

South Sudan

Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR)

Epidemiological Update W24 2018 (Jun11- Jun17)



- Completeness for IDSR reporting at county level was 69% . Completeness for EWARS reporting from IDP sites was 88%.

- A total of 17 alerts were reported, of which 12% have been verified. 1 alert was risk assessed & 0 required a response.

- There is no new disease outbreak confirmed during the week.

- There are no new suspect Rift Valley Fever (RVF) cases reported from Yirol East since week 18. A total of 57 suspect human cases including 6 confirmed; 3 probable; 26 non-cases; and 22 pending classification (with no definitive lab. test results) have been reported. Nine confirmed animal cases (cattle).

- Suspect rabies cases continue to be reported in Bentiu PoC, Abyei town, and Aweil town. There is need to optimize the response through case management, vaccination, community engagement, and curling of stray dogs.

- Hepatitis E continues in Bentiu PoC where a total of 100 suspect cases (13 confirmed by PCR). Current response entails surveillance, case follow up, WASH and discouraging communities from using stagnant water for domestic and recreational purposes.

Table 1 | IDSR surveillance performance indicators by county (W24 2018)

Hub	Reporting		Performance (W24 2018)		Performance (Cumulative 2018)	
	# counties	# reports received	Completeness	Timeliness	Completeness	Timeliness
Aweil	5	5	100%	100%	85%	85%
Bentiu	9	2	33%	33%	66%	48%
Bor	11	5	45%	45%	45%	41%
Juba	6	4	67%	67%	82%	65%
Kwajok	7	7	100%	100%	100%	90%
Malakal	13	6	46%	46%	32%	14%
Rumbek	8	8	100%	100%	101%	92%
Torit	8	6	75%	75%	97%	73%
Wau	3	1	33%	33%	92%	72%
Yambio	10	10	100%	100%	99%	99%
South Sudan	80	54	69%	69%	75%	69%

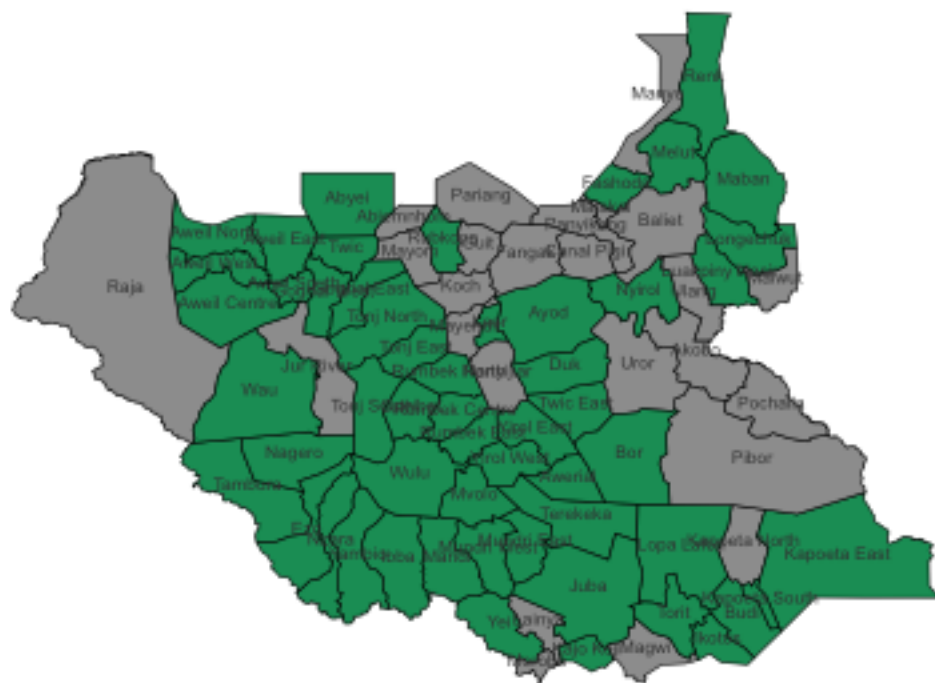
- Completeness for IDSR reporting at county level was 69% in week 24 and cumulatively at 75% for 2018
- Timeliness for IDSR reporting at county level was 69% in week 24 and cumulatively at 69% for 2018

Figure 1 | Trend in IDSR completeness over time¹

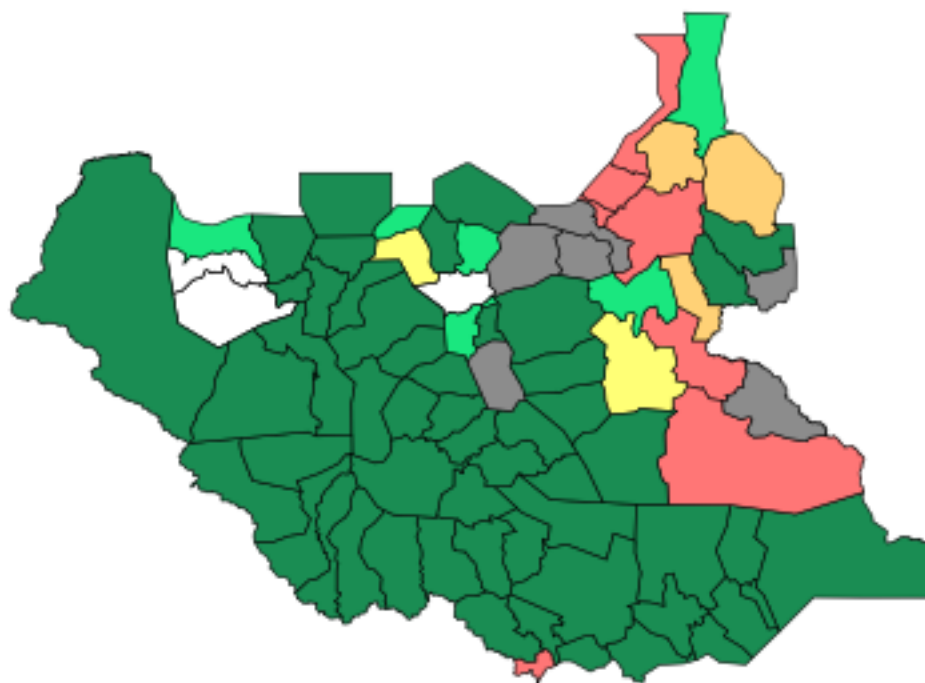


The graph shows completeness for weekly reporting at county level. The national average currently stands at **75%**.

Map 1a | Map of IDSR completeness by county (W24 2018)



Map 1b | Map of IDSR completeness by county (2018)



- Counties that submitted IDSR reports in W24 are shown in green in map 1a
- Counties that did not submit IDSR reports in W24 are shown in grey in map 1a

Table 4 | EWARS surveillance performance indicators by partner (W24 2018)

Partner	Performance		Reporting (W24 2018)		Reporting (Cumulative 2018)	
	# sites	# reports received	Completeness	Timeliness	Completeness	Timeliness
CMD	1	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
GOAL	2	2	100%	100%	100%	88%
HLSS	1	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
IMA	5	4	80%	80%	73%	70%
IMC	6	6	100%	100%	94%	93%
IOM	12	10	83%	83%	74%	74%
IRC	1	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
Medair	2	2	100%	100%	100%	96%
MSF-E	2	2	100%	100%	96%	75%
MSF-H	2	1	50%	50%	69%	42%
SMC	5	5	100%	100%	67%	67%
UNIDO	1	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
UNKEA	2	2	100%	100%	88%	83%
World Relief	1	1	100%	100%	100%	83%
Total	48	42	88%	88%	75%	72%

Timeliness and completeness for EWARN/IDP reporting stands at 88% for week 24, while cumulatively completeness and timeliness are 75% and 72% respectively for 2018

Table 7 | Alert performance indicators by Hub

Hub	W24		Cumulative (2018)	
	# alerts	% verif.	# alerts	% verif.
Aweil	0	0%	24	100%
Bentiu	2	50%	45	69%
Bor	1	0%	34	50%
Juba	3	0%	57	65%
Kwajok	1	0%	29	97%
Malakal	1	0%	31	61%
Rumbek	1	0%	31	61%
Torit	2	50%	37	73%
Wau	1	0%	19	47%
Yambio	5	0%	70	53%
South Sudan	17	12%	377	66%

Table 8 Summary of key alert indicators

W24	Cumulative (2018)	
17	377	Total alerts raised
12%	66%	% verified
0%	0%	% auto-discarded
6%	4%	% risk assessed
0%	2%	% requiring a response

A total of 17 alerts were reported in week 24 with 12% of the alerts in week 24 being verified; 6% were risk assessed and 0% required a response.

