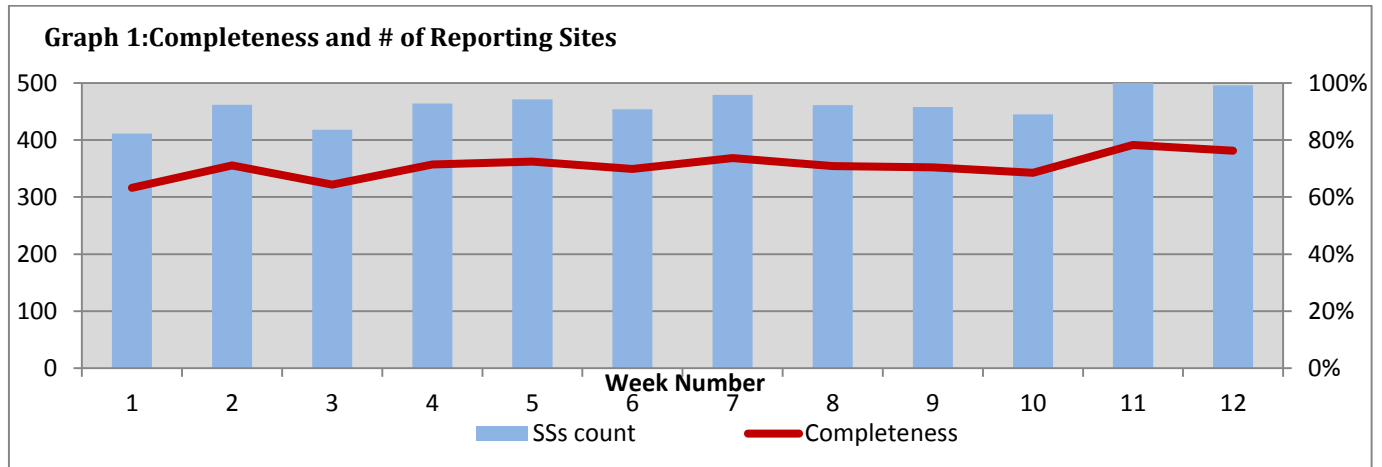


**Highlights:**

- ❖ 3 AFP cases were detected in Damascus, Homs, and DeirEzore .
- ❖ Slight decrease in number of SARI cases was noticed this week.

**Completenss& Timeliness of Reporting**

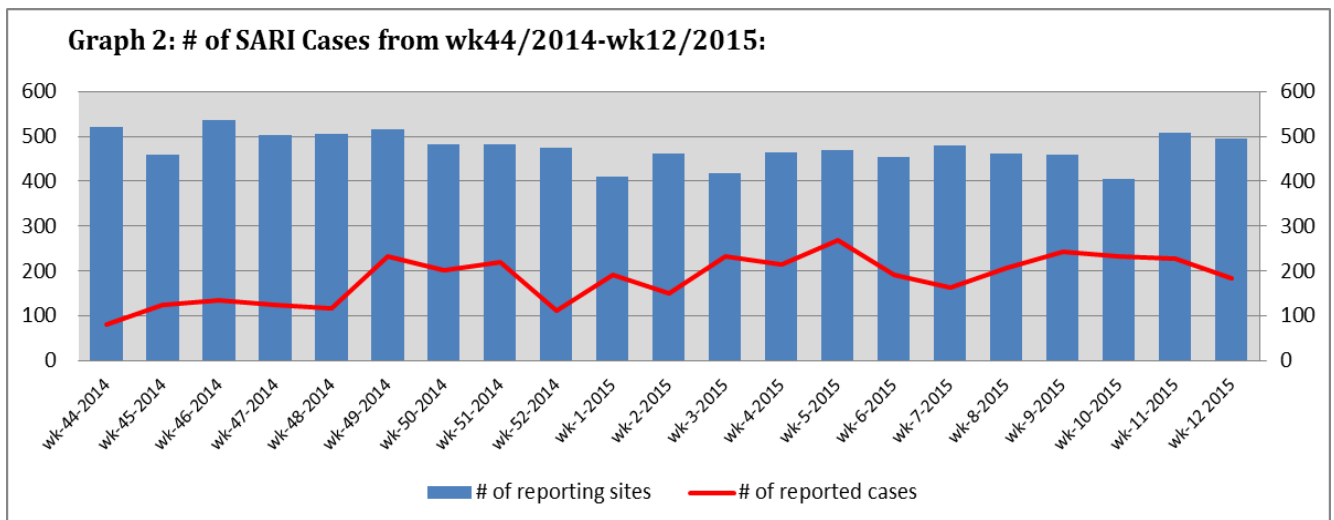
- ❖ The overall completeness of reporting was 76%; (496 out of total 650 EWARS sentinel sites). (See Graph 1). 14 governorates have reported this week.



