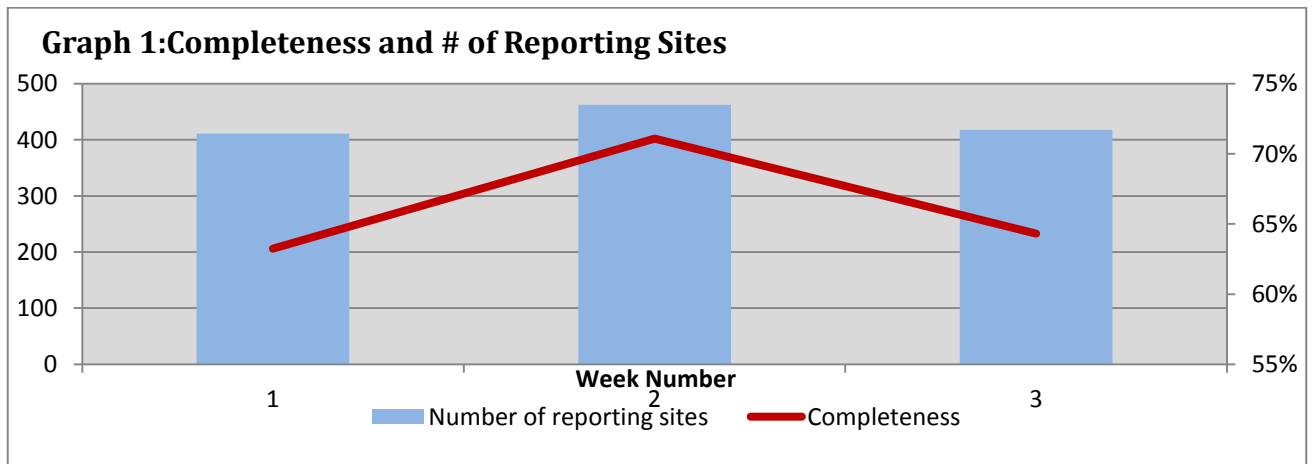


**Highlights:**

- ❖ 4 AFP cases were detected in Damascus, Hamah, Daraa, and Raqua.
- ❖ 2 AWD cases were detected in Homs .
- ❖ A notable decrease in number of AJS cases was also noticed this week
- ❖ There is an increase in number of SARI cases in this week.

**❖ Completeness& Timeliness of Reporting**

- ❖ The overall completeness of reporting was 64%; (418out of total 650 EWARS sentinel sites). (See Graph 1). 13 governorates have reported this week.

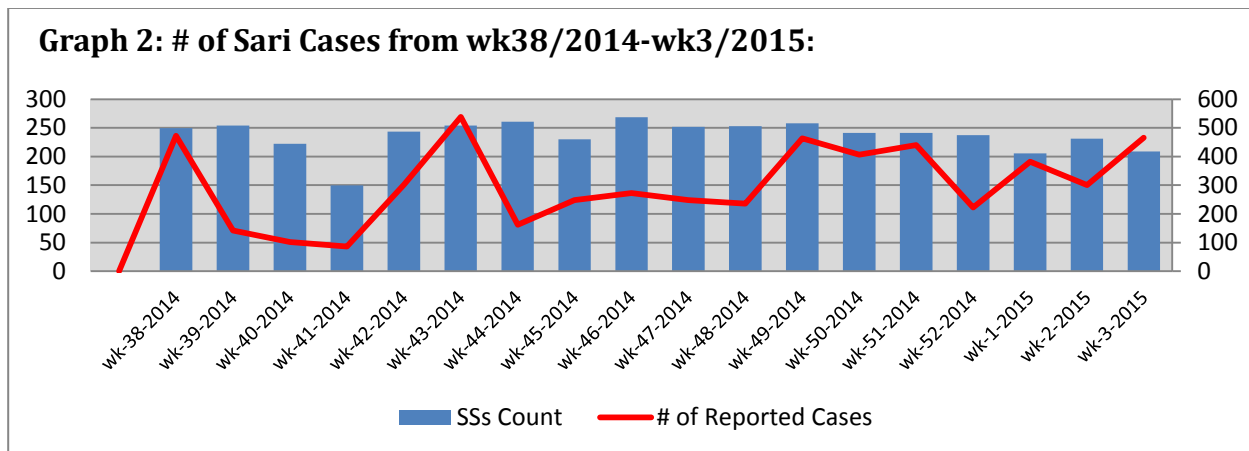


- ❖ Timeliness of reporting is 64%.

