

# **EWARS Weekly Bulletin**

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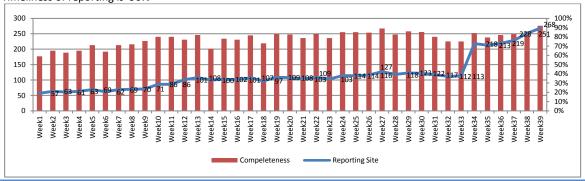
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#### **Highlights:**

- Reports have been received from 14 governorates this week
- A decrease in the total number of suspected measles cases continued for this week despite the increase in the number of reporting sites across the country
- A high number of Typhoid cases was reported under other disease in two villages in Idleb

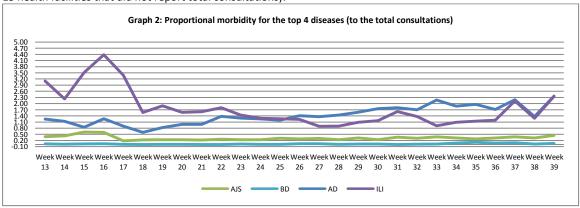
### I. Completeness & Timeliness of Reporting

- The overall completeness of reporting was 92%; (268 out of total 291 EWARS sentinel sites) (See Graph 1). 14 governorates have reported this week.
- Timeliness of reporting is 90%

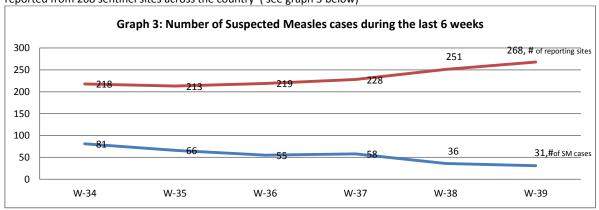


### **II.** The Morbidity Cases

Out of the 105234 total consultations, a total of 7,356 cases were reported; of which 2,935 cases were Acute Diarrhoea (40%) and 2,820 cases were Influenza like Illness (38%). In addition, 554 cases of AJS, 71 cases of Bloody Diarrhoea, 42 cases of Sever Acute Respiratory Infection, 31 cases of Suspected Measles, 22 cases of Meningitis, 1 AFP case and 1 case of Acute Watery Diarrhoea. Graph 2 shows the proportional morbidity for the top 4 diseases (to the total consultations, after excluding the data of 13 health facilities that did not report total consultations).

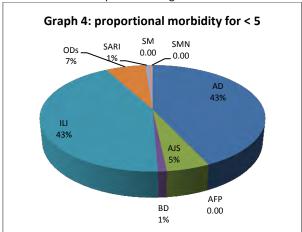


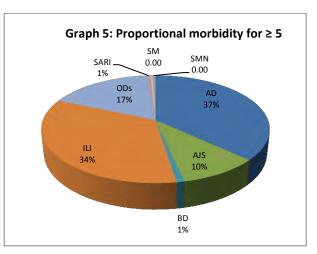
The number of suspected measles cases continue to show a remarkable decrease during this week where only 31 cases were reported from 268 sentinel sites across the country (see graph 3 below)



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- In total, 879 cases were reported as "other diseases". The most important diseases reported within this group was: 394 cases of Leishmaniasis (72 % of leishmaniasis cases were reported in Aleppo), 213 cases of Typhoid, and 64 cases of Brucellosis. 94% of Typhoid cases were reported from Idleb from one village (190 of which from Kafer Takharim). 88% of Typhoid cases were reported among ≥ 5 year age group
- Cases were equally distributed between the two age groups. The most common cases among < 5 were AD (43%) and ILI cases (43%). Graph 4 and 5 below show the proportional morbidity among < 5 and ≥ 5 year age groups respectively.</p>
- 52% of cases were reported among males.





### III. The Response

- Typhoid: Medicines have been sent to the health facilities in the affected areas based on the national protocol and distributed in coordinated with local health authority in Idleb. UNICEF send aqua tabs through Syrian Arab Red Crescent Society (SARC) to the affected area and ICRC started the process of water chlorination as the water testing showed very low level of chlorine
- ❖ MENINGITIS: Meningitis cases detected in different governorates 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.
- \* AWD: The case detected was not associated with dehydration and revealed to be AD
- ❖ AFP: The case reported to the pediatric hospital and stool samples of the reported case collected and sent to the reference lab for investigation
- ❖ Bloody Diarrhea: Most cases were detected in Alshadadah district in hard to reach areas in Hassakah. No stool sample was collected due to security situation. Cases reported from other governorates were not clustered and they were provided with proper treatment.
- 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 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-39, 2013

Code	Values	Idleb	Hassaka	Raqua	Sweida	Qunaitra	Lattakia	Aleppo	Hamah	Homs	Daraa	Damascus	Dier- Ezor	Rural Damascus	Tartous	Grand Total	
AD	< 5	317	249	125	16	29	78	175	94	22	13	248	78	75	64	1583	2935
	≥ 5	299	225	25	23	27	25	134	56	8	8	269	70	112	71	1352	
AFP	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AJS	< 5	66	10	4	0	10	4	29	2	3	2	43	8	14	0	195	554
	≥ 5	120	10	3	2	11	10	39	25	20	0	81	6	29	3	359	
AWD	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	≥ 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
BD	< 5	8	26	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	40	71
	≥ 5	11	8	0	0	0	0	7	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	31	
ILI	< 5	172	99	0	127	45	204	406	36	39	16	264	0	105	60	1573	2820
	≥ 5	194	46	0	102	46	126	316	34	4	9	251	0	73	46	1247	
SARI	< 5	0	4	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	12	0	0	0	22	42
	≥ 5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	20	
SM	< 5	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	18	31
	≥ 5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	13	
SMN	< 5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	22
	≥ 5	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	1	0	0	18	
ODs	< 5	28	6	3	0	6	0	134	16	1	0	32	2	18	3	249	879
	≥ 5	182	2	7	7	4	2	157	91	3	7	110	8	47	3	630	
Total < 5		592	402	135	146	90	290	745	150	65	31	602	97	213	127	3685	7356
Total ≥5		807	295	40	136	88	163	653	210	35	25	739	96	261	123	3671	7356
Total		1399	697	175	282	178	453	1398	360	100	56	1341	193	474	250	7356	

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