MONTHLY DISEASES EPIDEMIOLOGY REPORT





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1. Highlights on NEWARS reporting

Immediate and Events reports:

- a) Three cases of suspected bacterial meningitis were reported from JDWNRH,
- b) Four malaria cases were detected, two from the Sarpang,, one from Haa and another from Samdrupjongkhar.
- c) Two suspected cases of Pertussis were reported from JDWNRH
- d) Total of 35 samples of suspected Measles/Rubella cases were tested, of which one of the samples tested positive for Measles IgM.
- e) Twenty-six disease Outbreaks were reported during the month of September. Among them 20 (76.9%) were the outbreak of conjunctivitis: a majority of these were reported from eastern region. The other outbreaks reported were Influenza-like Illness from three health facilities, a Chicken pox from Paro and an Acute Gastro-enteritis from Haa hospital.

2. Status of Notifiable Diseases/Syndromes reported:

A total of 27217 cases of notifiable diseases were reported in the weekly indicator-based surveillance system, among the 11 weekly notifiable diseases, Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) (83.0%) followed by Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) (14.0%) topped the list (**Figure 1**).

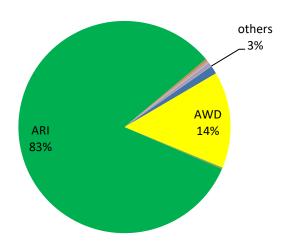


Figure 1: Proportion of notifiable diseases reported in NEWARS

A total of 22307 cases of respiratory illness were reported: among dzongkhags, Sarpang and Samtse had reported the highest percentage of both ARI and SARI cases (**Figure 2**)

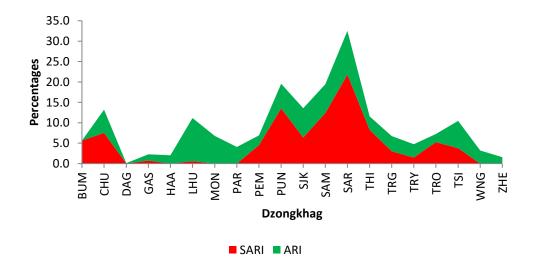


Figure 2: Proportion of ARI and SARI reported by Dzongkhags

Similarly, 4255 cases of diarrheal diseases were reported, The Thimphu and Chhukha dzongkhag reported the highest percentage of both AWD and ABD (**Figure 3**).

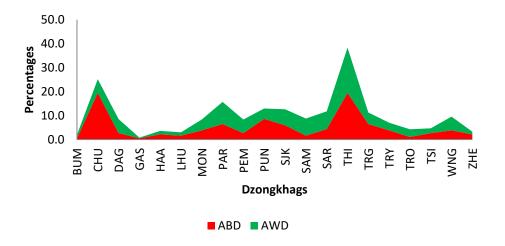


Figure 3: Proportion of ABD and AWD reported by Dzongkhag

3. Status of Notifiable Diseases/Syndromes for the month

Of the total weekly report received in the system, 85.0% were reported in time, 8.0% were lately reported, and the rest (7.0%) of weekly reports were not received (**Figure 4**).

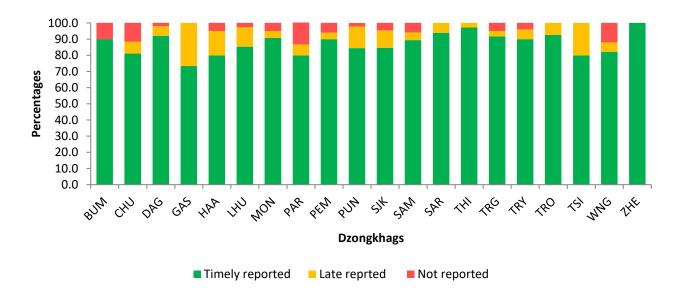


Figure 4: Reporting status of Notifiable Diseases by Dzongkhags