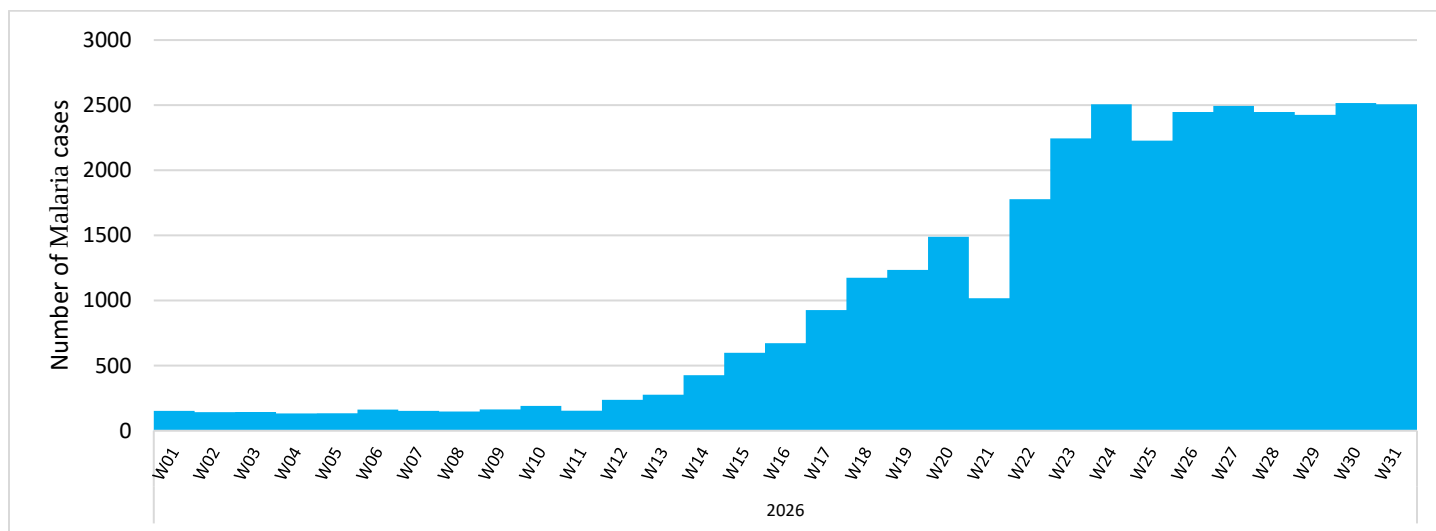
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 31, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 31st week of 2026, a total of 2,507 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 500 (19.9%) were children under-five, and 1,190 (47.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 33,327 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 6,353 (19%) are children under-five, and 15,608 (47%) are females.

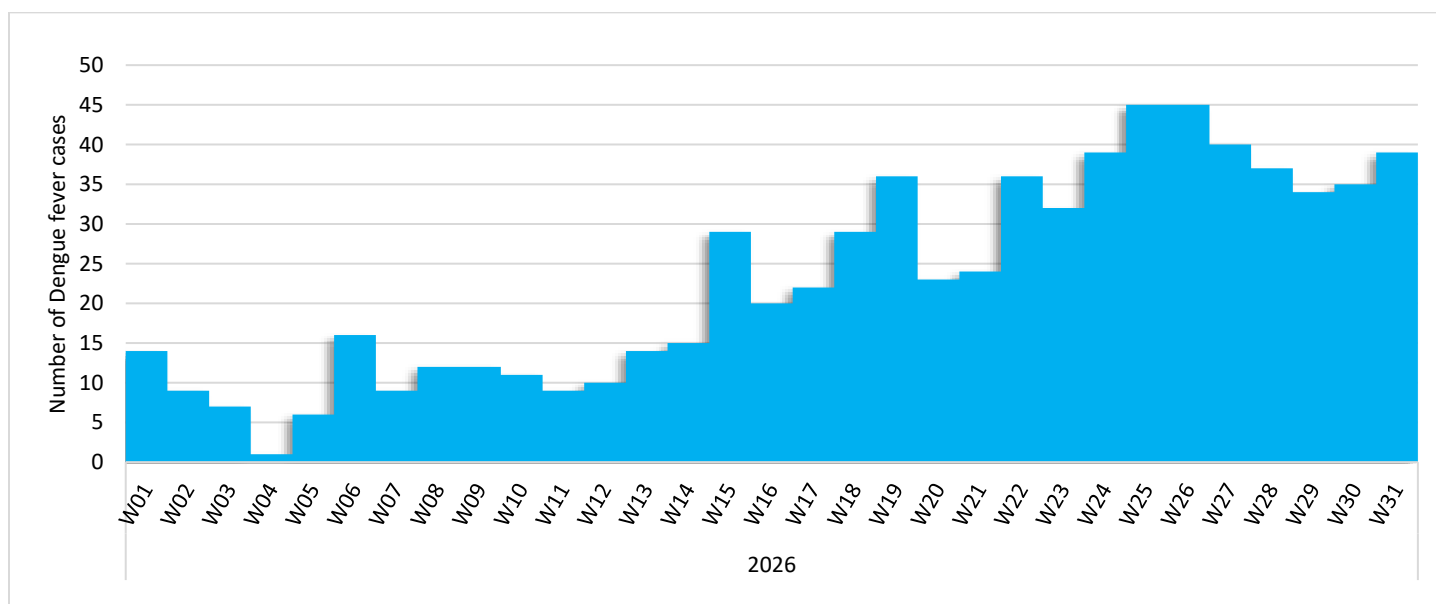
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 31, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 26 of 2026.
- During 31st week of 2026, a total of 39 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 13 (33 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 703 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 255 (36.3%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 31, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 31st week of 2026, a total of 974 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 5 (0.5%) were under-five children, and 485 (49.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 35,867 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 194 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 17,895 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 31, 2026)

