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Epidemiological Report | Week # 35 – 2026

35 (30 Aug – 05 Sep 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **726,908** new consultations were reported, among which **257,329 (35.4%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **131,274 (51%)** females and **121,010 (47%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **148,028** cases (**20.4%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **84,480** cases (**11.6%**), and pneumonia with **18,198** cases (**2.5%**).

A total of **368** deaths were reported this week, of which **39 (10.6%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **31 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **3 suspected meningitis** deaths, **3 AWD with dehydration** deaths, **1 hemorrhagic fever** death and **1 measles** death.

During this week, **45** outbreaks were reported: **6 pertussis** outbreaks, **5 chickenpox** outbreaks, **12 scabies** outbreaks, **9 AWD + dehydration** outbreaks, **3 dog bite/ suspected rabies** outbreaks, **3 mumps** outbreaks, **2 CCHF** outbreaks, **1 AWD** outbreak, **1 brucellosis** outbreak, **1 food poisoning** outbreak, **1 measles** outbreak and **1 leishmaniasis** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 35-2026

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	1213	888	1035	943	1	0	2	0	4079	0.6	3	0.8	0.07
ARI-Pneumonia	5937	3117	5379	3765	12	4	13	2	18198	2.5	31	8.4	0.17
Measles	110	38	92	42	0	0	1	0	282	0.0	1	0.3	0.35
CCHF	0	39	0	11	0	1	0	0	50	0.0	1	0.3	2.00
Confirmed Malaria	233	1190	214	1079	0	0	0	0	2716	0.4	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	16	0	7	0	0	0	0	23	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	1	548	3	492	0	0	0	0	1044	0.1	0	0.0	0.00

