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Epidemiological Report | Week # 34 – 2026

34 (23 Aug - 29 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **727,321** new consultations were reported, among which **256,634 (35.3%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **130,904 (51%)** females and **119,947 (46.7%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **143,317** cases (**19.7%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **89,106** cases (**12.2%**), and pneumonia with **17,018** cases (**2.3%**).

A total of **389** deaths were reported this week, of which **58 (15%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **44 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **10 suspected meningitis** deaths, **3 hemorrhagic fever** deaths and **1 acute viral hepatitis** death.

During this week, **53** outbreaks were reported: **6 pertussis** outbreaks, **9 chickenpox** outbreaks, **9 scabies** outbreaks, **14 AWD + dehydration** outbreaks, **6 dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **2 AVH** outbreaks, **2 Typhoid fever** outbreaks, **1 ABD** outbreak, **1 anthrax** outbreak, **1 CCHF** outbreak, **1 mumps** outbreak and **1 tinea capitis** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 34-2026

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	1225	1023	1096	1161	0	0	0	0	4505	0.6	0	0	0
ARI-Pneumonia	5690	2882	5109	3337	25	3	13	3	17018	2.3	44	11.3	0.26
Measles	113	38	101	40	0	0	0	0	292	0	0	0	0
CCHF	0	30	0	10	0	2	0	1	40	0	3	0.8	7.5
Confirmed Malaria	268	1479	267	1141	0	0	0	0	3155	0.4	0	0	0
Dengue Fever	0	22	0	10	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0
Covid-19	2	571	5	526	0	0	0	0	1104	0.2	0	0	0

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

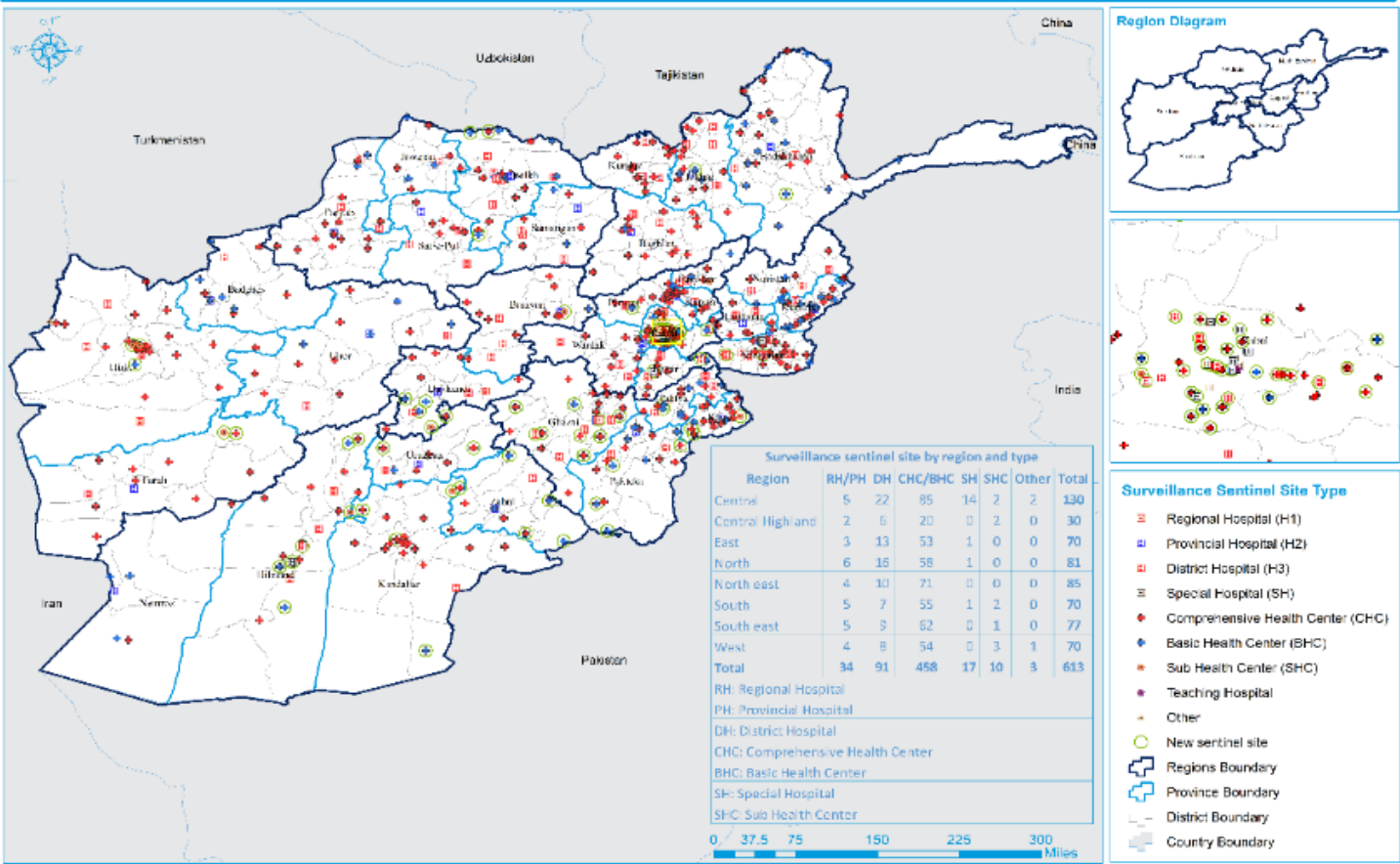


Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W34, 2026)

