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Epidemiological Report | Week # 36 – 2026

36 (06 - 12 September 2026)

Summary:

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

A total of **722,383** new consultations were reported, among which **255,515 (35.4%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **131,040 (51.3%)** females and **120,523 (47.2%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **151,865** cases (**21%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **78,726** cases (**10.9%**), and pneumonia with **18,679** cases (**2.6%**).

A total of **398** deaths were reported this week, of which **44 (11%)** deaths were due to surveillance-targeted diseases. This includes **29 ARI pneumonia** deaths, **4 suspected meningitis** deaths, **3 measles** deaths, **3 acute viral hepatitis** deaths, **3 hemorrhagic fever** deaths and **2 AWD** with **dehydration** deaths.

During this week, **46** outbreaks were reported: **2 pertussis** outbreaks, **15 scabies** outbreaks, **12 dog bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, **7 chickenpox** outbreaks, **3 AWD + dehydration** outbreaks, **3 Impetigo** outbreaks, **1 measles** outbreak, **1 acute viral hepatitis** outbreak, **1 pneumonia** outbreak and **1 leishmaniasis** outbreak.

Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 36-2026

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	1171	818	1043	856	0	0	2	0	3888	0.5	2	0.5	0.05
ARI-Pneumonia	6023	3265	5718	3673	13	2	10	4	18679	2.6	29	7.3	0.16
Measles	96	59	95	34	2	0	1	0	284	0.0	3	0.8	1.06
CCHF	0	29	1	17	0	1	0	2	47	0.0	3	0.8	6.38
Confirmed Malaria	216	1066	175	896	0	0	0	0	2353	0.3	0	0.0	0.00
Dengue Fever	0	15	0	6	0	0	0	0	21	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Covid-19	2	538	3	459	0	0	0	0	1002	0.1	0	0.0	0.00