Table 9 | Alert performance indicators by event

Event	W24		Cumulative (2018)	
	# alerts	% verif.	# alerts	% verif.
Indicator-based surveillance				
Malaria	3	33%	66	61%
AWD	6	0%	166	60%
Bloody Diarr.	3	33%	93	50%
Measles	3	0%	70	73%
Meningitis	0	0%	0	0%
Cholera	0	0%	6	100%
Yellow Fever	0	0%	4	75%
Guinea Worm	0	0%	11	82%
AFP	0	0%	46	92%
VHF	0	0%	1	100%
Neo. tetanus	0	0%	3	67%
Event-based surveillance				
EBS total	2	0%	25	68%

Table 10 | Event risk assessment

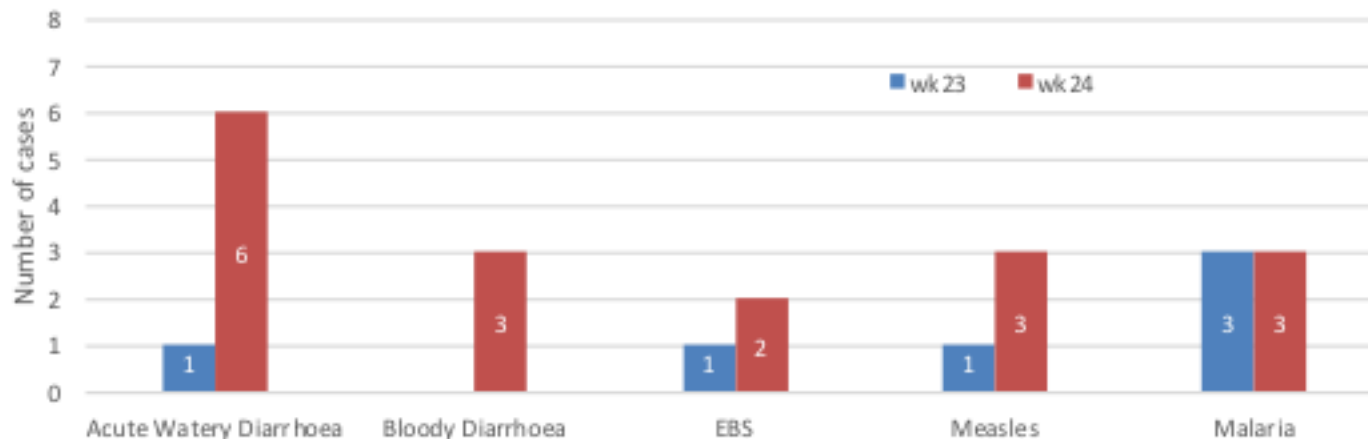
W24	Cumulative (2018)	
0	7	Low risk
2	2	Medium risk
0	3	High risk
0	1	Very high risk

- During the week, AWD, malaria, and suspect measles were the most frequent infectious hazards reported

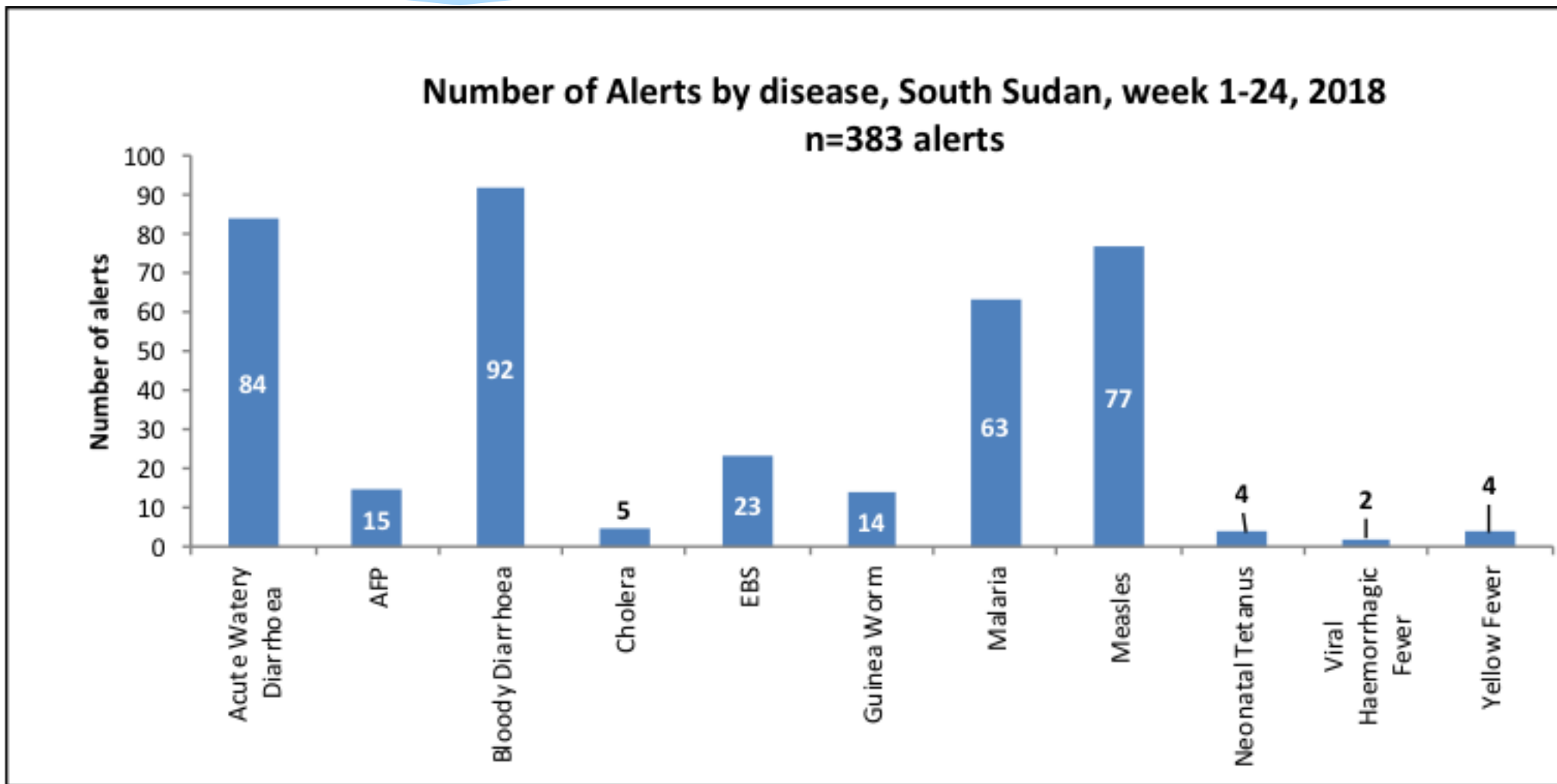
Alert by disease and county in W24 2018

County	Acute Watery Diarrhoea	Bloody Diarrhoea	EBS	Measles	Malaria	Total Alerts
Duk	1					1
Ezo	1	1				2
Ikotos		1				1
Juba			2	1		3
Koch				1		1
Leer					1	1
Lopa Lafon	1					1
Malakal					1	1
Mundri East	2					2
Mundri West	1					1
Wau					1	1
Wulu		1				1
Twic				1		1
Total Alerts	6	3	2	3	3	17

Alerts by hazard in week 23 and week 24, 2018



- During week 24, a total of 17 alerts were reported
- Most alerts were due to acute watery diarrhoea emphasizing the need for enhanced surveillance
- Suspect measles cases reported from Twic, Koch, and Juba
- Bloody diarrhoea cases reported in Wulu, Ikotos, & Ezo. A bloody diarrhoea investigation is underway with samples undergoing laboratory testing



The Figure shows the cumulative number of alerts triggered in 2018 by hazard and location.

