

Early Warning and Reporting System (EWARS)

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This bulletin includes the updates from the Early Warning Reporting System (EWARS). It includes data since January 2015 till date, including comparison of same period during last year.

Section 1: The Early Warning and Reporting System (EWARS)

Highlights

- 119 Cholera (*Vibrio cholerae* Ogawa 01) cases were confirmed by NPHL so far since 30 June, 13 cases in Kathmandu, 101 cases in Lalitpur, and 5 from unidentified place.
- A total of 176 cases of Scrub typhus have been reported from till date including 5 deaths.
- Two cases of Malaria (*Plasmodium falciparum*) are reported this week from BPKIHS, Dharan including one death and both the cases are from India.
- Three cases of (*Plasmodium vivax*) are reported this week, one from Narayani Sub Regional Hospital, Parsa and two from Mahakali Zonal Hospital, Kanchanpur and the cases are from Parsa and Kanchanpur district.
- One death from Kala-azar is reported this week from United Mission hospital, Palpa. Other three cases of Kala-azar are reported from Mechi Zonal Hospital, Koshi Zonal Hospital, and BPKIHS, Dharan.
- Two deaths from SARI are reported this week from BPKIHS, Dharan and the cases are from Taplejung and Jhapa District.
- The cases of Enteric fever is in increasing trend from last few weeks so it is important to remain alert to detect potential clusters and conduct investigation to identify potential common source of contamination.

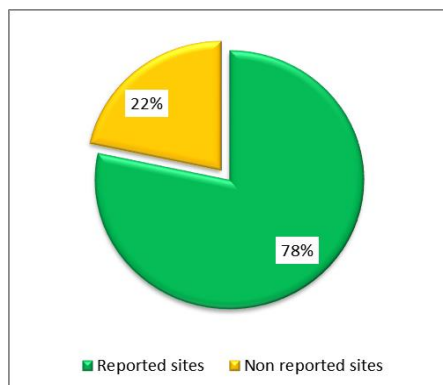
The EWARS was established in 1997 to strengthen the flow of information on vector-borne and other outbreak prone infectious diseases from the district to Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD) and Vector-Borne Disease Research and Training Center (VBDRTC), Hetauda. Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) can be mobilized at short notice to facilitate prompt outbreak response at Central, Regional and District level. They can also support local level health institutions for investigation and outbreak control activities.

This information system is hospital-based and is currently operational in 60 hospitals (out of 81 sites) throughout Nepal (Figure 1). So far, the EWARS mainly focuses on the **weekly reporting** of number of cases and deaths (including "zero" reports) of six priority diseases/syndromes—Malaria, Kala-azar, Dengue, Acute Gastroenteritis (AGE), Cholera and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI), and other epidemic potential diseases/syndromes (like enteric fever). It equally focuses on **immediate reporting** (to be reported within 24 hours of diagnosis) of one confirmed case of Cholera, Kala-azar severe and complicated Malaria and one suspect/clinical case of Dengue as well as 5 or more cases of AGE and SARI from the same geographical locality in one week period.



Reporting Status

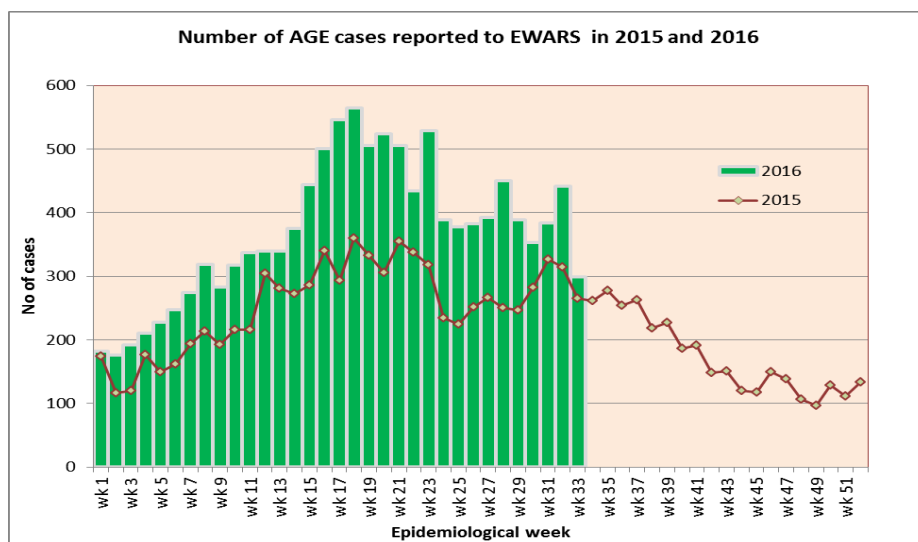
Out of 60 functional EWARS sentinel sites, report was received from 47 sentinel sites (78 percent) whereas 13 sentinel sites did not report in 33rd Epidemiological week. The reporting coverage is same as compared to the previous week.



