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Epidemiological Report | Week # 32 – 2026

32 (09 Aug - 15 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **699,214** new consultations were reported, among which **244,660 (35%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **125,073 (51.1%)** females and **115,535 (47.2%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **130,818** cases (**18.7%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **91,932** cases (**13.1%**), and pneumonia with **15,737** cases (**2.2%**).

A total of **376** deaths were reported this week, of which **47 (12.5%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **35 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **5 suspected meningitis** deaths, **2 measles** deaths, **1 AWD** with **dehydration** death, **3 acute viral hepatitis** deaths and **1 hemorrhagic fever** death.

During this week, **34** outbreaks were reported: **4 pertussis** outbreaks, **10 chickenpox** outbreaks, **5 scabies** outbreaks, **4 AWD + dehydration** outbreaks, **3 Dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **1 mumps** outbreak, **1 anthrax** outbreak, **1 acute viral hepatitis** outbreak, **1 Botulism** outbreak, **1 COVID-19** outbreak, **1 food poisoning** outbreak, **1 Impetigo** outbreak and **1 typhoid fever** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 32-2026

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	1261	1008	1114	1101	0	0	1	0	4484	0.6	1	0.3	0.02
ARI-Pneumonia	5205	2700	4743	3089	15	1	18	1	15737	2.3	35	9.3	0.22
Measles	155	54	125	55	0	0	2	0	389	0.1	2	0.5	0.51
CCHF	0	15	0	12	0	0	0	1	27	0.0	1	0.3	3.70
Confirmed Malaria	200	1061	201	846	0	0	0	0	2308	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	18	0	11	0	0	0	0	29	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	2	508	5	434	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