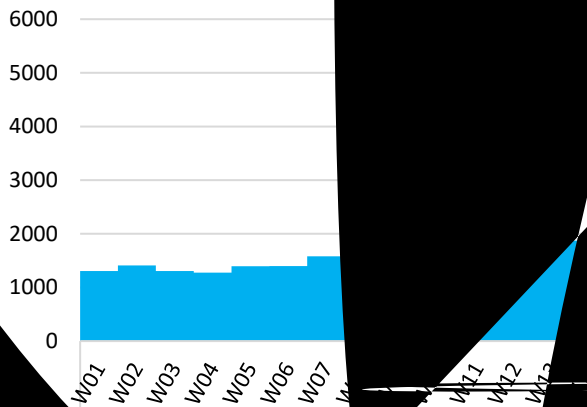
Surveillance Indicators	Cases				Deaths				Total				CFR
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Cases		Deaths		
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AWD with Dehydration	29,393	22,185	26,621	24,270	21	4	23	2	102,469	0.4	50	0.4	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	111,621	129,360	104,373	133,730	0	0	0	0	479,084	2.1	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	336	179	314	137	0	0	0	0	966	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,703	2,148	1,415	2,330	17	19	9	7	7,596	0.0	52	0.4	0.68
Acute Watery Diarrhea	516,708	318,569	488,765	350,420	0	0	0	0	1,674,462	7.2	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	1,082,495	1,412,086	1,047,867	1,677,861	0	0	0	0	5,220,309	22.4	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	857	0	416	0	34	0	16	1,273	0.0	50	0.4	3.93
Confirmed Malaria	4,043	18,249	3,763	15,653	0	0	0	0	41,708	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	7,651	2,169	6,716	2,290	40	2	35	1	18,826	0.1	78	0.6	0.41
Covid-19	55	19,531	160	19,179	0	0	0	0	38,925	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	790	131	719	117	0	0	0	0	1,757	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	281,863	142,596	256,155	164,455	773	166	652	142	845,069	3.6	1,733	12.6	0.21
Meningitis	1,347	1,034	1,184	986	63	41	55	39	4,551	0.0	198	1.4	4.35
Dengue Fever	0	506	0	293	0	0	0	0	799	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	1,455	21,200	1,418	27,763	0	0	0	0	51,836	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	2,039,462	2,090,800	1,939,473	2,419,902	917	266	775	207	8,489,637	36.5	2,165	16	0.03
Total of new clients/ death	3,598,261	6,425,386	3,517,031	9,745,207	4,168	3,789	3,028	2,744	23,285,885	100	13,729	100	0.06

Epidemic situation of AWD

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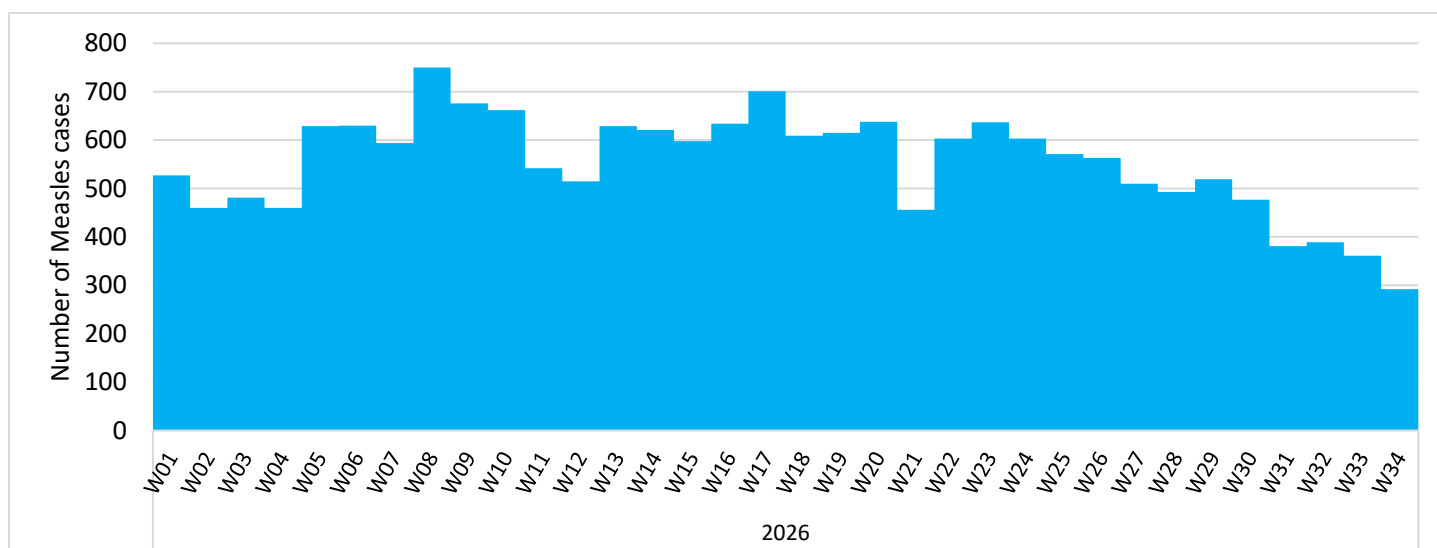
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Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 34th week of 2026, a total of 292 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 214 (73.2%) were under-five children, and 141 (48.3%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 18,826 measles cases and 78 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 14,367 (76.3%) are children under five and 9,006 (47.8%) are females.