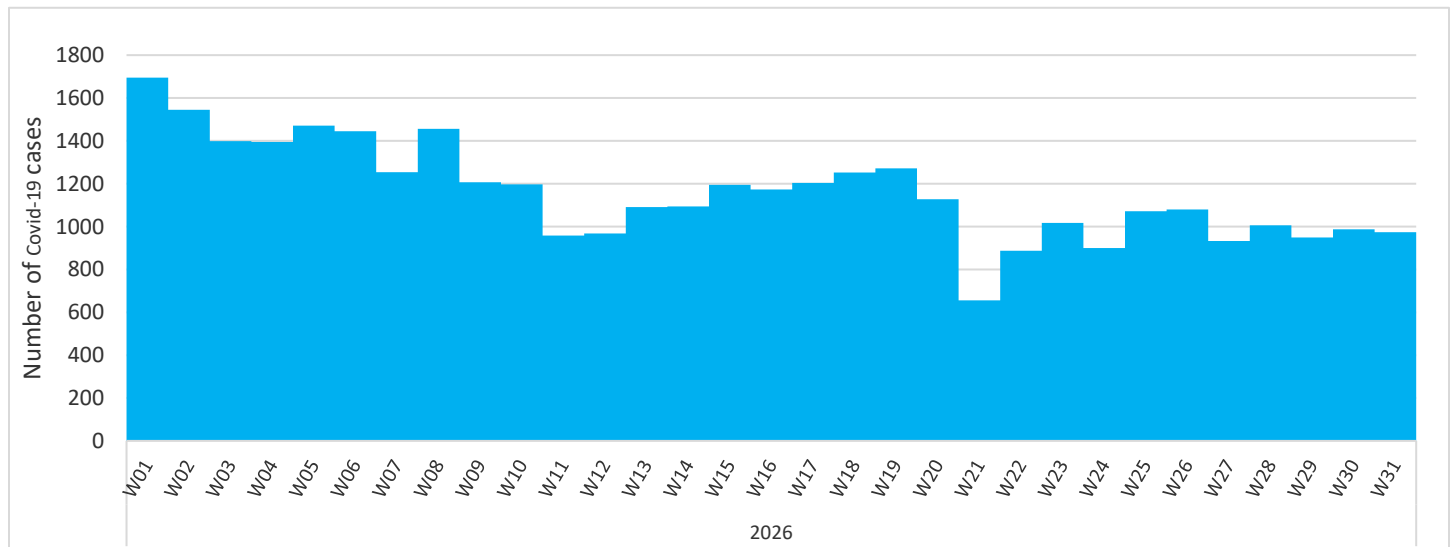


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

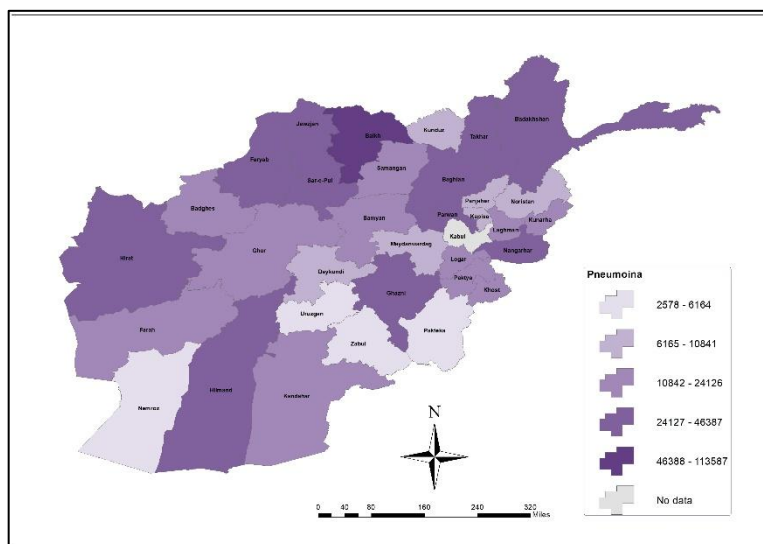


Figure 9: B (Measles)