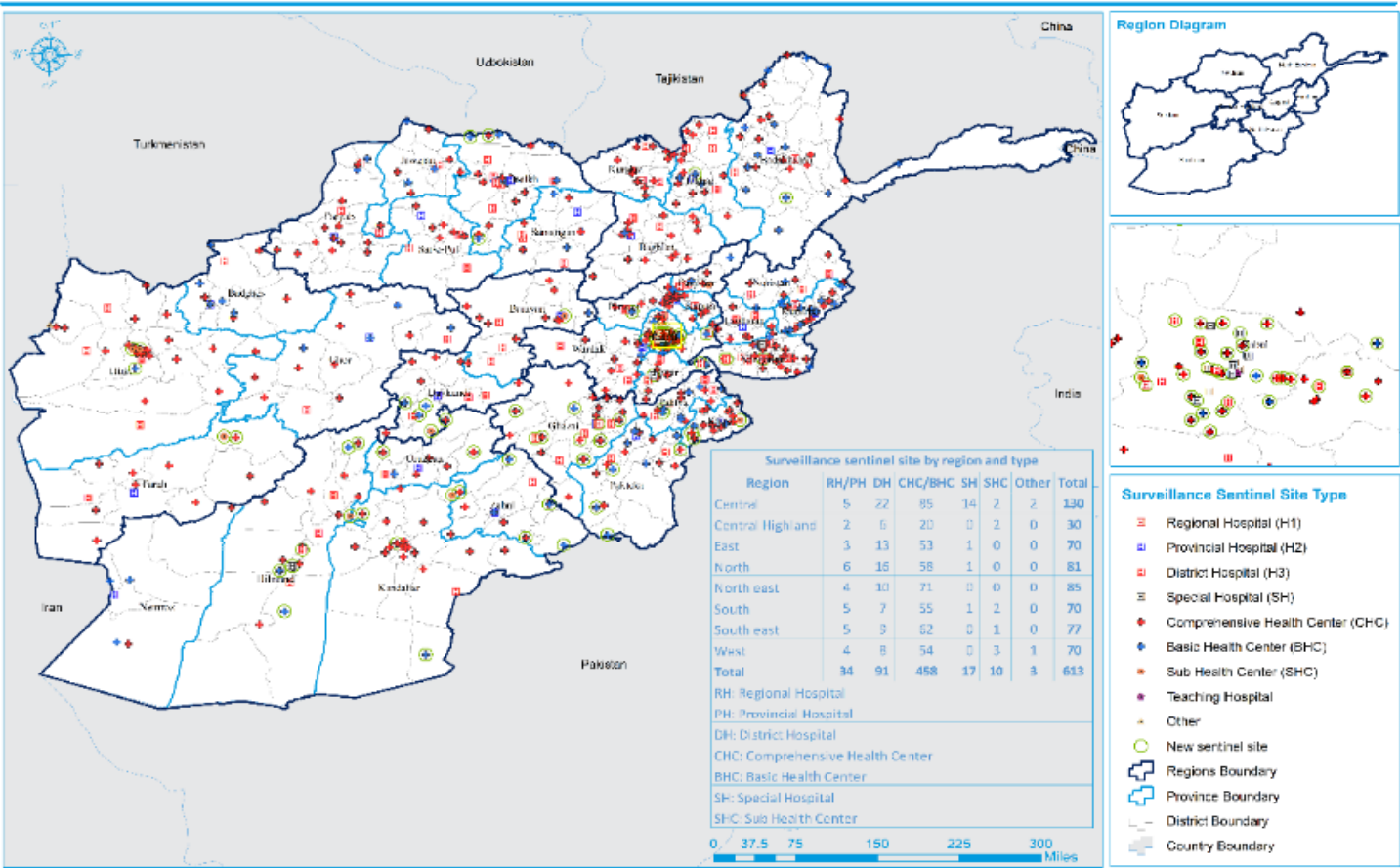


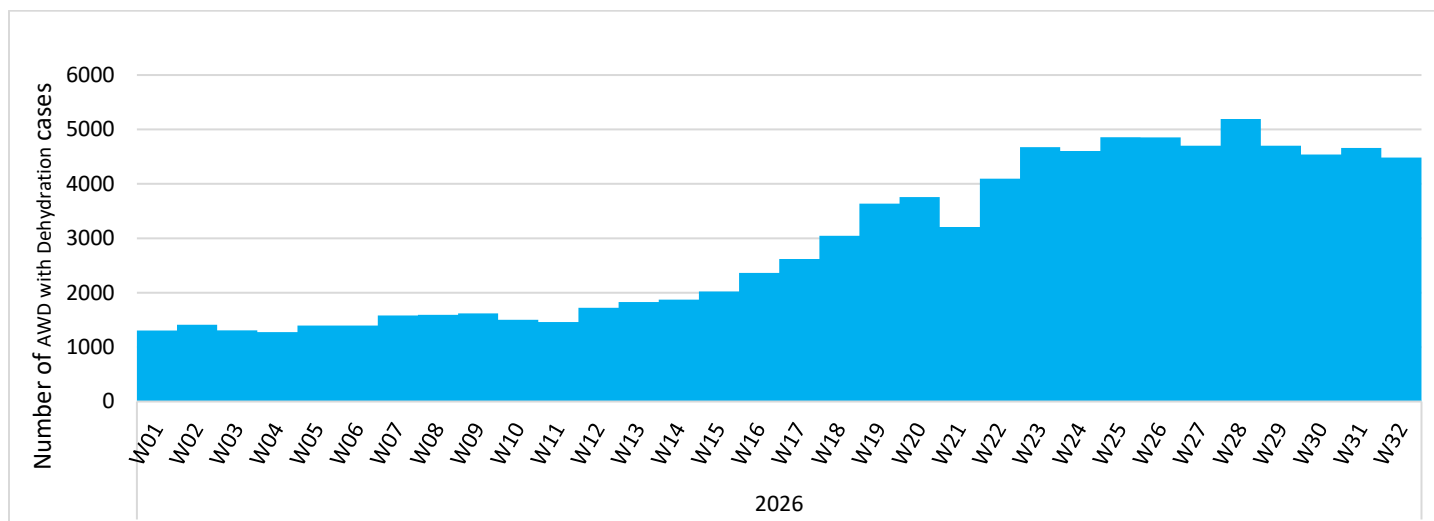
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W32, 2026)

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	26,843	20,147	24,318	21,976	21	4	22	2	93,284	0.4	49	0.4	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	104,062	120,058	97,306	124,191	0	0	0	0	445,617	2.0	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	317	168	290	125	0	0	0	0	900	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,548	1,987	1,291	2,144	17	19	8	6	6,970	0.0	50	0.4	0.72
Acute Watery Diarrhea	476,194	292,864	450,350	322,034	0	0	0	0	1,541,442	7.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	1,026,704	1,336,874	994,132	1,586,824	0	0	0	0	4,944,534	22.6	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	790	0	392	0	28	0	15	1,182	0.0	43	0.3	3.64
Confirmed Malaria	3,512	15,468	3,242	13,413	0	0	0	0	35,635	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	7,399	2,086	6,486	2,202	40	2	35	1	18,173	0.1	78	0.6	0.43
Covid-19	50	18,432	151	18,183	0	0	0	0	36,816	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	754	114	669	95	0	0	0	0	1,632	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	271,033	136,889	246,412	157,938	733	160	627	136	812,272	3.7	1,656	12.8	0.20
Meningitis	1,258	963	1,117	917	54	39	49	37	4,255	0.0	179	1.4	4.21
Dengue Fever	0	466	0	266	0	0	0	0	732	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	1,345	19,584	1,305	25,550	0	0	0	0	47,784	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	1,921,021	1,966,890	1,827,072	2,276,252	868	252	742	197	7,991,235	36.5	2,059	16	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	3,383,063	6,040,147	3,307,056	9,157,738	3,932	3,570	2,865	2,606	21,888,004	100	12,973	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 32nd week of 2026, a total of 4,484 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR=0.02%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,375 (52.9%) were under-five children, and 2,215 (49.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 93,284 AWD + dehydration cases and 49 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 51,161 (55%) are children under five and 46,294 (49.6%) are females.