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

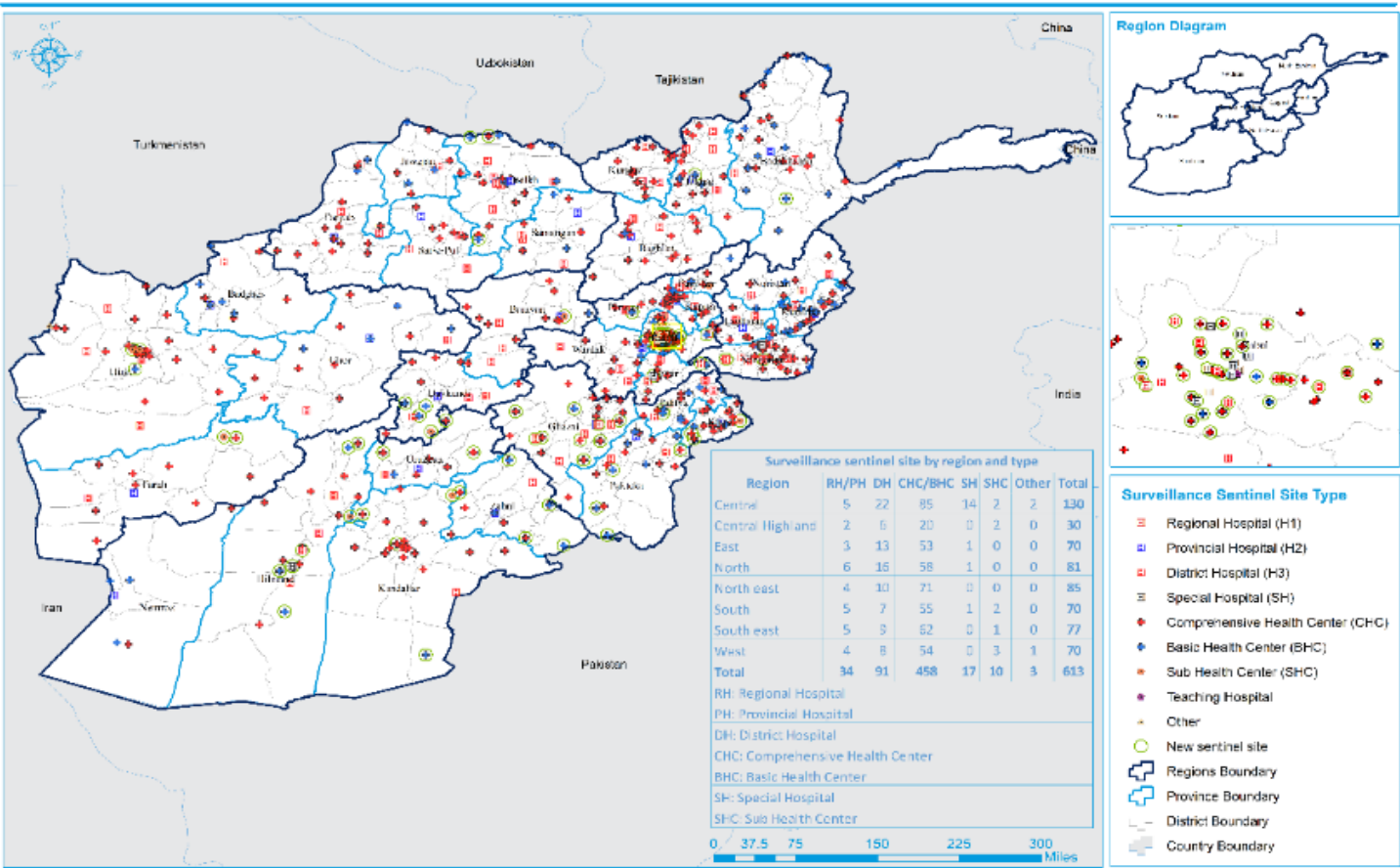


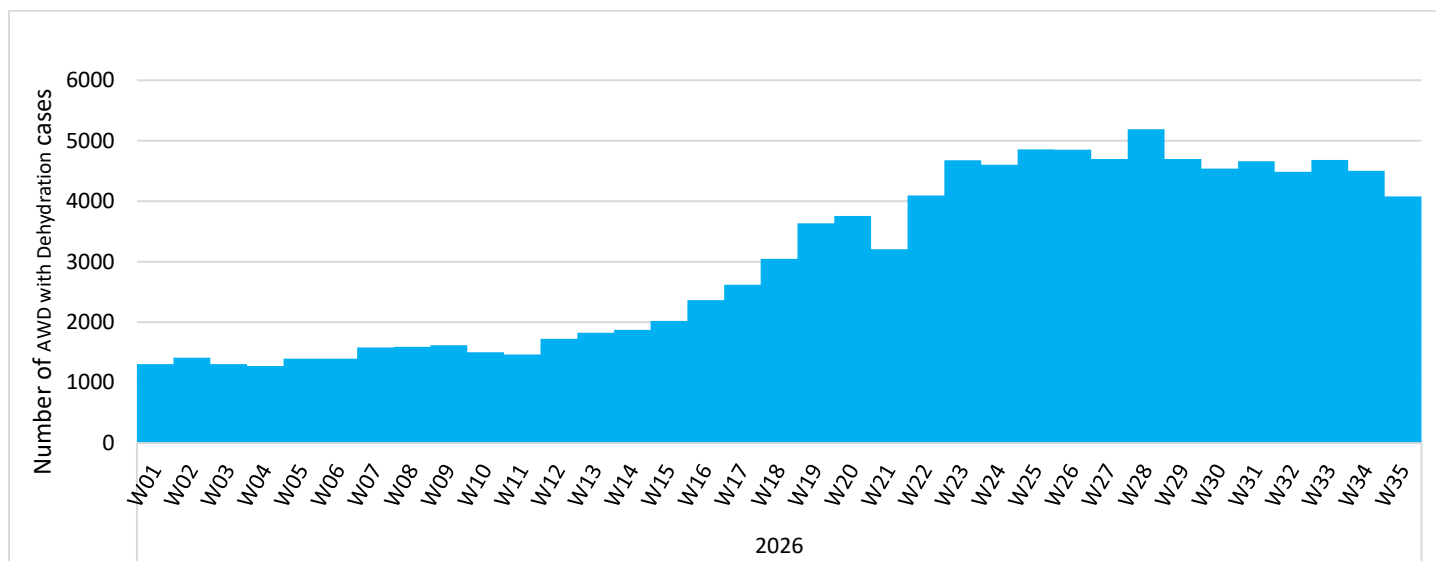
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W35, 2026)

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	30,606	23,073	27,656	25,213	22	4	25	2	106,548	0.4	53	0.4	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	115,436	133,965	108,019	138,470	0	0	0	0	495,890	2.1	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	353	183	321	141	0	0	0	0	998	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,779	2,236	1,479	2,418	17	19	9	7	7,912	0.0	52	0.4	0.66
Acute Watery Diarrhea	536,404	330,727	507,504	363,422	0	0	0	0	1,738,057	7.2	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	1,113,373	1,452,513	1,077,491	1,724,960	0	0	0	0	5,368,337	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	896	0	427	0	35	0	16	1,323	0.0	51	0.4	3.85
Confirmed Malaria	4,276	19,439	3,977	16,732	0	0	0	0	44,424	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	7,761	2,207	6,808	2,332	40	2	36	1	19,108	0.1	79	0.6	0.41
Covid-19	56	20,079	163	19,671	0	0	0	0	39,969	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	813	141	736	124	0	0	0	0	1,814	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	287,800	145,713	261,534	168,220	785	170	665	144	863,267	3.6	1,764	12.5	0.20
Meningitis	1,386	1,072	1,212	1,013	65	41	56	39	4,683	0.0	201	1.4	4.29
Dengue Fever	0	522	0	300	0	0	0	0	822	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	1,529	21,977	1,468	28,833	0	0	0	0	53,807	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	2,101,574	2,154,743	1,998,371	2,492,278	932	271	792	209	8,746,966	36.4	2,204	16	0.03
Total of new clients/death	3,709,000	6,624,571	3,627,076	10,052,146	4,276	3,878	3,120	2,823	24,012,793	100	14,097	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 35th week of 2026, a total of 4,079 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.07%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,248 (55.1%) were under-five children, and 1,978 (48.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 106,548 AWD + dehydration cases and 53 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 58,262 (54.7%) are children under five and 52,869 (49.6%) are females.

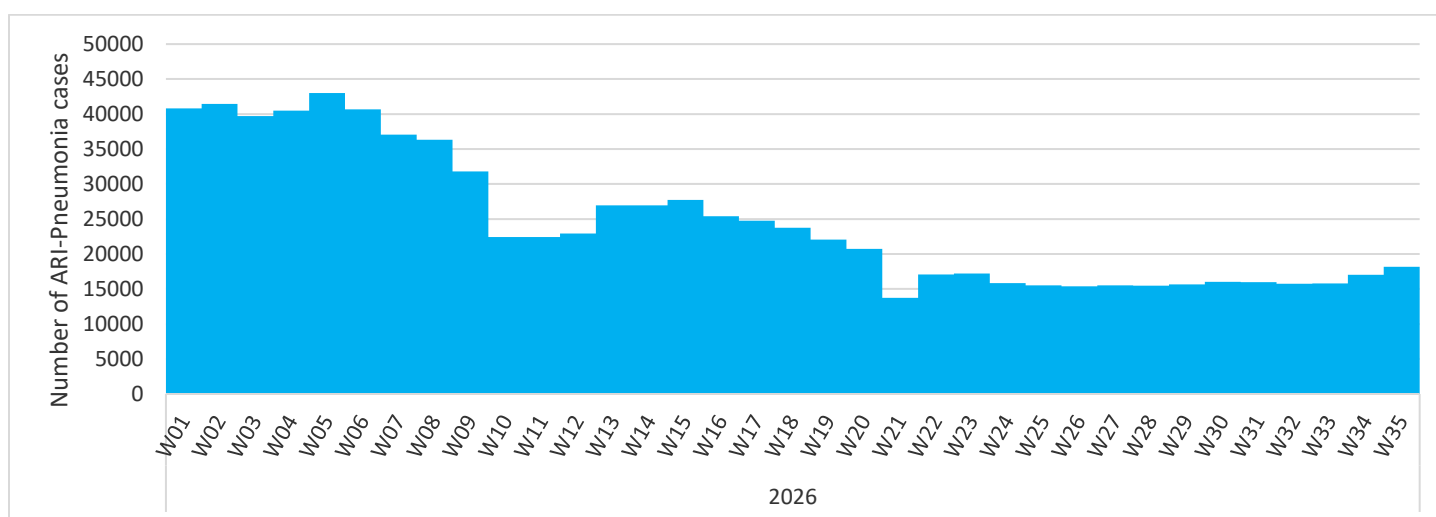
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 35, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 35th week of 2026, a total of 18,198 cases and 31 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 11,316 (62%) were under-five children, and 9,144 (50%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 863,267 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,764 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 549,334 (63.6%) are children under five and 429,754 (49.8%) are females.