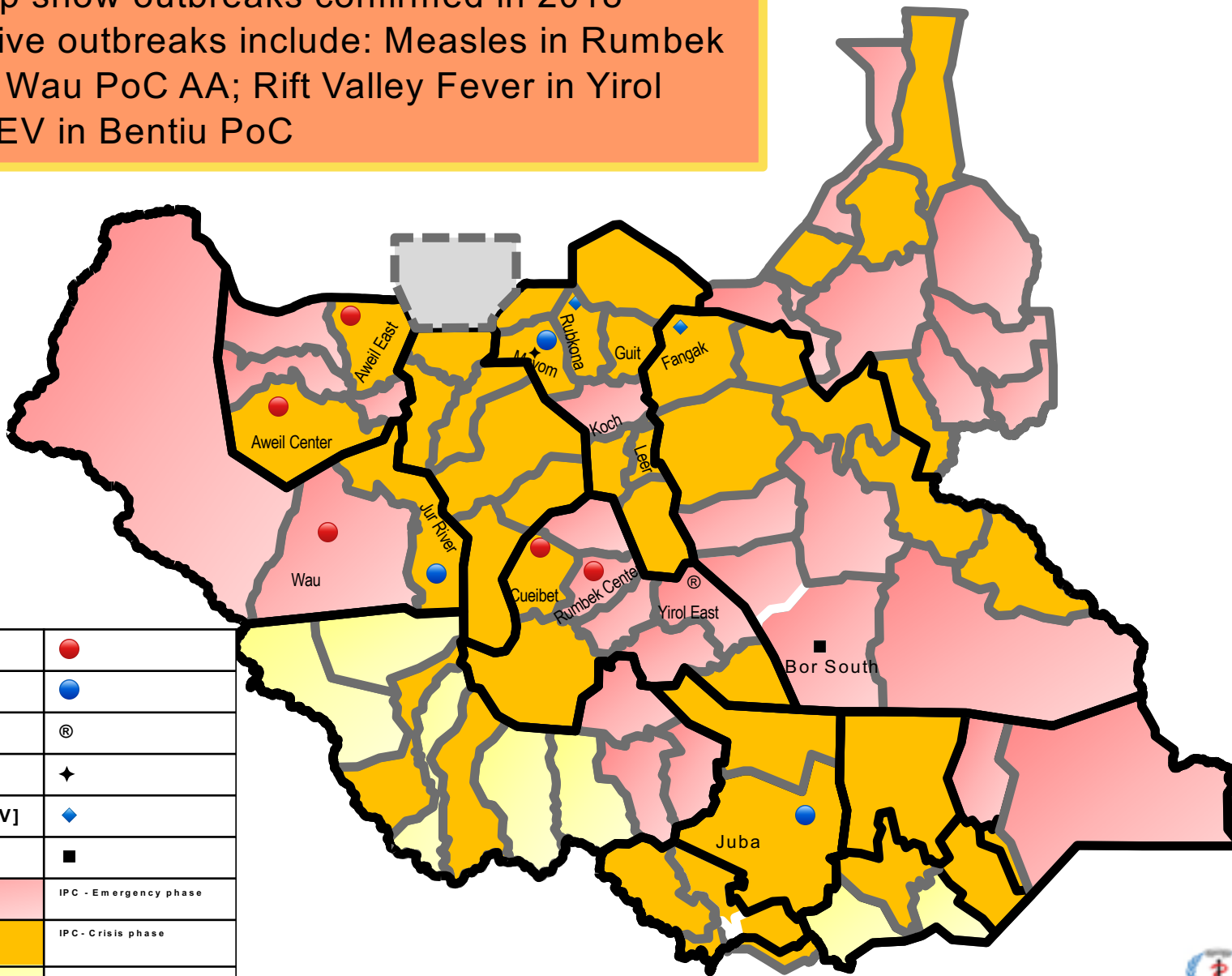
Cumulative alerts by risk assessment stage in 2018

County	OUTCOME	RISK_ASSESS	RISK_CHAR	VERIFICATION	Total Alerts
Acute Watery Diarrhoea	1			83	84
AFP		1		14	15
Bloody Diarrhoea	1			91	92
Cholera	1			1	2
EBS		2		21	23
Guinea Worm	2			12	14
Neonatal Tetanus	2			2	4
Viral Haemorrhagic Fever				2	2
Yellow Fever				4	4
Measles	5	6		66	77
Cholera				3	3
Malaria	2	1	1	59	63
Total Alerts	14	10	1	358	383

- The Figures show the cumulative alerts by risk assessment state in 2018
- Of the 383 alerts reported in 2018; a total of 358 alerts have been verified; 10 alerts underwent risk assessment; and 14 alerts have a documented outcome

Confirmed Outbreaks South Sudan – 24 June 2018

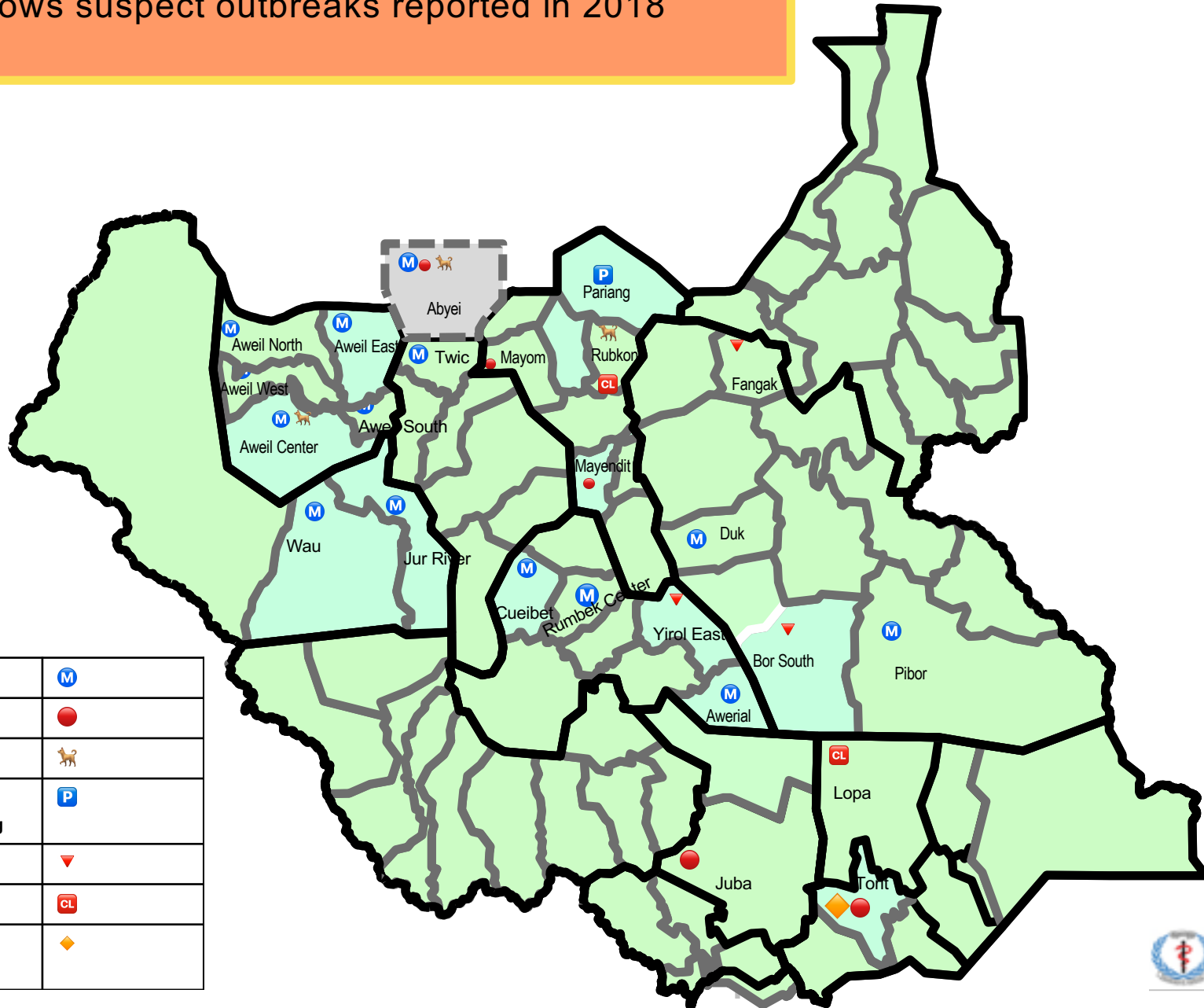
- The map show outbreaks confirmed in 2018
- The active outbreaks include: Measles in Rumbek Center; Wau PoC AA; Rift Valley Fever in Yirol East; HEV in Bentiu PoC



Measles	●
Rubella	●
Rift Valley Fever	®
Anthrax	◆
Hepatitis E virus [HEV]	◆
Foodborne disease	■
	IPC - Emergency phase
	IPC - Crisis phase
	IPC - Stressed phase

