



Dengue Fever Outbreak Situation Report in Samoa

Epi-week 12: 16th March – 22nd March 2026

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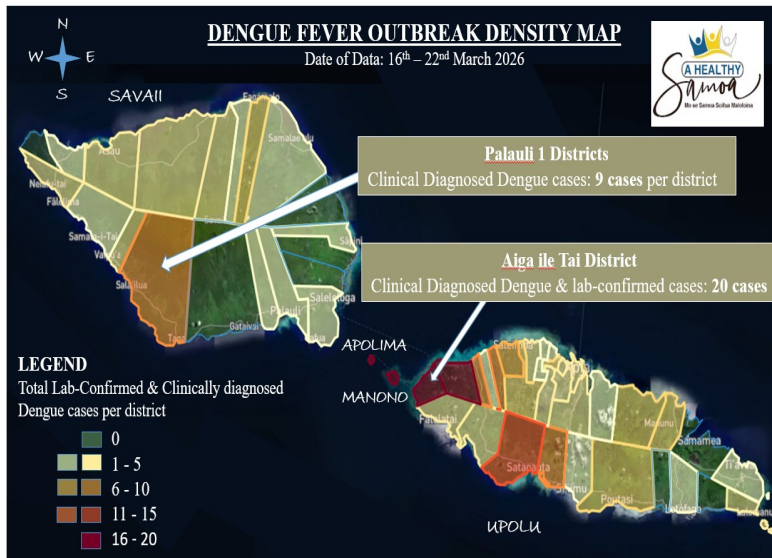
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Weekly Summary (16th Mar – 22nd Mar 2026)

Number of New Cases	Difference compared to previous week for New cases (%)	Number of new admissions	Difference compared to previous week for New admissions (%)	Number of lab confirmed cases	Difference compared to previous week for lab confirmed cases (%)	New ICU admissions	Number of Deaths
176	- 10%	23	+ 77%	64	+ 21%	0	0



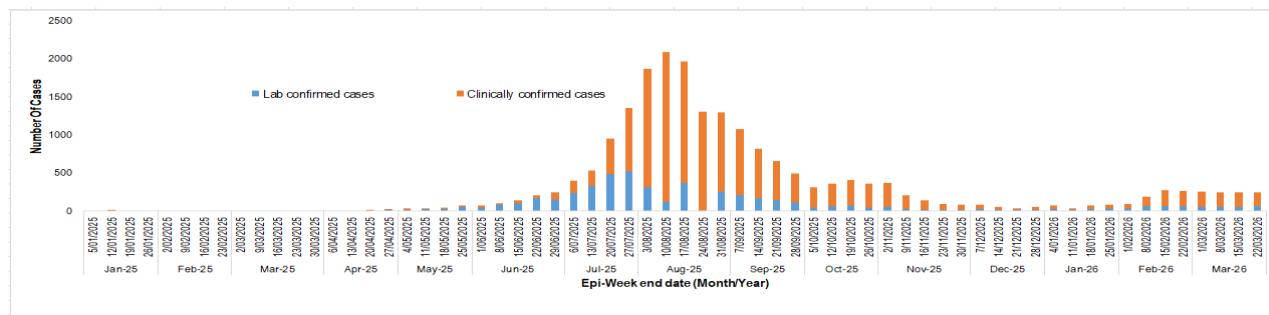
Epi Week 11 (09 Mar 2026 – 15 Mar 2026)	Cases	Epi Week 12 (16 Mar 2026 – 22 Mar 2026)	Cases
Aana Alofi 4	14	Aiga ile Tai	20
Safata 2	13	Aana Alofi 4	18
Palauli 1	8	Safata 1	11
Faasaleleaga 4	8	Palauli 1	9
Vaimauga 3	6	Safata 2	9

Table 1.0: Top 5 districts with the most number of cases for the previous and current Epi-weeks.

Figure 1.0. Map for the districts with the most lab-confirmed and clinically diagnosed dengue cases for Upolu and Savaii for the current Epi-Week.

