

# **EWARS Weekly Bulletin**

## Week No. 20: 12 - 18 May 2013



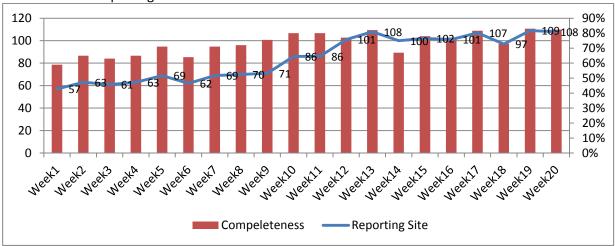
Syria: The PH&CCD Directorates-MOH & WHO

### **Highlights:**

- The highest number of suspected measles cases was reported this week
- For the second week, the highest number of Acute Diarrheal is reported in Rural Damascus (31%)

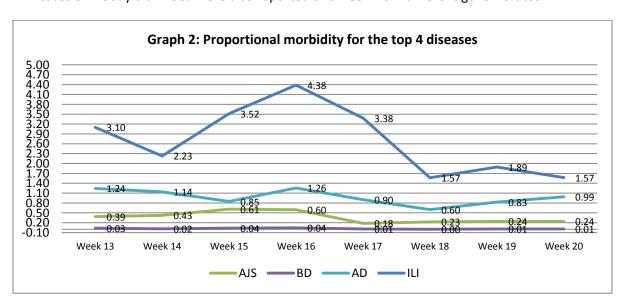
#### I. Completeness & Timeliness of Reporting

- The reporting overall completeness was 82.4 %; (108 out of total 131 EWARS sentinel sites) (See Graph 1) but only 12 out of 14 governorates have reported for this week with completeness reached (89%).
- Timeliness of reporting is 100%.



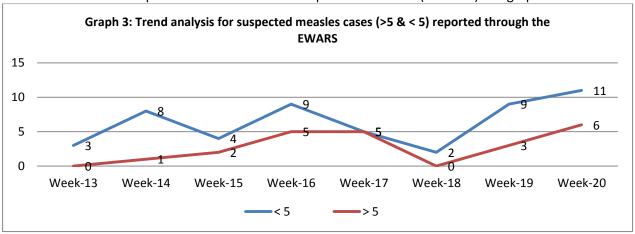
#### II. The Morbidity Cases

- Out of the total 63,811, a total of 2,435 cases were reported of which 41.3 % are Influenza like illness (ILI) (1008 cases), 27% were Acute Diarrhoea (660 cases), and 6.2% were AJS (153).
- ❖ 31% of the Acute Diarrhoea cases were reported in Rural Damascus.
- ❖ 7 cases of Bloody diarrhoea were also reported this week from different governorates.

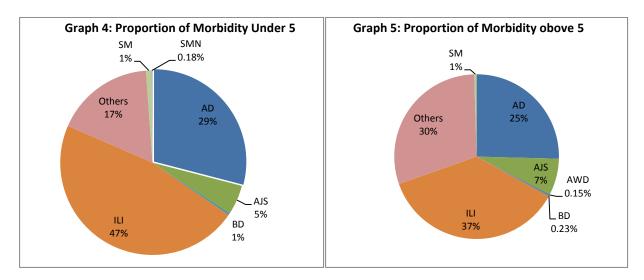


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The heist number of suspected measles cases was reported this week (17 cases) See graph 3



- Two meningitis cases were reported from Rural- Damascus
- ❖ 586 cases were reported as "other diseases". The reported other diseases of importance were mainly Leishmaniasis (205) cases. 44% of the leishmaniasis cases were reported in Hamah and 43% of Leishmaniasis cases were reported in Aleppo. 70% of the cases were reported among above 5 year age group.
- Among other diseases of importance also, 4 cases of pneumonia were reported from Sweida National hospital (The only hospital currently involved in EWARS). In addition, 10 TB cases were also reported from different governorates for this week.
- ❖ The most common diseases among under 5 year age group was ILI cases (47%) followed by AD cases (29%). (See Graph 4)
- ❖ Graph 5 below show the proportion of morbidities among the above 5 year age groups.



Cases were equally distributed between females and males

## III. The Response

- ❖ Measles vaccination campaigns continue in the governorates where measles cases were reported, in addition Vit. A was provided for children under 5. The reported measles cases were from Rural Damascus (7), Aleppo (6), Lattakia (2) and Damascus (2).
- The pneumonia cases that were reported from Sweida National Hospital were treated properly while infection control measures being highly considered. Cases were cured and discharged from the hospital
- ❖ BD cases were managed appropriately with proper antibiotics.
- The two Meningitis cases reported in Rural Damascus were referred to the Paediatric Hospital in Damascus for proper management, investigation forms were filled and contact were treated with proper antibiotics

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❖ Other response measures were also taken with regard to case management of Leishmaniais and TB in addition to ensuring the availability of medicines and the implementation of sanitation measures in accordance with available capacity.

Table-1: Distribution of cases per age group, and by Governorate-week-20, 2013

Code	Age group	Idleb	Sweida	Qunaitra	Lattakia	Aleppo	Hamah	Homs	Daraa	Damascus	Dier Ezour	Rural Damascus	Tartous	Grand Total	
AD	< 5	3	13	4	38	37	18	7	3	89	14	77	27	330	
	> 5	0	11	7	36	22	12	2	0	87	4	128	21	330	660
AFP	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	> 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AJS	< 5	3	14	0	0	20	0	3	2	2	0	14	1	59	
	> 5	8	4	0	2	33	7	1	0	9	8	20	2	94	153
AWD	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	> 5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
BD	< 5	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	
	> 5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	7
ILI	< 5	24	35	7	175	23	43	2	3	113	0	67	41	533	
	> 5	18	48	11	43	11	16	2	0	213	0	79	34	475	1008
MAL	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	> 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SM	< 5	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	11	
	> 5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	17
SMN	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	
	> 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	< 5	0	2	0	0	165	19	1	0	1	2	7	0	197	
Others	> 5	0	7	0	0	202	76	10	2	38	24	14	16	389	586
Total < 5		30	64	11	216	250	80	13	9	207	16	171	69	1136	
Total															0.405
> 5 Total		26 56	71 135	18	82 298	273 523	111	15 28	2	347 554	36 52	244	74 143	1299	2435
Total		50	135	29	298	543	191	28	11	554	52	415	143	2435	

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