

EWARS Weekly Bulletin

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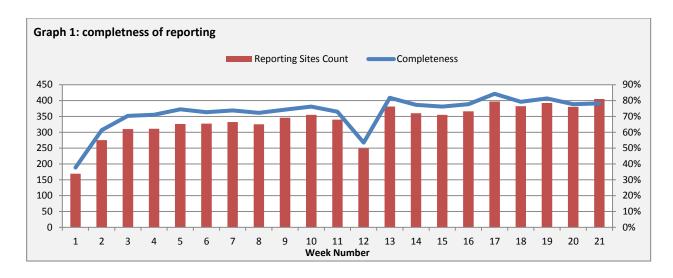
Syria: The PH&CCD Directorates-MOH & WHO

Highlights:

- ❖ 2 AFP cases were detected in Damascus and Homs.
- New sentinel sites include private health care providers (clinics and hospitals) and NGOs health facilities were added to the system.

Completeness& Timeliness of Reporting

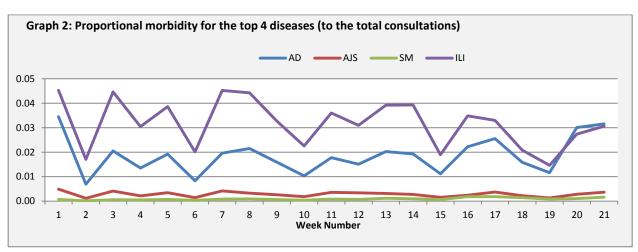
The overall completeness of reporting was 78%; (405 out of total 518 EWARS sentinel sites). (See Graph 1). 14 governorates have reported this week.



❖ Timeliness of reporting is 100%.

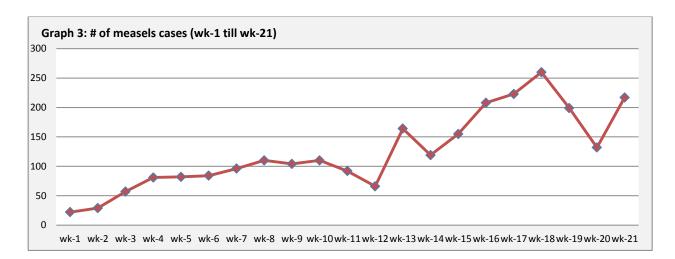
The Morbidity Cases

Out of the 127,628 total consultations, a total of 11,542 cases were reported; of which 4, 545 cases were Acute Diarrhoea (39%), and 4,217 cases were Influenza like Illness (37%), 583 cases of AJS, 217 cases of Suspected Measles, 93 cases of Bloody Diarrhoea, 79 cases of Sever Acute Respiratory Infection, 46 cases of Meningitis, 2 AFP cases, and 1 AWD case. (Graph 2 shows the proportional morbidity for the top 4 diseases (to the total consultations, after excluding the data of 63 health facilities that did not report total consultations).

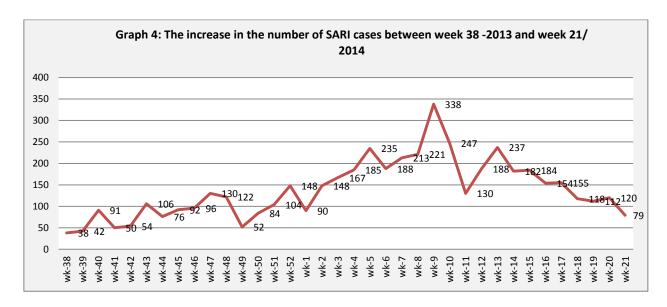


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❖ A notable increase in the number of suspected measles cases has been reported also this week with DierEzor governorate is still reporting the highest number of cases (See graph 3 below).