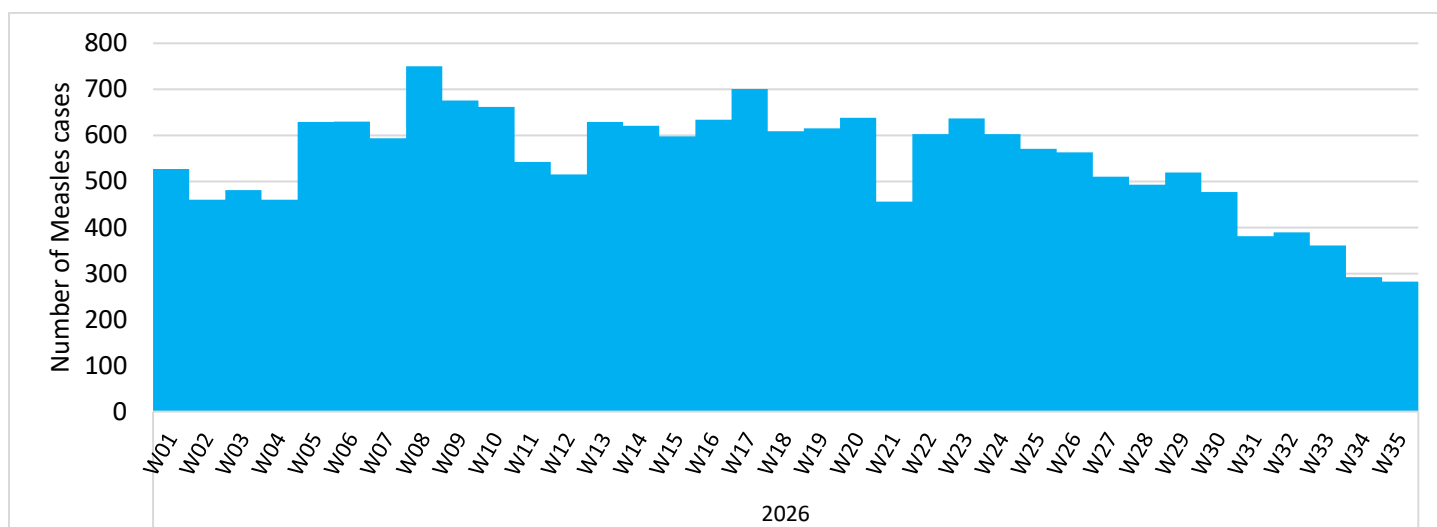
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 35, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 35th week of 2026, a total of 282 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR=0.3%)
- Out of the total cases, 202 (71.6%) were under-five children, and 134 (47.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 19,108 measles cases and 79 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 14,569 (76.2%) are children under five and 9,140 (47.8%) are females.

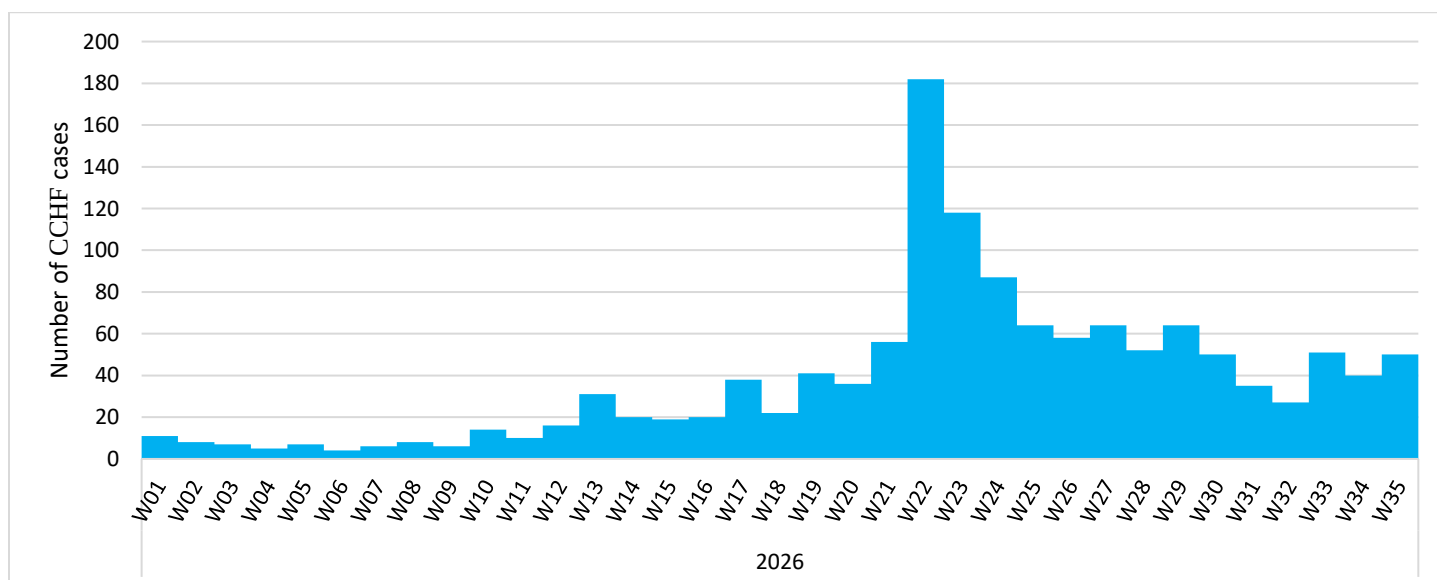
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 35, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 35th 2026, a total of 50 cases and 1 death have been reported (CFR= 2%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them children under five, and 11 of them (22%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1323 suspected CCHF cases and 51 deaths (CFR= 3.9%) have been reported. Of these cases 0 (0.0%) are children under five and 427 (32%) are females.

