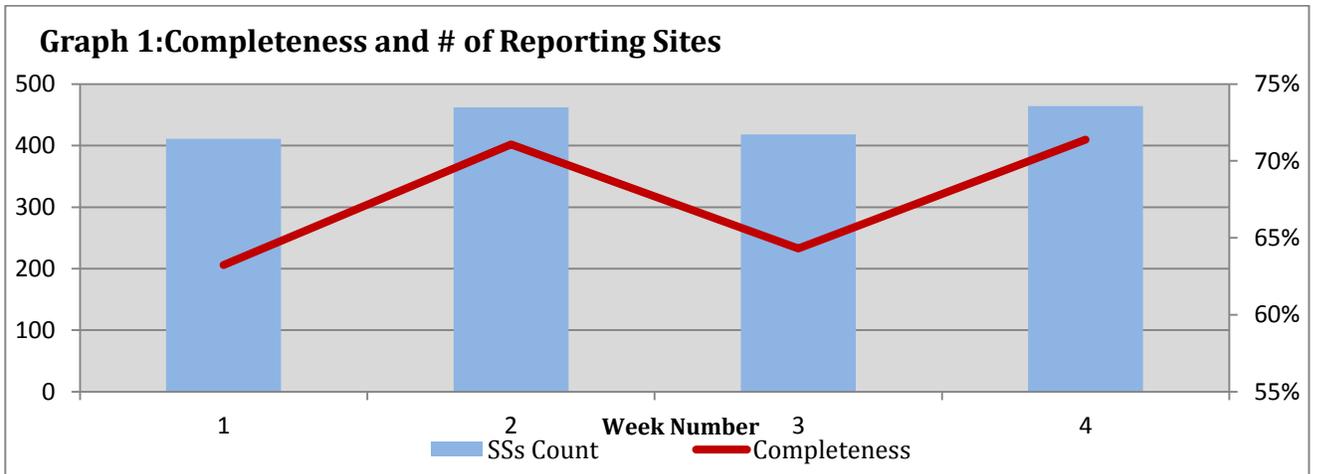


**Highlights:**

- ❖ 1 AFP case was detected in Tartous.
- ❖ A notable increase in number of AJS cases was noticed this week

**❖ Completeness & Timeliness of Reporting**

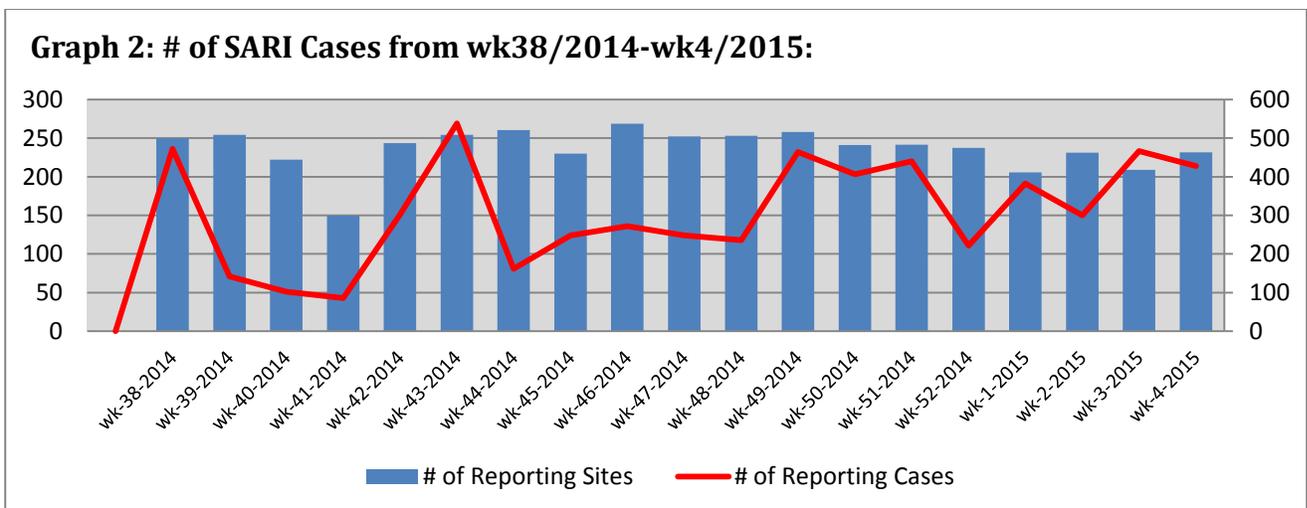
- ❖ The overall completeness of reporting was 71%; (464 out of total 650 EWARS sentinel sites). (See Graph 1). 14 governorates have reported this week.



