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**Epidemiological Report | Week # 33 – 2026**

**33 (16 Aug - 22 2026)**

**Summary:**

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

A total of **669,321** new consultations were reported, among which **243,007 (36.3%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **125,800 (51.8%)** females and **111,362 (45.8%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **132,458** cases (**19.8%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **86,566** cases (**12.9%**), and pneumonia with **15,779** cases (**2.4%**).

A total of **367** deaths were reported this week, of which **48 (13.1%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **33 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **9 suspected meningitis** deaths, **4 hemorrhagic fever** deaths, **1 AWD** with **dehydration** death and **1 acute viral hepatitis** death.

During this week, **36** outbreaks were reported: **3 measles** outbreaks, **2 pertussis** outbreaks, **5 chickenpox** outbreaks, **6 scabies** outbreaks, **8 AWD + dehydration** outbreaks, **4 dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **5 anthrax** outbreaks, **1 CCHF** outbreak, **1 food poisoning** outbreak, and **1 typhoid fever** outbreak.

**Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 33-2026**

| Top 7 Diseases       | Cases |       |        |       | Deaths |       |        |       |        | Total |        |     |      |
|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-----|------|
|                      | Male  |       | Female |       | Male   |       | Female |       | Number | %     | Cases  |     | CFR  |
|                      | < 5 Y | > 5 Y | < 5 Y  | > 5 Y | < 5 Y  | > 5 Y | < 5 Y  | > 5 Y |        |       | Number | %   |      |
| AWD with Dehydration | 1325  | 1015  | 1207   | 1133  | 0      | 0     | 1      | 0     | 4680   | 0.7   | 1      | 0.3 | 0.02 |
| ARI-Pneumonia        | 5140  | 2825  | 4634   | 3180  | 15     | 3     | 12     | 3     | 15779  | 2.4   | 33     | 9.0 | 0.21 |
| Measles              | 139   | 45    | 129    | 48    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 361    | 0.1   | 0      | 0.0 | 0.00 |
| CCHF                 | 0     | 37    | 0      | 14    | 0      | 4     | 0      | 0     | 51     | 0.0   | 4      | 1.1 | 7.84 |
| Confirmed Malaria    | 263   | 1302  | 254    | 1099  | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 2918   | 0.4   | 0      | 0.0 | 0.00 |
| Dengue Fever         | 0     | 18    | 0      | 17    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 35     | 0.0   | 0      | 0.0 | 0.00 |
| Covid-19             | 3     | 528   | 4      | 470   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1005   | 0.3   | 0      | 0.0 | 0.00 |

The map displays the Xinjiang region of China, with surveillance sentinel sites marked by colored symbols (red, blue, green, yellow, and black) across various administrative regions. The sites are distributed throughout the region, with a higher concentration in the central and eastern parts. The map includes labels for neighboring countries (Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, China, India, Turkmenistan) and various regions within Xinjiang (e.g., Urumqi, Kashgar, Kizilsu, etc.). A legend at the bottom indicates the types of surveillance sentinel sites. Two inset maps are provided: 'Region Diagram' showing the location of Xinjiang within China, and a smaller map showing the distribution of surveillance sentinel sites across the region.

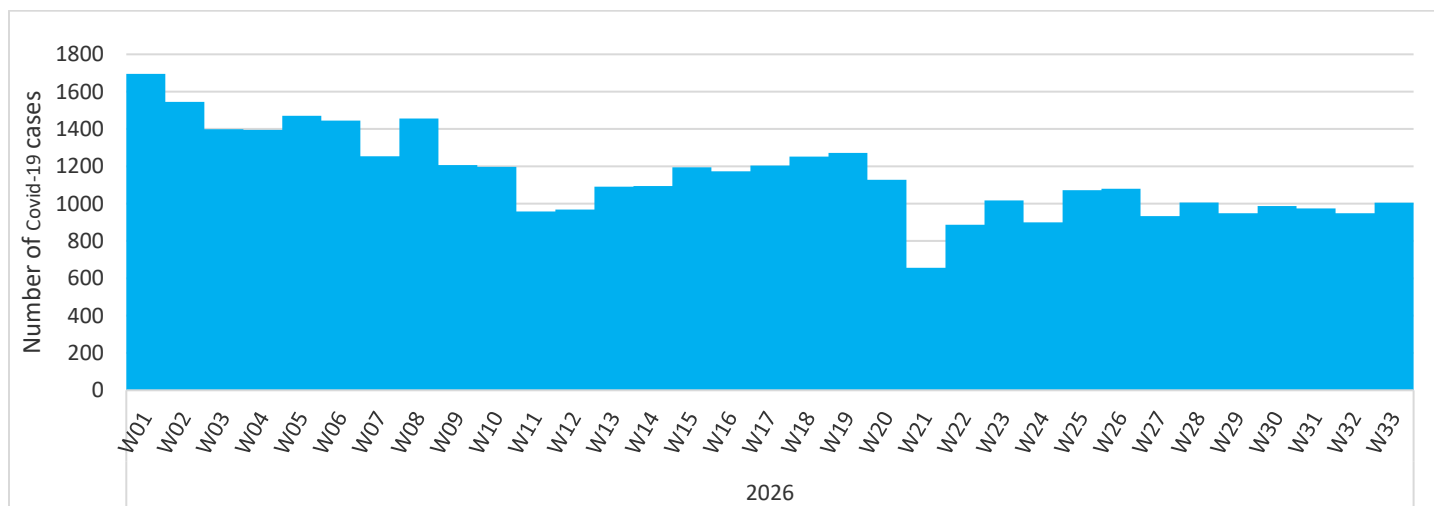
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W33, 2026)