Suspect Outbreaks South Sudan – 24 June 2018

- Map shows suspect outbreaks reported in 2018

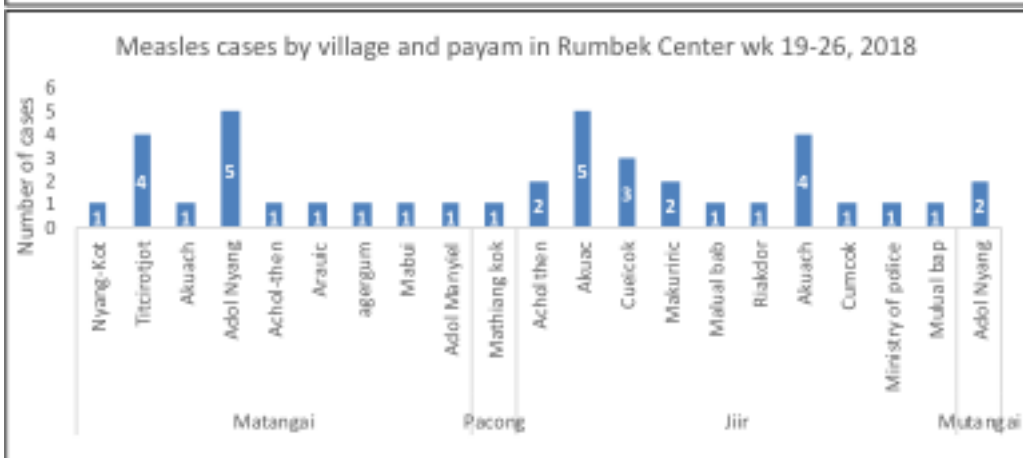
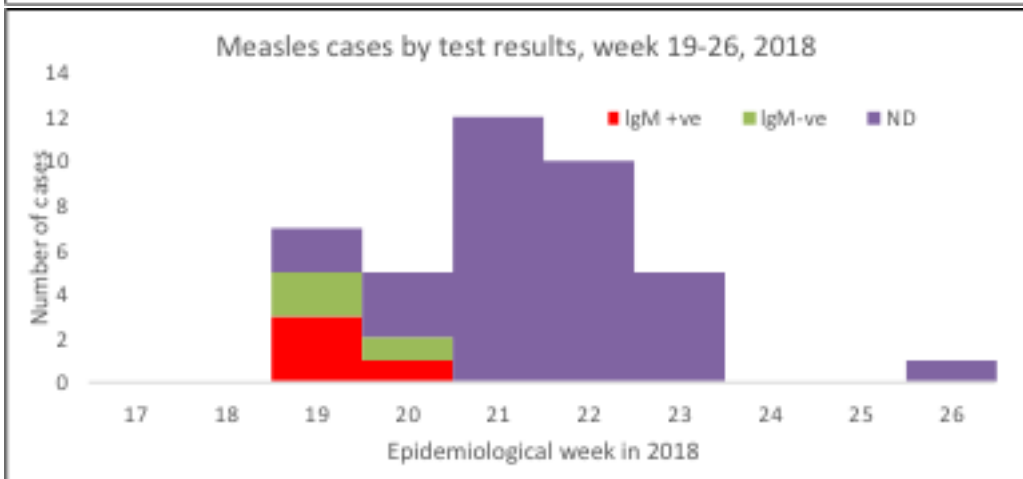
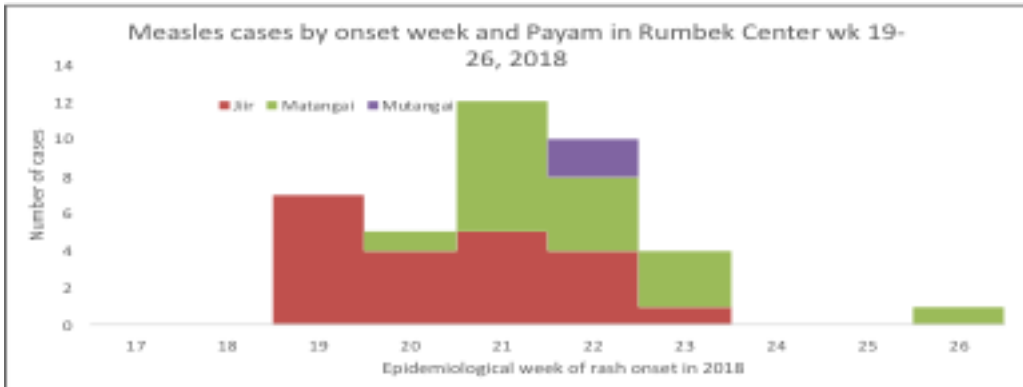


Meningitis	
Measles	
Rabies	
Health effects of petroleum drilling	
Pertussis	
Cholera	
Acute Jaundice Syndrome	

Aetiologic agent	Location (county)	Date first reported	New cases since last bulletin	Cumulative cases to date (attack rate %)	Interventions			
					Case management	Vaccination	Health promotion	WASH
New epidemics								
Ongoing epidemics								
Measles	Rumbek Center	13/05/2018	1	40 (0.017)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Measles	Wau PoC AA	04/04/2018	0	1 (0.0025)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
RVF	Yirol East	28/12/2017	0	57 (0.053)	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A
Hepatitis E	Bentiu PoC	03/01/2018	21	100 (0.086)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Rabies probable	Bentiu PoC	06/12/2017	9	243 (0.208)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Controlled epidemics								
Hepatitis E	Old Fangak	15/02/2018	0	01 (0.001)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Rubella	Jur River	14/02/2018	0	76 (0.039)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Rubella	Juba	26/02/2018	0	22 (0.0037)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Rubella	Mayom	22/02/2018	0	08 (0.004)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Measles	Aweil Center	6/Jan/2018	0	22 (0.021)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Measles	Cueibet	14/10/2017	0	20 (0.012)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Measles	Aweil East	05/02/2018	0	31 (0.006)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Foodborne	Bor South	18/02/2018	0	434 (29)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cut. Anthrax	Mayom	27/01/2018	0	2 (0.001)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Meningitis	Torit	17/01/2018	0	173 (0.107)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A

- There is no new outbreak confirmed in the week.
- The other ongoing and controlled outbreaks in 2018 are shown in the table

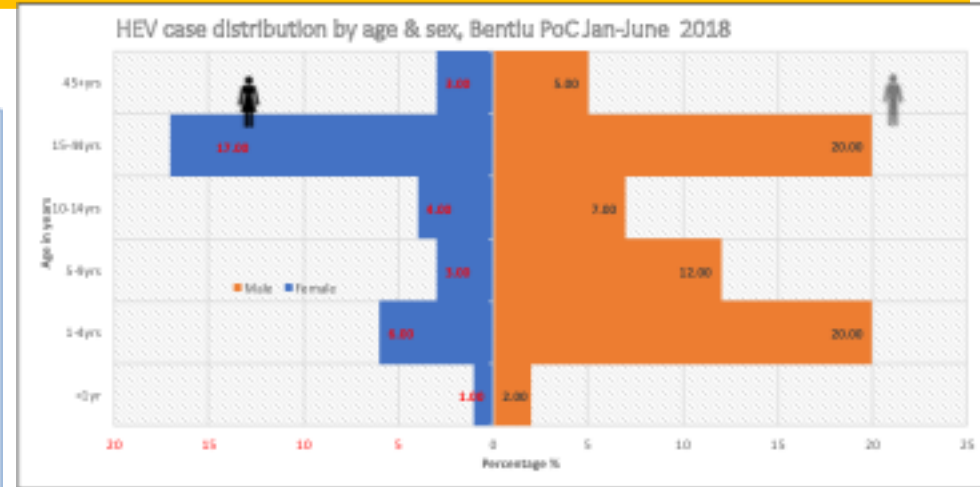
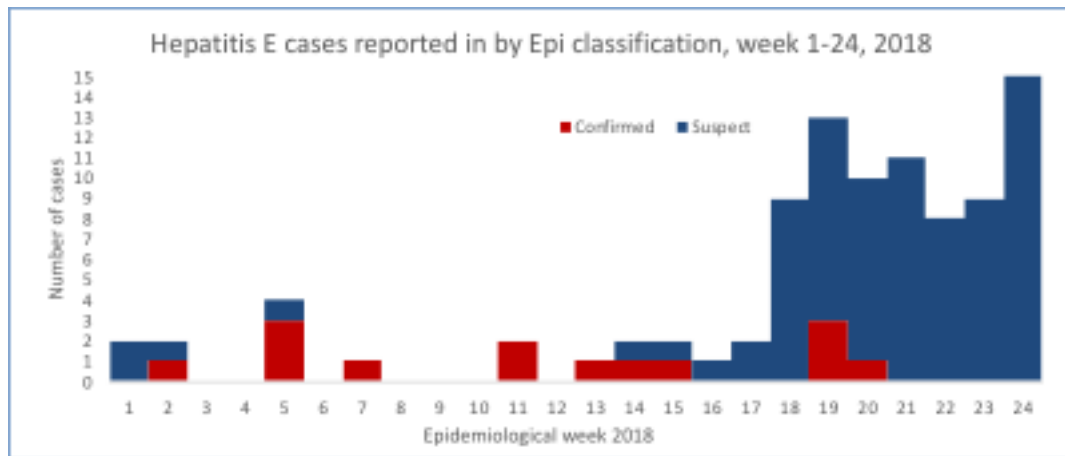
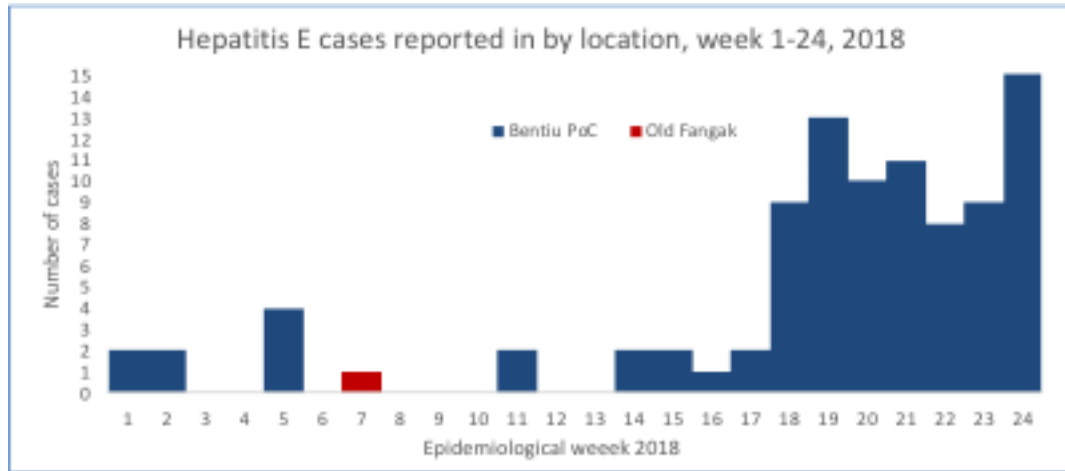
Measles outbreak - Rumbek Center County