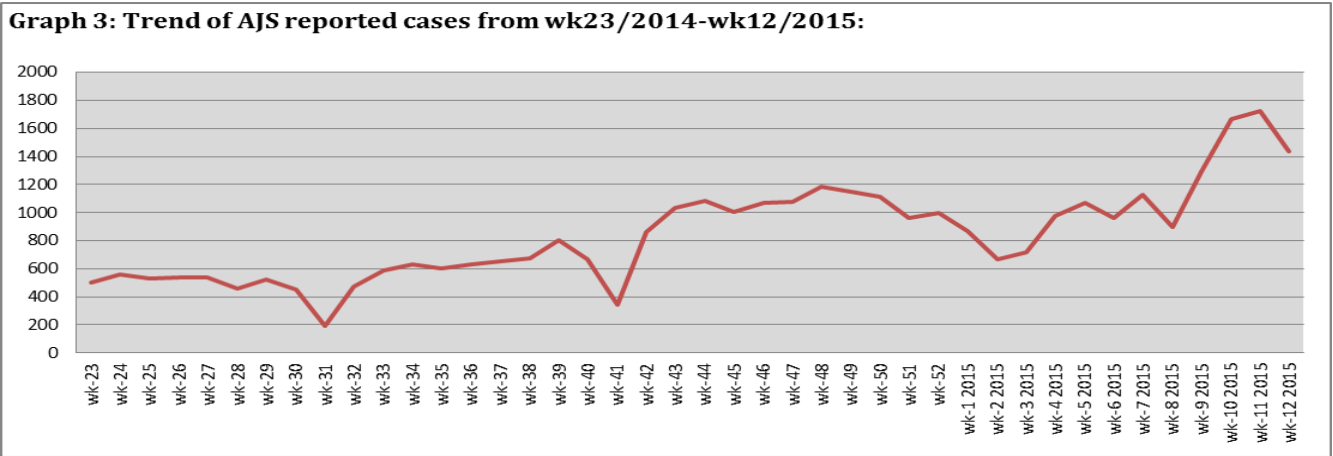
- ❖ Timeliness of reporting is 87%.