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

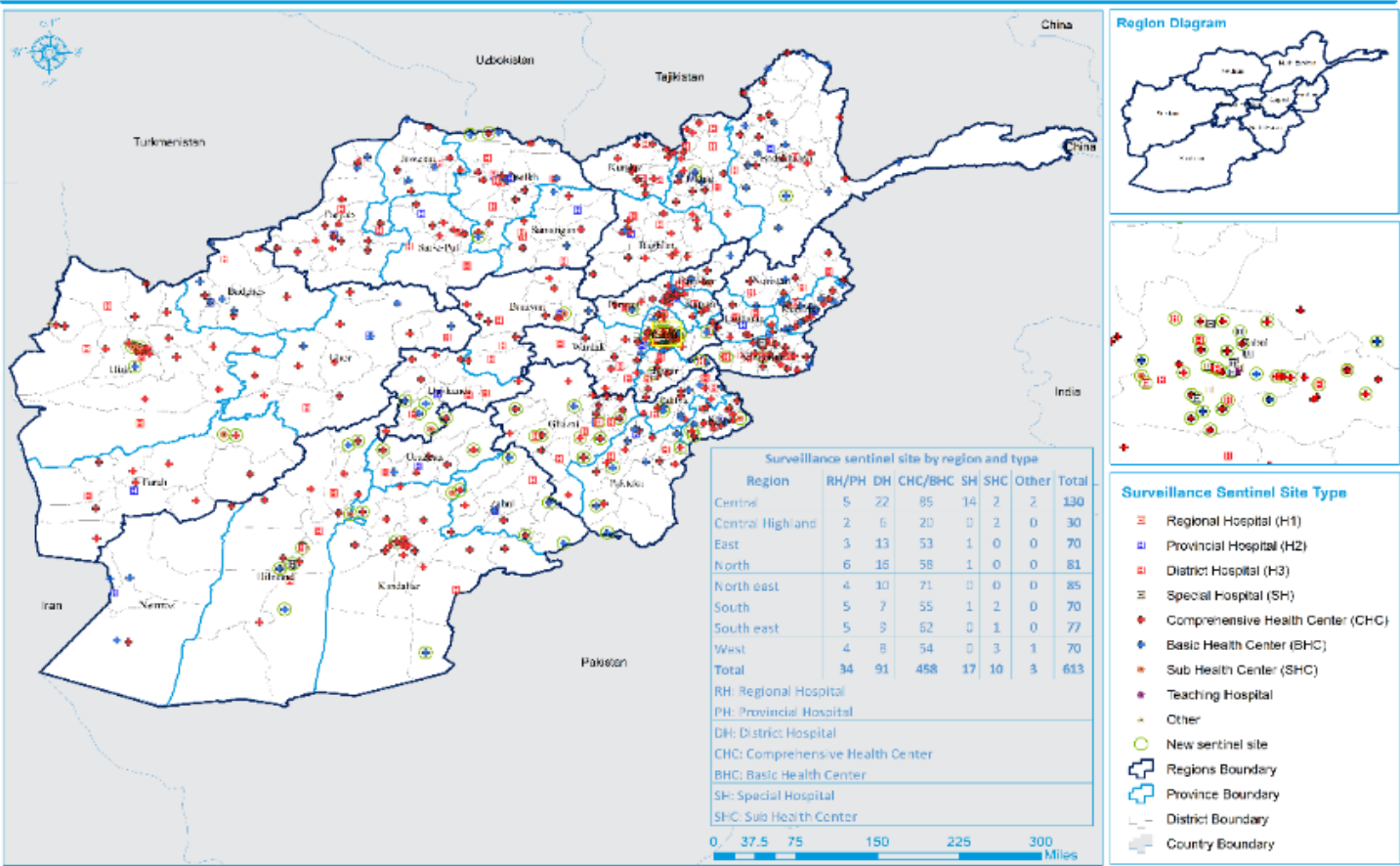


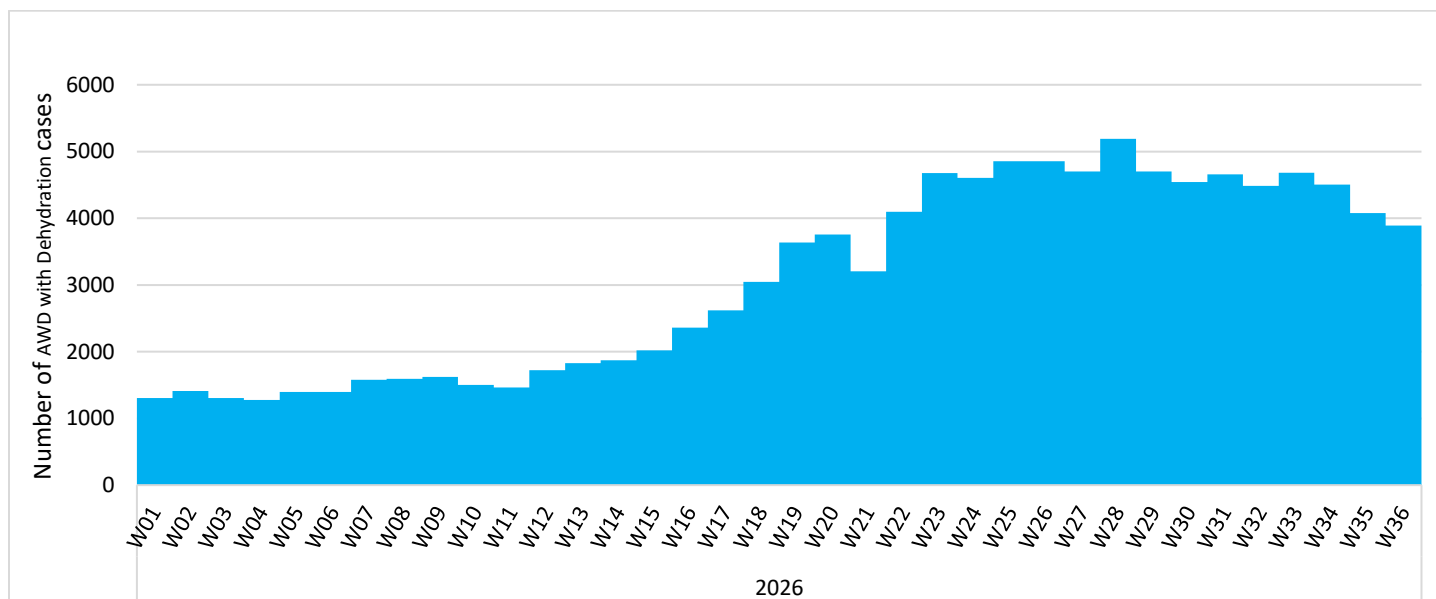
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W36, 2026)

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	31,777	23,891	28,699	26,069	22	4	27	2	110,436	0.4	55	0.4	0.05
Acute Bloody Diarrhea	119,180	138,365	111,557	142,873	0	0	0	0	511,975	2.1	0	0.0	0.00
AFP	369	205	329	155	0	0	0	0	1,058	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
Acute Viral Hepatitis	1,864	2,339	1,549	2,517	17	20	10	8	8,269	0.0	55	0.4	0.67
Acute Watery Diarrhea	555,085	341,514	524,892	375,319	0	0	0	0	1,796,810	7.3	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-C&C	1,145,053	1,493,234	1,107,992	1,773,923	0	0	0	0	5,520,202	22.3	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	925	1	444	0	36	0	18	1,370	0.0	54	0.4	3.94
Confirmed Malaria	4,492	20,505	4,152	17,628	0	0	0	0	46,777	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Measles	7,857	2,266	6,903	2,366	42	2	37	1	19,392	0.1	82	0.6	0.42
Covid-19	58	20,617	166	20,130	0	0	0	0	40,971	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
Pertussis	851	149	773	132	0	0	0	0	1,905	0.0	0	0.0	0.00
ARI-Pneumonia	293,823	148,978	267,252	171,893	798	172	675	148	881,946	3.6	1,793	12.4	0.20
Meningitis	1,428	1,109	1,256	1,045	66	43	57	39	4,838	0.0	205	1.4	4.24
Dengue Fever	0	537	0	306	0	0	0	0	843	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	1,585	22,734	1,520	29,843	0	0	0	0	55,682	0.2	0	0.0	0.00
NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths	2,163,424	2,217,368	2,057,044	2,564,645	948	277	807	216	9,002,481	36.4	2,248	16	0.02
Total of new clients/ death	3,821,607	6,820,526	3,737,258	10,355,785	4,405	3,993	3,207	2,890	24,735,176	100	14,495	100	0.06

Epidemic situation of AWD with dehydration:

- The epi-curve of AWD with dehydration illustrates a gradual decrease since week 33-2026.
- During 36th week of 2026, a total of 3,888 cases and 2 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.05%)
- Out of the total cases, 2,214 (56.9%) were under-five children, and 1,899 (48.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 110,436 AWD + dehydration cases and 55 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 60,476 (54.7%) are children under five and 54,768 (49.5%) are females.

