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Syndromic Surveillance Report

Epi-week 2: 06/01/25 - 12/01/25

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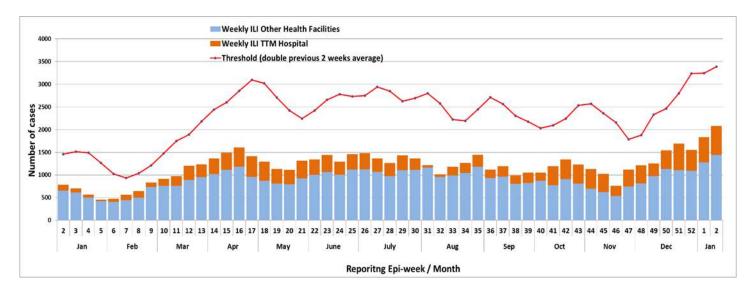
1. Influenza like illness (ILI)

Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of ≥ 38 C° and cough, with onset within the last 10 days

Alert threshold: Exceeding double the average in the previous 2 weeks

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 01: 30/12/24 – 05/01/25	Epi-week 02: 06/01/25 – 12/01/25
Total cases reported	1832	2080
Moving Average	1622	1692
Threshold	3244	3383

Figure 1. Number of ILI cases reported from all Health Facilities



The influenza like illness case count increased by 13.5% compared to the previous epi-week; it remains below the alert threshold. The Ministry of Health strongly recommends the general public to continue the practice of preventative measures such as – wearing of face masks especially when you have flu-like symptoms such as cough and runny nose, practice regular hand hygiene and avoid large gatherings without masks. If you are feeling ill with flu-like symptoms, please see a nurse or doctor, stay home and take medications as prescribed.



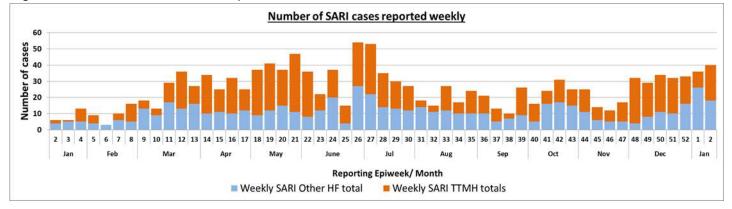






Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of ≥ 38 C° and cough, with onset within the last 10 days, AND requiring hospitalizationAlert threshold: 2 linked casesEpi-week 01: 30/12/24 – 05/01/25Epi-week 02: 06/01/25 – 12/01/25Total cases reported3640Moving Average32.534.5Threshold2 linked cases2 linked cases

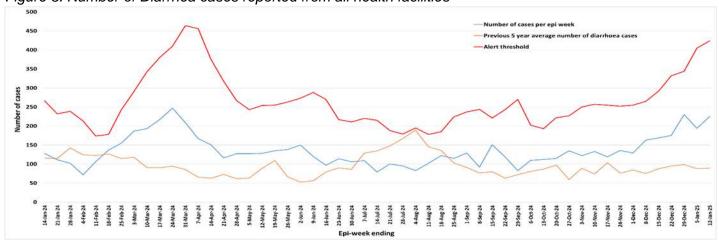
Figure 2. Number of SARI cases reported from all health facilities



3. Diarrhea

Case Definition: Three (3) or more loose or watery or bloody stools in 24hrsAlert threshold: more than twice the average of the last two weeks countEpi-weeksEpi-week 01: 30/12/24 – 05/01/25Epi-week 02: 06/01/25 – 12/01/25Total cases reported194225Moving Average202.5212Threshold405424

Figure 3. Number of Diarrhea cases reported from all health facilities



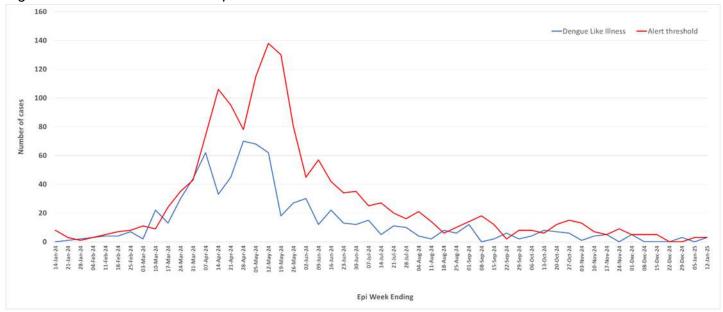
Diarrhea case count remains below the alert threshold. However, precautionary measures are strongly recommended as we are currently in the rainy season. The Ministry of Health strongly urges the public to continue good hand hygiene or hand washing practices, boil water before drinking and ensure food preparation is safe and sanitary.

Case Definition: Fever (≥38°C) for at least 2 days, PLUS at least 2 of the following: Nausea or vomiting; Muscle or joint pain; Severe headache or pain behind the eyes; Rash; bleeding

Alert threshold: twice the average number of cases seen in the previous two weeks

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 01: 30/12/24 - 05/01/25	Epi-week 02: 06/01/25 - 12/01/25
Total cases reported	0	3
Moving Average	1.5	1.5
Threshold	3	3

Figure 4. Number of DLI cases reported from all health facilities



The case count of dengue like illness has not exceeded the alert threshold. The Ministry of Health strongly advises the public to maintain preventative practices, including eliminating stagnant water sources around homes that could serve as mosquito breeding sites, wearing appropriate clothing to reduce mosquito bites, and using mosquito nets and repellents such as lotions and sprays. If you experience symptoms, be vigilant for severe manifestations and seek medical attention promptly. Additionally, monitor other household members for similar symptoms and seek testing and medical advice at a hospital if needed.