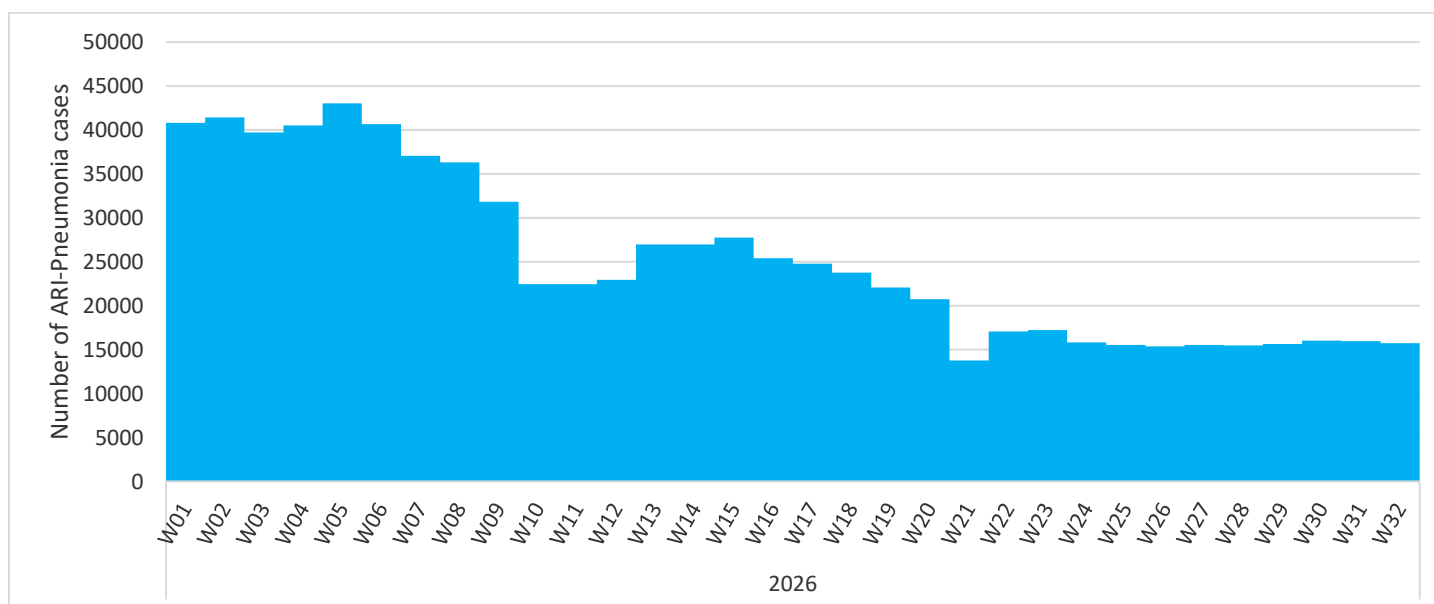
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 32, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 32nd week of 2026, a total of 15,737 cases and 35 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 9,948 (63.2%) were under-five children, and 7,832 (49.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 812,272 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,656 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 517,445 (63.7%) are children under five and 404,350 (49.7%) are females.

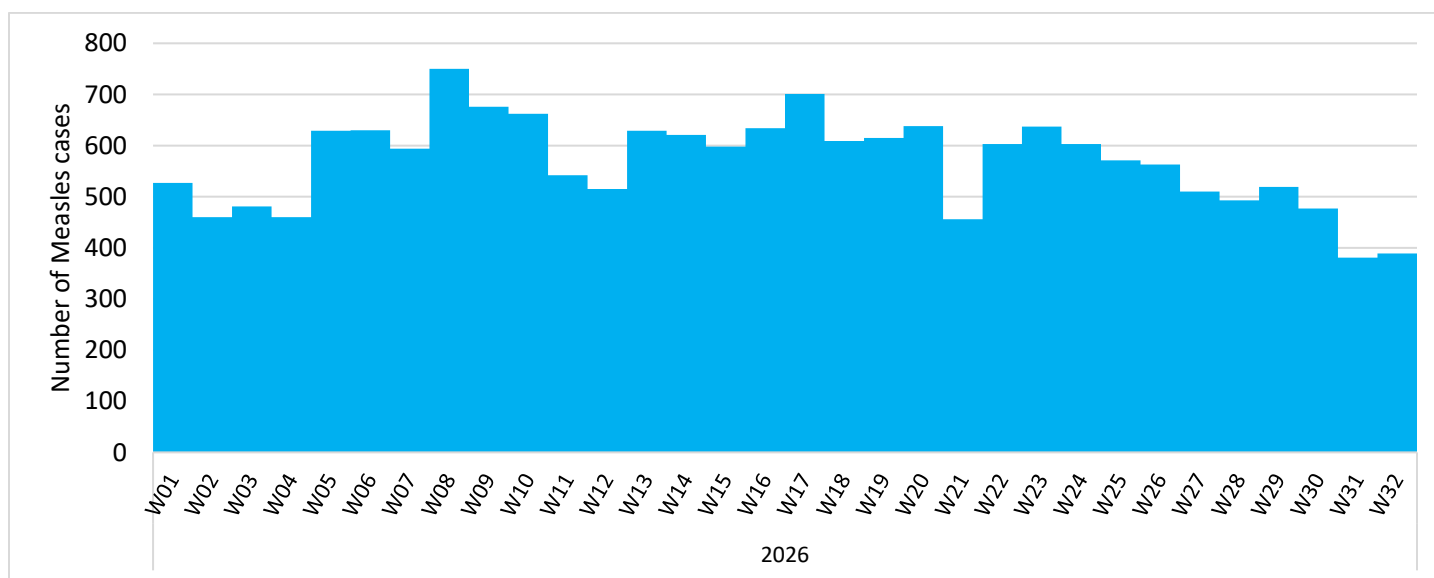
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 32, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 32nd week of 2026, a total of 389 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.5%)
- Out of the total cases, 280 (71.9%) were under-five children, and 180 (46.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 18,173 measles cases and 78 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 13,885 (76.4%) are children under five and 8,688 (47.8%) are females.