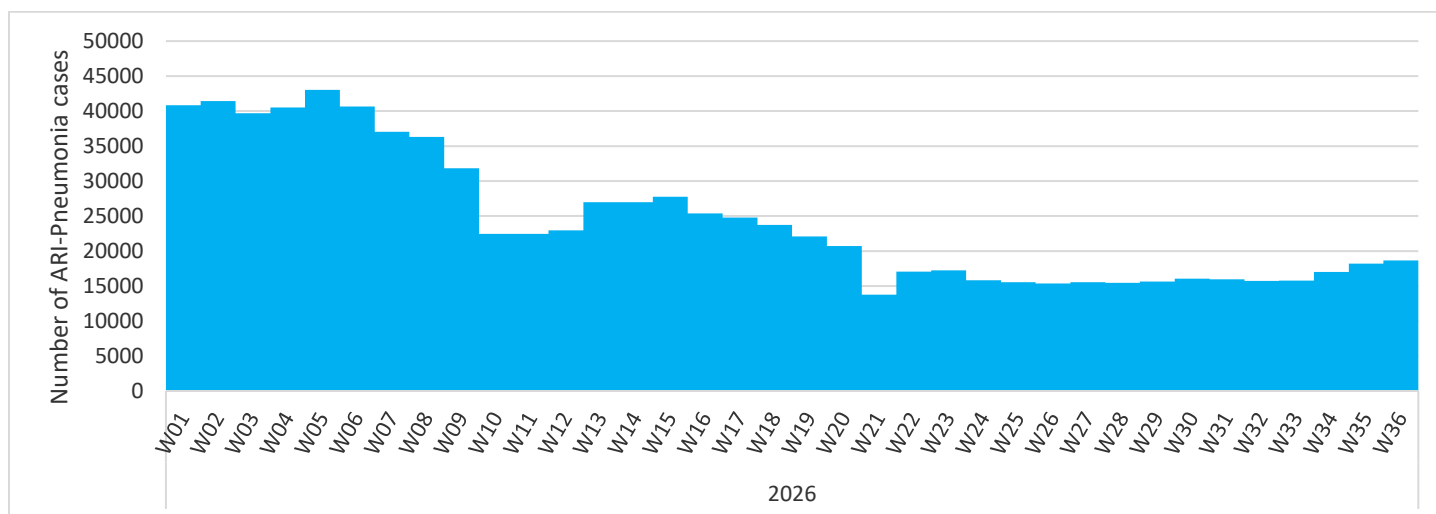
Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 36, 2026)



Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable decrease since week 06-2026.
- During the 36th week of 2026, a total of 18,679 cases and 29 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 11,741 (628.%) were under-five children, and 9,391 (503.%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 881,946 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,793 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 561,075 (63.6%) are children under five and 439,145 (49.7%) are females.

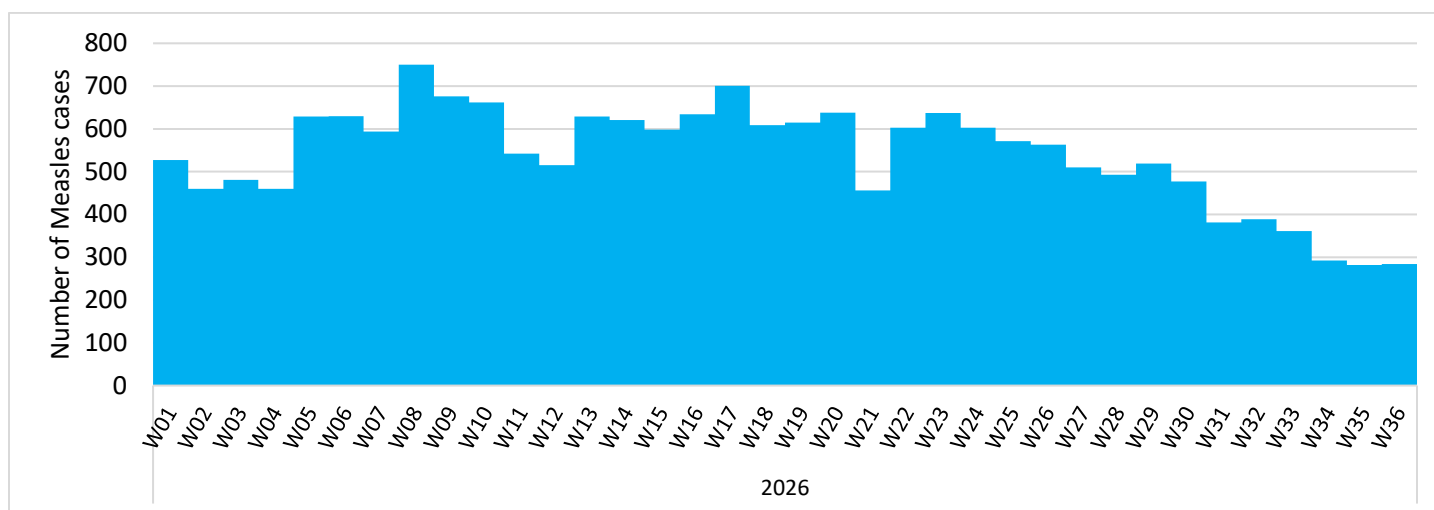
Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 36, 2026)



Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 36th week of 2026, a total of 284 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR=1%)
- Out of the total cases, 191 (67.2%) were under-five children, and 129 (45.4%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 19,392 measles cases and 82 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 14,760 (76.1%) are children under five and 9,269 (47.7%) are females.