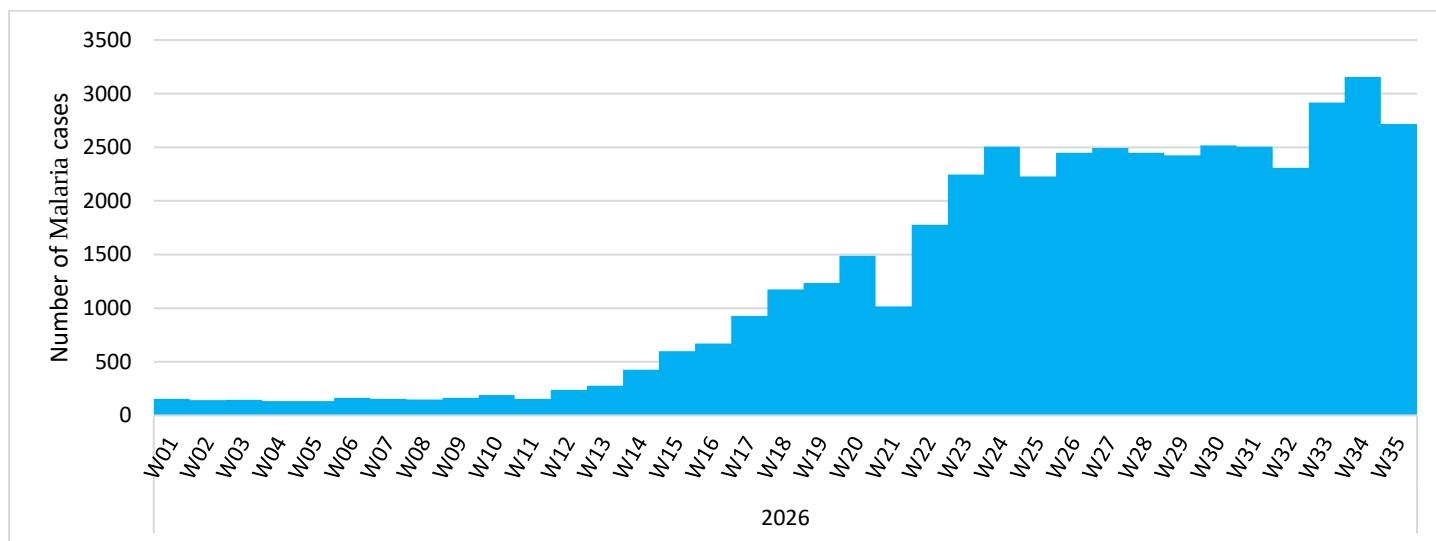
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 35, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable increase since week 09-2026.
- During 35th week of 2026, a total of 2,716 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 447 (16.4%) were children under-five, and 1,293 (47.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 44,424 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 8,253 (18.7%) are children under-five, and 20,709 (46.6%) are females.

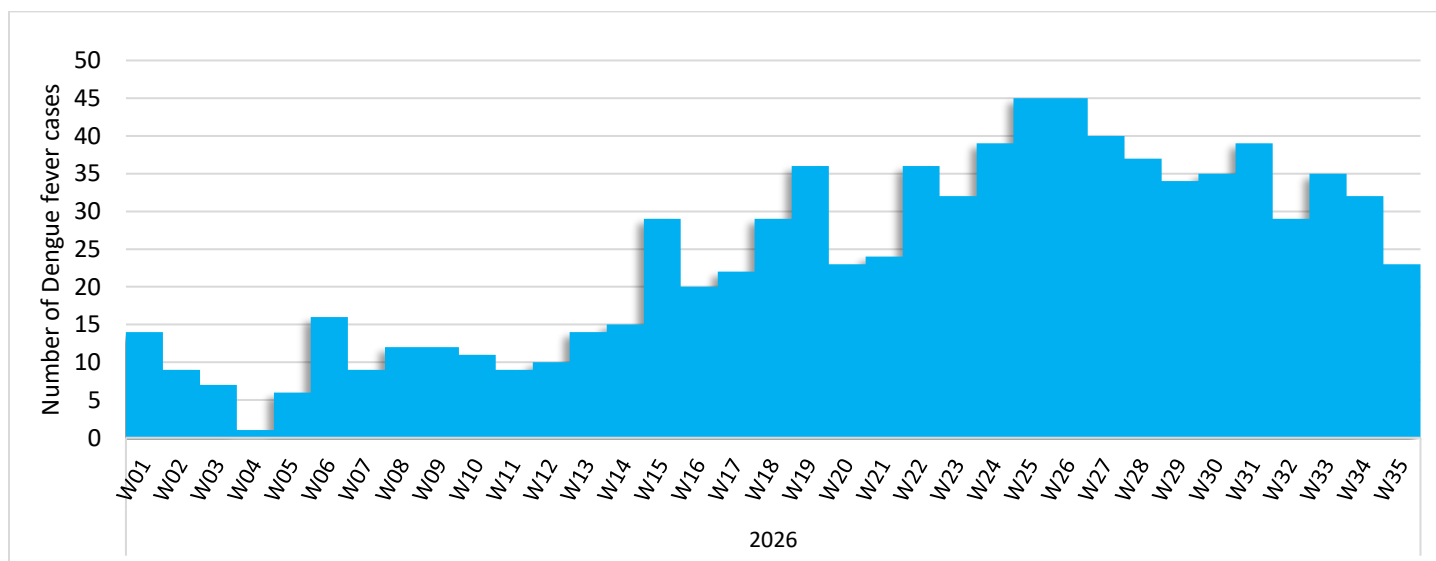
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 35, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 26 of 2026.
- During 35th week of 2026, a total of 23 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 7 (30 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 822 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 300 (36.5%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 35, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 35th week of 2026, a total of 1,044 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 4 (0.4%) were under-five children, and 495 (47.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 39,969 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 219 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 19,834 (49.6%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 35, 2026)