Age	Female	Male	Total cases	%age	Cum%
<1yr	1	3	4	10.0%	10.0%
1-4yrs	5	19	24	60.0%	70.0%
5-9yrs	4	2	6	15.0%	85.0%
10-14yrs		1	1	2.5%	87.5%
15-44yrs	5		5	12.5%	100.0%
Total	15	25	40	100.0%	

- Measles outbreak confirmed in Rumbek Center after 3 IgM positive cases were reported
- A cumulative of 40 measles cases with no deaths have been line listed since week 19
- Most cases are from Akuach village (2km from Rumbek hospital) in Jiir Payam. This is where the index cluster originated
- 70% of the cases are under 0-59 months
- Routine measles coverage for 1st quarter of 2018 for the county was 19%
- As part of the response; outbreak investigation completed; line listing underway; and vaccination microplan targeting 44,049 children 6-59 months of age started on 21 June 2018
- The reactive campaign is led by MedAir and CUAMM supported by WHO and UNICEF
- Long-term strategy for improving routine immunization has been developed by EPI-MoH

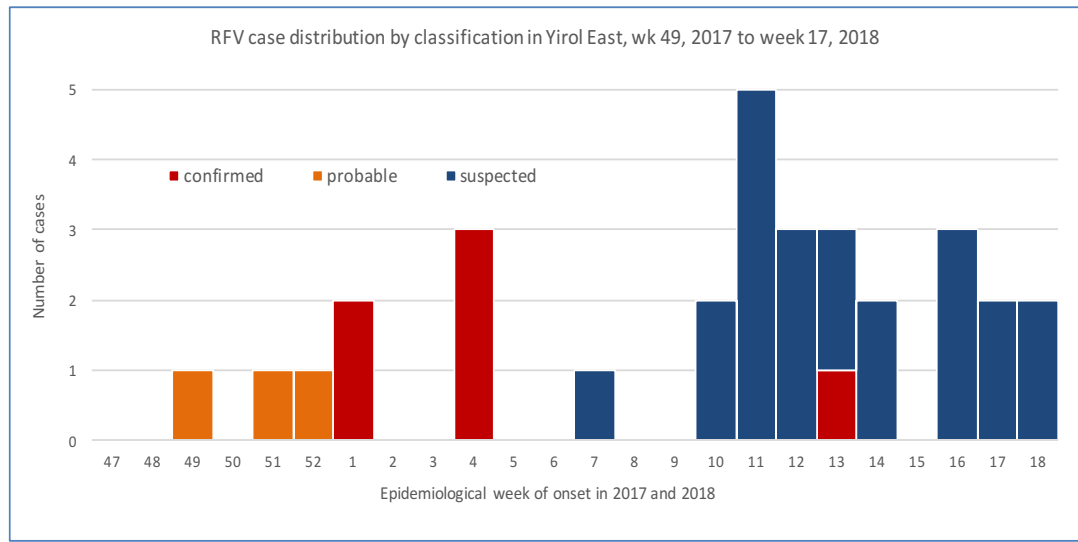
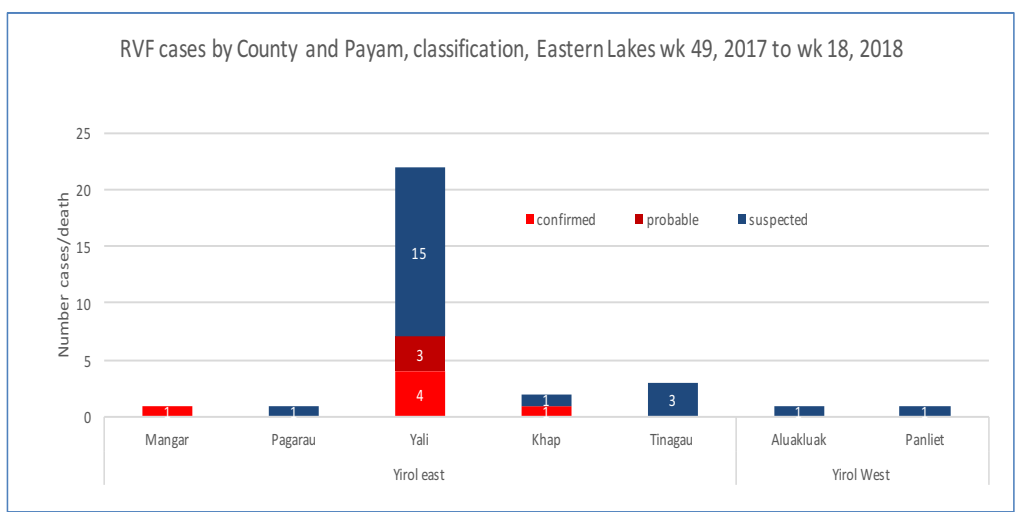
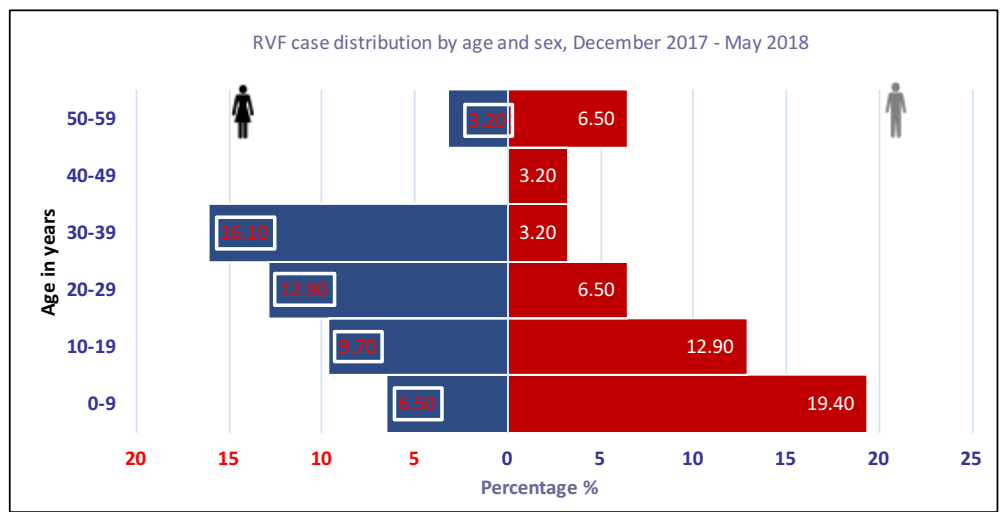
Hepatitis E, Bentiu PoC and Old Fangak



- At least 100 suspect cases of Hepatitis E (HEV) have been reported in 2018. Of the 100 suspect cases, a total of 14 cases have been PCR confirmed as HEV (13 in Bentiu PoC & 1 in Old Fangak). No new cases identified after active follow up in Fangak. Only 4 HEV cases have been admitted/
- At least 44% of the cases are 1-9 years of age; and 66% being male. Among the females, most cases have been reported in those aged 15-44 yrs (who are at risk of adverse outcomes if infected in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy).
- Use of stagnant water for domestic or recreation purposes likely to be source of infection - communities are being educated on the risk and draining the water is being discussed
- Unicef has shared key HEV messages - for radio programs on [Kondial FM & Bentiu FM] and community sensitizations.
- Case identification and follow up is ongoing and WASH risk assessment has been planned.