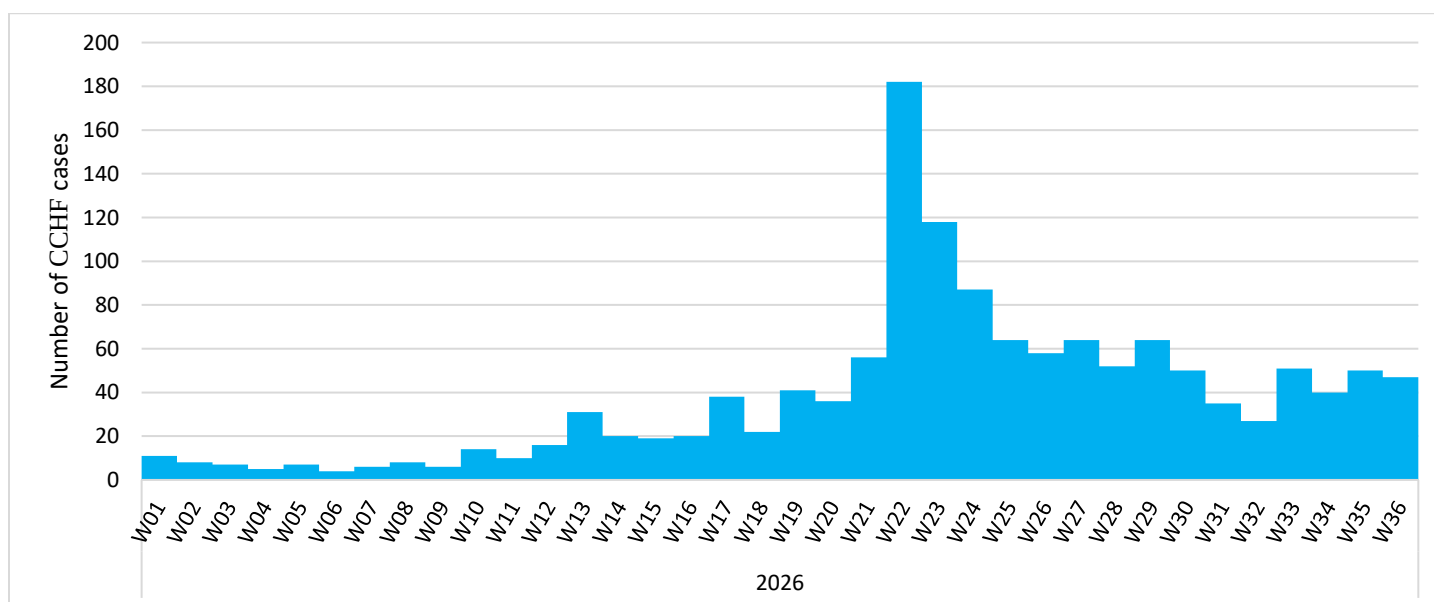
Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 36, 2026)



Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 36th 2026, a total of 47 cases and 3 deaths have been reported (CFR= 6.3%)
- Out of the total cases, 1 (2%) was children under five, and 18 of them (38.2%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,370 suspected CCHF cases and 54 deaths (CFR= 3.9%) have been reported. Of these cases 1 (0.07%) are children under five and 445 (32.5%) are females.

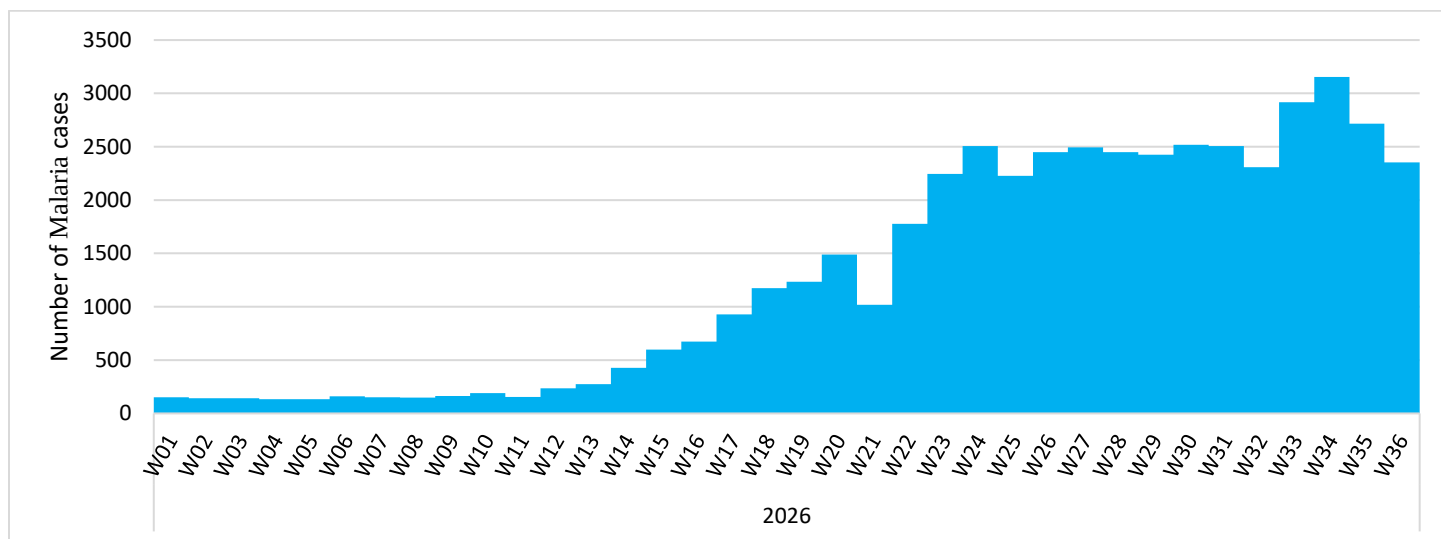
Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 36, 2026)



Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable decrease since week 34-2026.
- During 36th week of 2026, a total of 2,353 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 391 (16.6%) were children under-five, and 1,071 (45.5%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 46,777 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 8,644 (18.4%) are children under-five, and 21,780 (46.5%) are females.