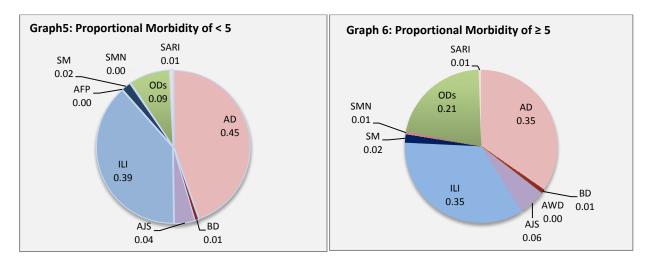
The graph 4 below illustrates the trend of the decrease in SARI cases over the previous 21 weeks:



- ❖ In total, 1,759 cases were reported as "other diseases". The most important diseases reported within this group were: 261 cases of Typhoid (most of which were reported from DierEzor 87%), 130 cases of Brucellosis (most of which were reported from Rural Damascus 30%) 100 cases of Leishmaniasis, and 40 cases of TB.
- ❖ 53% of the cases were distributed among \ge 5 age group.
- The most common cases among < 5: AD cases were (45%) and ILI (39%). Graphs 5 and 6 below show the proportional morbidity among < 5 and ≥ 5 year age groups respectively.</p>

❖ 52% of the cases were reported among males.

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The Response

- ❖ AFP: Stool samples were collected from the AFP cases and sent to the reference lab in Damascus. The new round of vaccination campaign has been implemented between 6th and 10th of May through the global vaccination week.
- **AWD:** the case treated properly with no sample collected as it was a single case.
- ❖ **Typhoid:** distributing aqua tabs continues for disinfecting drinking water while working on the installation of the water purification units. These units will provide safe drinking water for approximately 40,000 people per day.
- ❖ 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.
- **BD**: cases are not clustered. All cases were managed properly.
- Other response measures were also taken with regard to case management of Leishmaniasis, Hepatitis, TB and BRU cases. In addition to ensuring the availability of medicines and the implementation of sanitation measures in accordance with available capacity.

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Table-1: Distribution of cases per age group, and by Governorate-week-21, 2014:

Code	Age group	Sweida	Hamah	Daraa	Aleppo	Damascus	DierEzor	Idleb	Homs	Lattakia	Rural Damascus	Tartous	Qunaitra	Raqua	Hassaka	Grand Total	
AD	< 5	142	9	161	406	471	472	85	64	79	211	67	46	102	129	2444	4545
	≥ 5	109	2	74	508	416	446	54	76	50	114	81	52	67	52	2101	
BD	< 5	1	0	0	0	2	13	0	0	4	0	1	6	0	17	44	93
	≥ 5	4	0	0	0	3	11	0	0	6	0	1	5	3	16	49	
AWD	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
AJS	< 5	3	0	14	25	38	35	48	30	6	19	0	11	7	3	239	583
	≥ 5	2	7	12	20	65	41	56	49	27	44	1	8	8	4	344	
ILI	< 5	153	0	146	185	376	396	69	45	213	113	179	127	42	73	2117	4217
	≥ 5	113	7	137	195	375	330	195	58	153	135	194	147	19	42	2100	
AFP	< 5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SM	< 5	0	1	1	8	7	49	6	1	3	2	1	6	22	0	107	217
	≥ 5	0	0	1	2	10	65	7	1	2	0	0	2	19	1	110	
SMN	< 5	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	4	0	13	46
	≥ 5	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	19	6	2	33	
SARI	< 5	4	0	0	0	32	0	2	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	44	79
	≥ 5	6	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	35	
Others		1	0	12	33	18	8	3	127	4	129	5	124	3	0	467	1759
		17	1	63	67	175	312	7	285	14	208	22	110	8	3	1292	
Total < 5		307	10	334	657	946	973	215	269	309	476	254	325	180	222	5477	11542
Total ≥ 5		254	17	287	792	1073	1205	320	469	252	502	300	344	130	120	6065	
Total		561	27	621	1449	2019	2178	535	738	561	978	554	669	310	342	11542	

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