**Highlights:**

- The increase of suspected typhoid cases in Aresha camp in Hasskah continues in week 33 with 112 reported cases.
- 6 acute flaccid paralysis cases reported from Damascus, Rural Damascus, Deir Ezzor and Aleppo.

**Completeness & Timeliness of Reporting**

- The overall completeness of reporting was 74%; (934 out of total 1263 EWARS sentinel sites). 14 governorates have reported this week.
- Timeliness of reporting was 47%.

**The Morbidity Cases**

- Out of a total of 199,796 consultations, 20,575 EWARS notifiable cases were reported; of which 9,427 cases were influenza like illness (45%), 7,026 cases were acute diarrhoea (34%), 474 were acute jaundice syndrome, 157 were severe acute respiratory infection, 69 were suspected measles, 115 were bloody diarrhoea, and 36 were suspected meningitis.
- Graphs 2 and 3 below show the proportional morbidity among < 5 and ≥ 5 year age groups respectively.
- 50% of the cases were distributed among males. 59% of the cases were distributed among ≥5 age group.
- Acute diarrhoea constitutes (39%) among < 5 and (31%) among ≥ 5, while influenza-like illness constitutes (43%) of the cases among <5 and (48%) among ≥ 5.

- In total 3,265 cases were reported as “other diseases”. The most important diseases reported within this group were; 585 cases of leishmaniasis (mostly from Idleb, Aleppo and Deir Ezzor), 346 cases of brucellosis, 484 cases of typhoid, 6 cases of tuberculosis, 66 pertussis, and mumps 38.
- Graph 4: shows the trend analysis of suspected measles cases reported between week 1 and week 33 of 2017 and 2018. It shows a slight decrease in suspected cases in week 30.

Graph 5: Trend analysis of Suspected measles cases between Wk1 and Wk 33 in 2017 & 2018
Graph 6: Trend analysis of suspected typhoid cases in Aresha camp. The graph indicates that increase in reported cases from week 29.

Table 1 shows comparison between reported cases in week-31 and week-32 2018. The table shows an increase in most reported cases, this increase is attributed to an increase of reporting sites in Deir Ezzor.

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**The Response**

**Suspected typhoid, Areesha camp, Al Hassakeh Governorate**

The increase of suspected typhoid cases continues in week 33, with 112 reported cases, most of cases were among female above 5 years old, the field investigations conducted by WHO focal point indicate to poor hygiene practices and the following observations:

- Leakage of toilets in the camp between the tents due to the obstruction of the latrines and the flow of sanitation water to the surface
- Jerry cans used by residents are contaminated and unusable for clean water transport.
- Water tanks are exposed and left without any cover.

WHO is planning to increase the awareness of IDPs for water borne diseases by deployment of 4 health education teams to provide health education sessions on the mean prevention measures about the principles of personal hygiene and the need to adhere to strict hygiene when preparing and handling food, in addition to provide health education for patients and to emphasis on hands washing after defecation and before preparation food.

**Acute bloody diarrhoea in Deir-ez-Zor**

In response to bloody diarrhoea outbreak in Deir Ezor; WHO and UNICEF are implementing a campaign for distributing aqua-tablets and raising the awareness of approximately 20,000 households in 20 villages located in the eastern bank of Euphrates River in Deir Ezzor. During week 33, total number 4651 households were provided with aqua-tablets and health educations, in addition, health education sessions were also provided in 31 mosques. The outreach teams have conducted also active surveillance for Diarrhea cases and visited 69 physicians and pharmacists, 666 diarrhoea cases were reported by health care providers in the targeted villages.
Table-2: Distribution of cases per age group, and by Governorate-week-33, 2018:

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