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**Summary:**

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

A total of **707,670** new consultations were reported, among which **250,818 (35.4%)** were due to surveillance-targeted diseases, which include **129,111 (51.5%)** females and **117,789 (47%)** children under five.

The most frequently reported surveillance-targeted diseases this week were ARI cough & cold with **155,586** cases (**22%**), acute diarrheal diseases with **68,969** cases (**9.7%**), and pneumonia with **20,274** cases (**2.9%**).

A total of **382** deaths were reported this week, of which **55 (14.4%)** were attributed to surveillance-targeted diseases. These included **48** deaths due to **ARI pneumonia**, **2 suspected meningitis** deaths, and **5 measles** deaths.

During the week, a total of **45** outbreaks were reported, including **1 measles** outbreak, **2 pertussis** outbreaks, **10 scabies** outbreaks, **8 chickenpox** outbreaks, **3 dog-bite/suspected rabies** outbreaks, **7 AWD with dehydration** outbreaks, **3 anthrax** outbreaks, **4 mumps** outbreaks, **2 CCHF** outbreaks, **2 typhoid fever** outbreaks, **1 food poisoning** outbreak, **1 leishmaniasis** outbreak, and **1 impetigo** outbreak.

**Table 1: Top 7 priority infectious diseases cases and deaths out of total consultations in Week 38-2026**

| 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 | 956   | 751   | 807    | 771   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 3285   | 0.5 | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| ARI-Pneumonia        | 6614  | 3571  | 6021   | 4068  | 14     | 11    | 13     | 10    | 20274  | 2.9 | 48     | 12.6 | 0.24 |
| Measles              | 120   | 44    | 89     | 38    | 2      | 0     | 3      | 0     | 291    | 0.0 | 5      | 1.3  | 1.72 |
| CCHF                 | 0     | 23    | 0      | 8     | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 31     | 0.0 | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| Confirmed Malaria    | 208   | 1162  | 181    | 890   | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 2441   | 0.3 | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| Dengue Fever         | 0     | 18    | 0      | 10    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 28     | 0.0 | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| Covid-19             | 5     | 528   | 4      | 465   | 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