1.1 Acute Gastro-Enteritis and Cholera

299 cases of AGE are reported in 33rd epidemiological week of 2016. Among 299 cases, the majority of cases are from Lalitpur (33 cases), Bhaktapur (22 cases), Bardiya (17 cases), Parsa (15 cases), Dhanusha (14 cases), Dolakha (13 cases), Kapilvastu (13 cases) and Jhapa (11 cases) district. The number of AGE cases reported in 33rd week this year did not exceed the number of AGE cases reported in the same week last year (265 cases).

No death from AGE is reported this week. Five deaths from AGE are reported so far this year.

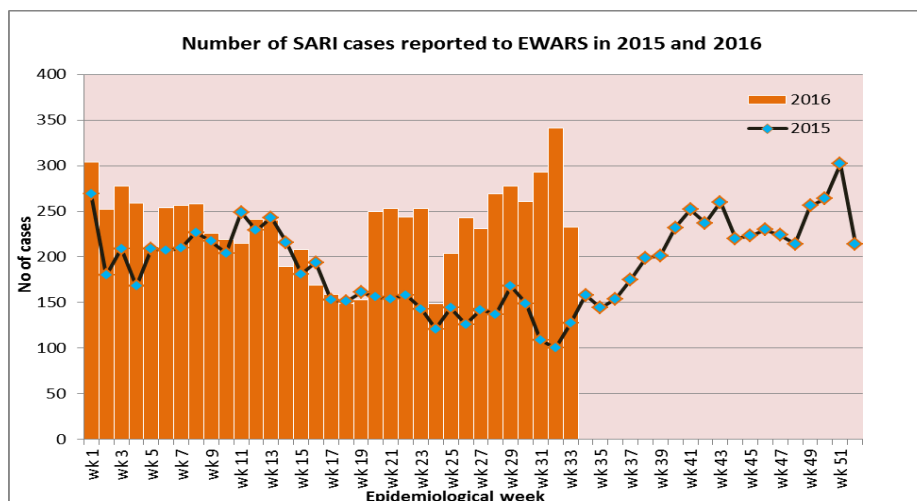


Cholera: 119 Cholera (*Vibrio cholerae* Ogawa 01) cases were confirmed by NPHL so far since 30 June, 13 cases in Kathmandu, 101 cases in Lalitpur, and 5 from unidentified place. Epidemiological and environmental investigations along with water and sanitation activities are carried out in coordination with DPHO and partners.

1.2 Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI)

233 cases of SARI are reported in 33rd epidemiological week of 2016. The cases of SARI reported this week exceed the number reported in the same week last year (127 cases). Among 233 cases, the majority of cases are from, Jhapa (28 cases), Baitadi (23 cases), Rupandehi (18 cases), Dang (17 cases), Morang (16 cases), Gorkha (11 cases), Baglung (9 cases), Bardiya (9 cases), Palpa (9 cases), and Parsa (8 cases) district.

Two deaths from SARI are reported this week from BPKIHS, Dharan and the cases are from Taplejung and Jhapa District. Fifty one deaths from SARI are reported so far this year.



1.3 Enteric Fever

258 cases of Enteric fever are reported this week. The majority of cases are from Nawalparasi (39 cases), Sindhuli (25 cases), Gulmi (17 cases), Lamjung (16 cases), Syangja (15 cases), Palpa (13 cases), Dhading (13 cases) and Ramechhap (12 cases) districts. The cases of Enteric fever is high since last few weeks so it is important to remain alert to detect potential clusters and conduct investigation to identify potential common source of contamination.