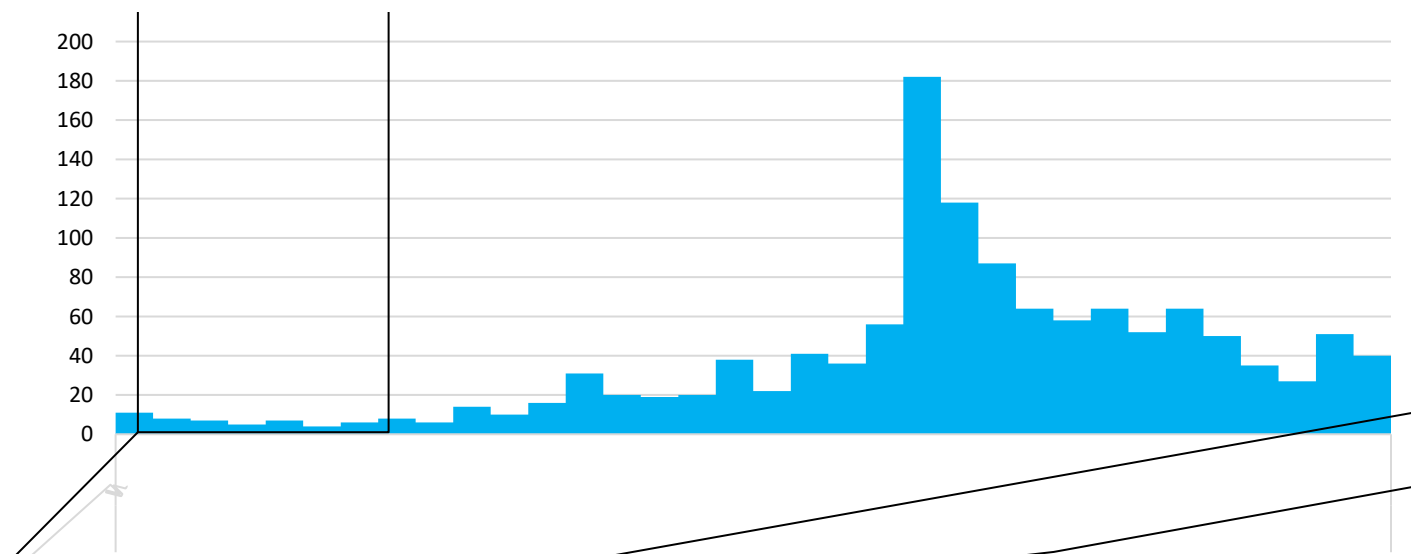
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 34, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 34th 2026, a total of 40 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR= 7.5%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 10 of them (25%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,273 suspected CCHF cases and 50 deaths (CFR= 3.9%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 416 (33%) are females.