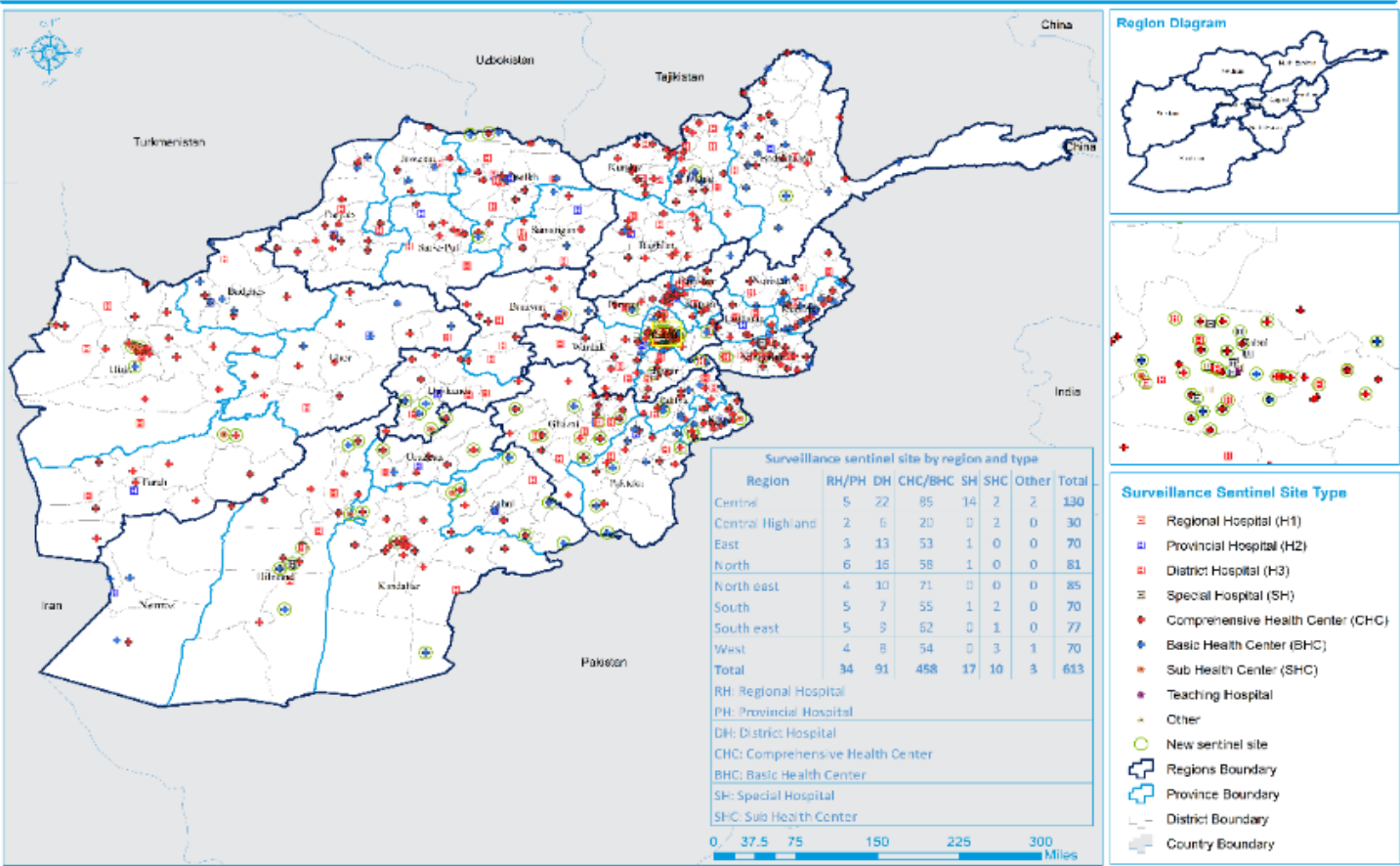


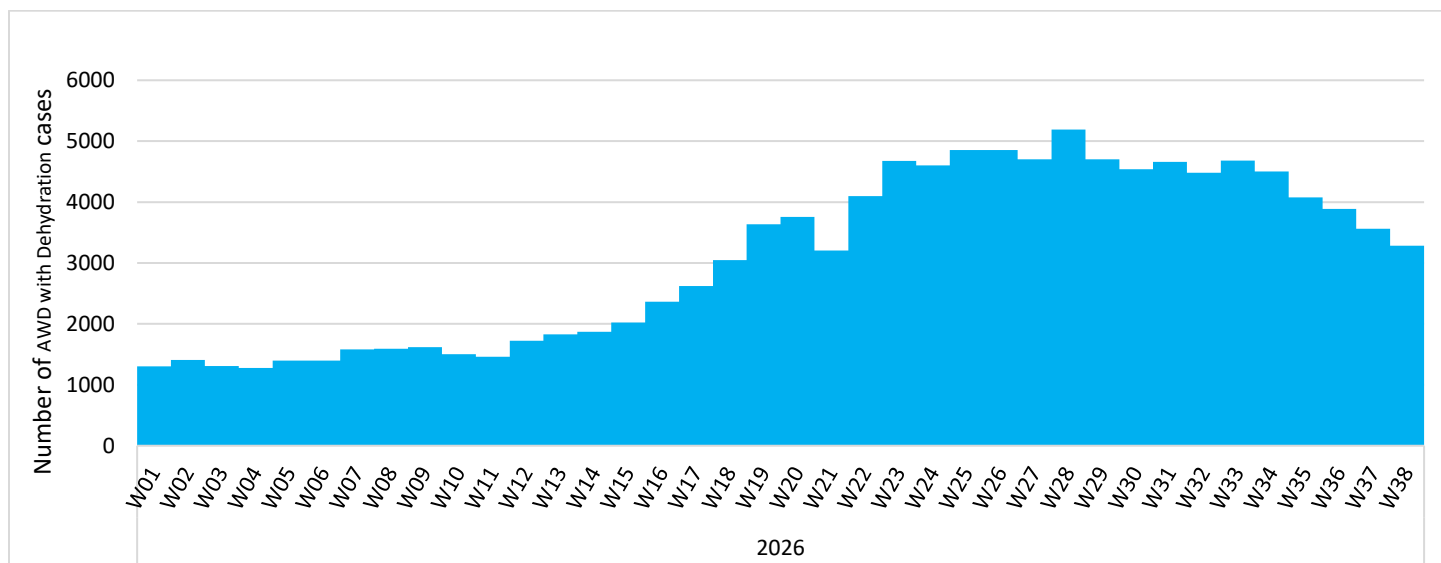
Table 2: Cumulative data on 17 surveillance priority diseases (W38, 2026)

| 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          | 33,771    | 25,446    | 30,401    | 27,663     | 22     | 4     | 27     | 2     | 117,281    | 0.4  | 55     | 0.4  | 0.05 |
| Acute Bloody Diarrhea         | 126,228   | 146,302   | 118,148   | 150,858    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 541,536    | 2.1  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| AFP                           | 391       | 212       | 345       | 162        | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1,110      | 0.0  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| Acute Viral Hepatitis         | 2,053     | 2,535     | 1,698     | 2,688      | 17     | 20    | 10     | 8     | 8,974      | 0.0  | 55     | 0.4  | 0.61 |
| Acute Watery Diarrhea         | 588,991   | 360,946   | 556,507   | 396,586    | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 1,903,030  | 7.3  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| ARI-C&C                       | 1,209,644 | 1,575,066 | 1,170,917 | 1,873,213  | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 5,828,840  | 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         | 968       | 1         | 464        | 0      | 37    | 0      | 19    | 1,433      | 0.0  | 56     | 0.4  | 3.91 |
| Confirmed Malaria             | 4,936     | 22,895    | 4,541     | 19,500     | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 51,872     | 0.2  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| Measles                       | 8,117     | 2,353     | 7,113     | 2,441      | 45     | 2     | 41     | 1     | 20,024     | 0.1  | 89     | 0.6  | 0.44 |
| Covid-19                      | 67        | 21,644    | 174       | 21,086     | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 42,971     | 0.2  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| Pertussis                     | 897       | 164       | 810       | 150        | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 2,021      | 0.0  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| ARI-Pneumonia                 | 306,823   | 155,798   | 279,237   | 179,730    | 830    | 186   | 702    | 168   | 921,588    | 3.5  | 1,886  | 12.4 | 0.20 |
| Meningitis                    | 1,499     | 1,166     | 1,317     | 1,116      | 68     | 45    | 58     | 44    | 5,098      | 0.0  | 215    | 1.4  | 4.22 |
| Dengue Fever                  | 0         | 573       | 0         | 326        | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 899        | 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                 | 1,688     | 24,096    | 1,629     | 31,633     | 0      | 0     | 0      | 0     | 59,046     | 0.2  | 0      | 0.0  | 0.00 |
| NDSR targeted diseases/Deaths | 2,285,107 | 2,340,164 | 2,172,841 | 2,707,618  | 985    | 294   | 839    | 242   | 9,505,730  | 36.3 | 2,360  | 15   | 0.02 |
| Total of new clients/ death   | 4,045,568 | 7,203,268 | 3,956,388 | 10,954,355 | 4,612  | 4,203 | 3,378  | 3,065 | 26,159,579 | 100  | 15,258 | 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 38<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 3,285 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 1,763 (53.6%) were under-five children, and 1,578 (48%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 117,281 AWD + dehydration cases and 55 deaths (CFR=0.05%) have been reported. Of these cases 64,172 (54.7%) are children under five and 58,064 (49.5%) are females.