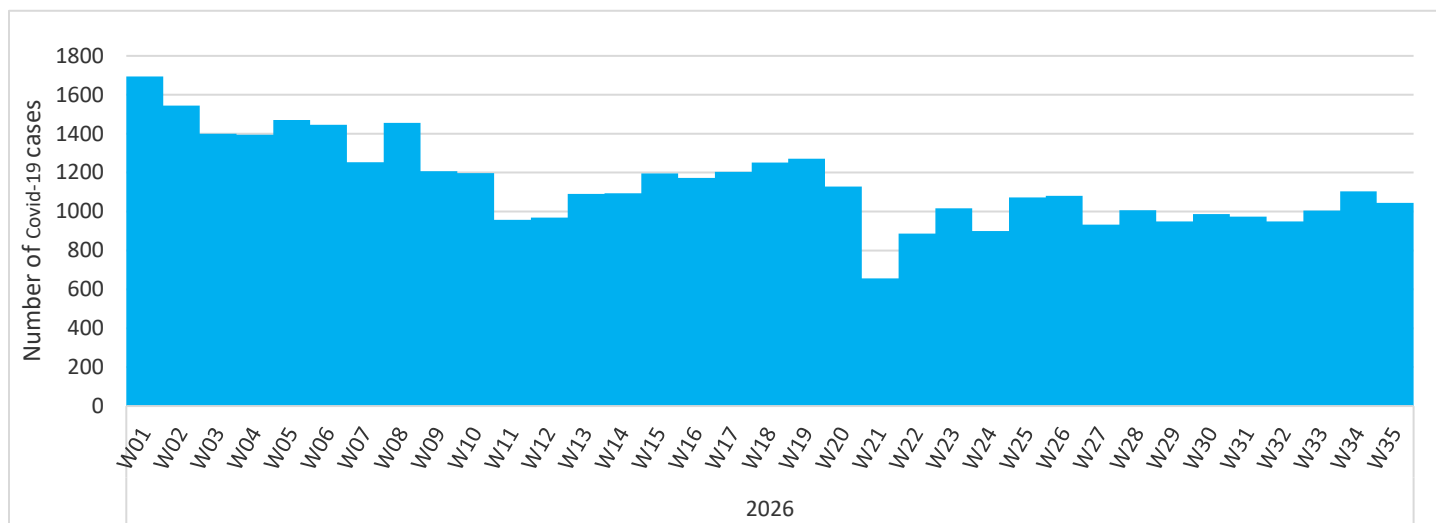


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

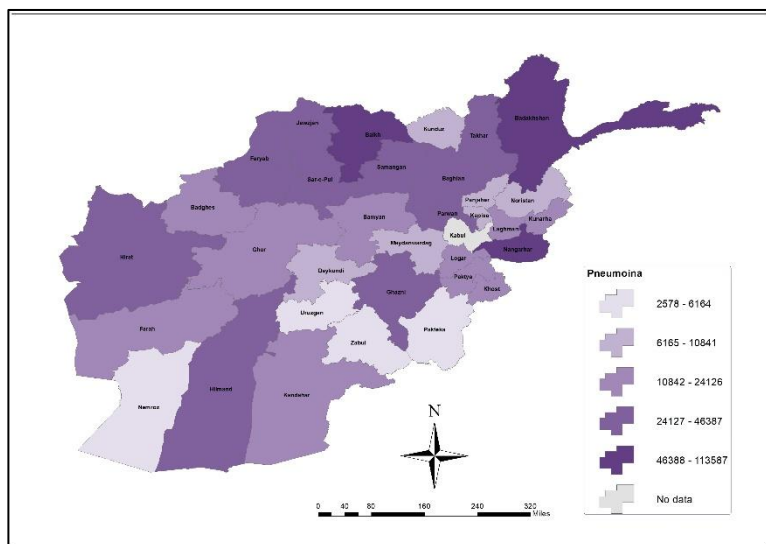


Figure 9: B (Measles)