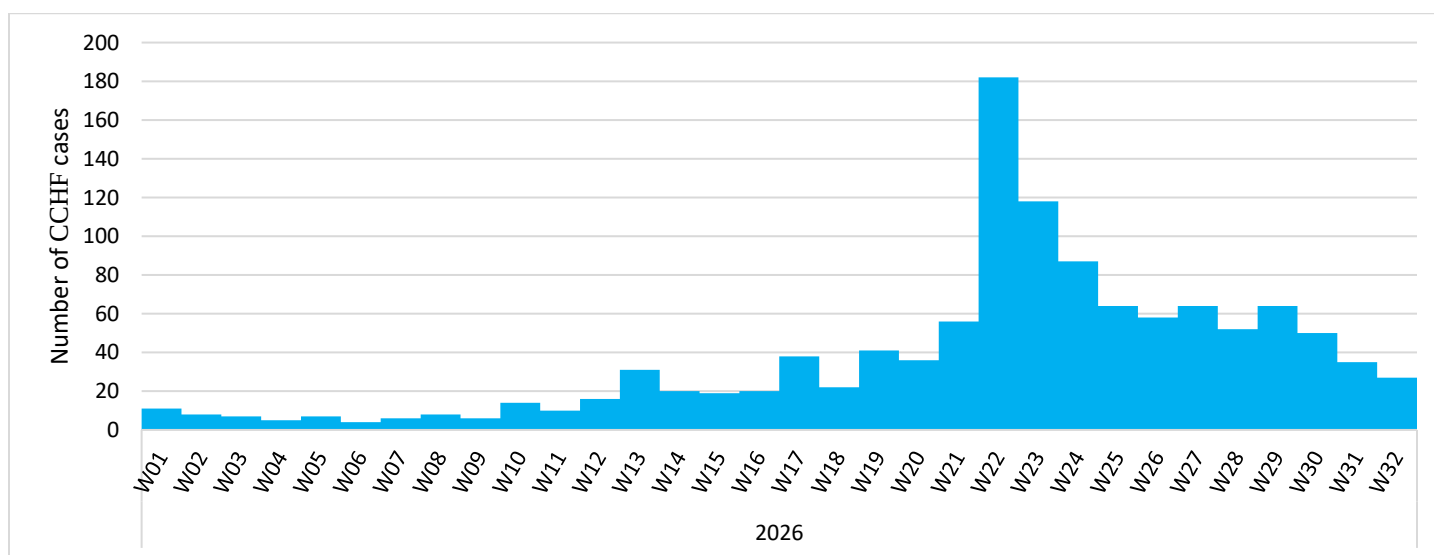
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 32, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 32nd 2026, a total of 27 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR= 3.7%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 11 of them (38%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,182 suspected CCHF cases and 43 deaths (CFR= 3.6%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 392 (33%) are females.

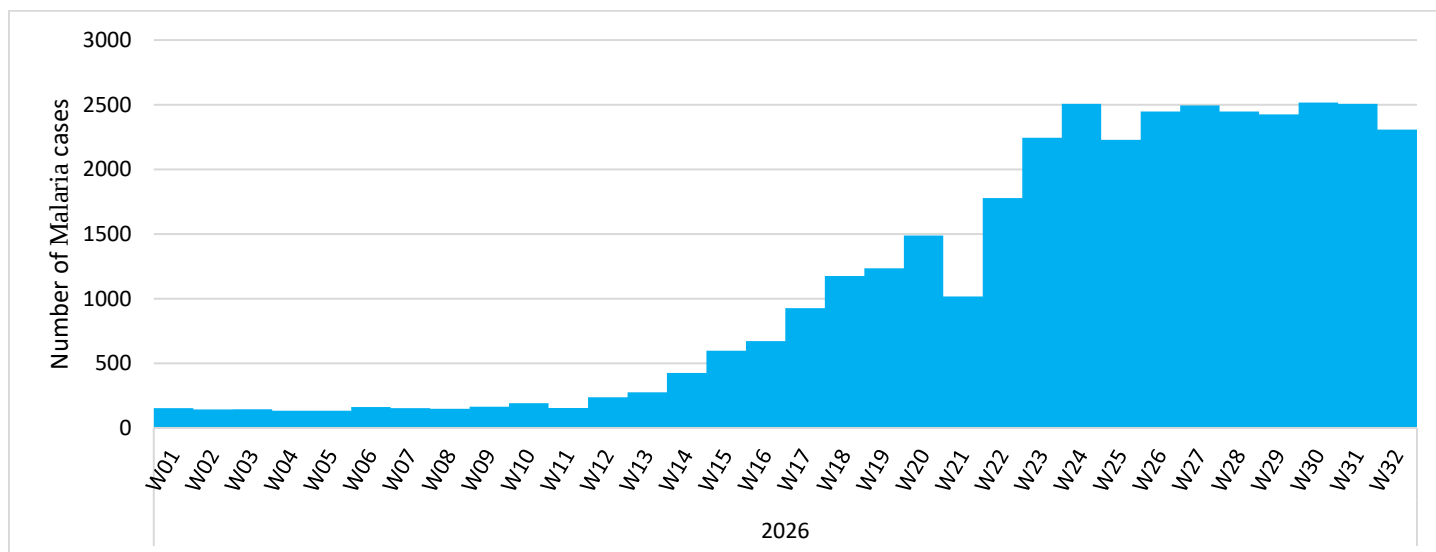
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 32, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 32nd week of 2026, a total of 2,308 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 401 (17.4%) were children under-five, and 1,047 (45.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 35,635 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 6,754 (19%) are children under-five, and 16,655 (47%) are females.