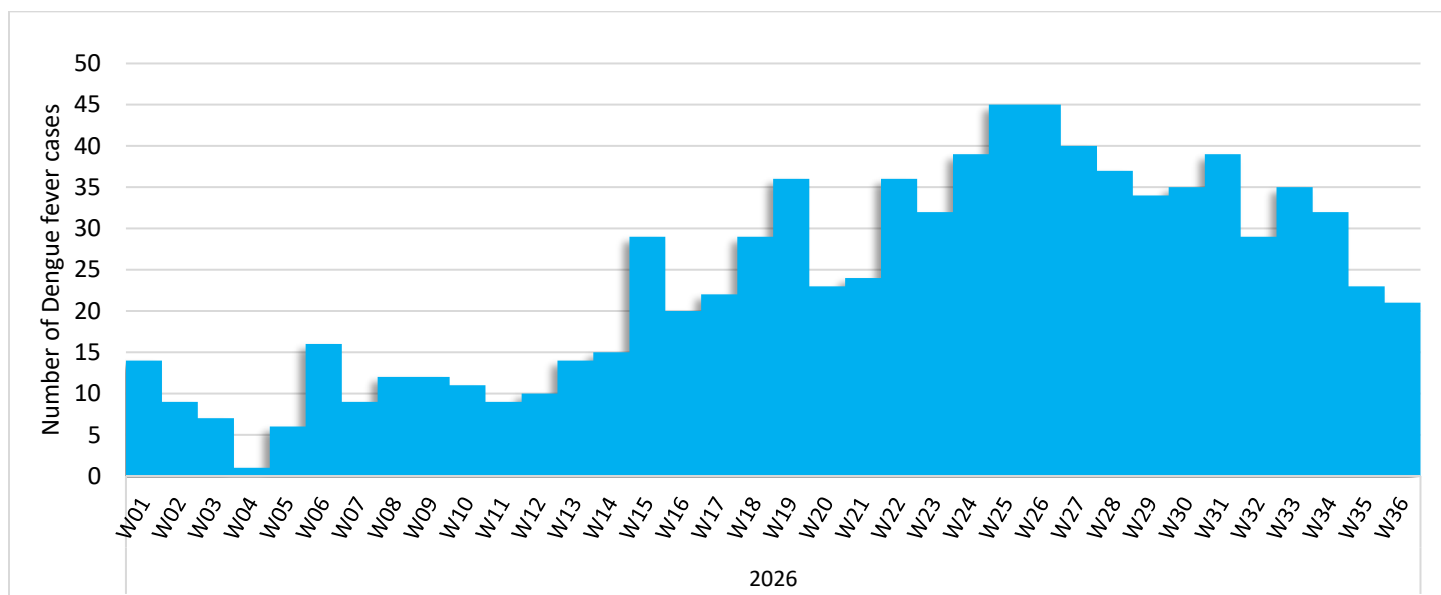
Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 36, 2026)



Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 26 of 2026.
- During 36th week of 2026, a total of 21 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 6 (28.5 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 843 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 306 (36.3%) cases are females.

Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 36, 2026)



Epidemic situation of COVID-19

- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 36th week of 2026, a total of 1,002 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 5 (0.4%) were under-five children, and 462 (46.1%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 40,971 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 224 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 20,296 (49.5%) are females.

Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 36, 2026)

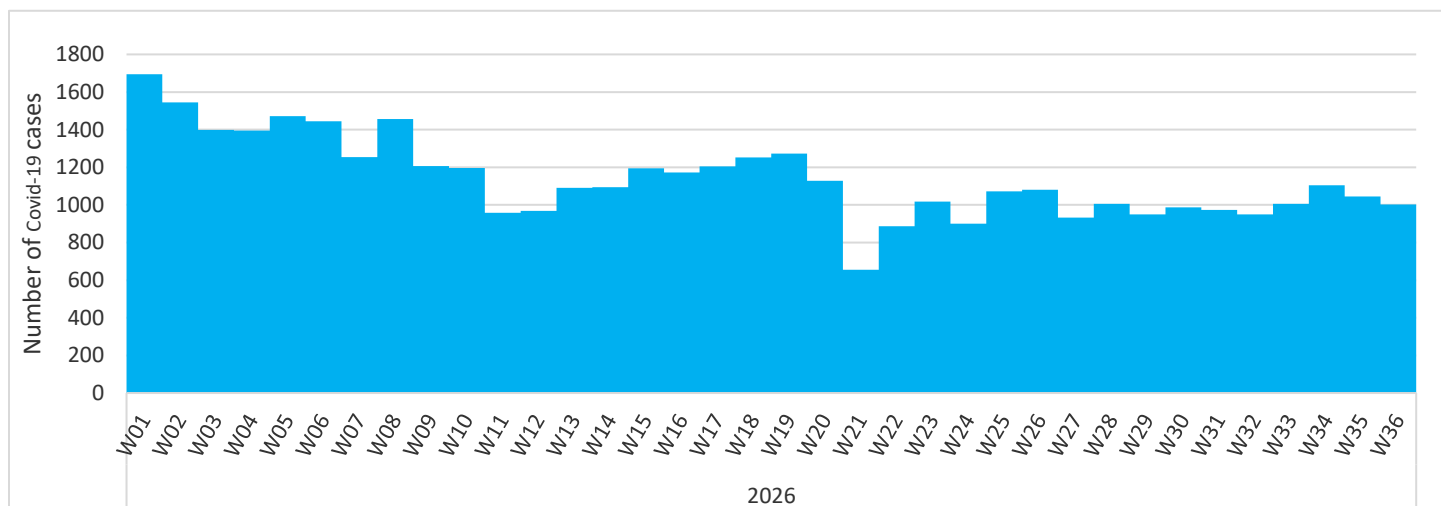


Figure 9: Geographical distribution of major infectious diseases cumulative cases by province in 2026

Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)