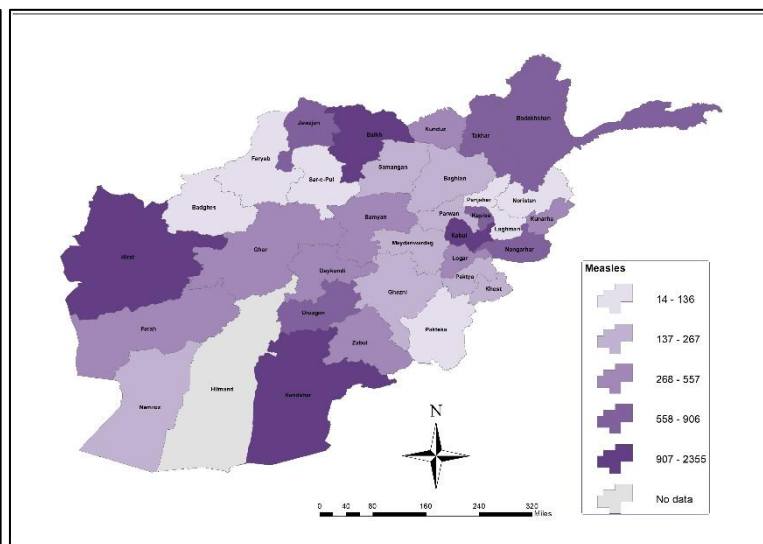


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

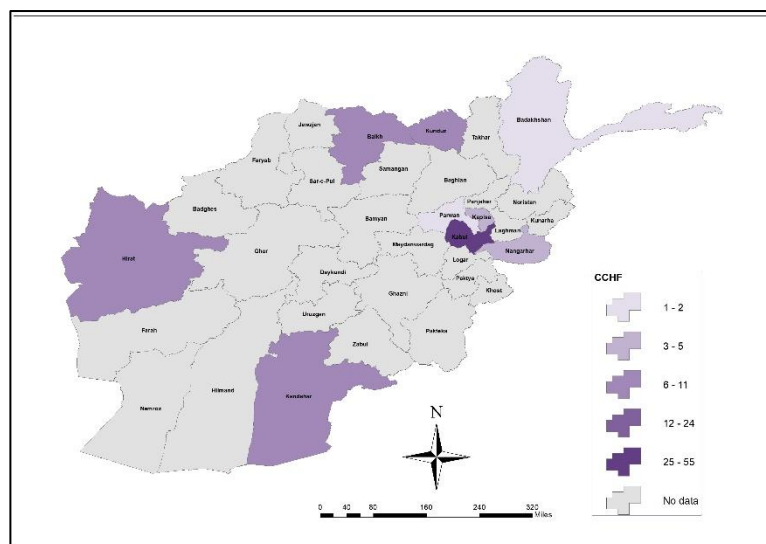
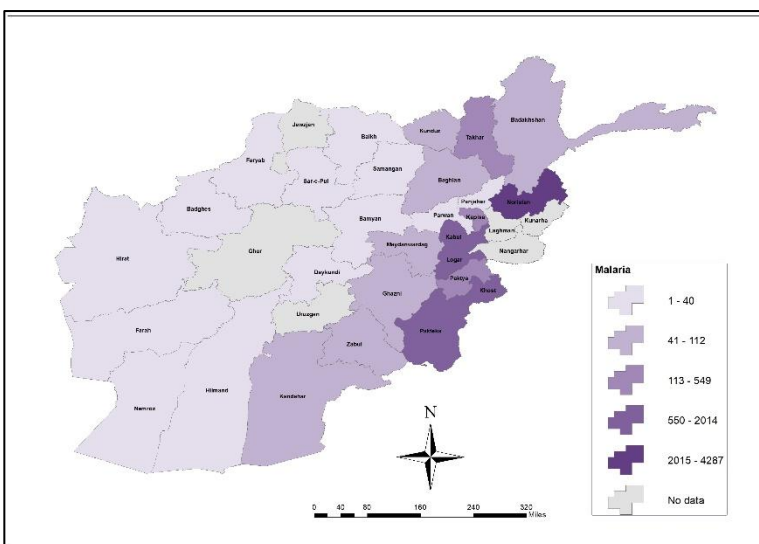


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 35th 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 834 (13.1%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 456 (54.6%) were under 5 years old and 427 (51.1%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases increased (1.3%) compared to the previous week, and 21-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 18 (85,7%) under five and 12 (57.1 %) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (20%), Herat (18%), and Balkh (15%).
- During this week, field staff collected and shipped 50 specimens (30 SARI and 20 ILI) to the NIC for laboratory testing. None of the tested specimens were laboratory-confirmed for influenza or COVID-19, and no new influenza virus subtype was detected.

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 35, 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%

Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report | Epidemiological Week # 35-2026

Event / Diseases Name	Investigation date	Province	District	Village	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Vaccination coverage, If VPD	
							HF reported coverage	Field Estimated Coverage
Pertussis	03/09/2026	Ghazni	Ghazni	Ahmad Abad	6	0	75%	7%
	01/09/2026	Ghazni	Ghazni	Tawhid Abad	5	0	75%	10%
	02/09/2026	Logar	Pul-e-Alam	Darwesh	10	0	40%	90%
	03/09/2026	Takhar	Taloqan	Muslim Abad and Nahri Sayed	14	0	100%	80%
	03/09/2026	Takhar	Taloqan	Kochai Wakil Amir Mohammad	4	0	100%	80%
	03/09/2026	Takhar	Taloqan	Nahiy 4	1	0	87%	70%
Measles	02/09/2026	Panjsher	Bazarak	Badqool	7	0	71%	58%
Scabies	12 Scabies outbreaks were reported from Bamyan (1), Faryan (2), Herat (3), Logar (1), Paktika (1), Paktya (1), Panjshir (1), Samangan (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 354)							
Chickenpox	5 Chickenpox outbreaks were reported from Baghlan (1), Balkh (1), Parwan (1) and Wardak (2) provinces (Total number of cases = 36)							
AWD with Dehydration	10 AWD with Dehydration outbreaks were reported from Dykundi (1), Kunar (3), Laghman (1) and Nangarhar (5) provinces (Total number of cases = 140)							
Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies	3 Dog bite/ Suspected Rabies outbreaks were reported from Ghazni (1), Kandahar (1) and Kapisa (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 17)							
Mumps	3 Mumps outbreaks were reported from Kabul (1), Paktya (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 24)							
CCHF	2 CCHF outbreaks were reported from Herat (1) and Takhar (1) provinces (Total number of cases = 3)							
Brucellosis	1 Brucellosis outbreak was reported from Bamyan province (Total number of cases = 17)							
Food Poisoning	1 Food Poisoning outbreak was reported from Samangan province (Total number of cases = 7)							
Leishmaniasis	1 Leishmaniasis outbreak was reported from Faryab province (Total number of cases = 73)							