| 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          | 28,168    | 21,162    | 25,525    | 23,109    | 21     | 4     | 23     | 2     | 97,964     | 0.4  | 50     | 0.4  | 0.05 |
| Acute Bloody Diarrhea         | 107,849   | 124,620   | 100,906   | 128,889   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 462,264    | 2.0  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| AFP                           | 330       | 174       | 301       | 131       | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 936        | 0.0  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| Acute Viral Hepatitis         | 1,622     | 2,063     | 1,355     | 2,230     | 17     | 19    | 9      | 6     | 7,270      | 0.0  | 51     | 0.4  | 0.70 |
| Acute Watery Diarrhea         | 495,862   | 305,529   | 469,006   | 336,284   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1,606,681  | 7.1  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| ARI-C&C                       | 1,052,912 | 1,372,806 | 1,019,630 | 1,631,644 | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 5,076,992  | 22.5 | 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         | 827       | 0         | 406       | 0      | 32    | 0      | 15    | 1,233      | 0.0  | 47     | 0.4  | 3.81 |
| Confirmed Malaria             | 3,775     | 16,770    | 3,496     | 14,512    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 38,553     | 0.2  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| Measles                       | 7,538     | 2,131     | 6,615     | 2,250     | 40     | 2     | 35     | 1     | 18,534     | 0.1  | 78     | 0.6  | 0.42 |
| Covid-19                      | 53        | 18,960    | 155       | 18,653    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 37,821     | 0.5  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| Pertussis                     | 771       | 116       | 687       | 97        | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1,671      | 0.0  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| ARI-Pneumonia                 | 276,173   | 139,714   | 251,046   | 161,118   | 748    | 163   | 639    | 139   | 828,051    | 3.7  | 1,689  | 12.7 | 0.20 |
| Meningitis                    | 1,299     | 997       | 1,148     | 947       | 58     | 40    | 52     | 38    | 4,391      | 0.0  | 188    | 1.4  | 4.28 |
| Dengue Fever                  | 0         | 484       | 0         | 283       | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 767        | 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                 | 1,402     | 20,423    | 1,359     | 26,684    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 49,868     | 0.2  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths | 1,977,756 | 2,026,776 | 1,881,232 | 2,347,239 | 887    | 260   | 759    | 201   | 8,233,003  | 36.5 | 2,107  | 16   | 0.03 |
| Total of new clients/ death   | 3,486,124 | 6,224,455 | 3,407,710 | 9,439,036 | 4,044  | 3,677 | 2,940  | 2,679 | 22,557,325 | 100  | 13,340 | 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 33<sup>rd</sup> week of 2026, a total of 4,680 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR=0.02%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,532 (54.1%) were under-five children, and 2,340 (50%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 97,964 AWD + dehydration cases and 50 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 53,693 (54.8%) are children under five and 48,634 (49.6%) are females.

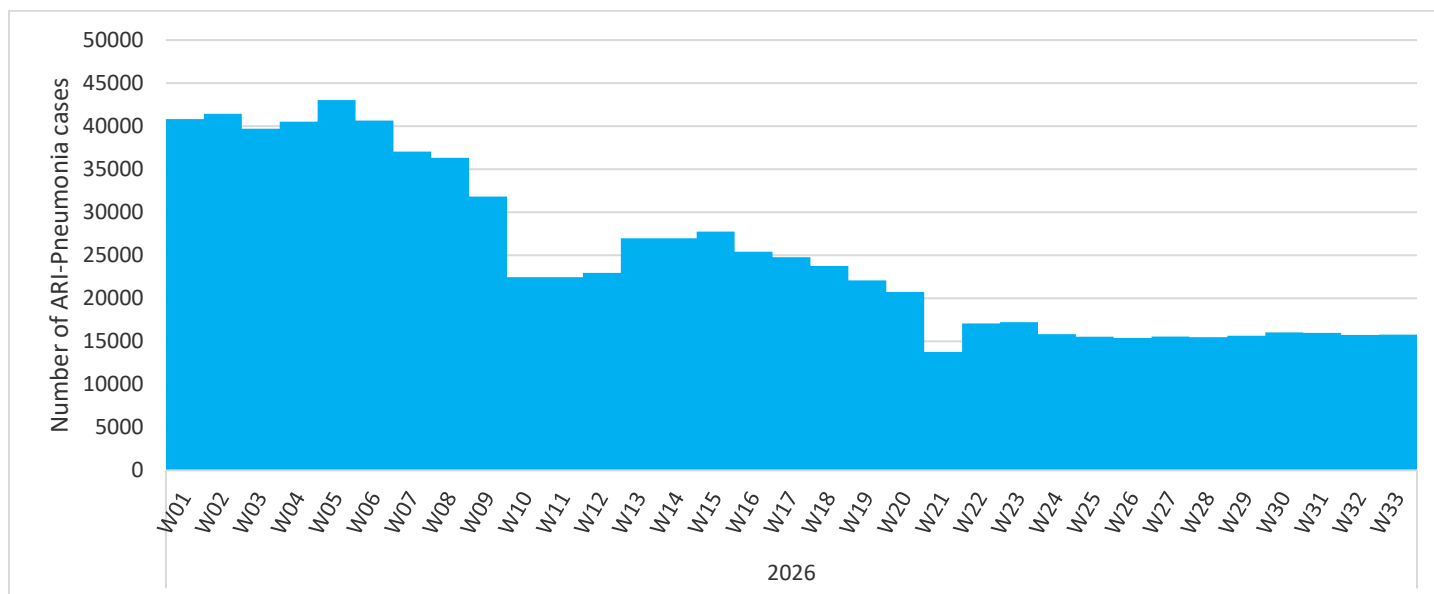
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 33, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 33<sup>rd</sup> week of 2026, a total of 15,779 cases and 33 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 9,774 (61.9%) were under-five children, and 7,814 (49.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 828,051 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,689 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 527,219 (63.6%) are children under five and 412,164 (49.7%) are females.