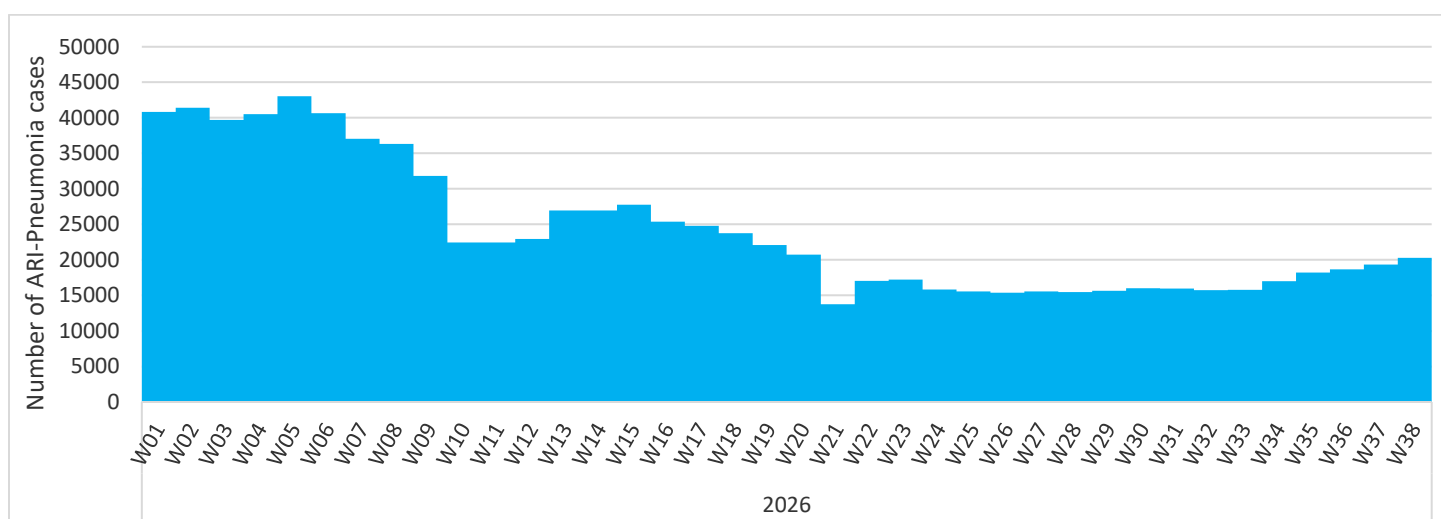
**Figure 2: Epidemic curve of AWD with dehydration cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 38, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of ARI pneumonia:

- The epi-curve of ARI pneumonia illustrates a notable increase since week 34-2026.
- During the 38<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 20,274 cases and 48 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.2%)
- Out of the total cases, 12,635 (62.3%) were under-five children, and 10,089 (47.7%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 921,588 ARI pneumonia cases and 1,886 deaths (CFR=0.2%) have been reported. Of these cases 586,060 (63.6%) are children under five and 458,967 (49.8%) are females.

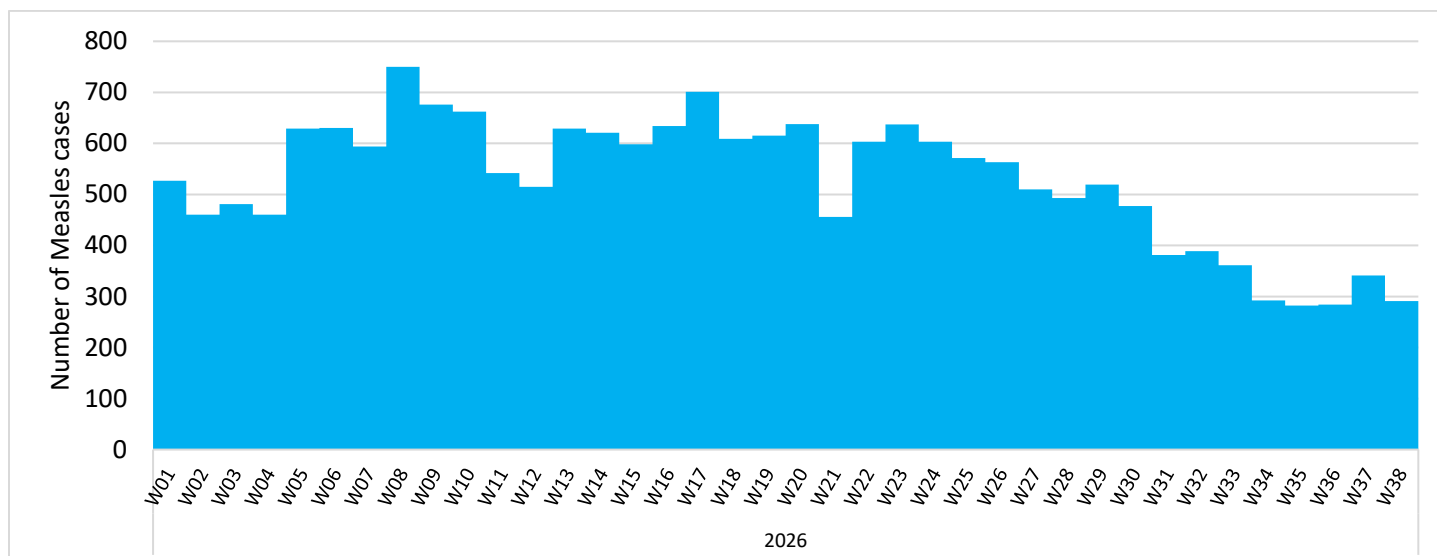
**Figure 3: Epidemic curve of ARI pneumonia cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 38, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of measles:

- The epi-curve of measles illustrates a notable decrease since week 24-2026.
- During the 38<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 291 cases and 5 deaths have been reported (CFR=1.7%)
- Out of the total cases, 209 (71.8%) were under-five children, and 127 (43.6%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 20,024 measles cases and 89 deaths (CFR=0.4%) have been reported. Of these cases 15,230 (76%) are children under five and 9,554 (47.7%) are females.