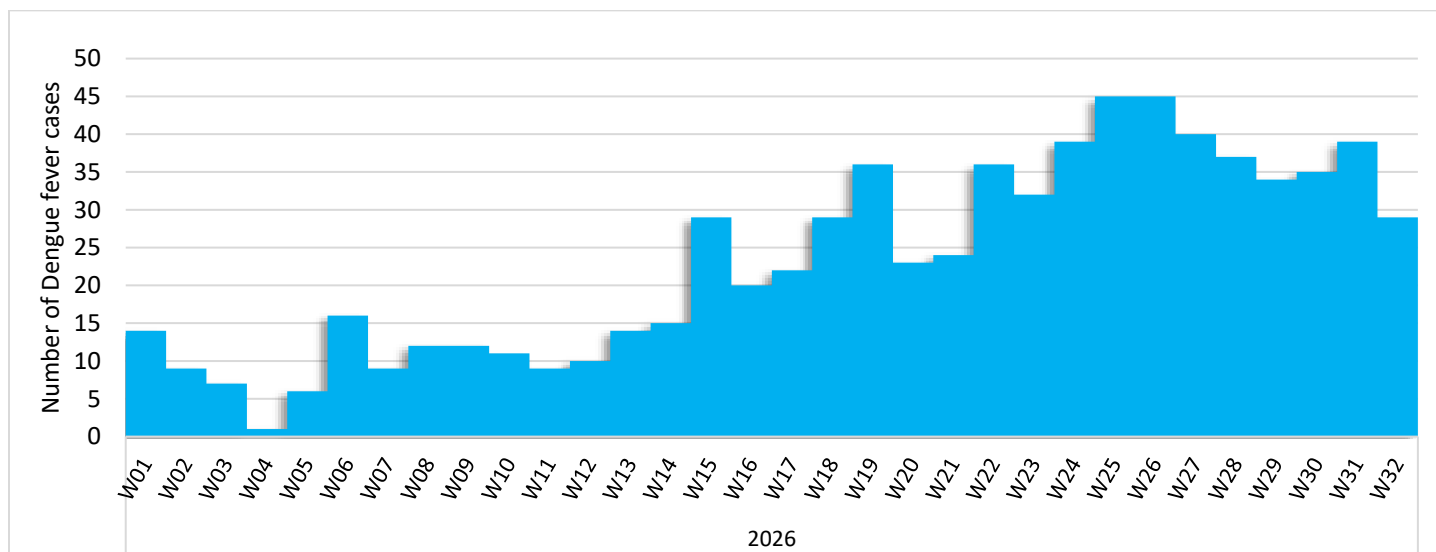
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 32, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 26 of 2026.
- During 32nd week of 2026, a total of 29 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 11 (38 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 732 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 266 (36.3%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 32, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 32nd week of 2026, a total of 949 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 7 (0.7%) were under-five children, and 439 (46.2%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 36,816 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 201 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 18,334 (50%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 32, 2026)

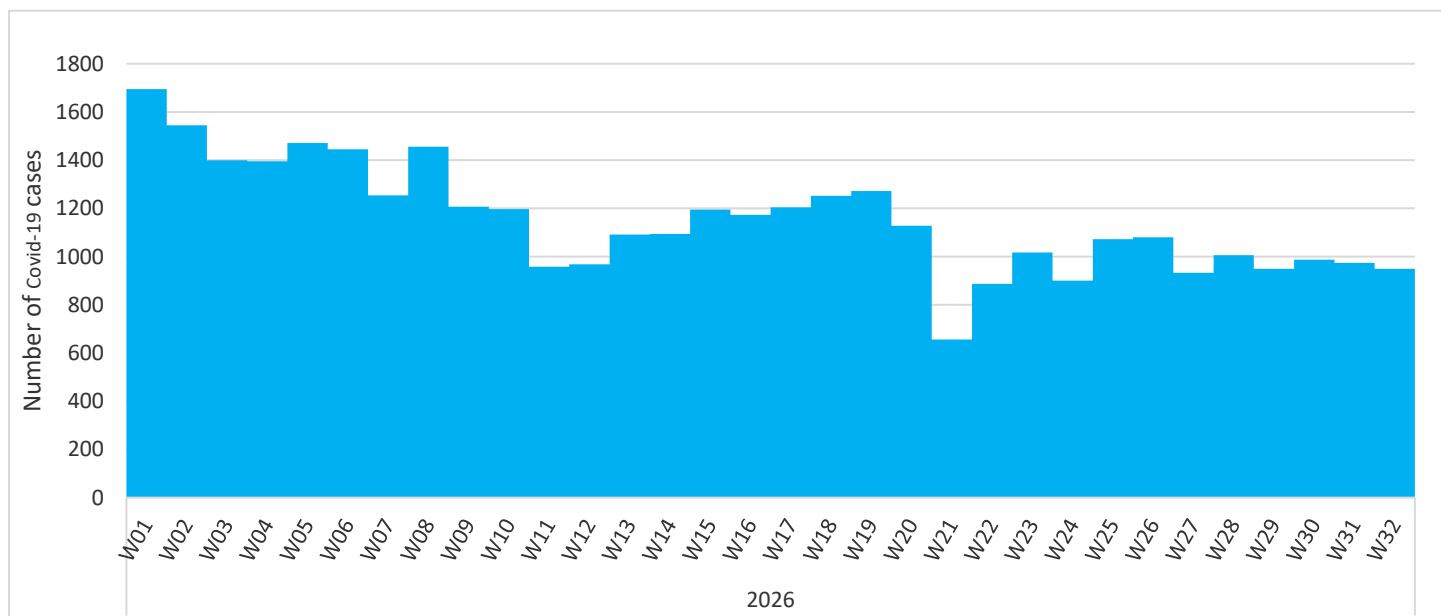


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

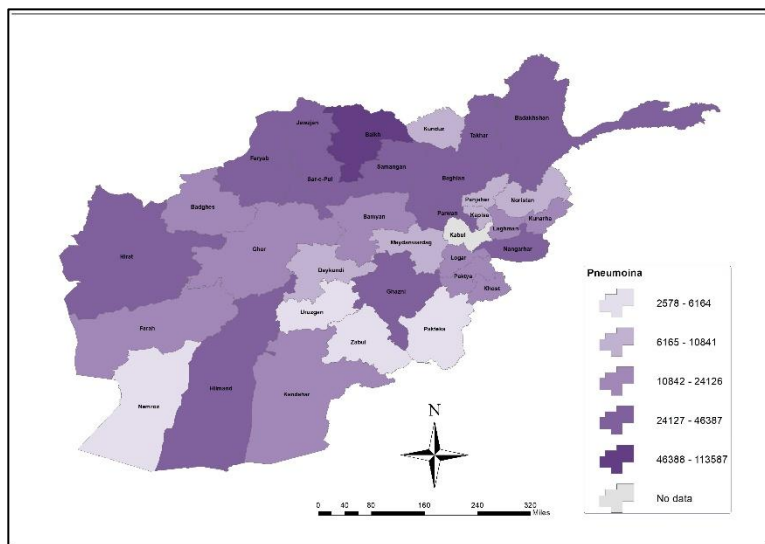


Figure 9: B (Measles)