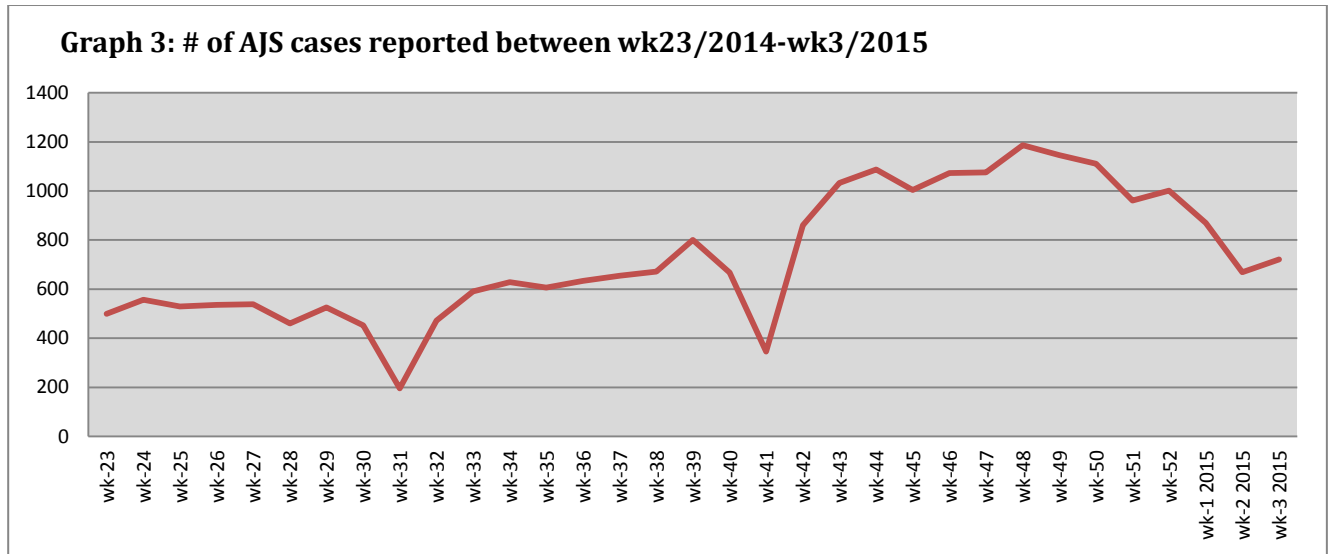
**❖ The Morbidity Cases**

- ❖ Out of the 181,350 total consultations, a total of 12,873 cases were reported; of which 6,492 cases were Influenza like Illness (50%), 2,479 cases were Acute Diarrhoea (19%), 721 cases of AJS, 233 cases of Sever Acute Respiratory Infection, 48 cases of Bloody Diarrhoea, 17 cases of Meningitis, 14 cases of Suspected Measles, 4 AFP case and 2 AWD 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 3-2015.



❖ Graph 3 displays the trend of the (24,169) AJS cases between wk23/2014-wk3/2015. The distribution of the cases per governorates shows that Idleb and Aleppo have the highest number of cases for this week. A slight decrease in the number of cases was noticed for this week; however, the low completeness of reporting should be taken into consideration when interpreting the noticed decrease.