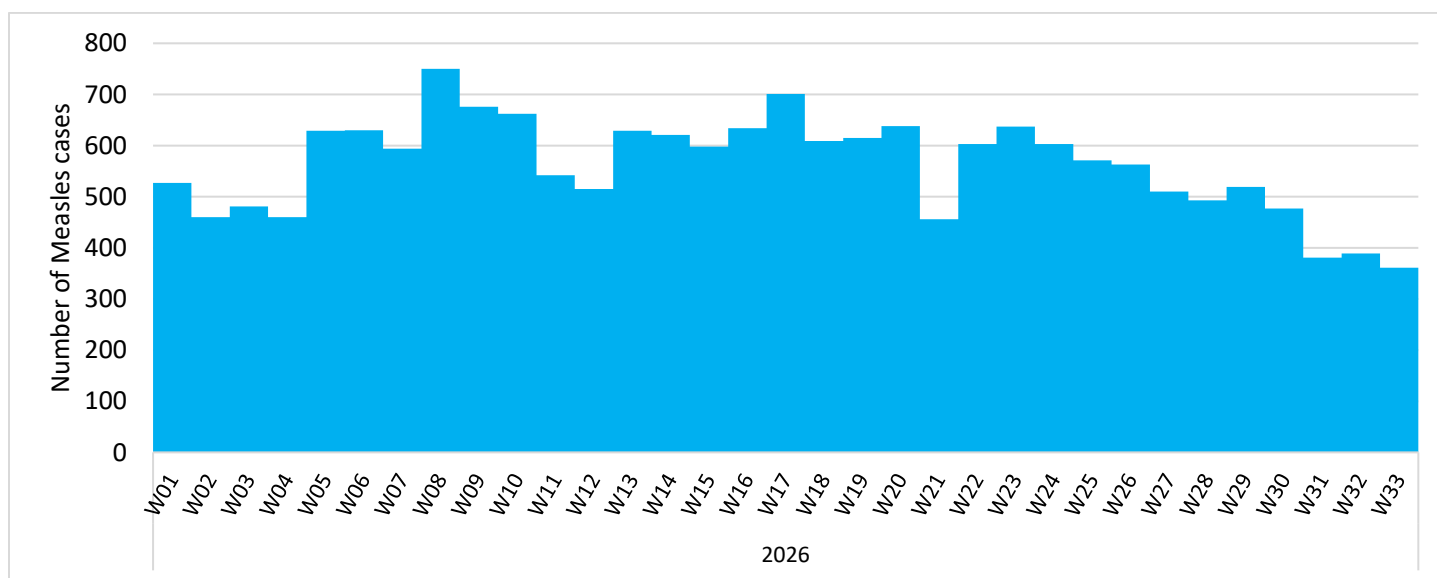
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 33, 2026)



### Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 33<sup>rd</sup> week of 2026, a total of 361 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 268 (74.2%) were under-five children, and 177 (49%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 18,534 measles cases and 78 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 14,153 (76.4%) are children under five and 8,865 (47.8%) are females.

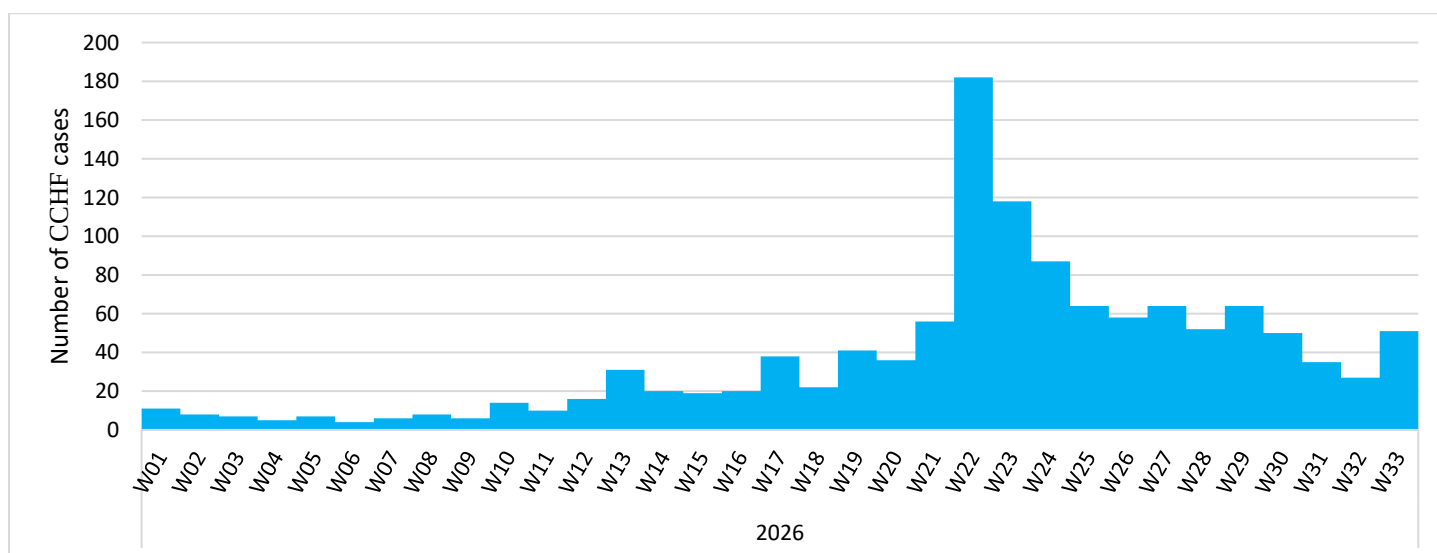
**Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 33, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 33<sup>rd</sup> 2026, a total of 51 cases and 4 deaths have been reported (CFR= 7.8%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 14 of them (27.4%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,233 suspected CCHF cases and 47 deaths (CFR= 3.8%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 406 (33%) are females.