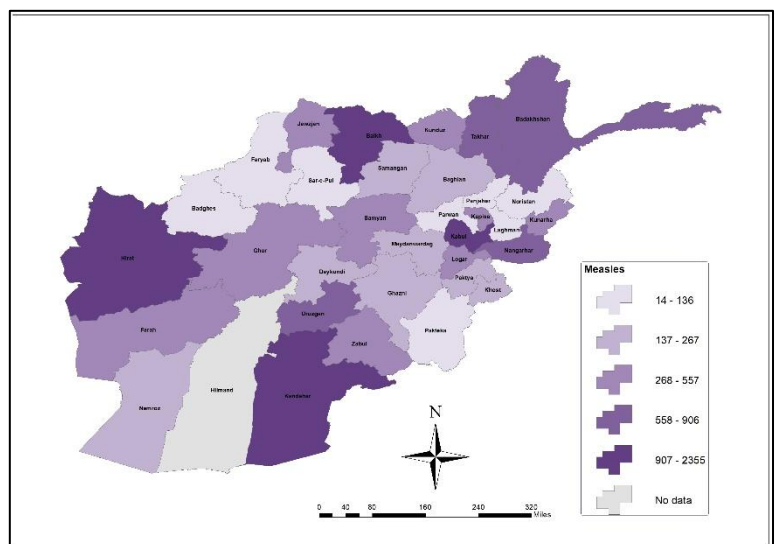


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

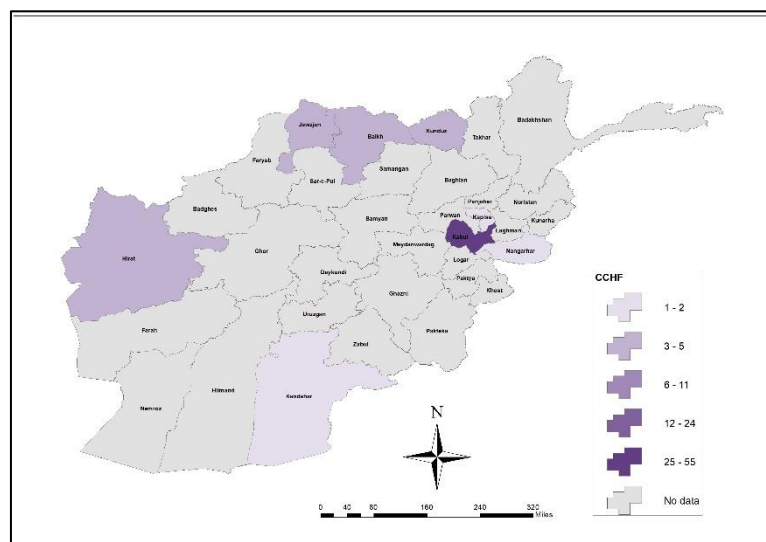
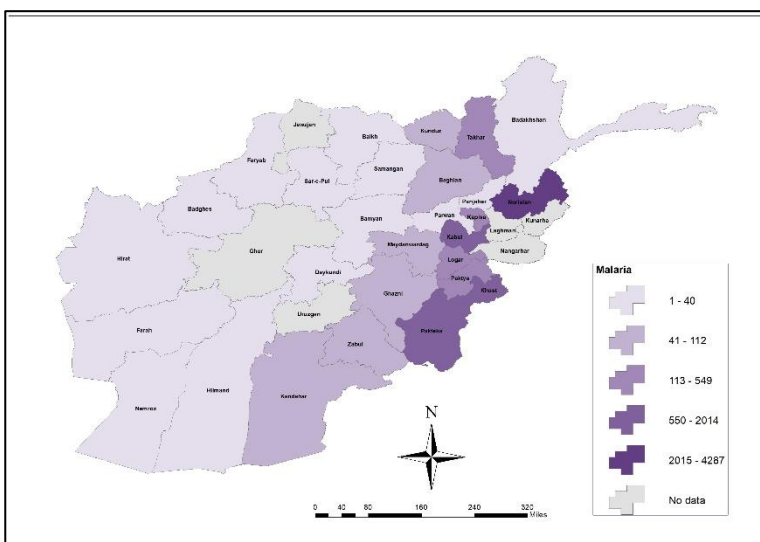