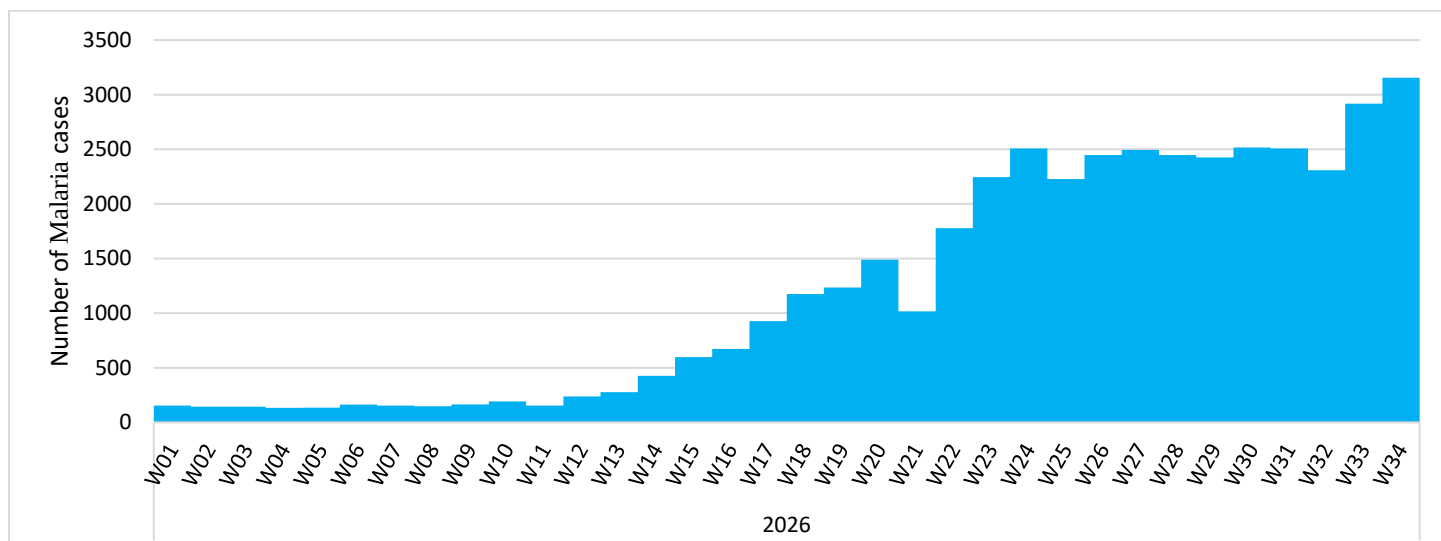
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 34, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 34th week of 2026, a total of 3,155 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 535 (16.9%) were children under-five, and 1,408 (44.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 41,708 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 7,806 (18.7%) are children under-five, and 19,416 (46.5%) are females.

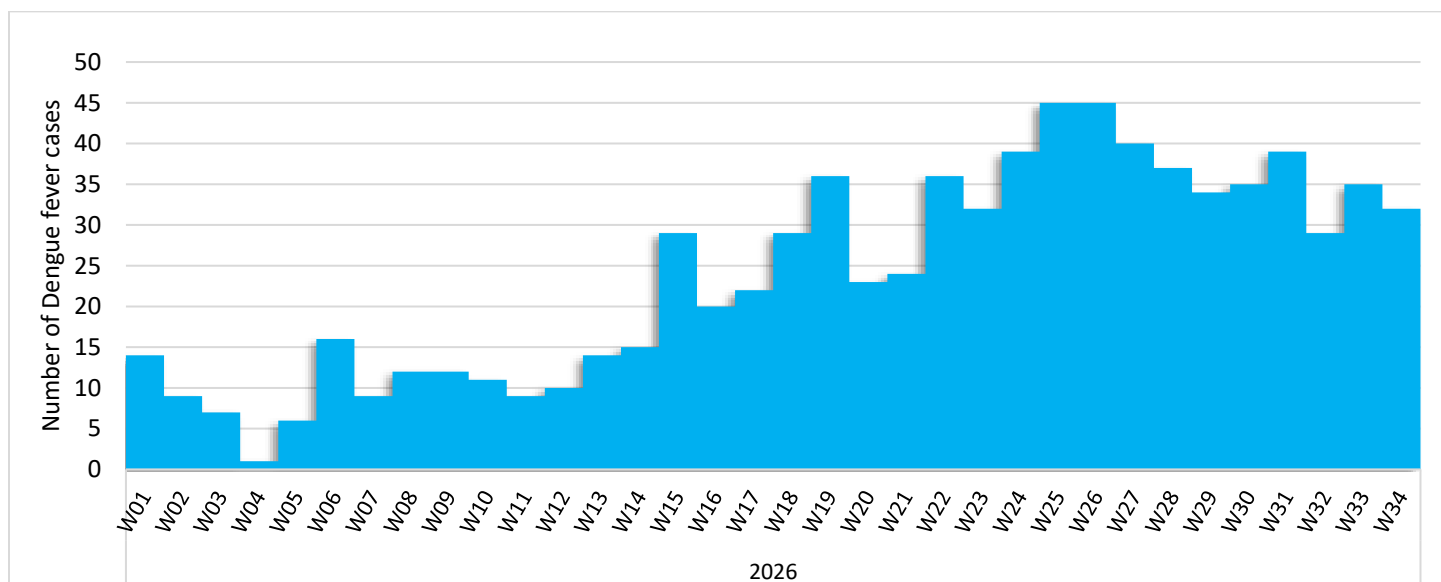
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 34, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 26 of 2026.
- During 34th week of 2026, a total of 32 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 10 (31 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 799 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 293 (36.6%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 34, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 34th week of 2026, a total of 1,104 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 7 (0.6%) were under-five children, and 531 (48%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 38,925 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 215 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 19,339 (49.6%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 34, 2026)