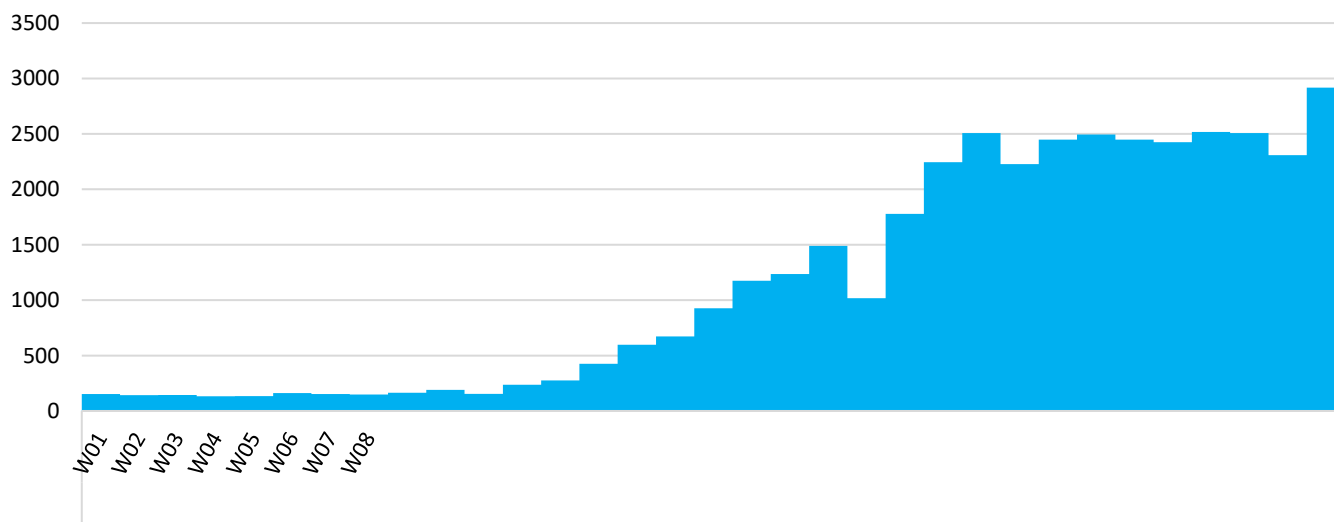
**Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 33, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 33<sup>rd</sup> week of 2026, a total of 2,918 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 517 (17.7%) were children under-five, and 1,353 (46.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 38,553 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 7,271 (18.8%) are children under-five, and 18,008 (46.7%) are females.

**Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 33, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

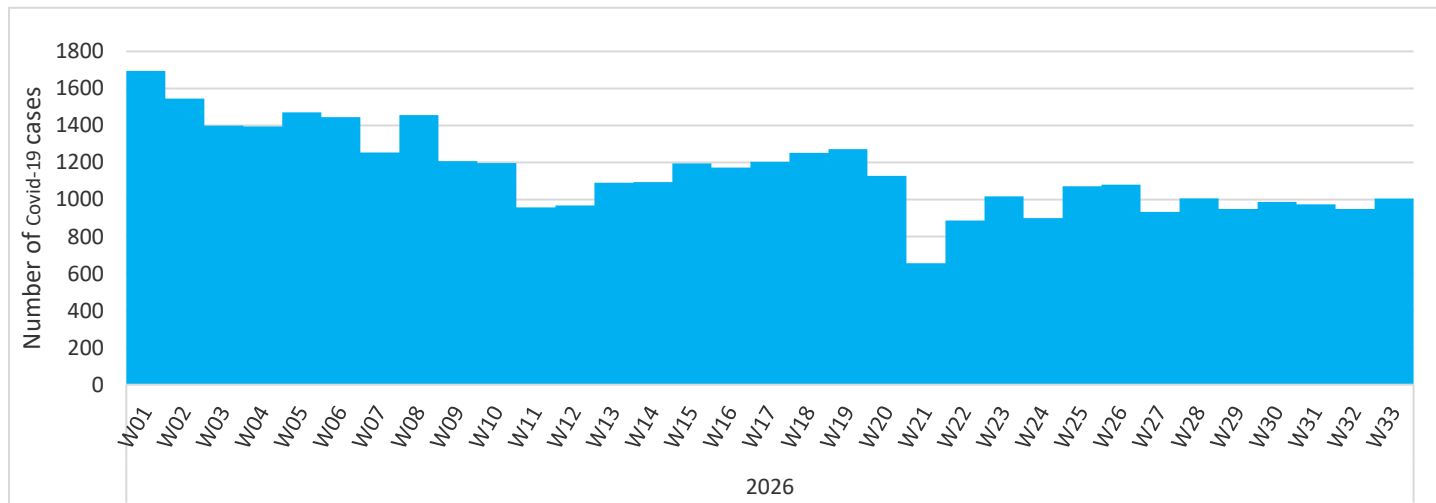
- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 26 of 2026.
- During 33<sup>rd</sup> week of 2026, a total of 35 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 17 (48.5 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 767 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 283 (36.8%) cases are females.

**Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 33, 2026)**

## Epidemic situation of COVID-19

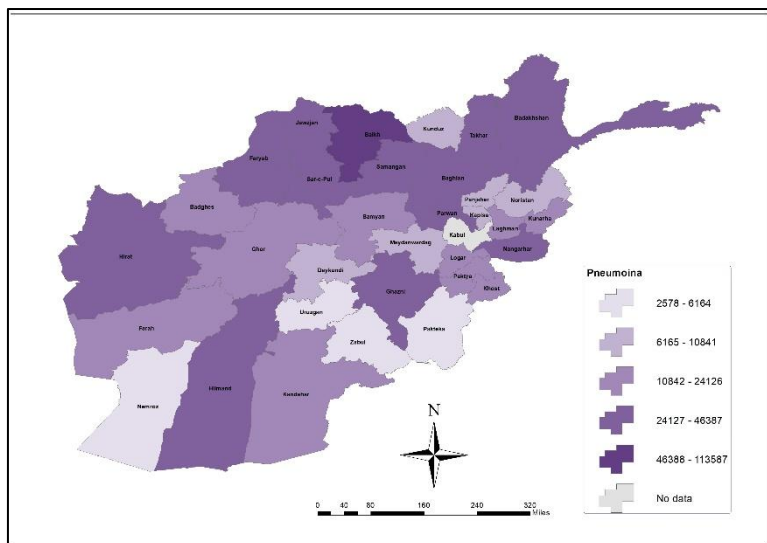
- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 33<sup>rd</sup> week of 2026, a total of 1,005 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 7 (0.7%) were under-five children, and 474 (47%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 37,821 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 208 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 18,808 (49.7%) are females.

**Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 33, 2026)**

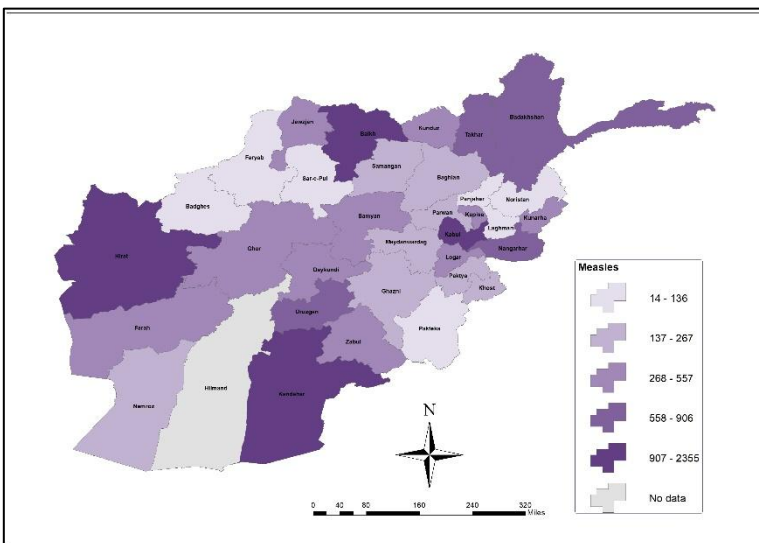


**Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026**

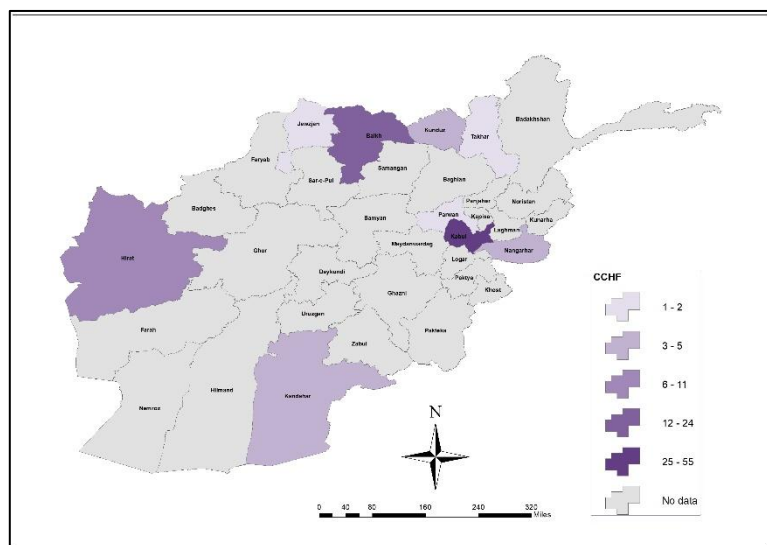
**Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)**