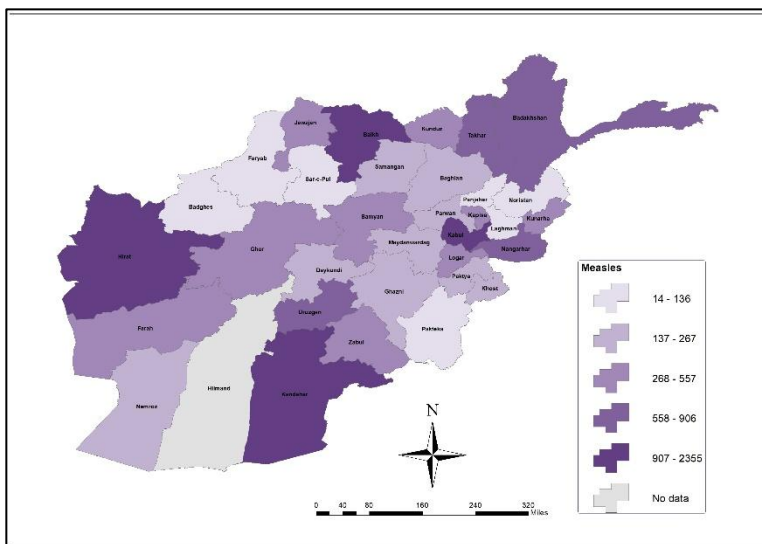


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

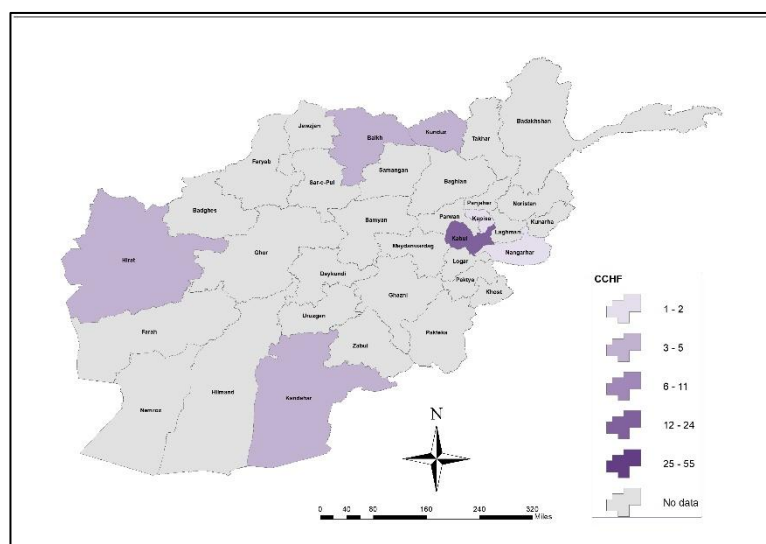
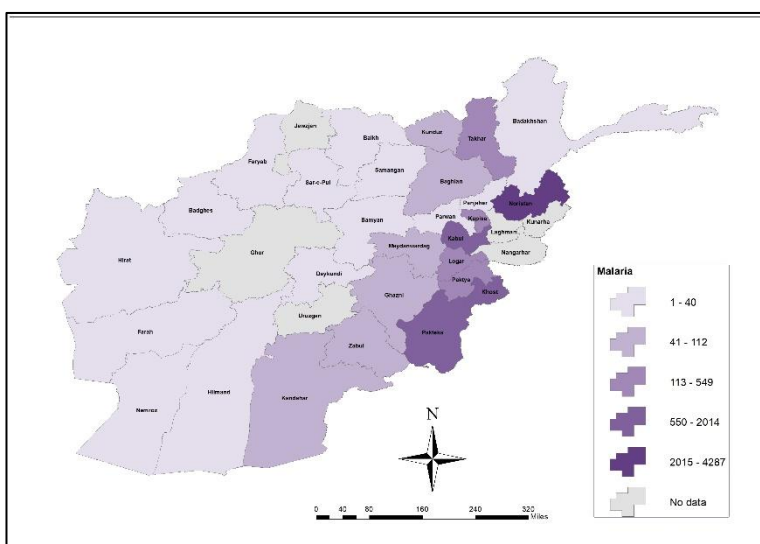


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 32 of 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 668 (10.3%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 396 (59.2%) were under 5 years old and 347 (51.9%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (0.6%) compared to the previous week, and 23-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 21 (91,3%) under five and 14 (60.8%) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (27%), Balkh (15%), and Kandahar (10.5%).
- 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, 2 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 32, 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	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
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	2	0	0	0	0	2	4%