**The Morbidity Cases**

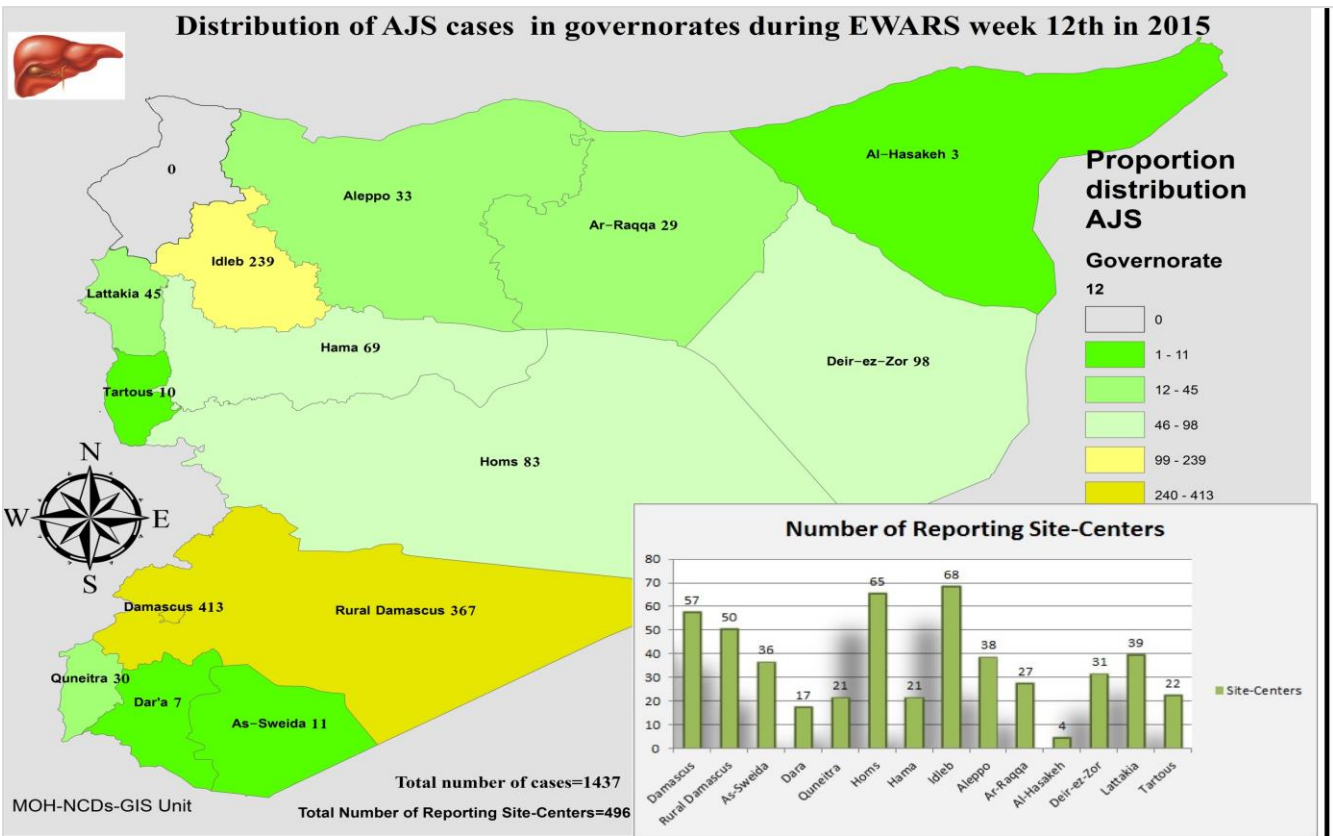
- ❖ Out of the 155,322 total consultations, a total of 18,442 cases were reported; of which 10,237 cases were Influenza like Illness (56%), 3,762 cases were Acute Diarrhoea (20%), 1,437 cases of AJS, 184 cases of Sever Acute Respiratory Infection, 44 cases of Bloody Diarrhoea, 32 cases of Suspected Measles, 20 cases of Meningitis, and 3 AFP cases.
- ❖ Below chart reflects the trend in the number of SARI cases in 2014 and 2015 in the period between week 44 - 2014 and week 12-2015.



- ❖ Graph 3 displays the trend of the (35,318) AJS cases between wk23/2014-wk12/2015. The distribution of the cases per governorates shows that Damascus, Rural Damascus, and DierEzor have the highest number of cases for this week.