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

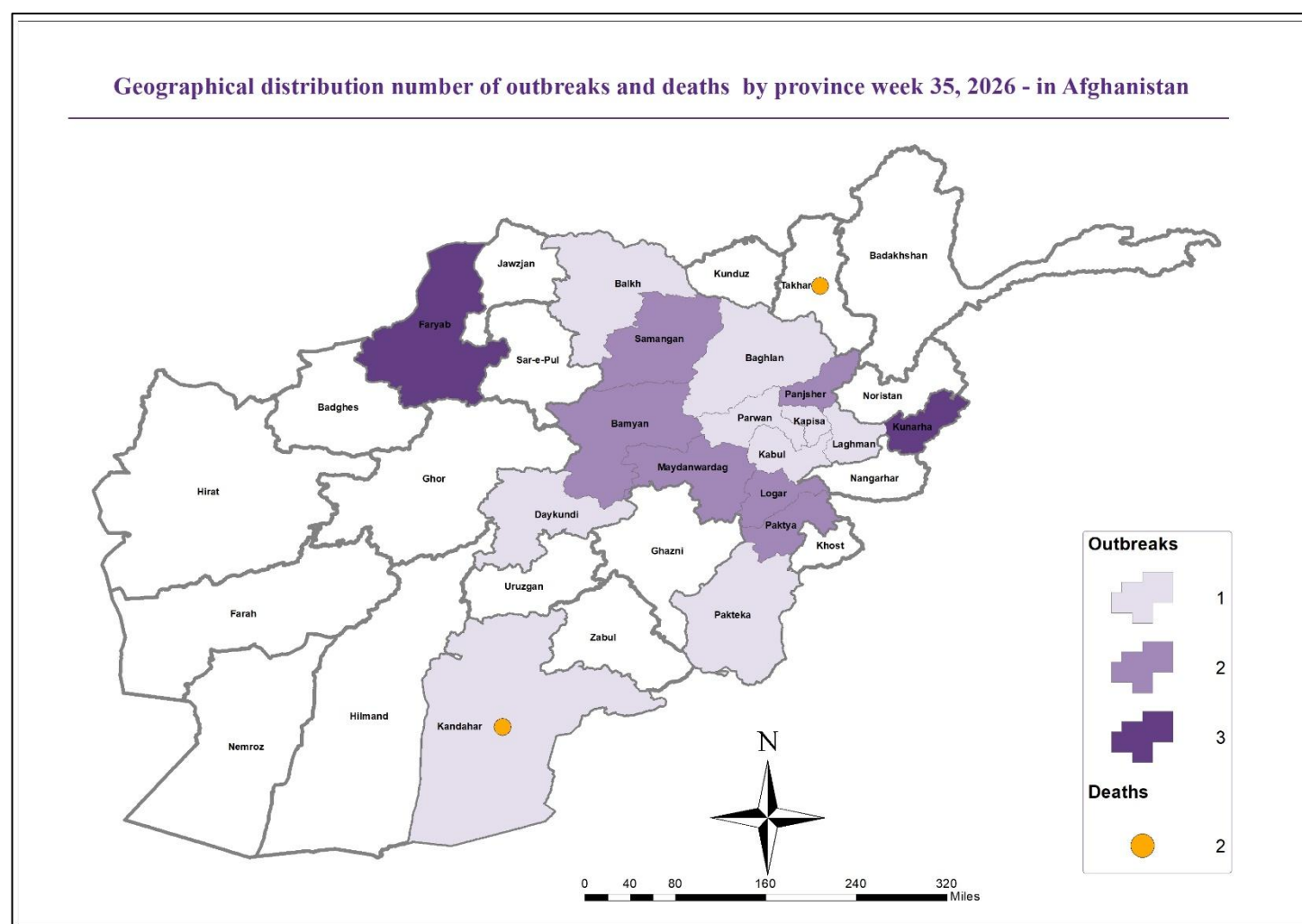


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	120	50	1105	16
Scabies	437	0	16751	0
Chickenpox	271	125	4171	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	116	0	907	24
CCHF	32	19	100	10
Food Poisoning	23	0	280	3
Pertussis	243	199	1508	2
Anthrax	32	0	34	1
AWD with Dehydration	88	69	552	4
Acute Watery Diarrhea	8	0	396	1
Malaria	5	5	1166	0
ARI-Pneumonia	7	0	337	4
Brucellosis	1	1	17	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	37	0	426	0

Leishmaniasis	6	0	544	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	1467	469	29076	67