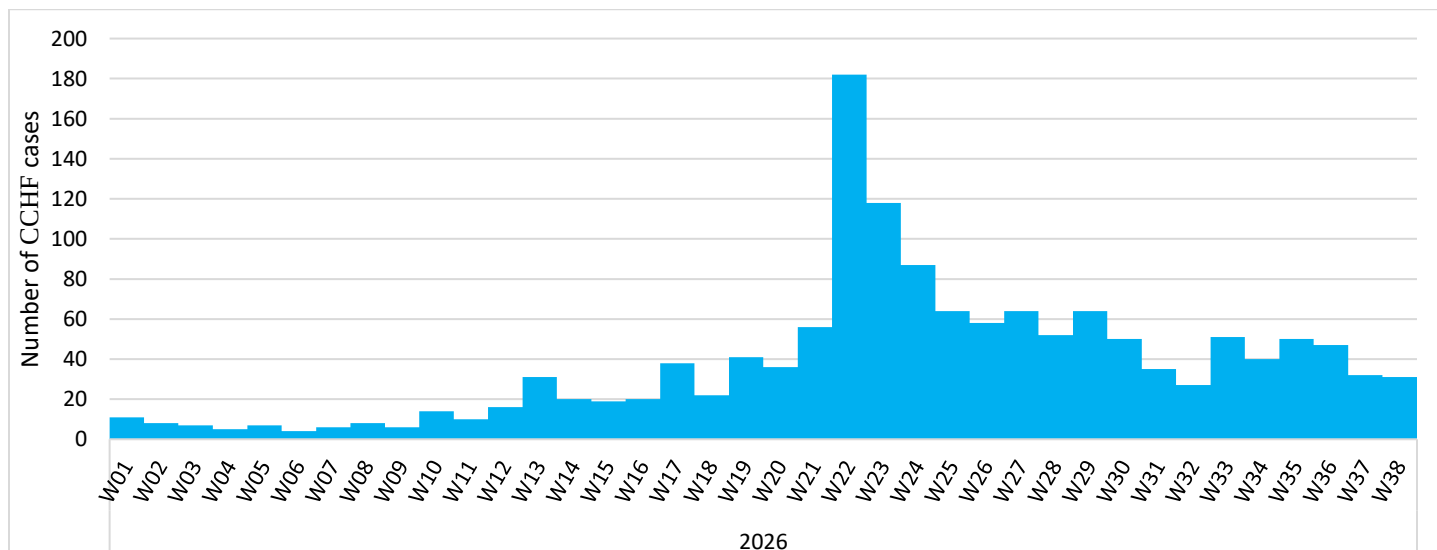
**Figure 4: Epidemic curve of suspected measles cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 38, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of CCHF:

- The epi-curve of suspected CCHF cases has shown a gradual decrease since week 23-2026.
- During week 38<sup>th</sup> 2026, a total of 31 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR= 0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 0 (0%) was children under five, and 8 of them (25.8%) was females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 1,433 suspected CCHF cases and 56 deaths (CFR= 3.9%) have been reported. Of these cases 1 (0.07%) are children under five and 465 (32.4%) are females.

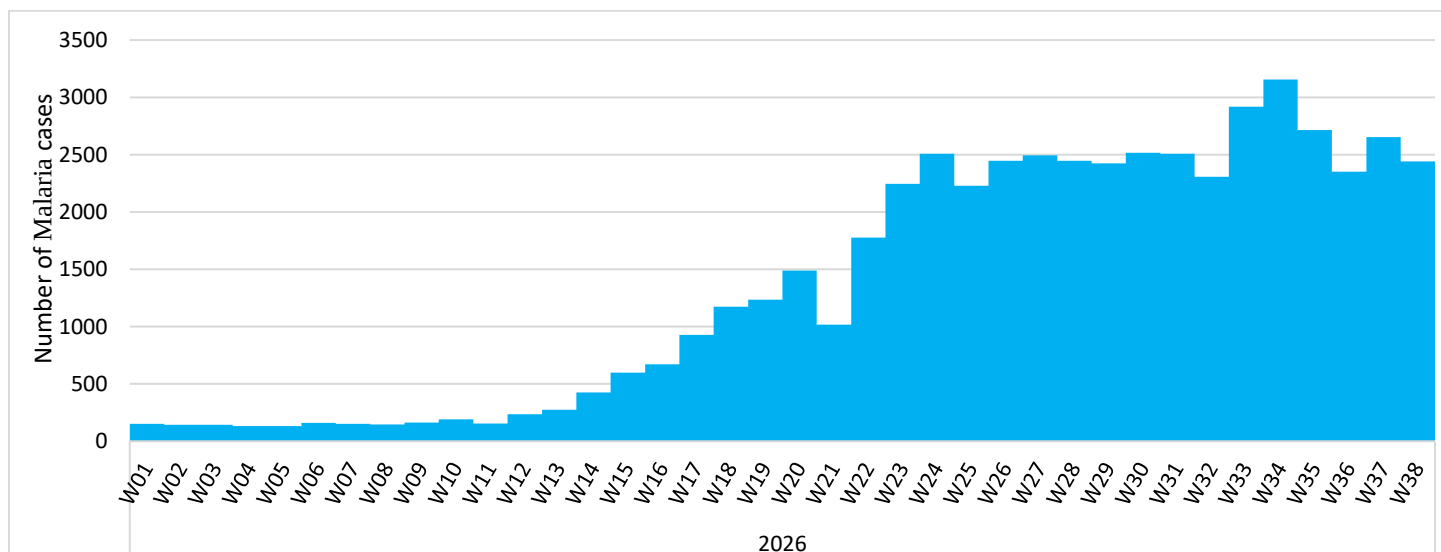
**Figure 5: Epidemic curve of suspected CCHF cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 38, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of malaria:

- The epi-curve of confirmed malaria illustrates a considerable decrease since week 34-2026.
- During 38<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 2,441 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 389 (15.9%) were children under-five, and 1,071 (43.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 51,872 confirmed malaria cases and zero deaths have been reported. Of these cases 9,477 (18.3%) are children under-five, and 24,041 (46.4%) are females.