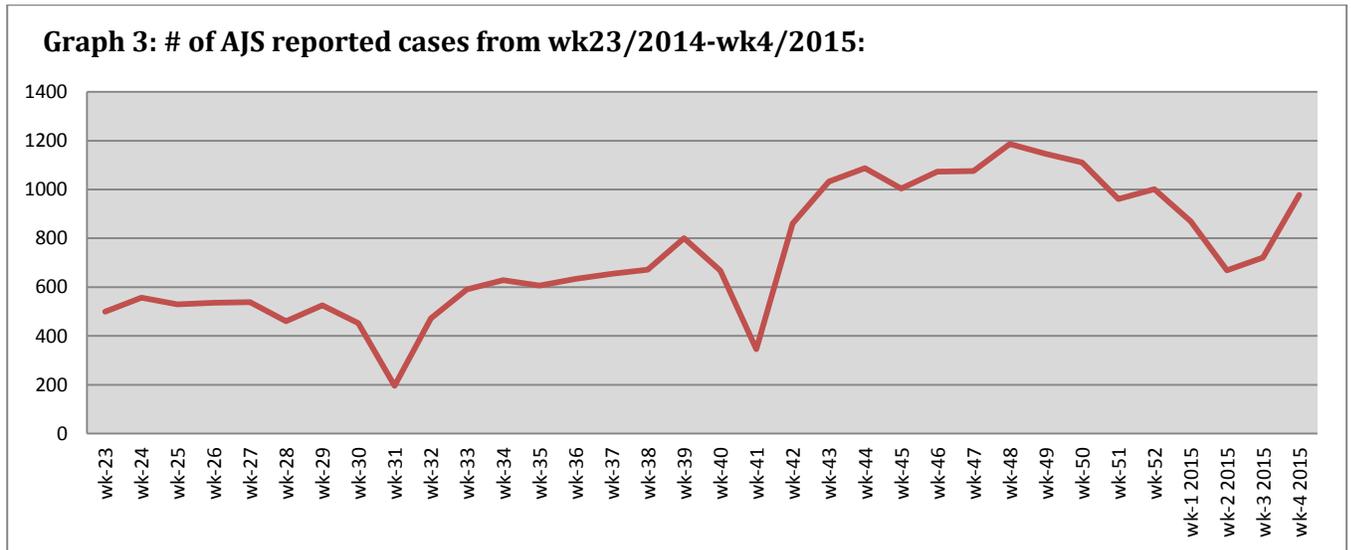
- ❖ Timeliness of reporting is 77%.

**❖ The Morbidity Cases**

- ❖ Out of the 157,767 total consultations, a total of 16,921 cases were reported; of which 9,245 cases were Influenza like Illness (55%), 3,692 cases were Acute Diarrhoea (22%), 978 cases of AJS, 214 cases of Sever Acute Respiratory Infection, 57 cases of Bloody Diarrhoea, 28 cases of Suspected Measles, 17 cases of Meningitis, and 1 AFP case.
- ❖ Below chart reflects the trend in the number of SARI cases in 2014 and 2015 in the period between week 38 - 2014 and week 4-2015.