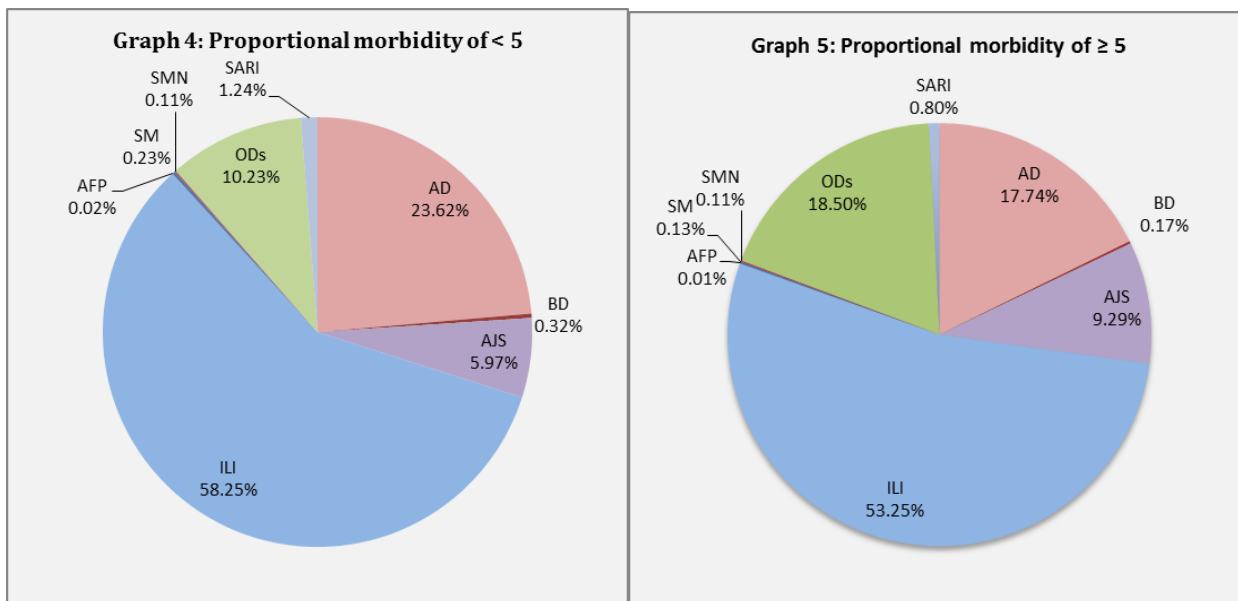


- ❖ Below graph displays the distribution of AJS cases for week 12 , per governorate:



- ❖ In total, 2,723 cases were reported as “other diseases”. The most important diseases reported within this group were: 534 cases of Leishmaniasis (most of which were reported from Hamah 25%, Idleb 25%, and Rural Damascus 22%), 172 cases of Typhoid (most of which were reported from DierEzor 46% and Rural Damascus 37%), 127 cases of Brucellosis (most of which were reported from Rural Damascus 39%, DierEzor 25%,and Damascus 17%), 21 cases of TB , and 10 cases of Pertussis.

- ❖ 55% of the cases were distributed among  $\geq 5$  age group.
- ❖ ILI consists (58,25%) of the cases among  $<5$  and (53,25%) among  $\geq 5$ , while AD cases consists (23,62%) among  $<5$  and (17,74%) 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 cases and sent to the reference lab in Damascus. A new national vaccination campaign will be implemented between 22th and 26th March.

**AJS and water and food borne diseases:** A brochure for raising the awareness on the prevention of hepatitis A has been developed. 100,000 copies were printed and distributed among IDPs and school children. Besides, health educational sessions took place in all health centres, schools, and IDPs focusing on prevention measures from water and food borne diseases and the importance of personal hygiene especially hand washing. In addition, 24 NGOs in 7 governorates received copies of the brochure and the volunteers contributed in distributing the brochures in schools and IDPs shelters.

**Meningitis:** Meningitis cases detected are not clustered. Cases were managed properly; and investigation forms were filled for some cases but not all; it shows that most of the cases are viral meningitis not bacterial. Preventive therapy was provided as necessary for contacts of the probable bacterial meningitis cases.

**Table-1: Distribution of cases per age group, and by Governorate-week-12, 2015:**

Code	age group	Idleb	Hassaka	Raqua	Sweida	Qunaitra	Lattakia	Aleppo	Hamah	Homs	Daraa	Damascus	DierEzor	Rural Damascus	Tartous	Grand Total	
AD	< 5	252	64	65	81	97	137	138	121	82	102	255	243	253	79	1969	3762
	≥ 5	230	32	40	91	151	85	70	66	61	81	345	171	284	86	1793	
BD	< 5	0	0	0	3	3	5	0	0	0	6	2	6	2	0	27	44
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	5	2	2	1	0	17	
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	136	1	21	2	5	11	15	17	42	1	72	55	118	2	498	1437
	≥ 5	103	2	8	9	25	34	18	52	41	6	341	43	249	8	939	
ILI	< 5	453	7	11	332	175	1143	536	141	58	131	433	500	558	377	4855	10237
	≥ 5	636	3	8	542	391	506	380	122	74	143	829	431	808	509	5382	
AFP	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
SM	< 5	8	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	19	32
	≥ 5	11	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	
SMN	< 5	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	9	20
	≥ 5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	11	
SARI	< 5	3	29	0	6	0	1	0	26	0	0	26	12	0	0	103	184
	≥ 5	3	10	1	21	0	1	1	10	0	0	28	6	0	0	81	
Others	< 5	23	0	3	2	60	4	275	45	66	58	38	55	219	5	853	2723
	≥ 5	202	0	0	8	93	108	304	205	129	27	159	143	483	9	1870	
Total Sum of < 5		879	101	100	428	340	1306	964	352	249	300	829	874	1150	463	8335	18442
Total Sum of ≥ 5		1191	47	58	671	666	735	774	456	305	262	1709	796	1825	612	10107	
Total		2070	148	158	1099	1006	2041	1738	808	554	562	2538	1670	2975	1075	18442	