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 31 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 680 (10.9%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 398 (58.5%) were under 5 years old and 342 (50.2%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (0.2%) compared to the previous week, and 33-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 30 (90%) under five and 18 (54.5%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (17%), Balkh (16%), and Herat (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, 4 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 31, 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	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
Bamyan	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	40%
Herat	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kabul	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Kapisa	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
Kandahar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Nangarhar	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Paktia	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	50	4	0	0	0	0	4	8%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 31-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Pertussis	02/08/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Khushal Khan	8	0	82%	60%
	06/08/2026	Wardak	Chak-e-Wardak	Zarif	5	0	96%	75%
	05/08/2026	Wardak	Chak-e-Wardak	Hakim Khil	5	0	89%	76%
	04/08/2026	Wardak	Said Abad	Otary	4	0	90%	83%
	04/08/2026	Wardak	Said Abad	Patanak	4	0	90%	76%
	04/08/2026	Wardak	Chak-e-Wardak	Zulfaqar	6	0	78%	63%
Measles	05/08/2026	Bamyan	Waras	Julgan and Khakshir	26	0	85%	80%
	05/08/2026	Kabul	Kabul	Chahar Qala e Chahar Dehi	5	0	62%	50%
Scabies	8 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Bamyan (3), Herat (1), Kunduz (1), Laghman (1), Logar (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 285)							
Chickenpox	14 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Bamyan (2), Ghazni (1), Herat (2), Kabul (4), Kandahar (1), Kapisa (1), Logar (1) and Wardak (2) provinces (Total number of cases = 158)							
AWD with Dehydration	9 AWD with Dehydration outbreaks were reported from Nangarhar and Kunar provinces (Total number of cases = 20)							
Mumps	3 Mumps outbreak were reported from Bamyan (2) and Panjshir (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 30)							
Anthrax	1 Anthrax outbreak was reported from Badakhshan province (Total number of cases = 1)							
Acute Watery Diarrhea	1 AWD outbreak was reported from Ghazni province (Total number of cases = 72)							
Unknown Poisoning	1 Unknown poisoning outbreak was reported from Kunar province (Total number of cases = 9)							
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1 Acute Viral Hepatitis outbreak was reported from Paktika province (Total number of cases = 11)							