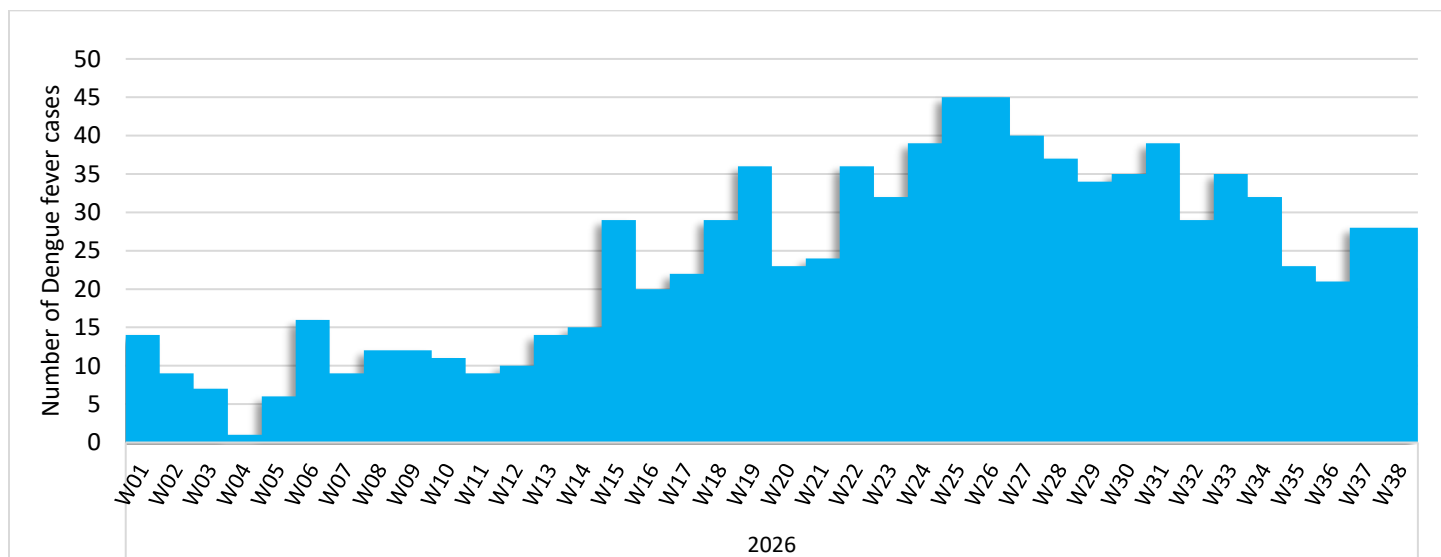
**Figure 6: Th Epidemic curve of confirmed malaria cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 38, 2026)**



### Epidemic situation of dengue fever:

- The epi-curve of suspected dengue fever illustrates a considerable decrease since week 26 of 2026.
- During 38<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 28 cases and 0 deaths have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, none of them were children under five and 10 (35.7 %) cases were female.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 899 suspected dengue fever cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases none of them are children under five and 326 (36.3%) cases are females.

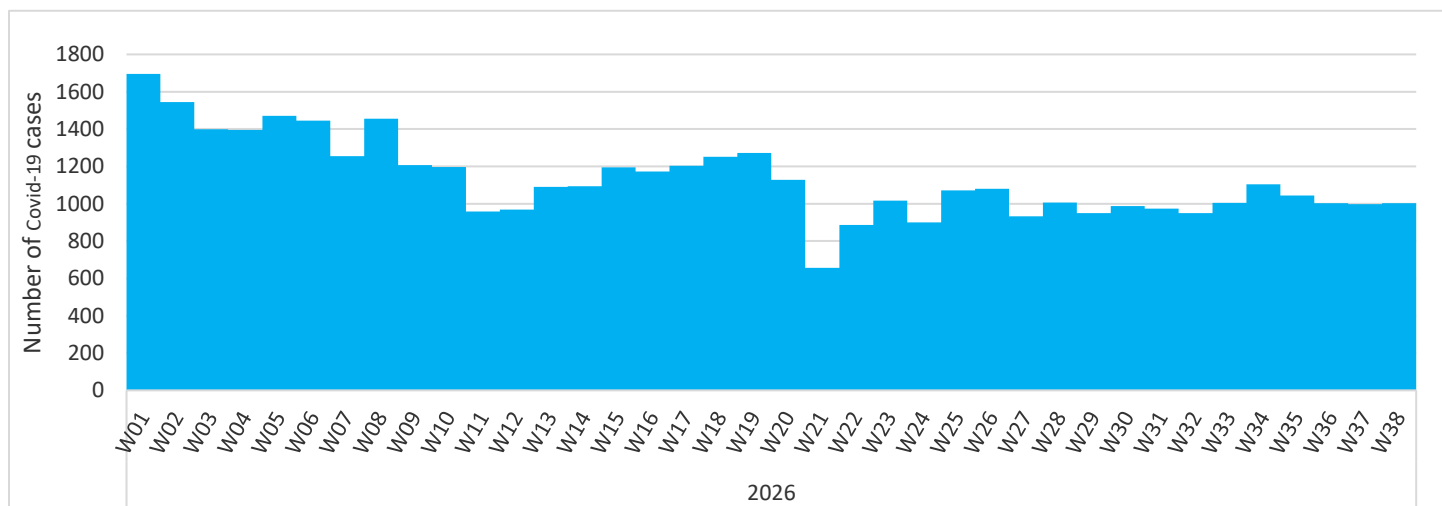
**Figure 7: Epidemic curve of suspected dengue fever cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 38, 2026)**



## Epidemic situation of COVID-19

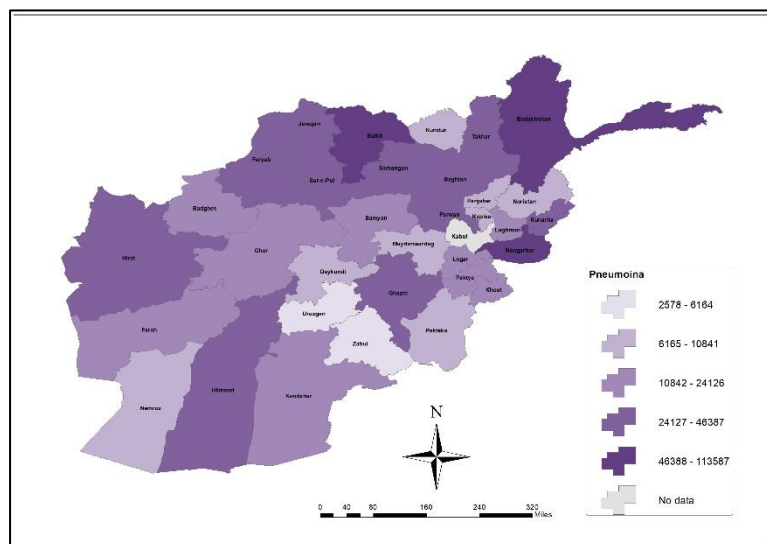
- The epi-curve of suspected COVID-19 illustrates a gradual decrease from weeks 48-2025.
- During 38<sup>th</sup> week of 2026, a total of 1,002 cases and 0 death have been reported (CFR=0.0%)
- Out of the total cases, 9 (0.8%) were under-five children, and 469 (46.8%) were females.
- Since the beginning of 2026, a total of 42,971 suspected COVID-19 cases and 0 death (CFR=0.0%) have been reported. Of these cases 241 (0.5%) are under-five children, and 21,260 (49.5%) are females.