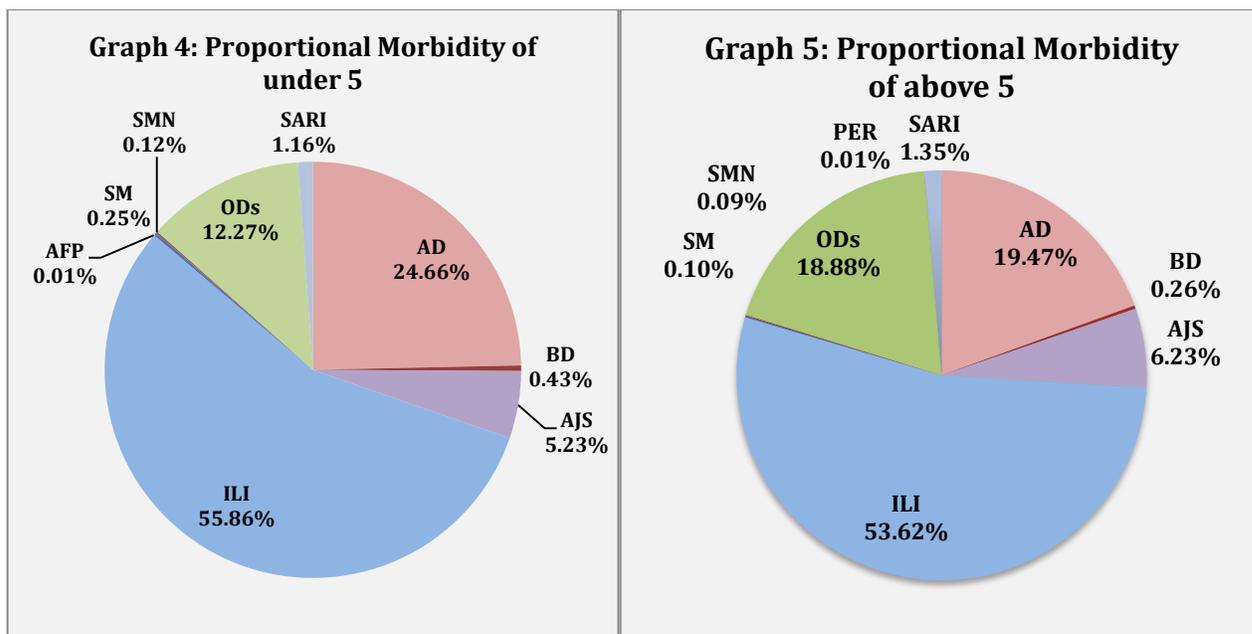


❖ Graph 3 displays the trend of the (25,147) AJS cases between wk23/2014-wk4/2015. The distribution of the cases per governorates shows that Idleb, DierEzor, and Damascus have the highest number of cases for this week. An increase in the number of cases was noticed for this week.



❖ In total, 2,689 cases were reported as “other diseases”. The most important diseases reported within this group were: 650 cases of Leishmaniasis (most of which were reported from Hamah 36%, Rural Damascus 25%, and Idleb 13%), 103 cases of Typhoid (most of which were reported from Rural Damascus 37% and DierEzor 36%), 23 cases of Brucellosis (most of which were reported from Rural Damascus 30%), 20 cases of TB, and 4 cases of Pertussis.

- ❖ 55% of the cases were distributed among  $\geq 5$  age group.
- ❖ ILI consists (56%) of the cases among  $< 5$  and (54%) among  $\geq 5$ , while AD cases consists (25%) among  $< 5$  and (19%) among  $\geq 5$ .
- ❖ Graphs 4 and 5 below show the proportional morbidity among  $< 5$  and  $\geq 5$  year age groups respectively.



❖ 51% of cases were distributed among males.

#### ❖ The Response

**AFP:** Stool samples were collected from the AFP case and sent to the reference lab in Damascus. A sub-national vaccination campaign was implemented between 4th and 8th January in hard to reach and low coverage areas.

**AJS:** a meeting was held in the ministry of health in cooperation with the relevant ministries (Water Resources, Social Affairs) to develop a joint plan for hepatitis A prevention and control.

**SARI:** Awareness bulletin has been developed and sent to the media office in MOH to be disseminated via media channels. Also participations in TV and radio programs are taking place to raise awareness about the disease and preventive measures.

**Table-1: Distribution of cases per age group, and by Governorate-week-4, 2015:**

Code	age group	DierEzor	Raqa	Aleppo	Hassaka	Idleb	Homs	Hamah	Qunaitra	Tartous	Sweida	Rural Damascus	Daraa	Lattakia	Damascus	Grand Total	
AD	< 5	323	68	76	99	266	31	103	51	56	75	225	106	139	269	1887	3692
	≥ 5	276	45	73	77	245	22	60	59	77	68	231	70	117	385	1805	
BD	< 5	15	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	6	3	2	33	57
	≥ 5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	1	1	2	3	24	
AWD	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AJS	< 5	107	27	50	1	129	3	8	3	0	0	17	9	11	35	400	978
	≥ 5	93	27	43	1	112	12	33	4	8	6	47	13	21	158	578	
ILI	< 5	988	22	421	56	448	19	230	4	325	293	314	235	312	607	4274	9245
	≥ 5	725	19	545	39	701	13	191	14	635	443	415	250	249	732	4971	
AFP	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SM	< 5	0	5	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	19	28
	≥ 5	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	9	
SMN	< 5	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	9	17
	≥ 5	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	
SARI	< 5	3	0	0	20	0	0	32	0	0	9	0	0	1	24	89	214
	≥ 5	3	0	0	20	0	0	9	0	0	8	0	0	1	84	125	
Others	< 5	92	11	325	0	66	11	58	52	3	8	219	19	43	32	939	2689
	≥ 5	132	20	355	0	58	44	242	66	20	14	407	76	171	145	1750	
Total Sum of < 5		1528	138	872	177	913	65	433	113	385	387	776	380	514	970	7651	16921
Total Sum of ≥ 5		1236	119	1016	138	1117	91	536	150	740	542	1101	413	562	1509	9270	
Total		2764	257	1888	315	2030	156	969	263	1125	929	1877	793	1076	2479	16921	