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

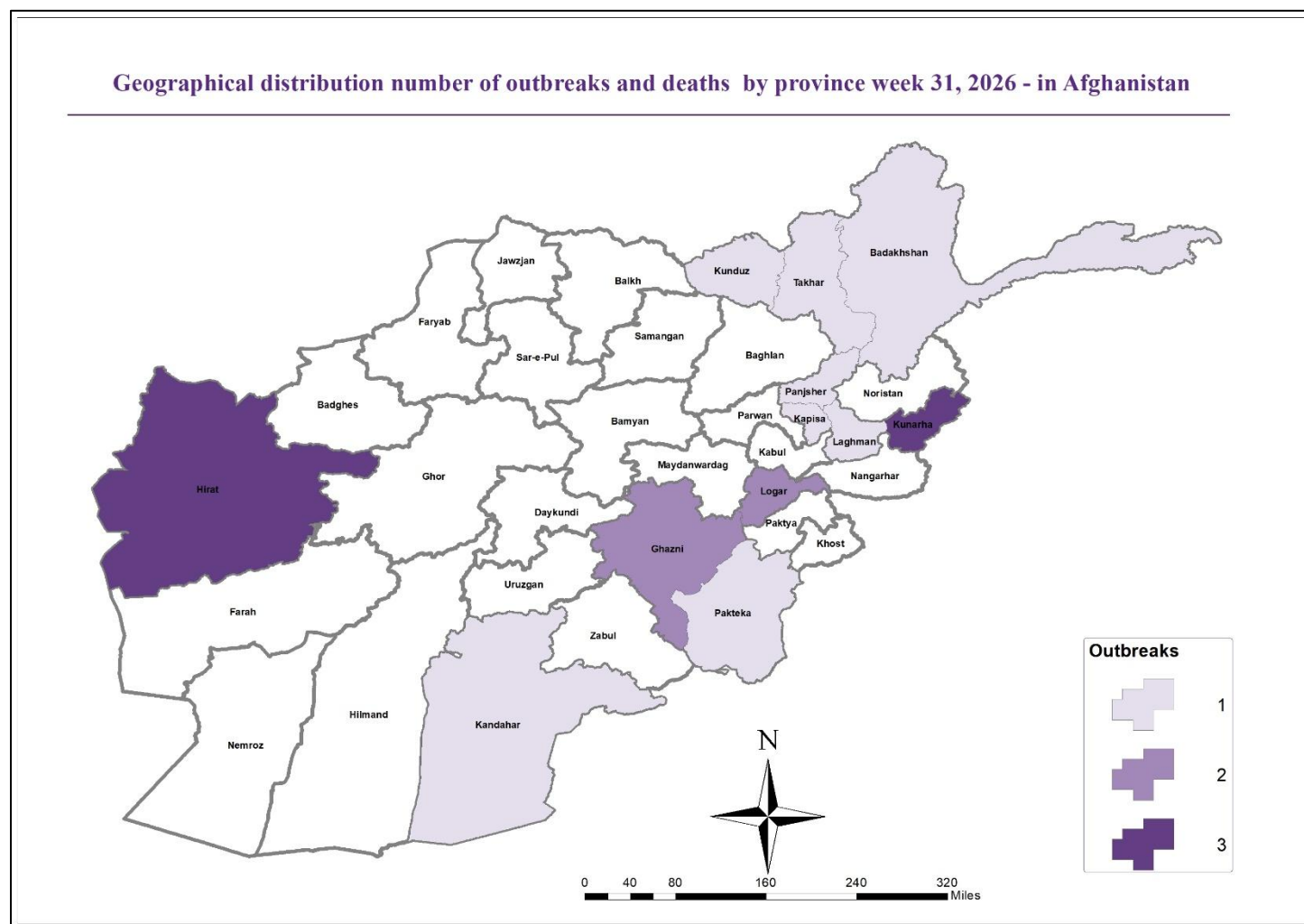


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	116	50	1070	16
Scabies	405	0	15793	0
Chickenpox	242	56	3806	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	100	0	807	21
CCHF	28	15	95	7
Food Poisoning	20	0	253	3
Pertussis	225	136	1376	2
Anthrax	25	0	27	0
AWD with Dehydration	53	19	193	0
Acute Watery Diarrhea	7	0	393	1
Malaria	5	3	1166	0
ARI-Pneumonia	7	0	337	4
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0
Viral Hepatitis	4	1	37	0
COVID-19	2	0	37	0
Impetigo	5	0	127	0
Typhoid Fever	8	0	173	0
Mumps	32	0	376	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	1299	280	26655	56