A total of 21 HEV cases were reported in week 24 including three RDT positive cases

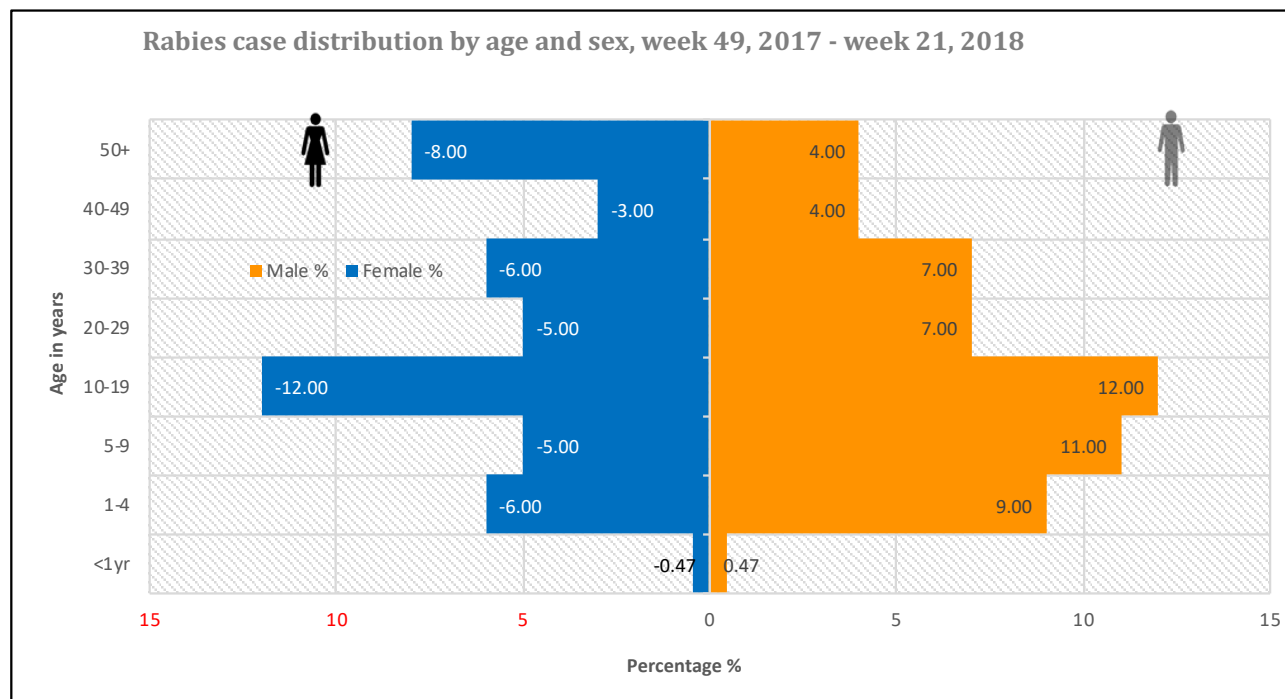
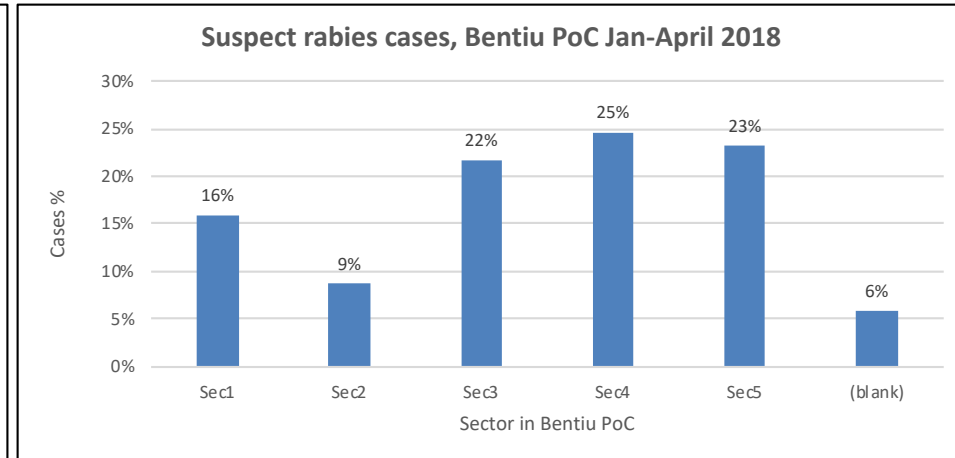
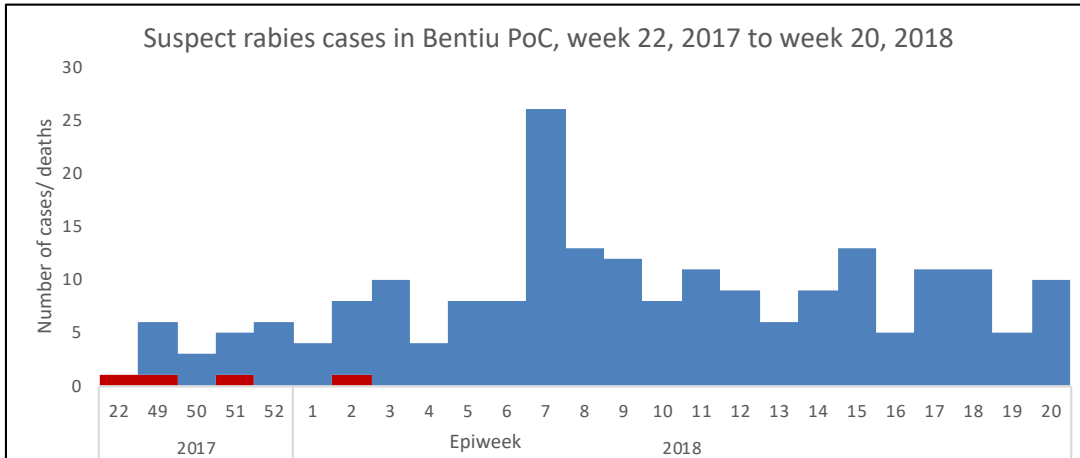
Ongoing epidemics - Epidemic description - RVF Eastern Lakes state



Sno.	Description	Number
1	Suspect cases	57
2	Total deaths	4
3	Confirmed cases	6
4	Probable cases	3
5	Cases pending testing	22
6	Non-cases	26
7	Cases on admission	0
8	Total human samples collected	39
9	Total animal samples collected	28
10	Positive animal cases	9

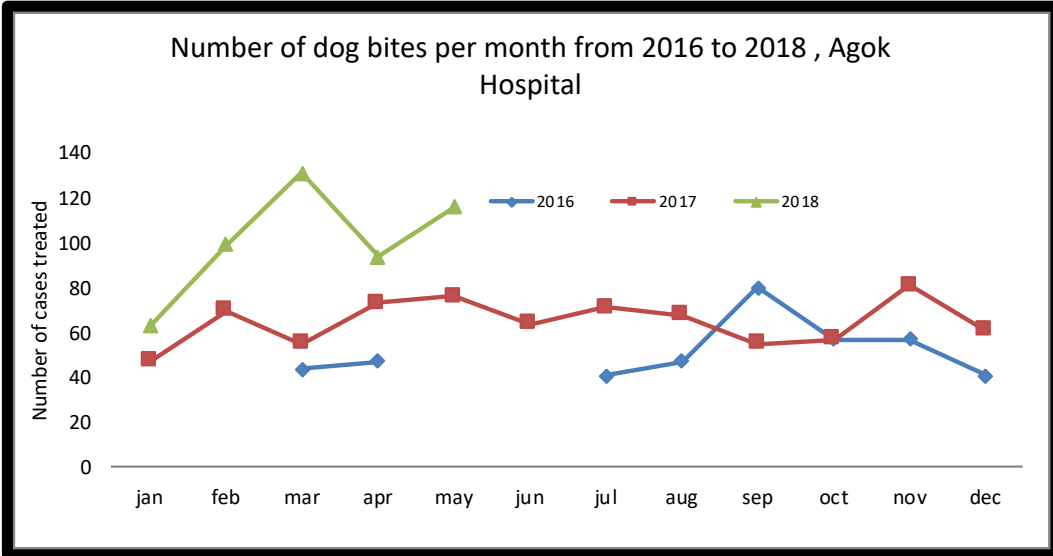
- No new suspect RVF cases reported since week 18 of 2018
- In the period 7 December 2017 to 6 April 2018, a total of 57 suspect RVF cases were reported in Eastern Lakes.
- These were reclassified based on investigations and laboratory results, such that as of 6th April 2018, there were a total of six (6) RVF confirmed cases, three (3) probable, and 22 suspect RVF cases (no laboratory results).
- Twenty six (26) cases were discarded as non-cases following negative laboratory results for RVF and other common causes of viral haemorrhagic fever.
- A total of nine animal samples have been confirmed serologically (3IgM and 6IgG).
- Current response entails surveillance, laboratory testing, supportive care for suspect cases, and community sensitization on hygienic animal handling