1.4 Malaria

Two cases of Malaria (*Plasmodium falciparum*) are reported this week from BPKIHS, Dharan including one death and both the cases are from India.

Three cases of (*Plasmodium vivax*) are reported this week, one from Narayani Sub Regional Hospital, Parsa and two from Mahakali Zonal Hospital, Kanchanpur and the cases are from Parsa and Kanchanpur district.

Thirty seven cases of malaria are reported so far this year. Ninety cases of Malaria were reported through EWARS in 2015.

1.5 Dengue

No case of Dengue is reported this week. Only six case of dengue is reported so far this year. Fifty-eight cases of Dengue were reported through EWARS in 2015

1.6 Kala-azar

One death from Kala-azar is reported this week from United Mission hospital, Palpa and the case is from the same district. Similarly other three cases of Kala-azar are reported from Mechi Zonal Hospital, Koshi Zonal Hospital, and BPKIHS, Dharan and the cases are from Garamani VDC of Jhapa District, Darbesa VDC and Sisabanibadahara VDC of Morang district.

Timeliness & completeness of reporting from sentinel sites:

Site Code	Sentinel Sites	Timeliness (this week)	Completeness (%)	Site code	Sentinel Sites	Timeliness (%)	Completeness (%)
101	Mechi ZH, Jhapa	On time	100	130	DH, Rasuwa	No reporting	75
102	Koshi ZH, Morang	On time	100	131	DH, Sankhuwasabha	No reporting	0
103	DH, Sunsari	On time	100	132	AMDA Hosp., Jhapa	On time	100
104	BPKIHS, Dharan	On time	100	133	DH, Chautara	On time	100
105	DH, Dhankuta	On time	100	134	DH, Sarlahi	On time	100
106	SZH, Saptari	On time	96	135	DH, Sindhuli	On time	100
107	RKUP, Lahan, Siraha	No reporting	96	136	DH, Illam	On time	100
108	DH, Siraha	On time	100	137	Dhulikhel H., Kavre	On time	100
109	JZH, Dhanusha	On time	100	138	DH, Solukhumbu	No reporting	96
110	DH, Rautahat	No reporting	81	139	DH, Dolpa	No reporting	0
111	DH, Bara	No reporting	0	140	DH, Humla	No reporting	0
112	NSRH, Parsa	On time	100	201	Lamjung Comm DH, Lamjung	On time	100
113	DH, Makawanpur	On time	100	202	DH, Dhading	On time	100
114	NZH, Chitwan	No reporting	84	203	DH, Ramechhap	On time	100
115	Kanti CH, Kathmandu	On time	90	204	Bhaktapur Hospital	On time	36
116	STH, Kathmandu	On time	100	205	Patan Hospital, Lalitpur	On time	82
117	UMH, Palpa	On time	100	206	DH, Gorkha	On time	54
118	PCH, Nawalparasi	On time	100	207	DH Trishuli, Nuwakot	No reporting	5
119	PBH, Kapilvastu	On time	100	208	Charikot PHCC, Dolakha	On time	90
120	LZH, Rupandehi	On time	100	209	Jiri H, Dolakha	On time	83
121	RSRH Dang	On time	100	210	DH, Syangja	On time	100
122	MWRH, Surkhet	On time	100	211	DH, Tanahun	On time	100
123	BZH, Banke	No reporting	0	212	WRH, Kaski	On time	100
124	SZH, Kailali	No reporting	69	214	DH, Gulmi	On time	100
125	MZH, Kanchanpur	On time	100	215	DZH, Baglung	On time	100
126	DH, Doti	On time	87	219	DH, Mustang	On time	100
127	DH, Bardiya	On time	100	220	DH, Pyuthan	On time	100
128	DH, Mahottari	On time	100	221	DH, Rolpa	On time	75
129	DH, Dadeldhura	No reporting	0	229	DH, Achham	On time	100
				230	DH, Baitadi	On time	100
				237	DH, Bhojpur	No reporting	83
				240	DH, Udaypur	On time	100

	Excellent (>80)
	Satisfactory (50-79)
	Bad (<50)

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Note: EWARS reporting form (in MS Excel format) is available at EDCCD's official website www.edcd.gov.np. This bulletin is also available at the website.