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported during 2026

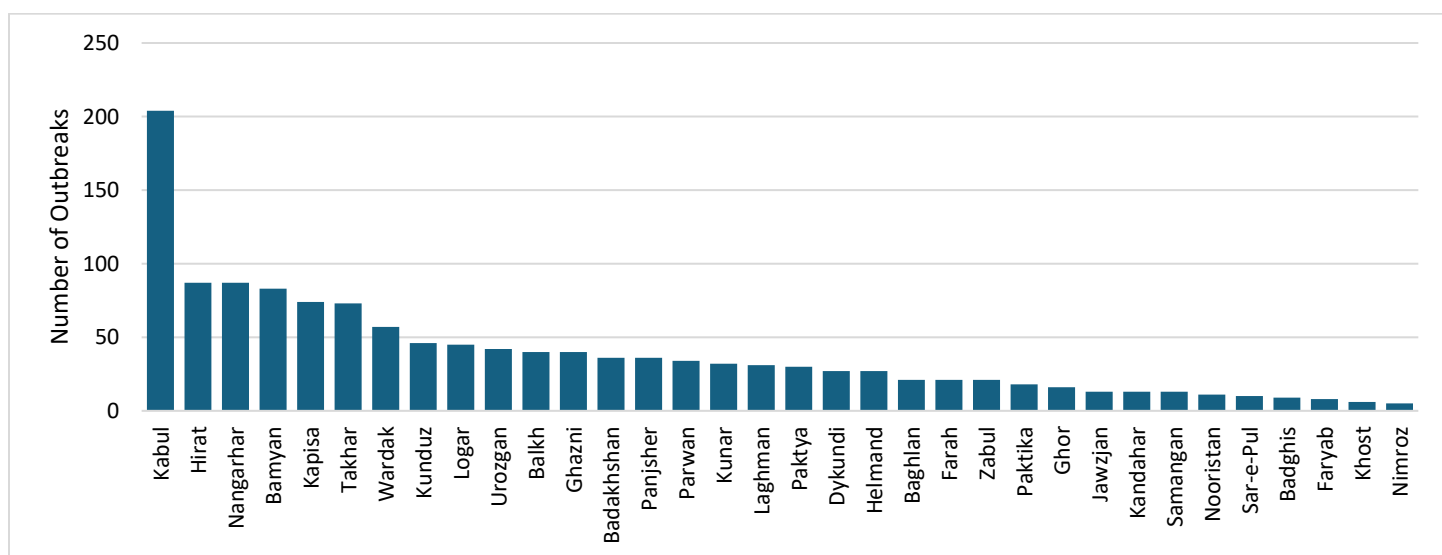


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

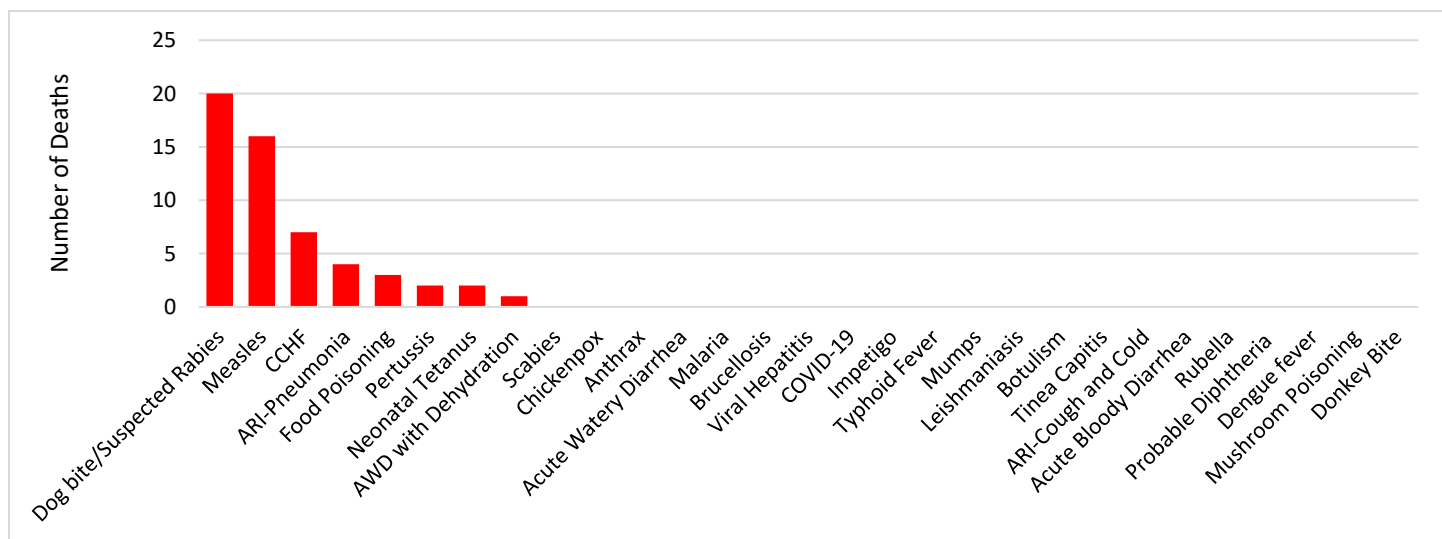


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 31-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
HAV/HEV	72	41	56.9
CCHF	48	19	39.6
Measles	43	9	20.9
Chickenpox	38	14	36.8
SARI	24	2	8.3
Pertussis	21	8	38.1
ILI	16	2	12.5
COVID-19	13	8	61.5
Dengue Fever	1	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	276	103	37.3

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 **412 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **5 (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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