**Figure 8: Epidemic curve of suspected COVID-19 cases in Afghanistan (W 01, 2025 to W 38, 2026)**



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

**Figure 9: A (Pneumonia)**



**Figure 9: B (Measles)**

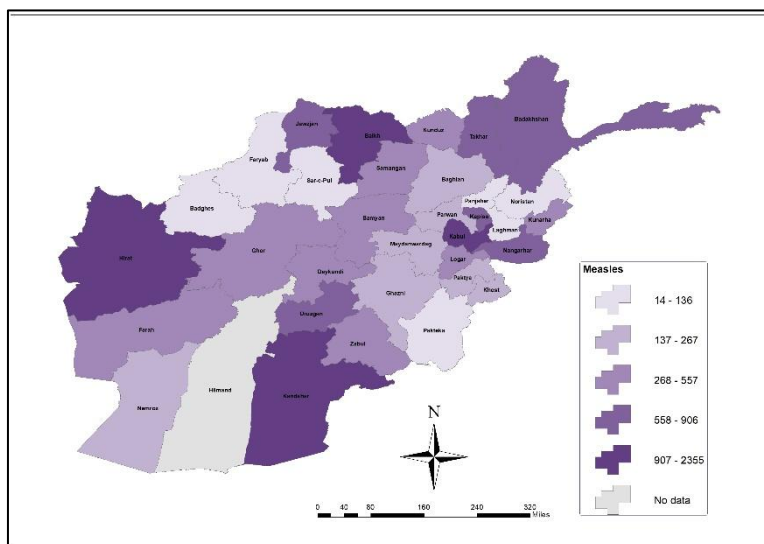


Figure 9: C (CCHF)

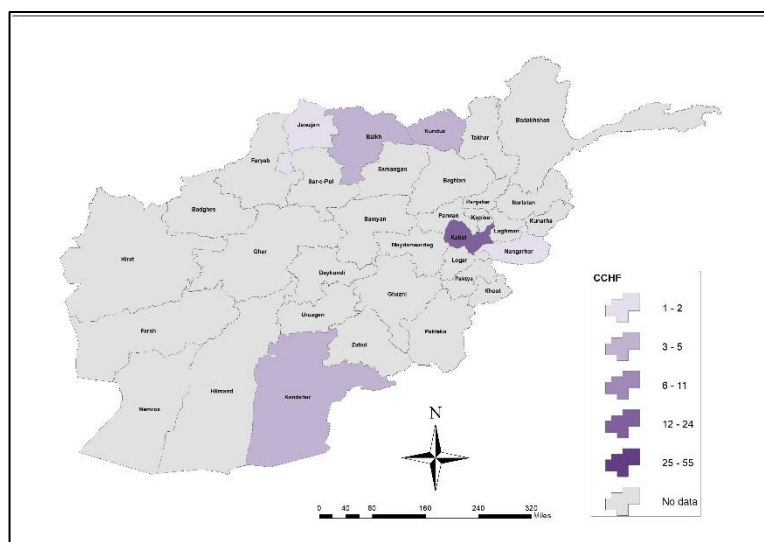
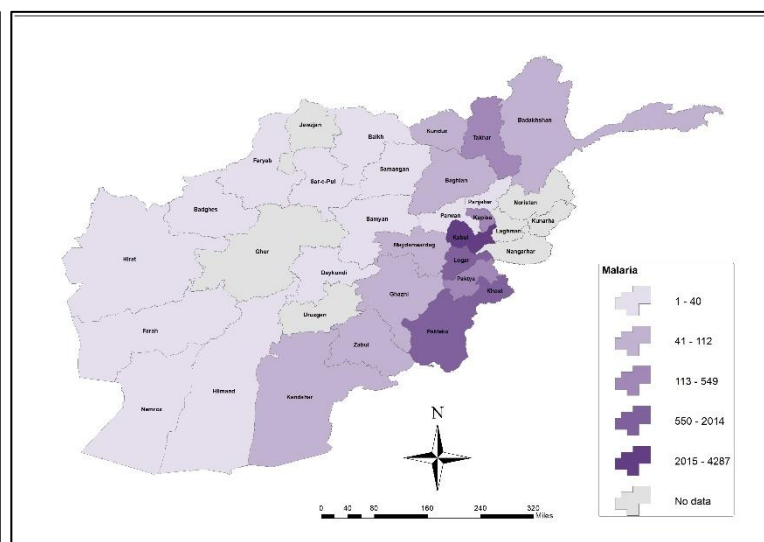


Figure 9: D (Malaria)



## Influenza surveillance activities

- During epidemiological week 38 of 2026, reports were received from all 10 influenza sentinel sites. Of all new hospital admissions, 850 (14.0%) were SARI cases. Among these cases, 447 (52.5%) were children under 5 years of age, and 448 (52.7%) were female.
- The proportion of SARI cases decreased by 0.6% compared with the previous week. A total of 23 SARI-associated deaths were reported during this week, of which 11 (47.8%) occurred among children under 5 years of age and 8 (34.7%) were female.
- Among all influenza sentinel sites, the highest proportions of SARI cases were reported from Bamyan (26%), Herat (20%), and Paktia (15%).
- During the week, field staff collected and shipped 50 specimens (30 SARI and 20 ILI) to the NIC for testing. Of the specimens tested, 3 were laboratory-confirmed for influenza and 2 for COVID-19. No new influenza virus subtype was detected.