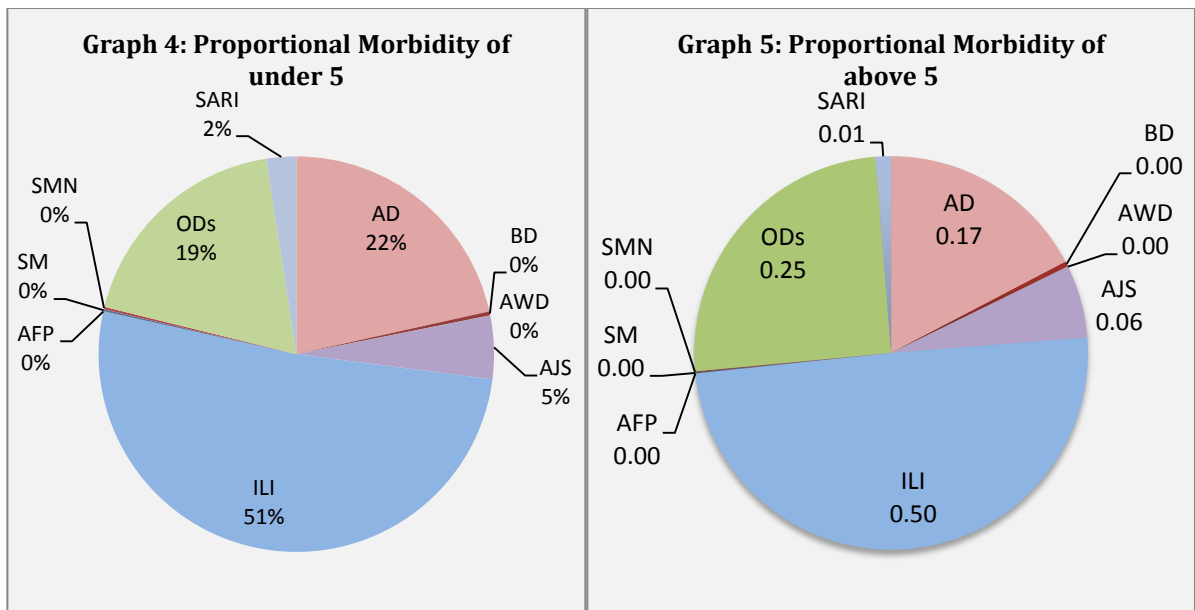


❖ In total, 2,863 cases were reported as “other diseases”. The most important diseases reported within this group were: 293 cases of Leishmaniasis (most of which were reported from Hamah 33%, Rural Damascus 26%, and Idleb 16%), 28 cases of Typhoid (most of which were reported from Rural Damascus 64%), 27 cases of Brucellosis (most of which were reported from Rural Damascus 37%), 10 cases of TB, and 7 cases of Pertussis.

❖ 54% of the cases were distributed among  $\geq 5$  age group.

❖ ILI consists (51%) of the cases among  $<5$  and (50%) among  $\geq 5$ , while AD cases consists (22%) among  $<5$  and (17%) among  $\geq 5$ .

❖ Graphs 4 and 5 below show the proportional morbidity among  $< 5$  and  $\geq 5$  year age groups respectively.



❖ The cases were distributed equally between males and females.

#### ❖ The Response

**AWD:** 2 cases detected revealed to be acute diarrhea. No samples were collected.

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

**SARI:** Awareness bulletin has been prepared 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-3, 2015:**

Code	age group	Raqa	Aleppo	Hassaka	Idleb	Homs	Hamah	Qunaitra	Tartous	Sweida	Rural Damascus	Daraa	Lattakia	Damascus	Grand Total
AD	< 5	73	88	45	261	48	78	36	38	47	88	53	189	227	1271
	≥ 5	35	73	35	240	43	53	53	31	41	144	53	149	258	1208
BD	< 5	0	0	9	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	2	2	19
	≥ 5	0	0	12	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	4	3	29
AWD	< 5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AJS	< 5	17	9	4	151	54	17	5	2	4	6	2	4	30	305
	≥ 5	11	16	16	154	60	25	9	3	14	8	2	25	73	416
ILI	< 5	24	588	73	537	81	129	11	167	171	217	123	229	685	3035
	≥ 5	10	387	63	728	83	188	38	322	249	311	134	285	659	3457
AFP	< 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
SM	< 5	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	9
	≥ 5	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
SMN	< 5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	5	12
	≥ 5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
SARI	< 5	0	0	4	0	0	84	0	0	2	1	0	1	52	144
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	6	3	0	0	69	89
Others	< 5	24	289	0	44	376	26	87	6	0	182	19	25	27	1105
	≥ 5	18	360	0	42	429	134	97	11	0	345	41	162	119	1758
<b>Total Sum of &lt; 5</b>		142	974	135	998	560	335	143	213	227	495	202	450	1029	5903
<b>Total Sum of ≥ 5</b>		79	836	126	1165	616	412	206	369	313	811	231	625	1182	6971
<b>Total</b>		<b>221</b>	<b>1810</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>2163</b>	<b>1176</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>1306</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>2211</b>	<b>12873</b>