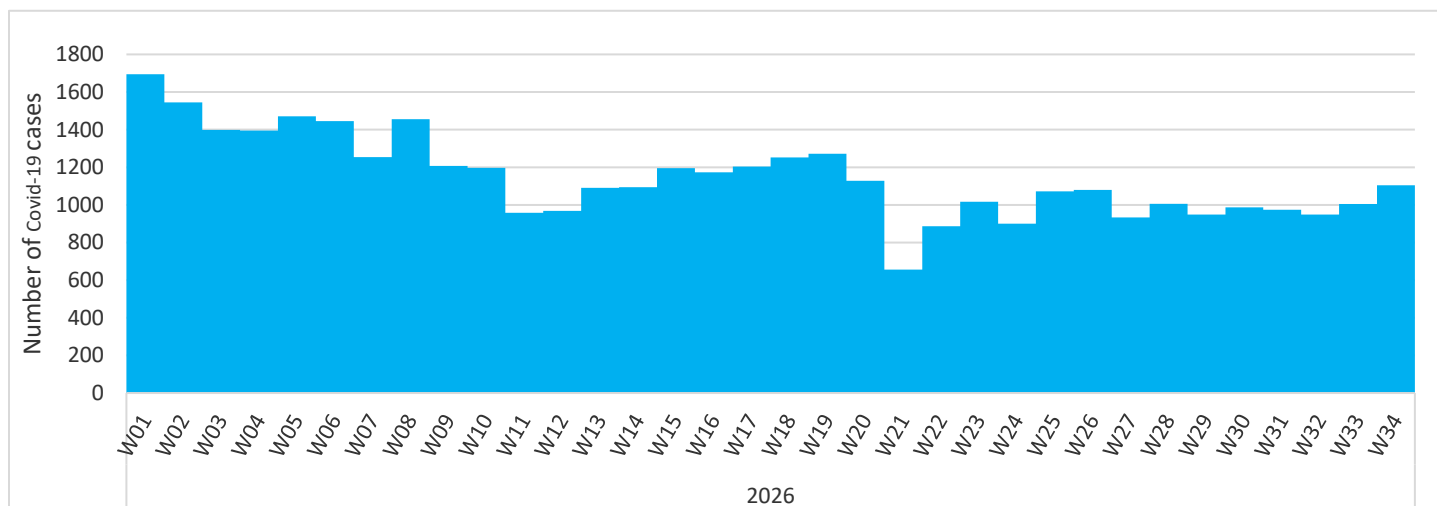


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

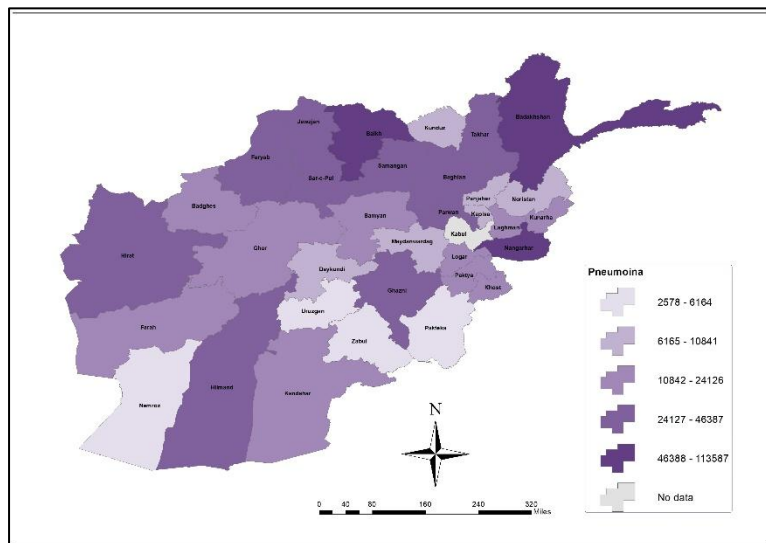


Figure 9: B (Measles)