Animal bites - suspect rabies, Bentiu PoC

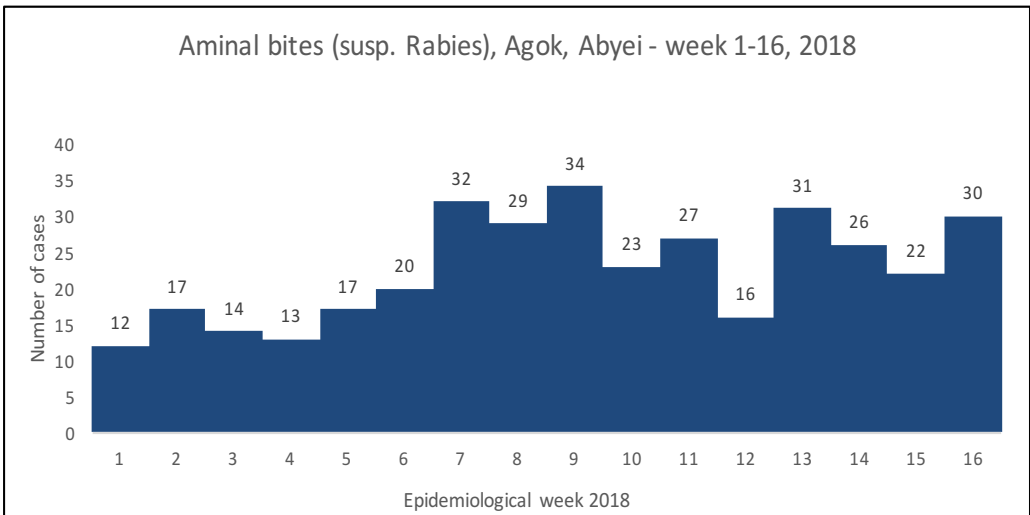


- During week 24, a total of 9 animal bite cases were reported and treated in Bentiu PoC
- A cumulative of 243 animal bite cases including 4 deaths have been reported since 6 Dec 2017.
- Sectors 3,4, &5 have reported most cases and children <19yrs constitute more than 56% of the cases with males affected more than females
- Post exposure vaccination ongoing with support from MSF-H and partners.
- WHO/ health cluster have secured antirabies vaccine to support the response.
- Community messaging underway via CCCM/ internews/ UNMISS broadcast
- VSF arrived in the PoC to support curling of stray dogs

Animal bites - suspect rabies, Agok hospital, Abyei Town



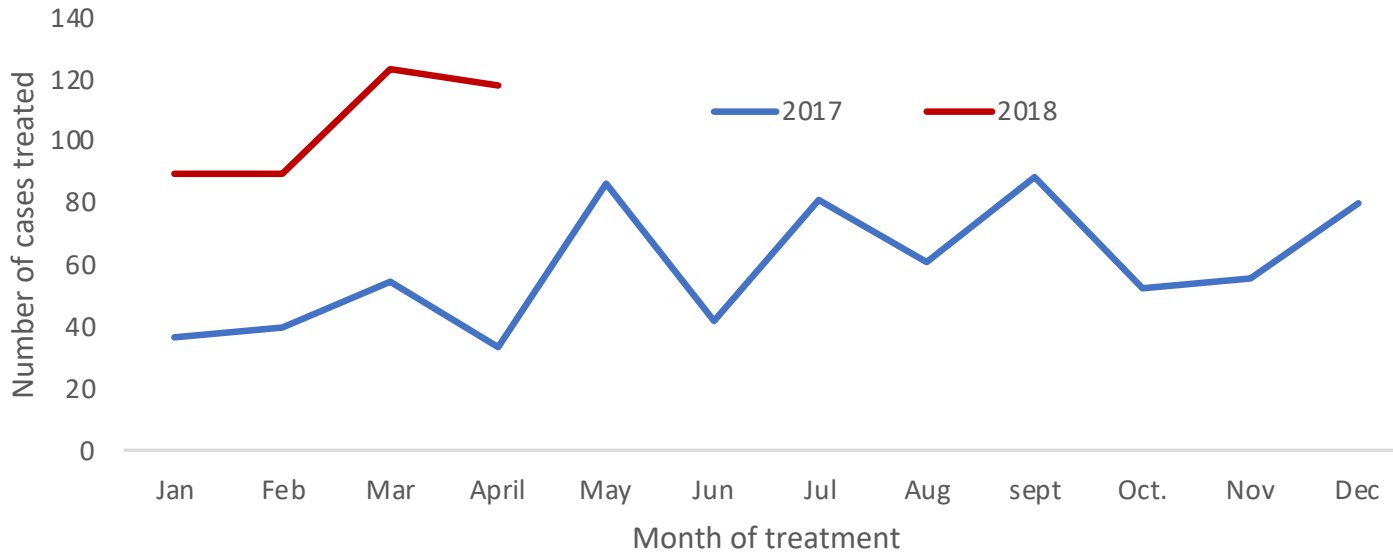
Sex/Age	<5yrs	5+yrs	Total
Male	16	178	194 (53.4%)
Female	5	164	169 (46.6%)
Totals	21 (5.8%)	342 (94.2%)	363



- An increase in dog bite (suspect rabies) cases continues to be reported from Agok hospital in Abyei.
- An exponential increase in suspect rabies cases has been reported in 2018 when compared to the previous years with a total of 437 cases reported in 2018 (week 1-21);
- Current response entails surveillance - case detection and line listing and post exposure prophylaxis with rabies vaccine.
- At a joint meeting held in Abyei Town involving MSF and FAO on 7th June 2018; the following were noted:
 - MSF pledged to continue treating dog bite cases
 - FAO has 3,000-6,000 doses of rabies vaccine for vaccinating dogs with owners in Abyei but requested MSF to provide cold chain space for the vaccines
 - FAO also indicated they lack operational funds for deploying the vaccines.
 - In addition, a solution needs to be found for the stray dogs to reduce the risk of bites that they pose.
 - There is also need for social mobilization and health education to reduce the risk of exposure to dog bites

Animal bites - suspect rabies, Aweil hospital, Aweil Town

Number of dog bite cases treated in Aweil hospital, 2017-2018



Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	sept	Oct.	Nov	Dec	Total
2017	37	40	55	34	86	42	81	61	88	53	56	80	713
2018	89	90	123	118									420

- Reports from Aweil continue to show that dog bite cases remain a major public health concern
- The data shown here is obtained from Aweil hospital pediatrics outpatients department as a proxy of the suspect rabies burden in the state.
- In 2017; limited dog vaccination was undertaken in UNMISS camp, Aweil.
- The current statistics highlight the need for a comprehensive response that includes post exposure vaccination; community mobilization and education to minimize the risk of dog bites; dog vaccination; and curling of stray dogs in the town.

