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Syndromic Surveillance Report Epi-week 26: 23/06/25 – 29/06/25

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1. Dengue like illness (DLI)

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; bleedingAlert threshold: twice the average number of cases seen in the previous two weeksEpi-weeksEpi-week 25: 16/06/25 – 22/06/25Epi-week 26: 23/06/25 – 29/06/25Total cases reported203239Moving Average117.5169Threshold235338





There were 239 dengue like illness cases reported in this epi-week: 140 of which are Dengue Fever labconfirmed. The Ministry of Health has declared a dengue outbreak on the 17th April 2025 and urges the public to heed advise and recommendations on preventative measures such as: clean-up and remove stagnant water sources around the house that are potential mosquito breeding sites; wear appropriate clothing to minimize mosquito bites; use mosquito nets and repellents such as lotion and sprays; and watch out for severe symptoms and seek medical attention immediately.



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2. Influenza like illness (ILI)

Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of \ge 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 25: 16/06/25 – 22/06/25	Epi-week 26: 23/06/25 – 29/06/25	
Total cases reported	1190	858	
Moving Average	1098	1139	
Threshold	2196	2277	





The influenza like illness case count decreased by 28% compared to the previous epi-week and 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.

3. Severe acute respiratory infection (SARI)

Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of \ge 38 C° and cough, with onset within the last 10 days, AND requiring hospitalization **Alert threshold: 2 linked cases**

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 25: 16/06/25 – 22/06/25	Epi-week 26: 23/06/25 – 29/06/25
Total cases reported	15	26
Moving Average	11.5	13
Threshold	2 linked cases	2 linked cases



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4. Diarrhea

Case Definition: Three (3) or more loose or watery or bloody stools in 24hrs Alert threshold: more than twice the average of the last two weeks count			
Epi-weeks	Epi-week 25: 16/06/25 – 22/06/25	Epi-week 26: 23/06/25 – 29/06/25	
Total cases reported	90	86	
Moving Average	71	79.5	
Threshold	142	159	

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



Diarrhea case count decreased by 4% compared to the previous epi-week and remains below the alert threshold. However, precautionary measures are strongly recommended as we are currently in the wet 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.



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