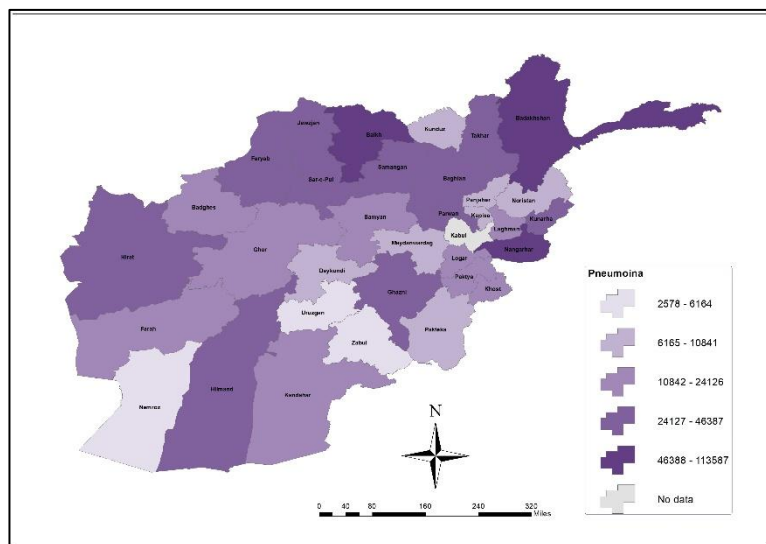


Figure 9: B (Measles)

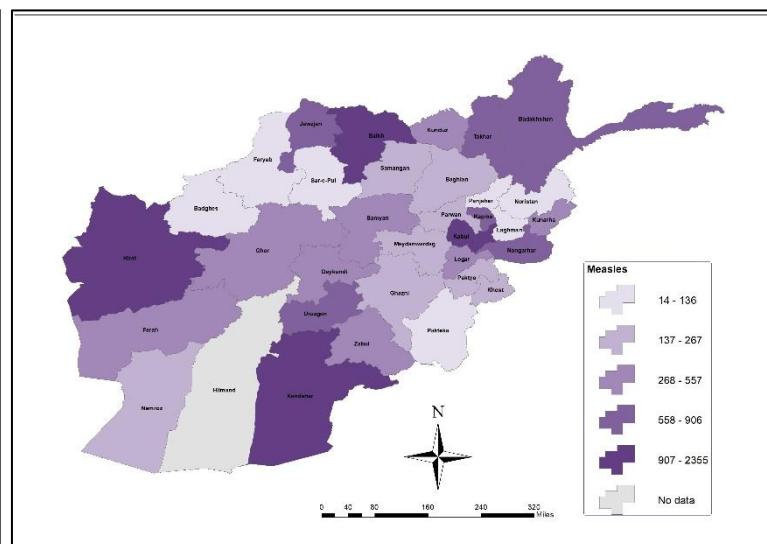


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

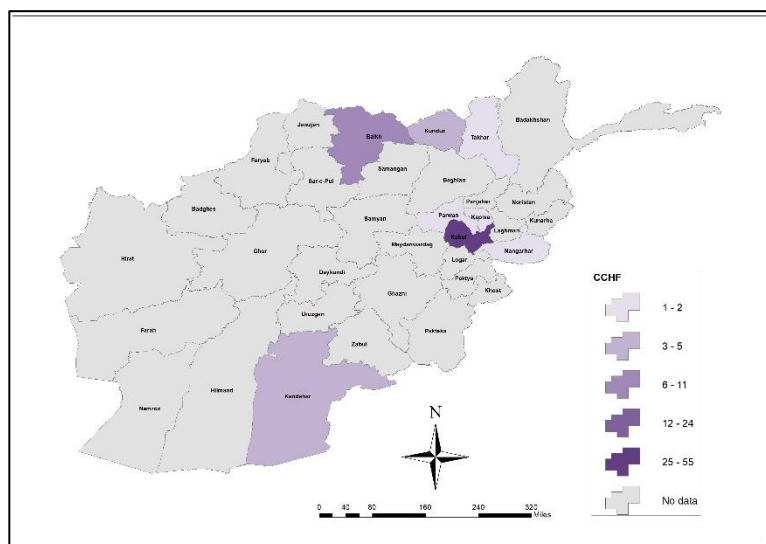
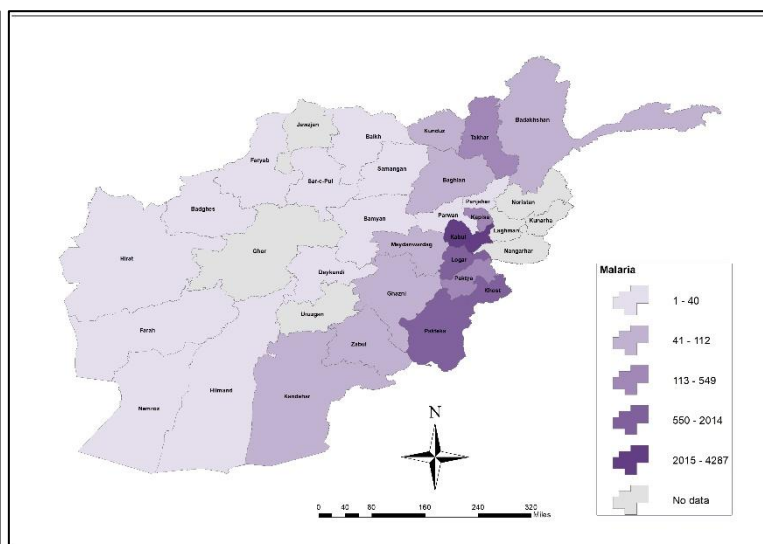


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



Influenza surveillance activities

- In epidemiological week 36th 2026, we have received reports from all ten influenza sites. Out of all new hospital admissions, 755 (11.8%) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections cases were reported, and 457 (60.5%) were under 5 years old and 392 (51.9%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased (1.3%) compared to the previous week, and 25-SARI-associated deaths were reported this week: 23 (95%) under five and 9 (36 %) females.
- At all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportion of SARI cases were reported from Bamiyan (25%), Balkh (15%), and Herat (12%).
- 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 36, 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%
Bamiyan	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 # 36-2026

