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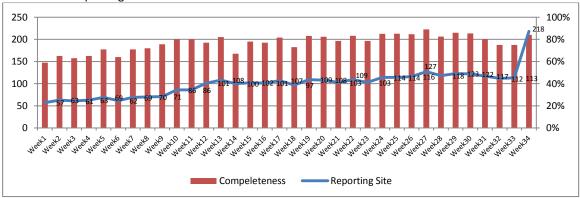
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Highlights:

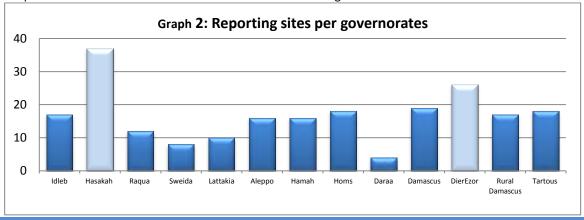
- 101 sentinel sites in North and Northeast governorates which report directly to WHO was accepted by MOH to be compiled with MOH data.
- New sentinel sites includes private health care providers (clinics and hospitals) and NGOs health facilities.
- ❖ Total number of sentinel sites are now 261
- Compiled data are more representing North and Northeastern governorates as the number of sentinel sites in these high risk areas is increased by many folds

L Completeness & Timeliness of Reporting

- The overall completeness of reporting was 84%; (218 out of total 261 EWARS sentinel sites) (See Graph 1). 13 out of 14 governorates have reported this week.
- Timeliness of reporting is 95%.



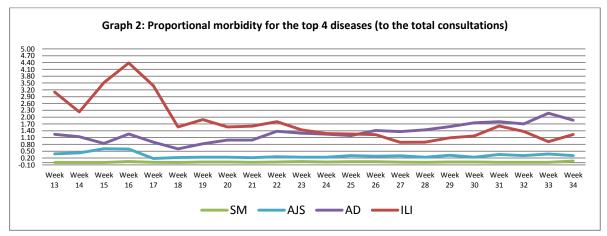
Graph two below shows the number of sentinel sites in each governorates



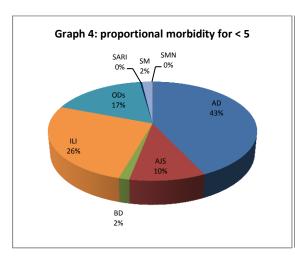
II. The Morbidity Cases

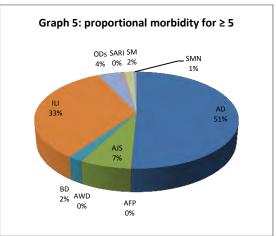
Out of the total 106976 consultations, a total of 4,659 cases were reported; of which 2,187 cases were Acute Diarrhoea (47%) and 1,389 cases were Influenza like Illness (30%). In addition, 399 cases of AJS, 81 cases of Suspected Measles, 78 cases of Bloody Diarrhoea, 20 cases of Sever Acute Respiratory Infection, 15 cases of Meningitis and 1 AFP case. Graph 2 shows the proportional morbidity for the top 4 diseases (to the total consultations, after excluding the data of 8 health facilities that did not report total consultations).

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- ❖ 487 cases were reported as "other diseases", 155 of which were cases of Brucellosis (59% of which reported in Damascus and 24% in rural Damascus). In addition, there were 138 cases of Leishmanisis, 51% of which were reported in Hamah. 70 % of the Leishmaniasis cases were reported among above 5 year age group. This is in addition to 28 cases of Typhoid and 8 TB cases.
- \$ 52% of the cases were reported among < 5 age group, the most common cases among this age group was AD
 (51%) followed by ILI cases (33%). Graph 3 and 4 below show the proportion of morbidities among < 5 and ≥ 5
 year age groups respectively.
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- ❖ 53% of cases were reported among males.





III. The Response

- ❖ MEASLES: Suspected measles cases were investigated by the teams of the governorates; blood samples have been collected and sent to the reference lab to be tested in addition to the provision of 2 doses of Vit.A for suspected cases (200,000 U)
- ❖ MENINGITIS: Meningitis cases detected in Raqua are not clustered. Cases were managed properly; and investigation forms were filled. This is in addition to providing the preventive therapy for the contacts when necessary.
- ❖ AWD: Investigation showed that the 2 cases detected in Damascus were Acute Diarrhea and not Suspected Cholera.
- ❖ AFP: The case is from Idleb but was detected in Hamah. The case was discharged from the hospital as per the parents request before proper investigation took place.
- ❖ Bloody Diarrhea: Most cases are detected in Alshadadeh district in Hassakah were access is very difficult to conduct proper investigation. Diarrhea kits and Chlorine tablets is being dispatched to the district in coordination with health authority in Alhassaka.
- SARI: Cases were treated properly and some are already discharged from the hospitals
- Other response measures were also taken with regard to case management of Leishmaniais, Hepatitis and TB 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-34, 2013

Code	Age group	Idleb	Hassaka	Raqua	Sweida	Lattakia	Aleppo	Hamah	Homs	Daraa	Damascus	Dier-Ezor	Rural Damascus	Tartous	Grand Total		
AD	< 5	88	240	60	21	72	127	83	30	28	230	60	100	85	1224	2187	
	≥ 5	41	188	13	17	21	41	80	7	13	207	67	82	186	963		
AFP	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
AJS	< 5	20	18	11	0	3	19	5	0	10	41	12	31	1	171	399	
	≥ 5	30	15	7	8	3	16	19	19	2	58	26	24	1	228		
AWD	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
BD	< 5	1	34	4	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	1	46	78	
	≥ 5	2	24	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	32		
ILI	< 5	27	75	4	48	171	94	27	24	17	166	0	84	61	798	1389	
	≥ 5	53	36	1	50	83	102	14	0	10	148	0	53	41	591		
SARI	< 5	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	13	20	
	≥ 5	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	7		
SM	< 5	0	16	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	17	0	0	40	81	
	≥ 5	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	0	0	41		
SMN	< 5	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	13	15	
	≥ 5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
ODs	< 5	1	20	8	0	1	2	17	1	4	29	16	6	1	106	487	
	≥ 5	48	21	9	1	1	14	71	4	21	119	22	46	4	381		
Total < 5		139	406	96	69	247	244	134	55	63	482	106	224	149	2414	4659	
Total ≥5		174	299	33	79	108	173	184	31	48	535	141	208	232	2245	7033	
		313	705	129	148	355	417	318	86	111	1017	247	432	381	465	4659	

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