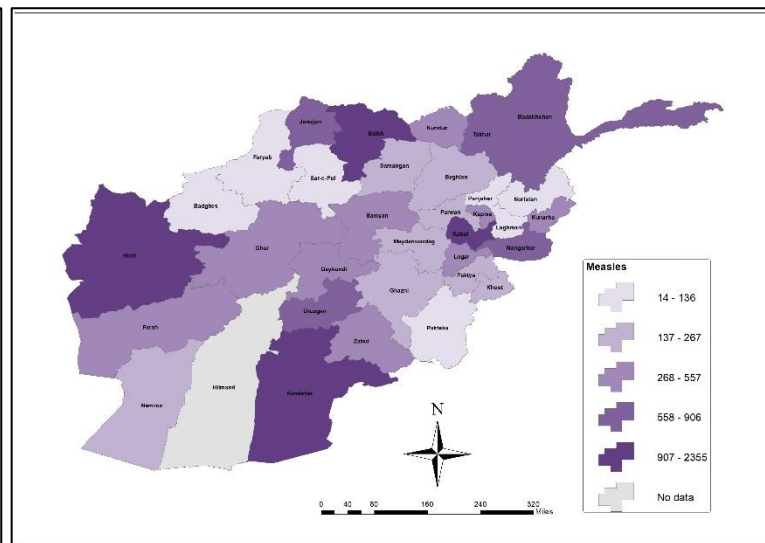


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

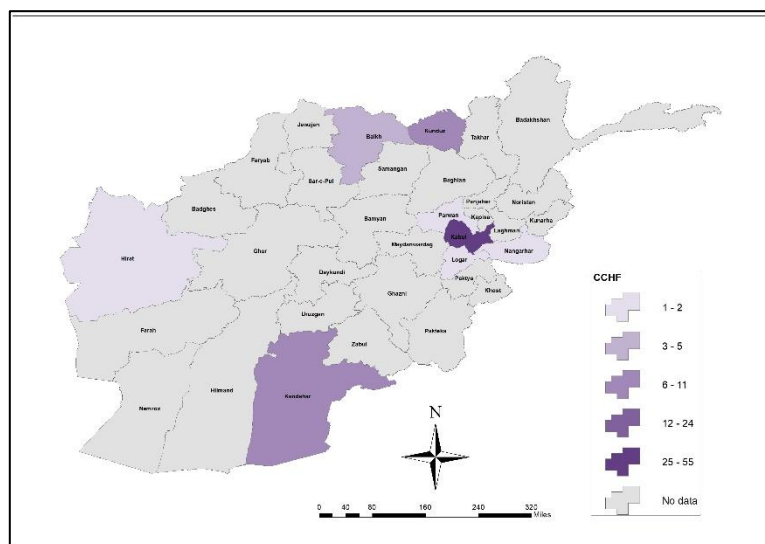
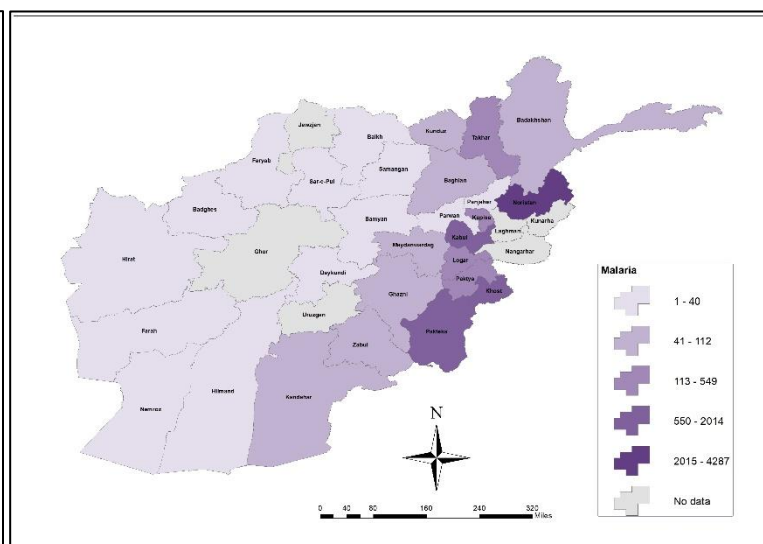


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 34th 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 756 (11.8%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 405 (53.7%) were under 5 years old and 402 (53.1%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases increased (0.1%) compared to the previous week, and 29-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 25 (86,2%) under five and 11 (37 %) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (24%), Balkh (16%), and Herat (16%).
- 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 34, 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Bamyan	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Herat	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	20%
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	2	0	0	0	0	2	40%
Total	50	5	0	0	0	0	5	10%