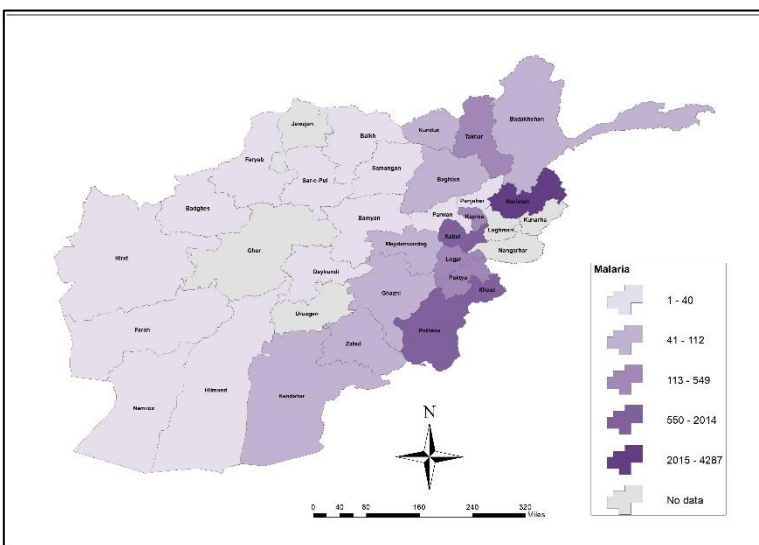
**Figure 9: B (Measles)**



### Figure 9: C (CCHF)



### Figure 9: D (Malaria)



## Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 33<sup>rd</sup> 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 759 (11.8%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 409 (53.8%) were under 5 years old and 398 (52.4%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (1.5%) compared to the previous week, and 22-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 17 (77,2%) under five and 11 (50 %) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (25%), Balkh (17%), and Herat (13%).
- During this week, our field staff across the country collected and shipped 50 specimens (30 SARI and 20 ILI) to the NIC. Of the specimens tested, no laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza or COVID-19 were reported, and no new influenza virus subtype was detected.

**Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 33, 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               | 0             | 0                                       | 0          | 0                | 0                | 0                    | 0%                  |
| Kabul          | 5               | 0             | 0                                       | 0          | 0                | 0                | 0                    | 0%                  |
| Kapisa         | 5               | 0             | 0                                       | 0          | 0                | 0                | 0                    | 0%                  |
| 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              | 0             | 0                                       | 0          | 0                | 0                | 0                    | 0%                  |