Summary of the Year to Date (1st January 2025 - Present)

Total Clinically Diagnosed Cases	Total Lab-Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Dengue Virus Serotypes	Age Group Most Affected	Reported Dengue-Related Deaths	Geographic Distribution	Sex Distribution
17,778	5,234	68% DENV-1 32% DENV-2	<15 years (74%)	9 (to date)	64% of cases from Upolu 36% of cases from Savaii	53% Male 47% Female



Age Group	0-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-19 years	20+ years
Cases this Epi Week	12	25	7	6	14
Changes since previous Epi - Week (%)	- 20%	+ 92%	0%	- 14%	+ 27%
Cases since 1 Jan 2025	743	1635	1476	736	646
Female	338	753	654	339	342
Male	405	882	822	397	304

Table 2.0: Table showcasing the lab confirmed cases by age group for the current Epi-week and cases from January to date.

Health Facility	Outstanding Reports for epi-week 12						
	16-Mar-26	17-Mar-26	18-Mar-26	19-Mar-26	20-Mar-26	21-Mar-26	22-Mar-26
TTMH	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Lufilufi	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Lalomano	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
Poutasi	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Saanapu	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Faleolo	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
MTII	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Foailalo	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Sataua	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
Safotu	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Satupaitea	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

Total number of sites: 11

Number of Sites with Pending data : 3
Number of Sites Completed and Reported: 8

Deadline of updates : 23rd March 2026

Table 3.0: Matrix of Reports Submitted by Health Facilities for the current Epi-Week.

	Reported		Pending report
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Control Measures:

1. A sensitization awareness program was conducted with Sui o Nuu, Sui Tamaitai o Nuu, and Sui ole Malo through their monthly meeting of both Upolu and Savaii to strengthen preparedness for the Measles Alert in Samoa. The focus was on encouraging vaccination in low-coverage areas, particularly ensuring that all eligible children receive their vaccines.
2. Community awareness activities have continued in the Anoamaa and Vaa o Fonoti Districts, with key messages on dengue and measles integrated into the broader immunization awareness program. Multimedia outreach continues via TV, radio, and MOH's Face-book page.
3. A KAP survey by MOH and UNICEF with 400+ participants (mainly from North West and urban Upolu) showed significantly improved knowledge and awareness of dengue compared to 2024. Perceived risk of dengue severity also increased, highlighting a key opportunity for RCCE to promote protective behaviors

Recommendation for the public:

1. Continue to promote source reduction through environmental clean ups to address mosquito breeding sites.
2. Wear appropriate clothing to minimize risk of infection.
3. Use mosquito nets and repellents such as lotion and spray.
4. If you are affected, watch out for severe symptoms, and seek medical attention immediately. Monitor other people in the household for similar symptoms and present to the hospital for testing and health advice.

Case definition

⇒ Clinical case

Acute fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ for at least 2 days, AND two or more of the following: Anorexia and nausea; Aches and pains; Rash; Low white blood cell count; Warning signs, including: Abdominal pain or tenderness, Persistent vomiting, Mucosal bleeding, Liver enlargement $>2\text{cm}$ below costal margin, Clinical evidence of fluid accumulation, Lethargy, restlessness, Laboratory: increase in hematocrit, rapid decrease in platelet count

⇒ Lab-Confirmed case

Isolation of dengue virus or detection of dengue-specific antigen or antibodies in tissue, blood, CSF or other body fluid by an advanced laboratory test

When is an outbreak declared over?

An outbreak is declared over when no new **laboratory confirmed cases** are detected within **two incubation periods of the disease** (one incubation period is 14 days). Therefore, a total of 28 days without any new laboratory confirmed cases is required to declare an outbreak over.

- For medical advise, please contact the Ministry of Health on +685 68100 or +685 66600, or visit the nearest hospital
- Dengue situational reports are posted on the MOH Facebook page and MOH website: www.health.gov.ws