Outbreak Situation

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 32-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Pertussis	12/08/2026	Ghazni	Ghazni	Ghiab Qalander	13	0	73%	5%
	09/08/2026	Takhar	Taloqan	Kochai-Chah Abiha	2	0	100%	95%
	09/08/2026	Takhar	Taloqan	Jama Qul Baba	5	0	100%	98%
	11/08/2026	Urozgan	TerenKot	Sambali Dasht Kochian	18	0	0%	32%
Scabies	5 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Badakhshan (1), Bamyan (1), Khost (1), Paktya (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 93)							
Chickenpox	10 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1), Bamyan (1), Herat (1), Kabul (1), Logar (1), Paktya (1), Parwan (1), Takhar (1), Urozgan (1) and Zabul (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 150)							
AWD with Dehydration	4 AWD with Dehydration outbreaks were reported from Kunar (1) and Nangarhar (3) provinces (Total number of cases = 11)							
Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies	3 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Badghis (1), Paktika (1) and Sar-e-Pul provinces (Total number of cases = 40 and 1 death)							
Mumps	1 Mumps outbreak was reported from Herat province (Total number of cases = 16)							
Anthrax	1 Anthrax outbreak was reported from Baghlan province (Total number of cases = 1)							
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1 Acute Viral Hepatitis outbreak was reported from Dykundi province (Total number of cases = 11)							
Botulism	1 Botulism outbreak was reported from Badghis province (Total number of cases = 3)							
COVID-19	1 Covid-19 outbreak was reported from Kunduz province (Total number of cases = 9)							
Food Poisoning	1 Food poisoning outbreak was reported from Kunduz province (Total number of cases = 8)							
Impetigo	1 Impetigo outbreak was reported from Badakhshan province (Total number of cases = 49)							
Typhoid Fever	1 Typhoid Fever outbreak was reported from Ghor province (Total number of cases = 36)							

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

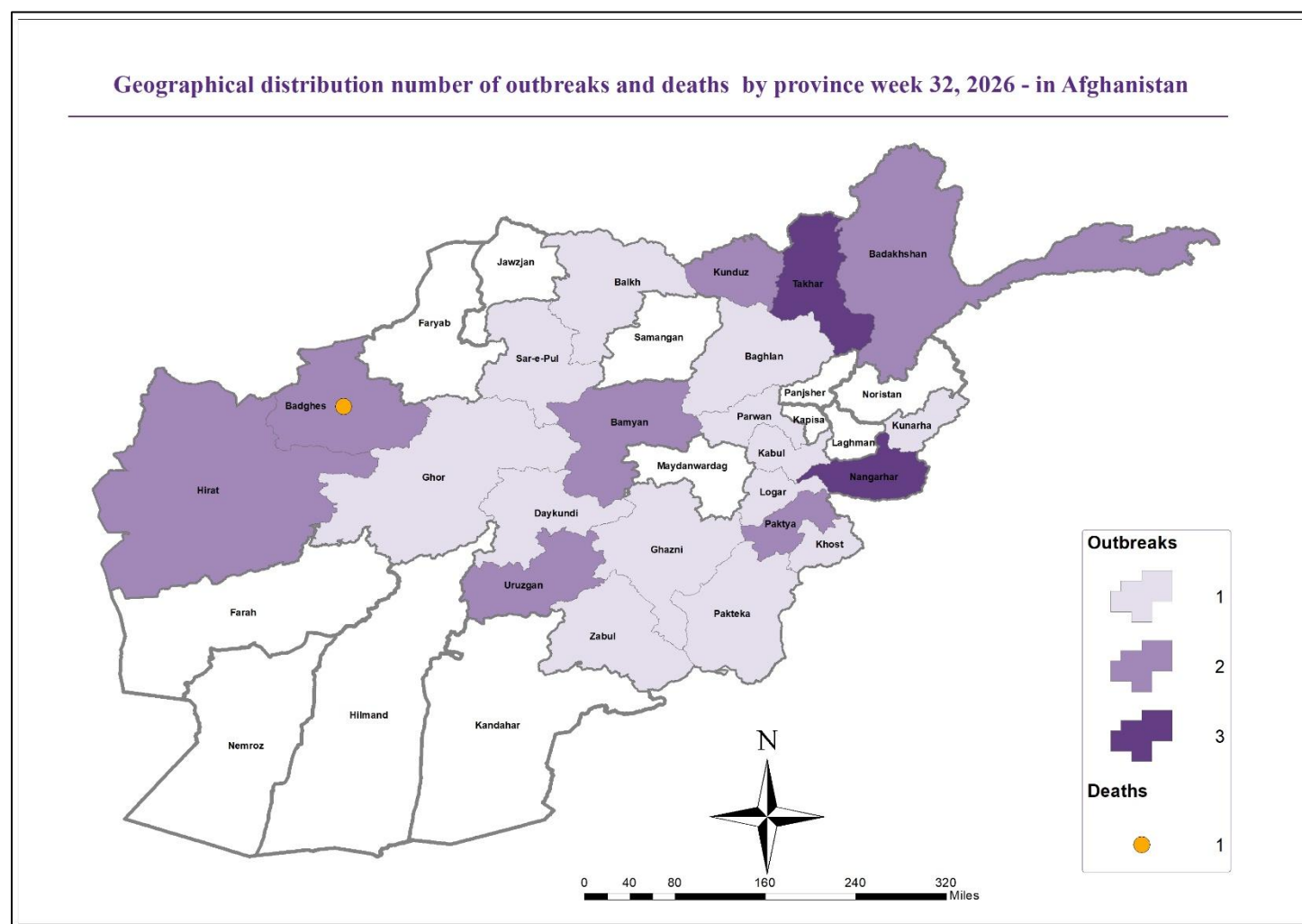


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

<u>Disease/Event</u>	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	116	50	1070	16
Scabies	410	0	15886	0
Chickenpox	252	122	3956	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	103	0	825	22
CCHF	28	18	95	7
Food Poisoning	21	0	261	3
Pertussis	229	193	1414	2
Anthrax	26	0	28	0
AWD with Dehydration	57	57	204	0
Acute Watery Diarrhea	7	0	393	1
Malaria	5	5	1166	0
ARI-Pneumonia	7	0	337	4
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0
Viral Hepatitis	5	1	48	0
COVID-19	3	0	46	0
Impetigo	6	0	176	0