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 34-2026

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

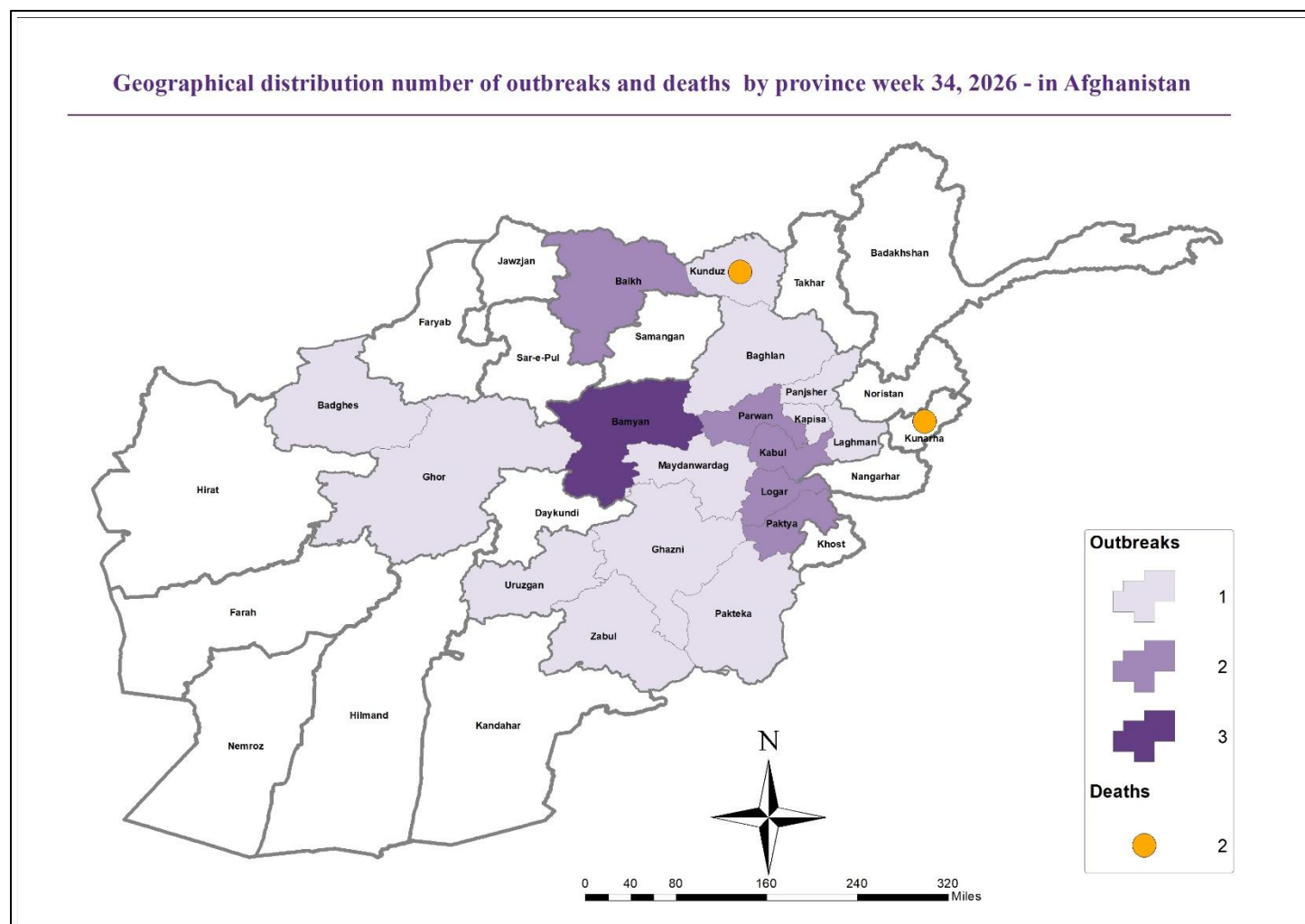


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	119	50	1098	16
Scabies	425	0	16397	0
Chickenpox	266	122	4135	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	113	0	890	23
CCHF	30	19	97	9
Food Poisoning	22	0	273	3
Pertussis	237	196	1468	2
Anthrax	32	0	34	1
AWD with Dehydration	79	68	412	4
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	7	1	96	0
COVID-19	3	0	46	0
Impetigo	6	0	176	0
Typhoid Fever	12	0	294	0
Mumps	34	0	402	0

Leishmaniasis	5	0	471	0
Botulism	1	0	3	0
Tinea Capitis	3	0	24	0
ARI-Cough and Cold	0	0	0	0
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	3	0	73	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	1422	461	28355	65