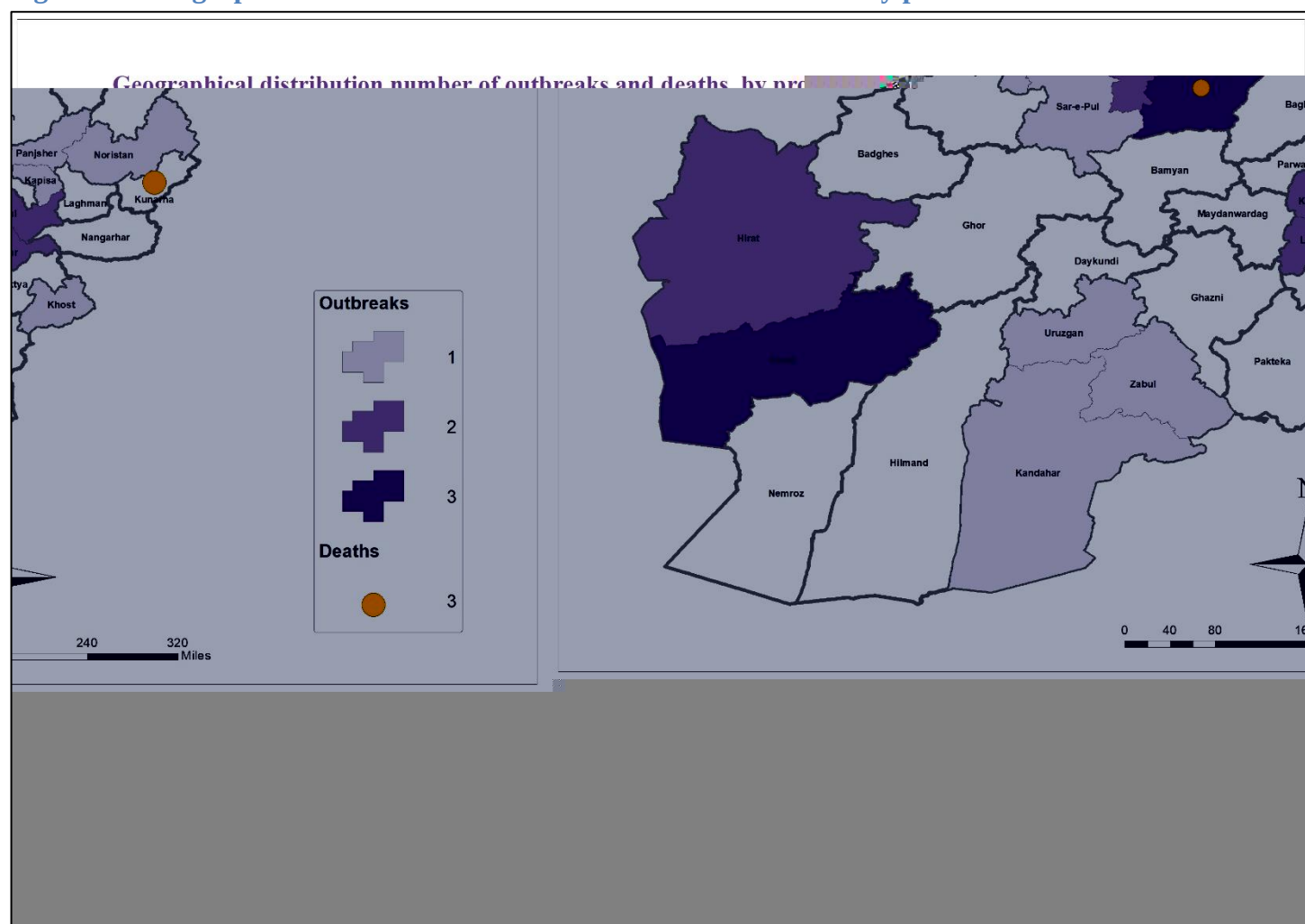


## Outbreak Situation

### Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 33-2026

| Event / Diseases Name      | Investigation date                                                                                                                               | Province | District      | Village      | Total Cases | Total Deaths | Vaccination coverage, If VPD |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                            |                                                                                                                                                  |          |               |              |             |              | HF reported coverage         | Field Estimated Coverage |
| Measles                    | 18/08/2026                                                                                                                                       | Kunar    | Asadabad      | Yar Gull     | 13          | 0            | 106%                         | 85%                      |
|                            | 20/08/2026                                                                                                                                       | Farah    | Farah         | Rigy village | 6           | 0            | 97%                          | 80%                      |
|                            | 20/08/2026                                                                                                                                       | Urozgan  | Khaas Uruzgan | Khar Kanda   | 9           | 0            | 136%                         | 79%                      |
| Pertussis                  | 16-08-2026                                                                                                                                       | Kabul    | Paghman       | Qargha       | 7           | 0            | 88%                          | 70%                      |
|                            | 17-08-2026                                                                                                                                       | Panjsher | Rukha         | Karbashi     | 8           | 0            | 100%                         | 85%                      |
| Scabies                    | 6 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Badakhshan (1), Fahra (1), Herat (1), Logar (2) and Nooristan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 171) |          |               |              |             |              |                              |                          |
| Chickenpox                 | 5 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Balkh (1), Farah (1), Herat (1), Khost (1) and Samangan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 61)     |          |               |              |             |              |                              |                          |
| AWD with Dehydration       | 8 AWD with Dehydration outbreaks were reported from Kunar (3) and Nangarhar (5) provinces (Total number of cases = 120)                          |          |               |              |             |              |                              |                          |
| Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies | 4 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Kunar province (Total number of cases = 119)                                           |          |               |              |             |              |                              |                          |
| Anthrax                    | 5 Anthrax outbreaks were reported from Badakhshan (3), Balkh (1) and Jawzjan (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 5)                           |          |               |              |             |              |                              |                          |
| CCHF                       | 1 CCHF outbreak was reported from Samangan province (Total number of cases = 2)                                                                  |          |               |              |             |              |                              |                          |
| Food Poisoning             | 1 Food Poisoning outbreak was reported from Kandahar province (Total number of cases = 12)                                                       |          |               |              |             |              |                              |                          |
| Typhoid Fever              | 1 Typhoid Fever outbreak was reported from Zabol province (Total number of cases = 17)                                                           |          |               |              |             |              |                              |                          |