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

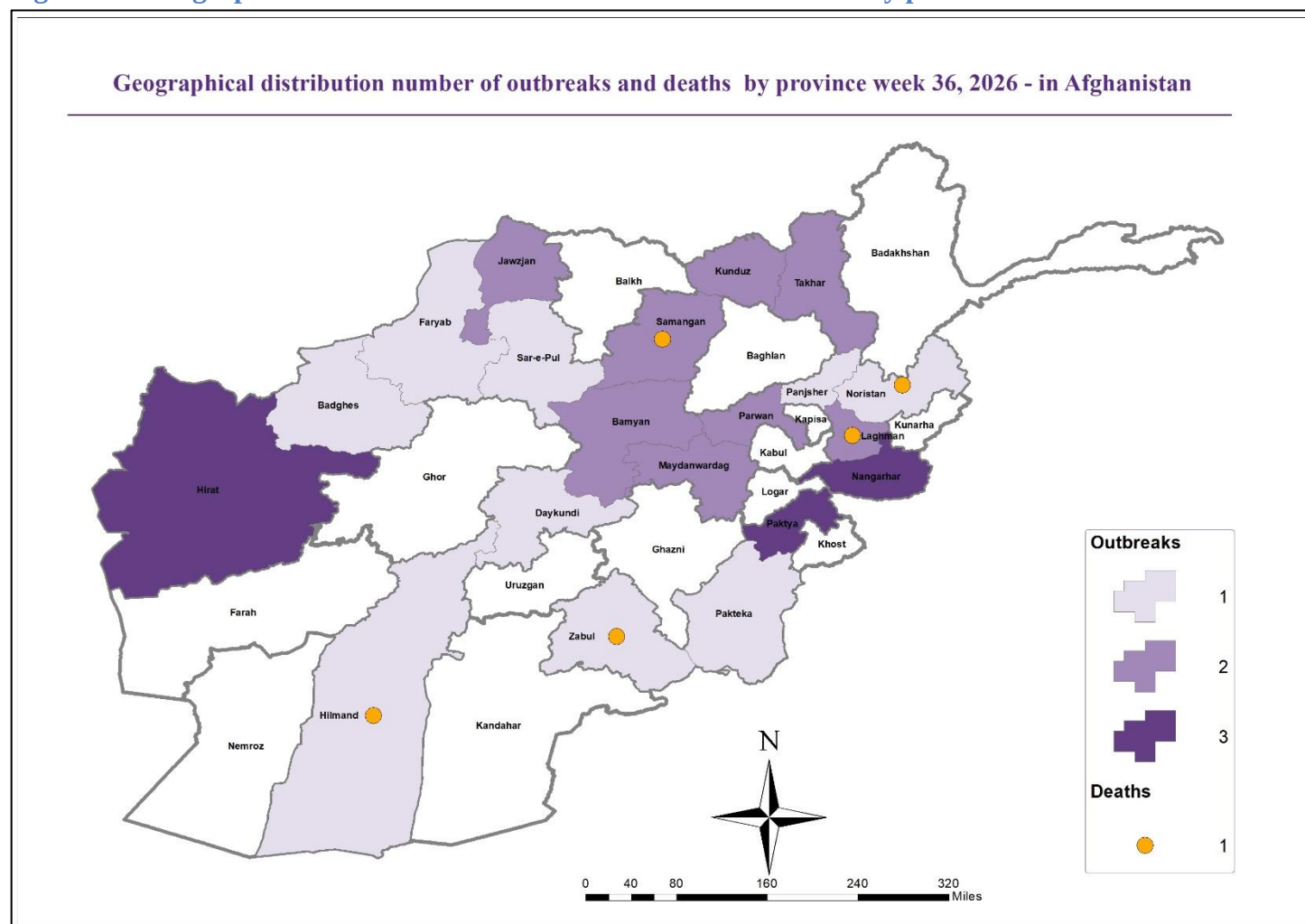


Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026

Disease/Event	Disease/Event	Lab-Confirm	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Measles	121	50	1109	17
Scabies	452	0	17176	0
Chickenpox	283	125	4320	0
Dog bite/Suspected Rabies	123	0	932	28
CCHF	32	19	100	10
Food Poisoning	23	0	280	3
Pertussis	245	196	1522	2
Anthrax	32	0	34	1
AWD with Dehydration	91	68	557	4
Acute Watery Diarrhea	8	0	396	1
Malaria	5	5	1166	0
ARI-Pneumonia	8	0	386	4
Brucellosis	1	0	17	0
Viral Hepatitis	8	1	108	0
COVID-19	3	0	46	0
Impetigo	9	0	244	0
Typhoid Fever	12	0	294	0
Mumps	37	0	426	0
Leishmaniasis	7	0	705	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
Probable Diphtheria	1	0	15	0
Neonatal Tetanus	3	0	3	2
Mushroom Poisoning	1	0	9	0
Donkey Bite	1	0	43	0
Grand Total	1513	464	29988	72