Table 3: The Afghanistan NIC lab result of influenza specimens in Week 38, 2026

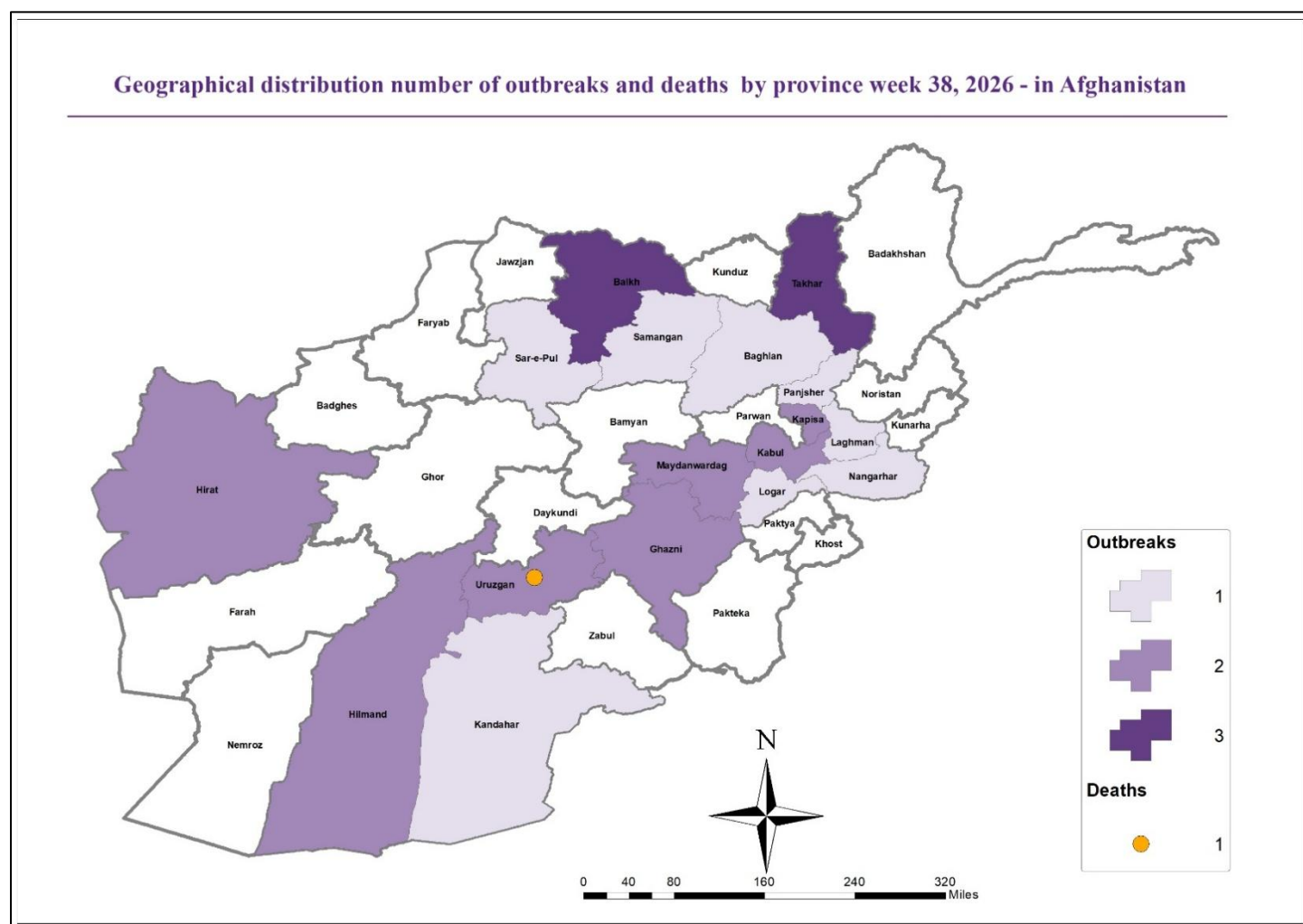
| Influenza site | Specimen Tested | Lab Confirmed | Lab confirmed influenza subtype details |            |                  |                  | Confirmed (COVID-19) | Positivity rate (%) |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                |                 |               | 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               | 3             | 0                                       | 0          | 3                | 0                | 0                    | 60%                 |
| 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               | 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               | 1             | 0                                       | 0          | 0                | 0                | 1                    | 20%                 |
| Total          | 50              | 5             | 0                                       | 0          | 3                | 0                | 2                    | 10%                 |