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

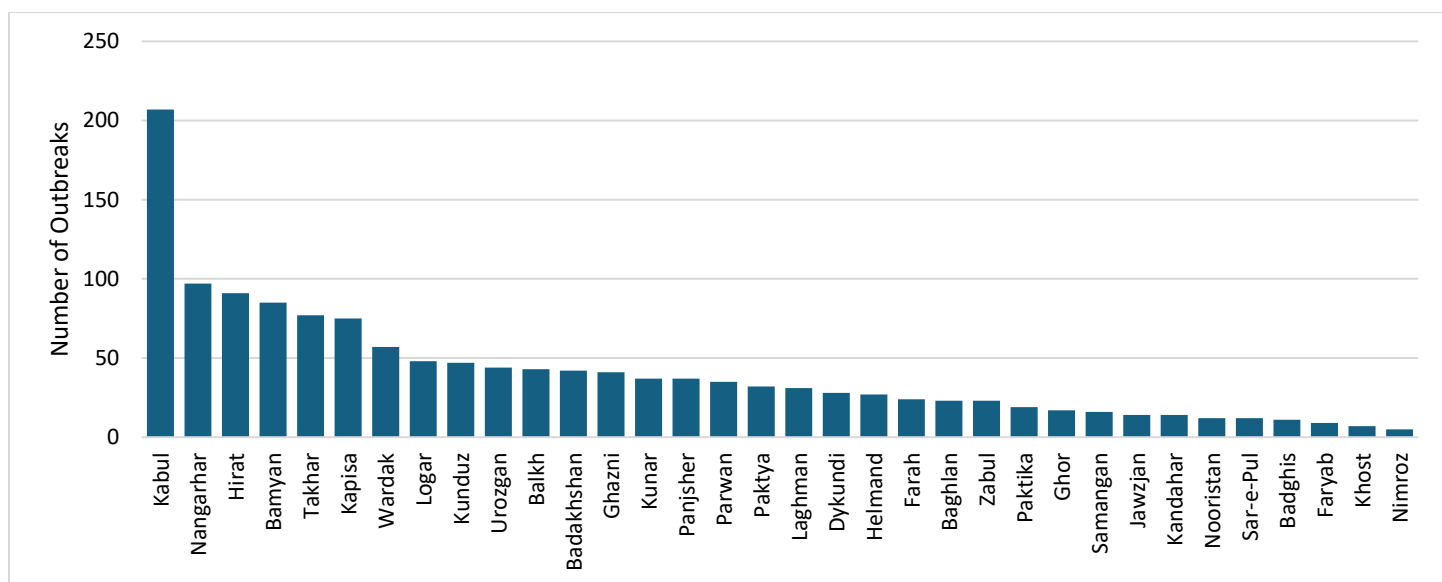


**Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026**

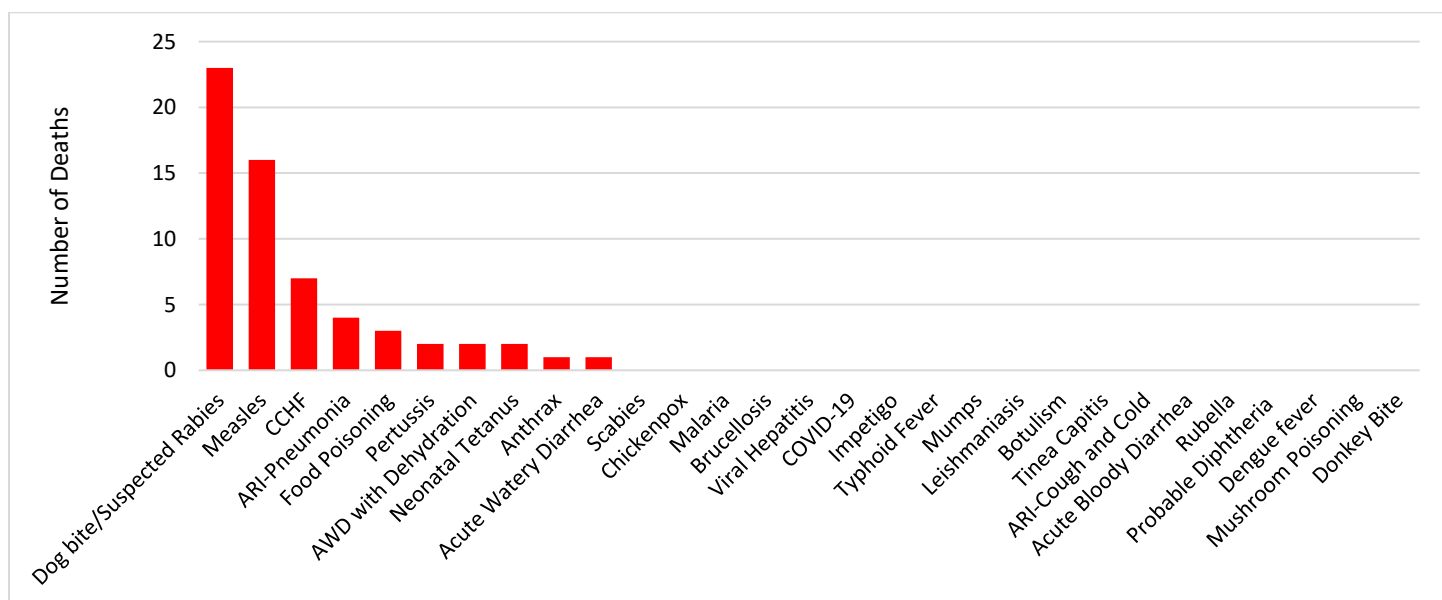
| Disease/Event             | Disease/Event | Lab-Confirm | Total Cases | Total Deaths |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Measles                   | 119           | 50          | 1098        | 16           |
| Scabies                   | 416           | 0           | 16057       | 0            |
| Chickenpox                | 257           | 122         | 4017        | 0            |
| Dog bite/Suspected Rabies | 107           | 0           | 844         | 23           |
| CCHF                      | 29            | 18          | 97          | 7            |
| Food Poisoning            | 22            | 0           | 273         | 3            |
| Pertussis                 | 231           | 193         | 1429        | 2            |
| Anthrax                   | 31            | 0           | 33          | 1            |
| AWD with Dehydration      | 65            | 57          | 324         | 2            |
| 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             | 10            | 0           | 226         | 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         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>    | <b>1369</b> | <b>446</b> | <b>27548</b> | <b>61</b> |

**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 (%) |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Measles           | 53              | 27                 | 50.9                |
| CCHF              | 51              | 10                 | 19.6                |
| HAV/HEV           | 45              | 19                 | 42.2                |
| Chickenpox        | 27              | 13                 | 48.1                |
| Pertussis         | 16              | 9                  | 56.3                |
| Dengue Fever      | 2               | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| COVID-19          | 0               | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| SARI              | 0               | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| ILI               | 0               | 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                 |
| <b>Monkey pox</b> | <b>194</b>      | <b>78</b>          | <b>40.2</b>         |

### 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 **0 (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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