Figure 11: Number of Outbreaks Reported during 2026

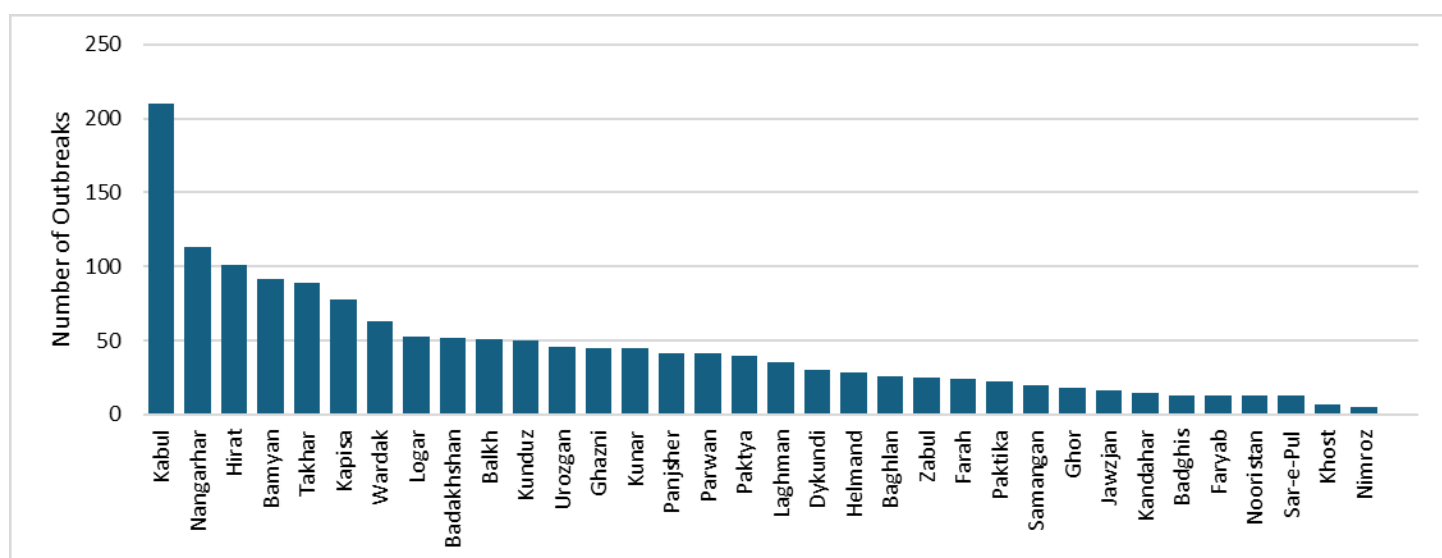


Figure 12: Outbreak Related Deaths During 2026

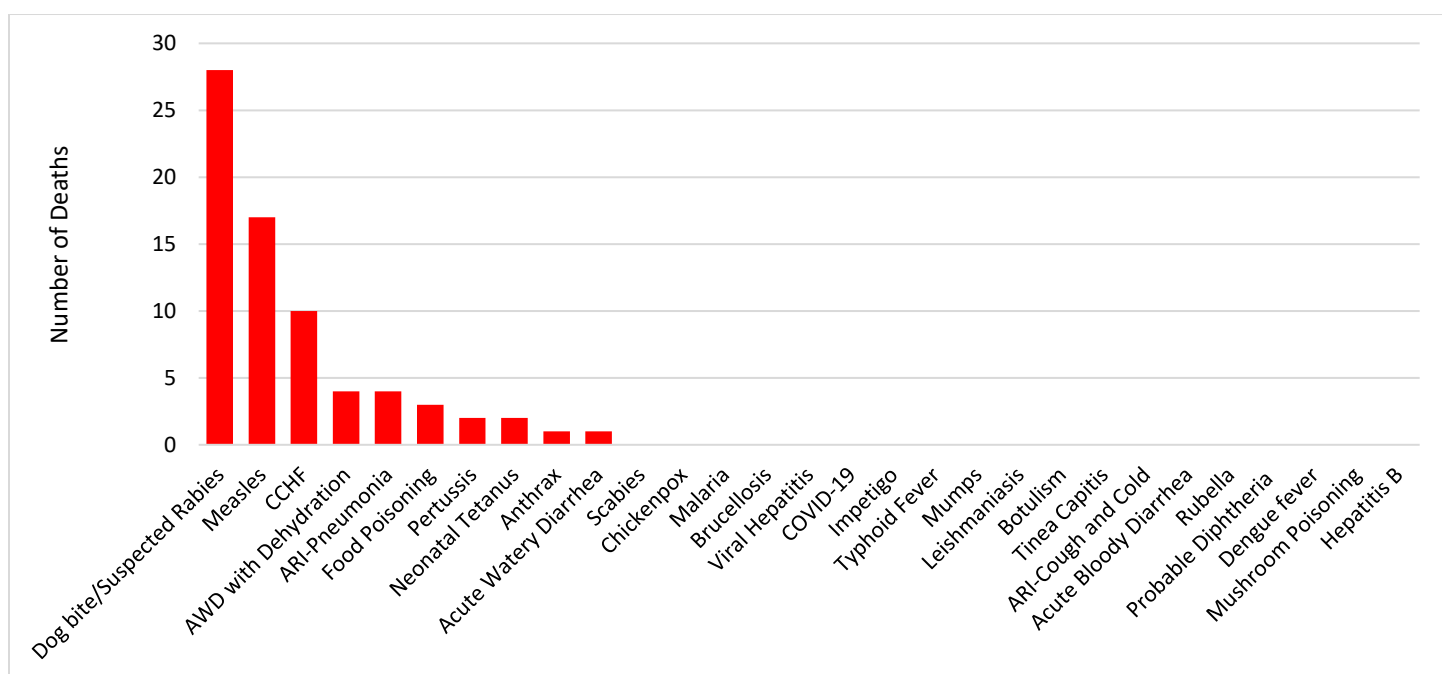


Table 6: Laboratory information from RRL, CPHL, NIDHL and provincial labs in Week # 36-2026

Lab Specimen	Specimen Tested	Specimen Confirmed	Positivity rate (%)
Chickenpox	60	38	63.3
CCHF	58	19	32.8
Measles	39	11	28.2
SARI	30	0	0.0
ILI	20	0	0.0
HAV/HEV	20	8	40.0
COVID-19	14	0	0.0
Pertussis	13	5	38.5
Brucellosis	5	0	0.0
Dengue Fever	3	2	66.7
ARI/Pneumonia	0	0	0.0
Typhoid	0	0	0.0
Monkey pox	0	0	0.0
Total	262	83	31.7

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 decreased since week 23 - 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 **308 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **4 (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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