Iraq: EWARN & Disease Surveillance Bulletin


Highlights

- **Number of reporting sites:** One hundred and ten (110) reporting sites including (86% of the total EWARN reporting sites) forty-three (43) in Internally Displaced People’s (IDP) camps, seven (7) in refugee camps and sixty (60) mobile clinics submitted their weekly reports timely and completely.

- **Total number of consultations:** 40,240 (Male = 19,260 and Female = 20,980) marking an increase of 1,356 (2%) since last week, which may be due to the increase in the reporting sites.

- **Leading causes of morbidity in the camps:** Acute Respiratory Tract Infections (ARI) (n = 17,448), Acute Diarrhea (AD) (n = 1,524) and Skin Diseases (n = 1,320) remained the leading causes of morbidity in all camps during this reporting week.

- **Number of alerts:** Twelve (12) alerts were generated through EWARN following the defined thresholds, of which ten (10) were from IDP camps (one of them from a mobile clinic) and the remaining two from hospitals during this reporting week. All the alerts were investigated within 72 hours and verified as true; they were further investigated and appropriately responded by the respective Governorates Departments of Health, WHO and the relevant health cluster partners. (Details: see Alerts and Outbreaks Section).

Figure 1: Total consultations and proportion of reporting health facilities by Week 1 – 11, 2016

Consultations in the camps by age and gender (Week 11)

- 73% Above 5 Years
- 27% Under 5 Years

- 52% Female
- 48% Male
Morbidity Patterns

IDP camps:

During Week 11, although there is a significant increase in the reporting sites, the proportions of Acute Respiratory Tract Infections (ARI) remained unchanged compared to last week. The proportions of Acute Diarrhea in IDP camps have started to increase compared to last week (Week 11 =4% and Week 10 =3%). The proportion of Skin Diseases including scabies showed a decrease since last week (see graph below).

![Graph showing trends of ARI, Skin diseases, and AD in IDP camps from Week 1 to 11, 2016](image)

Figure II: Trend of proportion of cases of ARI, Scabies and AD in IDP camps Week 1–11, 2016

Refugee camps:

During week 11, the proportion of Acute Respiratory Tract Infections (ARI) showed a decrease. There is decrease in the proportions of Acute Diarrhea trend in refugee camps since last week. Proportion of skin infestations including scabies have decreased in all camps (see graph below).

![Graph showing trends of ARI, Skin diseases, and AD in Refugee camps from Week 1 to 11, 2016](image)

Figure III: Trend of proportion of cases of ARI, Scabies and AD in IDP camps Week 1–11, 2016
Trends of Diseases by Proportion and location for IDP Camps

The graph below indicates the proportion of cases of Acute Respiratory Tract Infections, Acute Diarrhea, and Skin Infestations including scabies which comprises the highest leading causes of morbidity in IDP camps for Week 11, 2016.

![Proportion of cases in IDP camps for ARI, Skin diseases and AD](image)

Figure IV: Proportion of cases of ARI, Scabies and AD in IDP camps for Week 11, 2016

Trends of Diseases by Proportion and location for Refugee Camps

The graph below indicates the proportion of Acute Respiratory Tract Infections cases, Acute Diarrhea, and Skin Infestations including scabies which comprises the highest leading causes of morbidity in Refugee camps for Week 11, 2016.

![Proportion of cases in Refugee camps for ARI, Skin diseases and AD](image)

Figure V: Trend of proportions of cases of ARI, Scabies and AD in Refugee camps for Week 11, 2016
Trend of Diseases by proportion and location for IDPs covered by Mobile Clinics

The graph below indicates the proportion of Acute Respiratory Tract Infection cases, Acute Diarrhea, and Skin Infestations including scabies which comprises the highest leading causes of morbidity in off camp IDPs covered by mobile clinics for Week 11, 2016.

![Graph showing proportion of cases for IDP for ARI, Skin diseases and AD consulted through Mobile clinics](image)

Figure VI: Trend of proportions of IDP cases for ARI, Scabies and AD covered by Mobile Clinics for Week 11, 2016

Trends of Upper and Lower ARI as leading communicable disease

Acute Respiratory Tract Infection (ARI) has been further divided into upper and lower respiratory tract infections. Compared to Week 10, the proportion of upper ARI in Week 11 has increased by 2% from 95% to 97% while the Lower ARI proportion has decreased from 5% to 3% during the same period. Furthermore, the other graph below indicates the proportion of lower and upper ARI cases by each reporting site for Week 11.

![Graph showing distribution of respiratory tract infections (ARI) Week 10 and Week 11](image)

Figure VII: Trend of Upper and Lower ARI per reporting site for Week 11, 2016
**Trends of Waterborne Diseases in IDP camps**

The graph below shows the trends of waterborne diseases (Acute Diarrhea, Bloody Diarrhea and Acute Jaundice Syndrome) reported from IDP camps and which indicated an increase in waterborne diseases. (See graph below)

![Figure VIII: Trend of Waterborne diseases from IDP camps, Week 1—11, 2016](image)

**Trends of Waterborne diseases in Refugee camps**

The graph below shows the trends of waterborne diseases (Acute Diarrhea, Bloody Diarrhea and Acute Jaundice Syndrome) from refugee camps and indicates a decrease of the trend compared to last week. Furthermore, no clustering has been reported for waterborne diseases cases during this period.

![Figure IX: Trend of waterborne diseases from Refugee camps, Week 1—11, 2016](image)
Twelve Alerts were generated through EWARN following the defined thresholds, of which ten were from IDP camps (one of them from mobile clinics) and the remaining two from hospitals, during this reporting week. All these alerts were investigated within 72 hours and verified as true and further investigated and appropriately responded by the respective Governorates Departments of Health, WHO and the relevant health cluster partners. (Details: see Alerts and Outbreaks Section).

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Trends of Alerts

The graph below shows the numbers of alerts generated through EWARNs per week, which have been investigated and responded accordingly by the Ministry of Health, WHO and health cluster partners.

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