Typhoid Fever	9	0	209	0
Mumps	33	0	392	0
Leishmaniasis	5	0	471	0
Botulism	1	0	3	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	1333	446	27098	57

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported during 2026

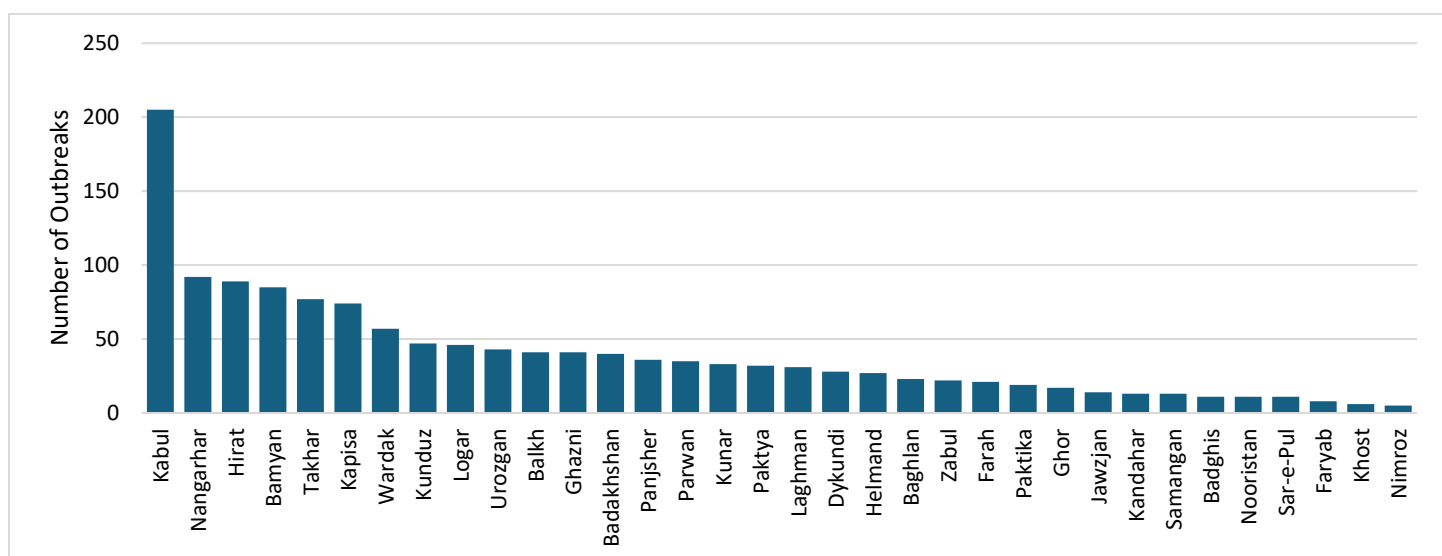


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

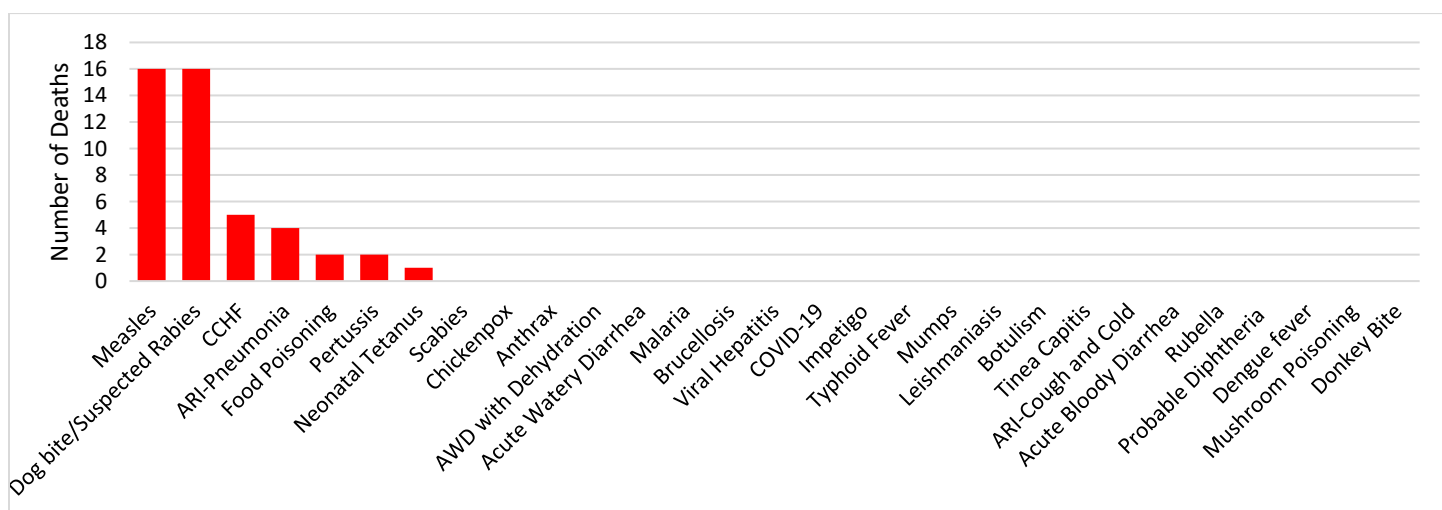


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 32-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
Chickenpox	69	45	65.2
Measles	59	23	39.0
SARI	30	2	6.7
HAV/HEV	24	8	33.3
CCHF	22	8	36.4
ILI	20	0	0.0
COVID-19	16	8	50.0
ARI/Pneumonia	5	3	60.0
Pertussis	3	0	0.0
Dengue Fever	0	0	0.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	248	97	39.1

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 **389 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **2 (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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