## Outbreak Situation

#### Table 4: Afghanistan infectious disease outbreaks report Epidemiological Week # 38-2026

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

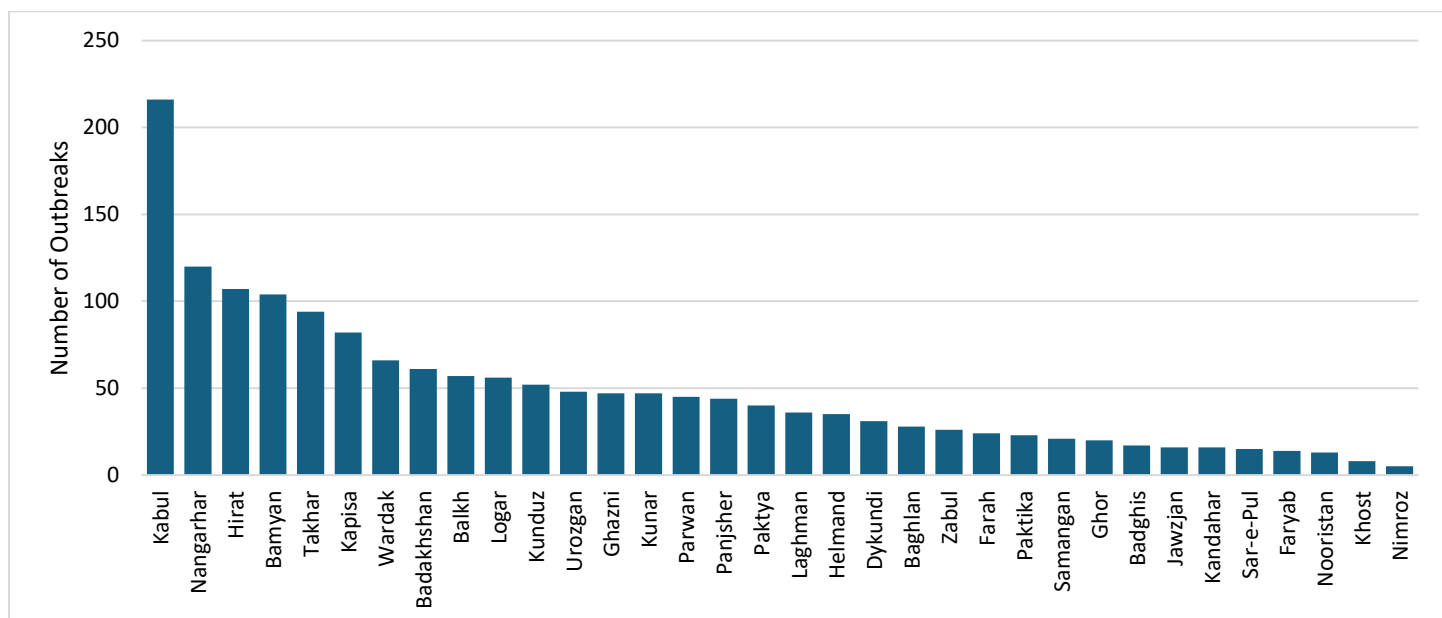


**Table 5: Summary of diseases outbreaks during 2026**

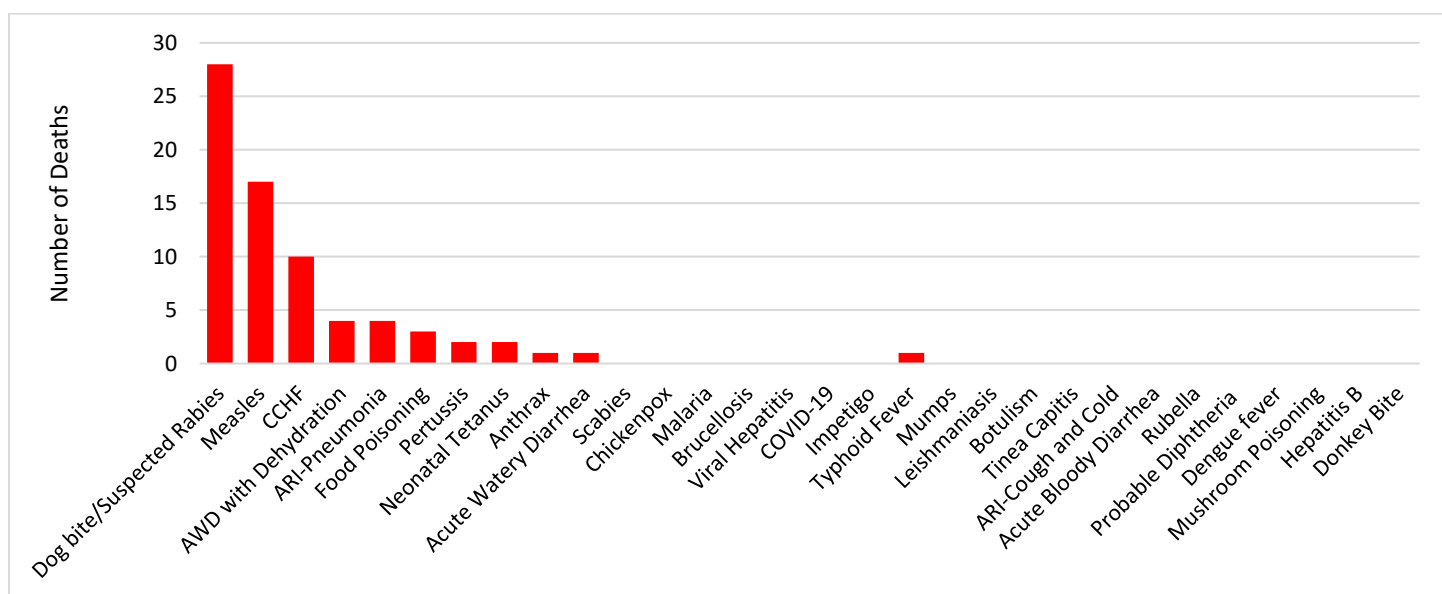
| Disease/Event             | Disease/Event | Lab-Confirm | Total Cases | Total Deaths |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Measles                   | 126           | 52          | 1164        | 17           |
| Scabies                   | 471           | 0           | 17623       | 0            |
| Chickenpox                | 309           | 128         | 4635        | 0            |
| Dog bite/Suspected Rabies | 129           | 0           | 987         | 28           |
| CCHF                      | 35            | 19          | 112         | 10           |
| Food Poisoning            | 24            | 0           | 286         | 3            |
| Pertussis                 | 249           | 196         | 1579        | 2            |
| Anthrax                   | 38            | 0           | 46          | 1            |
| AWD with Dehydration      | 102           | 74          | 629         | 4            |
| Acute Watery Diarrhea     | 8             | 0           | 396         | 1            |
| Malaria                   | 5             | 5           | 1166        | 0            |
| ARI-Pneumonia             | 8             | 0           | 386         | 4            |
| Brucellosis               | 2             | 0           | 21          | 1            |
| Viral Hepatitis           | 9             | 1           | 123         | 0            |
| COVID-19                  | 3             | 0           | 46          | 0            |
| Impetigo                  | 11            | 0           | 270         | 0            |
| Typhoid Fever             | 14            | 0           | 340         | 1            |
| Mumps                     | 42            | 0           | 486         | 0            |

|                       |             |            |              |           |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Leishmaniasis         | 8           | 0          | 716          | 0         |
| Botulism              | 2           | 0          | 7            | 1         |
| Tinea Capitis         | 3           | 0          | 24           | 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         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>    | <b>1607</b> | <b>475</b> | <b>31173</b> | <b>75</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 # 38-2026**

| Lab Specimen  | Specimen Tested | Specimen Confirmed | Positivity rate (%) |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Chickenpox    | 90              | 76                 | 84.4                |
| COVID-19      | 70              | 4                  | 5.7                 |
| HAV/HEV       | 42              | 25                 | 59.5                |
| CCHF          | 36              | 11                 | 30.6                |
| SARI          | 30              | 2                  | 6.7                 |
| ILI           | 20              | 3                  | 15.0                |
| Measles       | 19              | 5                  | 26.3                |
| Pertussis     | 11              | 3                  | 27.3                |
| Dengue Fever  | 8               | 4                  | 50.0                |
| Brucellosis   | 0               | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| ARI/Pneumonia | 0               | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| Typhoid       | 0               | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| Monkey pox    | 0               | 0                  | 0.0                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>326</b>      | <b>133</b>         | <b>40.8</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 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 **302 (IBS+EBS)** suspected measles cases with **5 (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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