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported during 2026

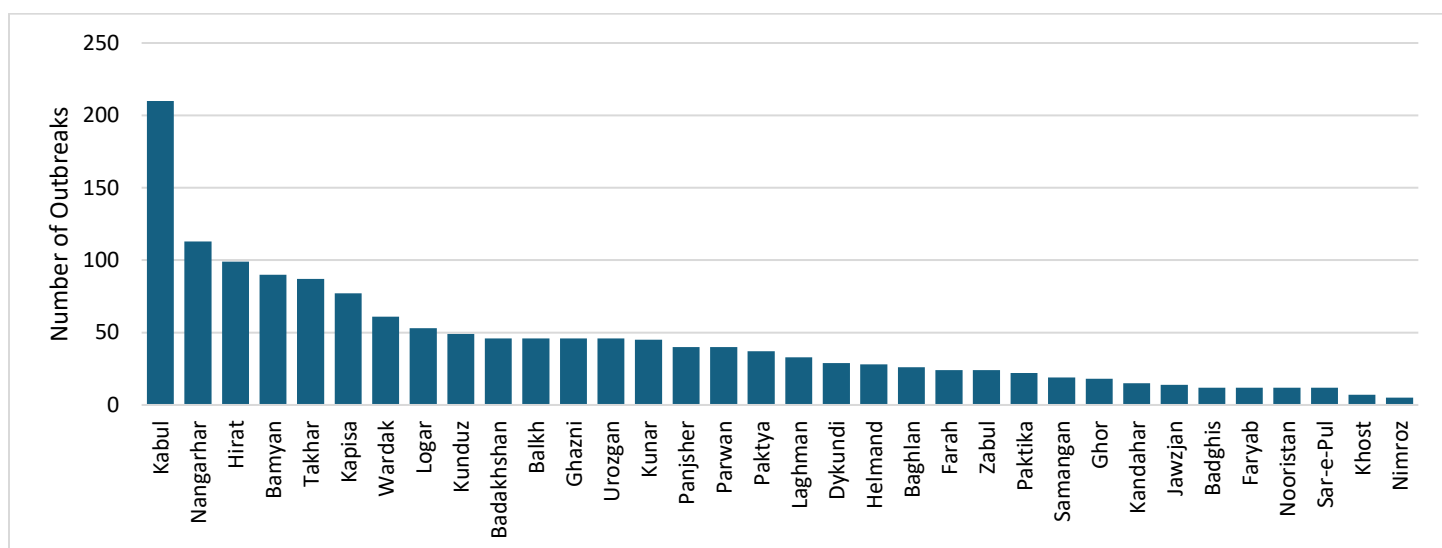


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

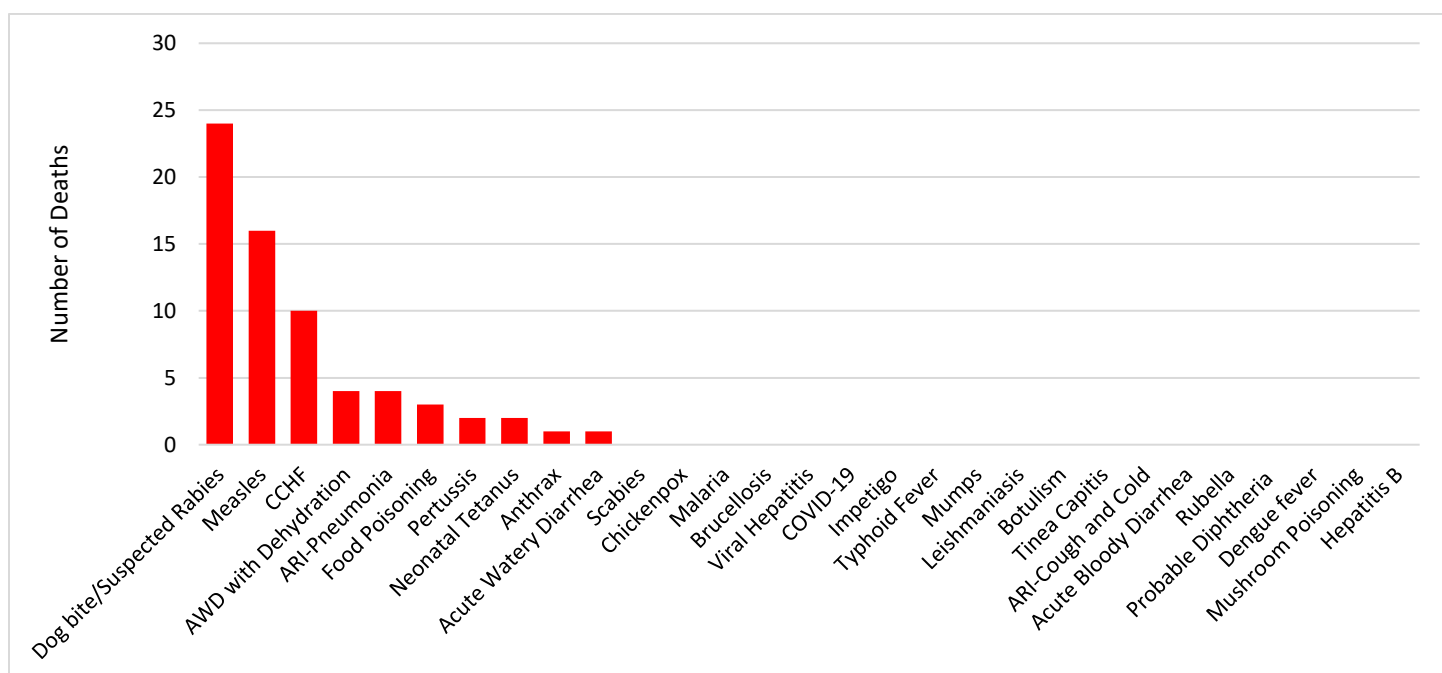


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 35-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
HAV/HEV	153	99	64.7
Chickenpox	69	53	76.8
CCHF	54	12	22.2
Measles	35	17	48.6
SARI	30	0	0.0
ILI	20	0	0.0
COVID-19	9	6	66.7
Pertussis	7	6	85.7
Dengue Fever	5	4	80.0
Typhoid	5	1	20.0
AWD (Water Sample)	2	0	0.0
Brucellosis	0	0	0.0
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	389	198	50.9

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 **289 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **1 (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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