

Weekly Surveillance Report Up to 10/02/2007

1. Internal AFP surveillance review

MoH Baghdad have approved the participation of All DoH Surveillance officers in the training workshop to discuss and respond to the AFP review finding and recommendation in Amman during the period 25-28 February 2007. In order to enable the early communication; with the Jordanian concerned department to facilitate smooth entry to Jordan. All surveillance focal points are requested to:

- Ensure that they have valid passports.
- Send a passport photocopy to this office as soon as possible;.
- All surveillance officers are expected to bring with them all AFP surveillance data for 2006 and 2007.

2. Overdue laboratory results:

- The attached table shows that 7 cases as compared to 18 cases last week have overdue laboratory preliminary results despite the passage of more than 35 days since onset. The delay as explained in previous message is mainly due to delay in either collection or sending of stool specimens.
 - All stool samples were collected within 14 days of ONSET.
 - Average period between stool collection and sending to NPL is 26 days.
- Case IRQ MU 06 007 while included in the AFP.REC is not found on the AFPLAB.REC Both Dr. Fiasal and Dr. Yosra are requested to review the situation and update the NPL recfile accordingly.
- Out of the 7 cases with delayed laboratory results 4 were from Duhok and one from Basra. All Duhok cases and Basra case stool samples were sent to the NPL after more than 3 weeks of collection. I am sure Dr. Khalid, Kawa in Duhok and Dr. Samson in Basra will discuss the issue with their respective DoH and find a durable solution to this issue.

3. Sulymania AFP surveillance support team in close coordination with Sulymania PHD staff have done completed the following activities:

- Assisted DoH in investigating the second and third AFP cases for current year 2007
- Assisted DoH in the final classification of one case.
- Visiting and orienting the staff of 2 main health centers about PE initiative and their role in the initiative.
- The team is expected to support the DoH in drafting a 6 months work plan to for building on the gains and progress achieved in AFP surveillance in the last 3 months.

4. Annualized AFP: During the first 4 weeks of 2007, 23 cases were reported from 11 DoHs, while 8 are silent. The annualized AFP rate of \Rightarrow 2 per 100,000 under 15 year population (please consult the attached AFP rate and AFP graph) have been attained for the country as a whole and another 8 DoHs. Since the National AFP surveillance officer was not able to report to CDC to update the the recfile and make sure that the recfile contain all cases received in her mail. This week's tables and graphs may not represent the true AFP surveillance situation. The very high AFP surveillance rate reported from missan in January 2007 which is $>11/100000$, require special attention from the NPL staff who are gently reminded to give priority to Missan stool specimens and keep the CDC and WHO informed about the results.

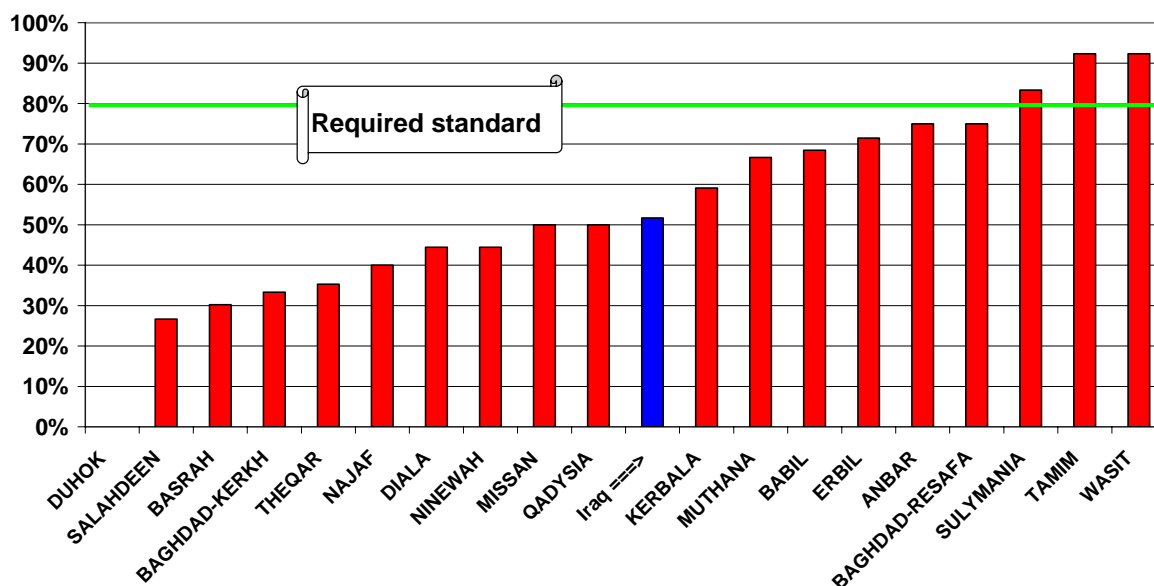
5. Reported monthly AFP: The number of AFP cases reported in January 2007 is less than what was reported during the same month since 2002. However, this may be due to the reason mentioned in Para 4 above and to the late receiving of reports and specimens that can some times take up 3 weeks.

OVERDUE FOLLOW-UP RESULTS; 11 cases are still pending follow despite elapse of more than 75 days since date of on set (attached table).

- The case reported from Syria seem to have settled there and it was followed up in Syria and finally diagnosed as traumatic neuritis.
- Our last week's comments on IRQER06013. IRQkR06021, IRQNI06021, IRQTH06016, IRQWA06011; still hold. Dr. Sarahang, Dr. Harba and dr. Feras are requested to take the issue with the AFP surveillance officers.
- Dr. Yosra and Dr. Ilham are requested follow up Wasit's 3 cases not yet followed up (DCODE IRQ WA 06 11 DCODE IRQ WA 06 12 DCODE IRQ WA 06 13). Dr. Ilham is kindly requested to send the FUP form by be-mail to Dr. Yosra, copied to Ms. Layla and myself.

6. **Stool adequacy**, the attached table and chart show that all DoH that reported cases during the month of January have achieved the standard target of => 80% except Sulymania (67%) and Baghdad Resafa (50%).
7. Period between stool collection and sending to NPL in Baghdad: During 2006 only 50% of stool samples reached the NPL in =< than 3 days. Only 3 DoHs (Sulymania, Tamim and Wasit) were able to send >= 80% of stool samples to NPL in <= 3 days. We hope by adopting the new policy of sending stool samples with Taxi drivers; the problem will be solved. Please consult below chart.

% of Reported Non-Polio AFP cases with stool samples reaching the NPL in <= 3 day Iraq, 2006



8. Overdue classification, one case from Salah addin province, Touze distictis **IRQSL06014** still pending final calssfication despite the passge of 120 days examination. Dr. Yosra should flow with Salahaddin surveillance officer to expedite the requested investigation and examination by NEC.
9. Please also find the international weeks for 2007.

Warmest regards