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported during 2026

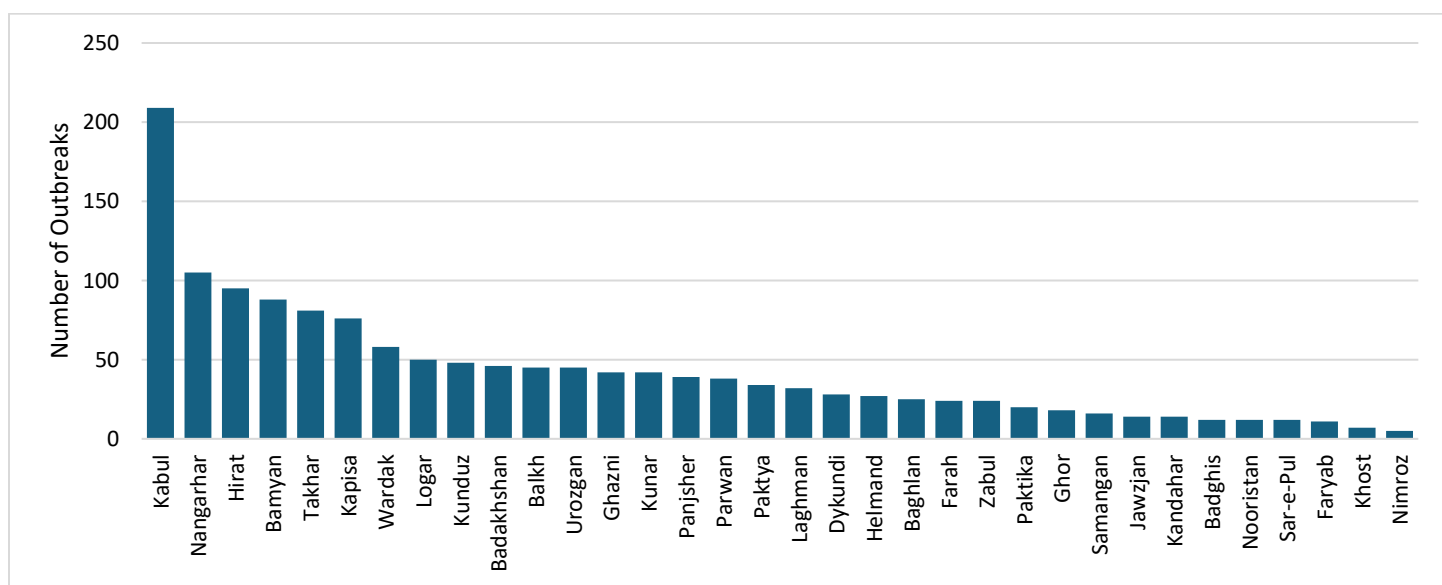


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

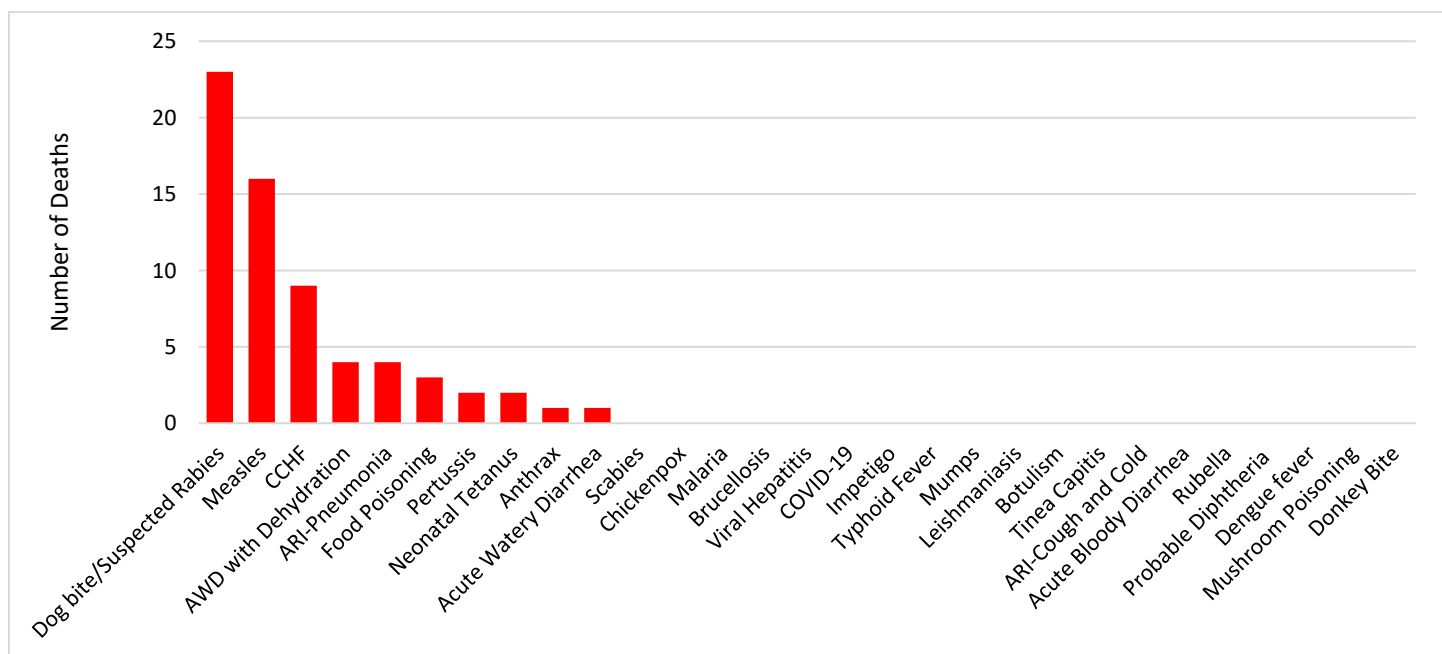


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 34-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
CCHF	59	17	28.8
Chickenpox	34	33	97.1
SARI	33	4	12.1
HAV/HEV	28	10	35.7
ILI	22	1	4.5
COVID-19	20	5	25.0
Measles	18	6	33.3
Pertussis	9	2	22.2
Dengue Fever	5	2	40.0
AWD (Water Sample)	3	0	0.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	231	80	34.6

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 **292 (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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