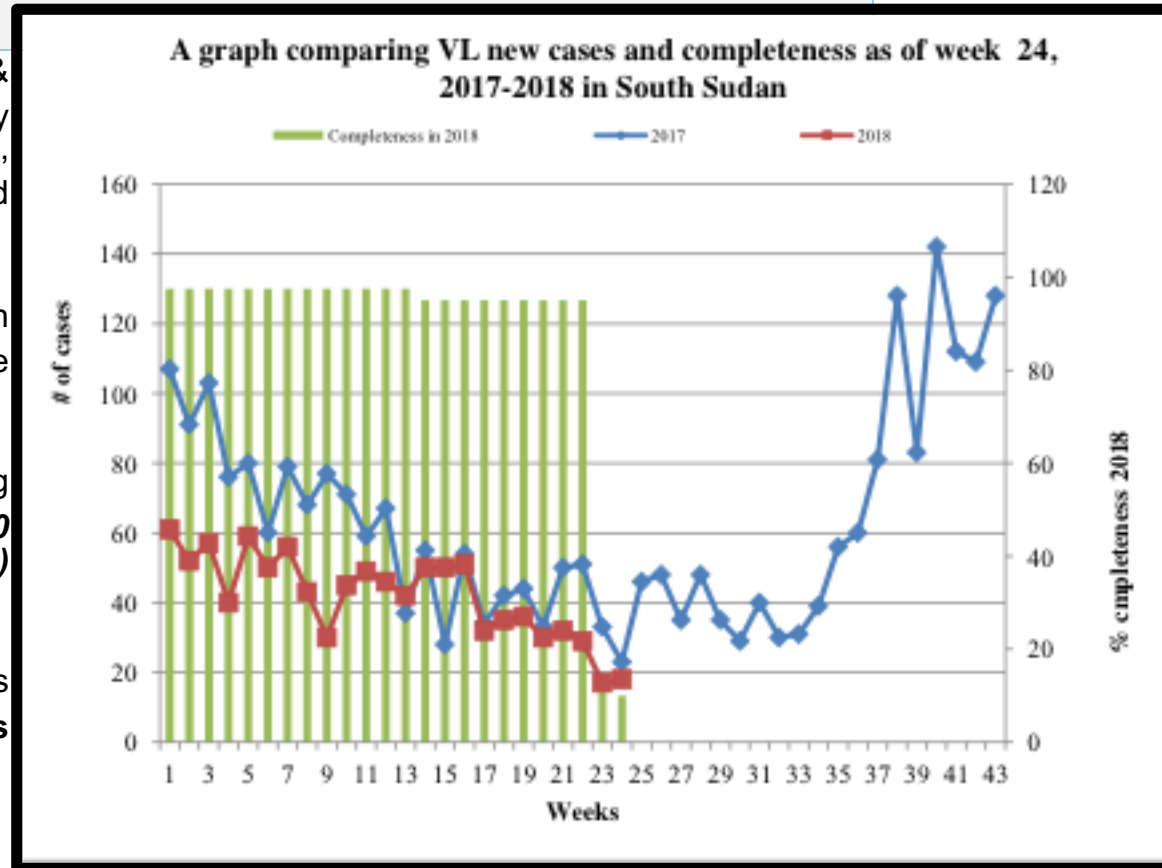
Visceral Leishmaniasis | Kala-azar

Kala-azar is endemic in Upper Nile, Unity, Jonglei, & Kapoeta. Response interventions have been complicated by insecurity, population displacement, poor living conditions, increasing food insecurity, closure of treatment facilities; and low treatment completion rates.

In week 24, four health facilities reported 23 cases; of which 15 (65.2%) were new cases and 7(30.4%) were relapse cases

Since the beginning of 2018, a total of **1,325** cases including **38** deaths (CFR **2.9%**); **33 (2.5%) defaulters**; **1,010 (76.2%)** new cases; **57(5.1%)** PKDL; and **248(18.7%)** relapses - all reported from **39** treatment centers.

In the corresponding period of 2017, a total of **1,785** cases including **20** deaths (CFR **1.12%**) and **59(3.3%) defaulters** were reported from 21 treatment centers.



The majority of cases in 2018 have been reported from Lankien (**739**), Kurwai (**149**), Walgak (65), Ulang (51), Malakal IDP (50), Narus (51), Pieri (36), KCH (28), Pagil (40), Doma (15), KMH (15), Bentiu (20) and Adong (13).

The most affected groups include, males [**635 cases (47.9%)**], those aged ≥ 15 years and above [**584 cases (44.1%)**] and 5 - 14 years [**520(39.2%)**]. A total of **98 cases (14.3%)** occurred in children < 5 years.

Low reporting rates currently impede meaningful trend interpretations however the major concern currently is seen from the high relapse rates; suggesting the need to improve treatment compliance through regular availability of testing and treatment kits and provision of food rations for cases on treatment.

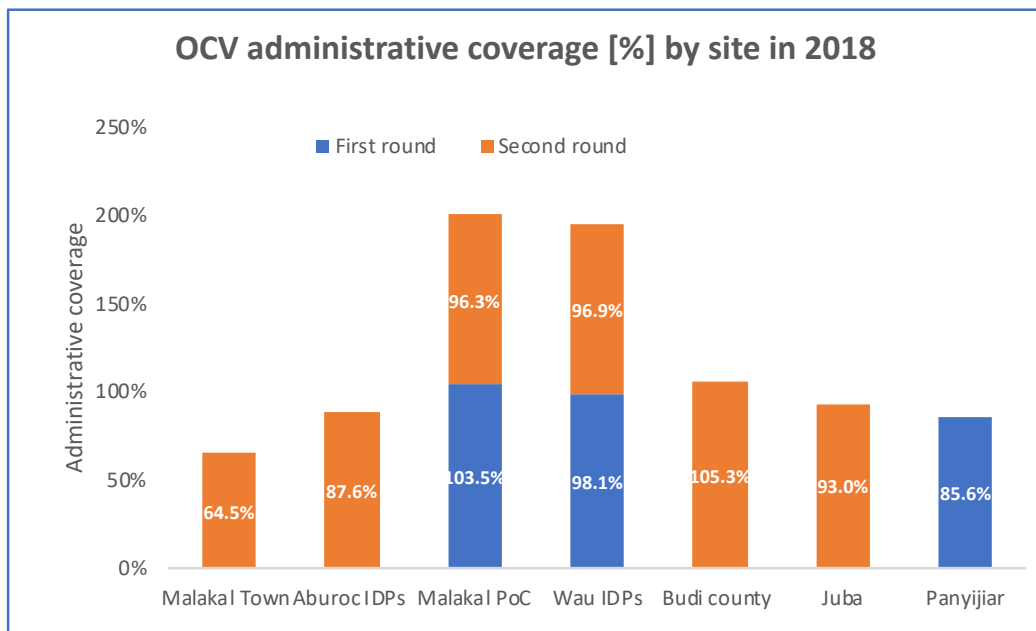
Cholera preparedness and preventive activities - Oral cholera vaccine campaigns - 2018

Site	Total population	Target population	1st round doses	2nd round doses	Total doses	1st Round dates	2nd Round dates	Partners
Aburoc	11,640	11,291		11,550	11,550	20-22May2017	Jan 17- 20 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MSF-E
Malakal Town	20,000	19,200		22,200	22,200	18-24Mar2017	Jan 5 - 9 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MSF-E
Juba	214,887			206,292	206,292	9Sep - 24Nov 2017	Apr 24-28 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MSF-F & Spain
Malakal PoC	24,424	23,691	34,291	34,291	68,582	19-23March 2018	Apr 17-21 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, IOM
Wau IDPs	40,499	39,284	56,860	56,860	113,720	19-23March 2018	Apr 17-21 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, IOM
Torit	180,169	174,764	174,764	174,764	349,528	30Jun-7Jul 2018	28Jul- 6Aug 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, SCI, CARE
Yirol East & West	143,722	139,410	139,410	139,410	278,821	TBD	TBD	MoH, WHO, Unicef, LiveWell
Lankien	65,000	63,050	63,050	63,050	126,100	TBD	TBD	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MSF-H
Panyijiar	76,000	73,720	75,000	75,000	150,000	16-22May2018	TBD	MoH, WHO, Unicef, IRC
Leer	50,000	48,500	48,500	48,500	150,000	11-Jun-18	TBD	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MedAir
Totals	826,341	801,551	591,875	831,917	1,423,793			

- Cholera prevention and response activities are already underway to mitigate the risk of cholera outbreaks in cholera transmission hotspots
- These efforts are critical now as the rain season is starting for the states in the Southern parts of the country.
- The use of oral cholera vaccines alongside WASH and other interventions is critical to these efforts
- Preventive vaccine campaigns (with oral cholera vaccines) for the first half of 2018 are listed in the table
- A additional 113,800 doses of oral cholera vaccines requested from GTFCC arrived in the country on 18/04/2018.
- GTFCC secured support from GAVI for a consultant that is in the country to finalize the cholera prevention and response plan for South Sudan

- **Oral cholera vaccine campaigns completed in 2018 include:**
 - Malakal Town (2nd round)
 - Aburoc IDPs (2nd round)
 - Malakal PoC (1st & 2nd round)
 - Wau PoC+IDPs (1st & 2nd round)
 - Juba Town (1st & 2nd round)
 - Panyijiar (1st round)
- **Upcoming campaigns for 2018**
 - Panyijiar (2nd round)
 - Torit (1st round)
 - Yirol East and parts of Yirol West (1st round)
 - Lankien, Akobo, Pieri & Karam (1st round) - ongoing
 - Leer Town (pre-emptive campaign)

Oral cholera vaccine campaigns administrative coverage - 2018



The following OCV campaigns have been completed in 2018:

1. Malakal Town (2nd round)
2. Aburoc IDPs (2nd round)
3. Budi county (2nd round)
4. Malakal PoC (1st & 2nd round)
5. Wau PoC+IDPs (1st & 2nd round)
6. Juba (2nd round)
7. Panyijiar (1st round)
8. Leer town (1st round)
9. Lankien, Pieri, & Karam - underway

2018 OCV campaigns			First round		Second round	
	Site	Target	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage	Coverage %
1	Malakal Town	19,200			12,393	64.5%
2	Aburoc IDPs	9,683			8,484	87.6%
3	Malakal PoC	23,447	24,277	103.5%	22,588	96.3%
4	Wau IDPs	37,048	36337	98.1%	35887	96.9%
5	Budi county	89,377			94,128	105.3%
6	Juba	216,852			201,737	93.0%
7	Panyijiar	75,000	64,214	85.6%		
	Total	470,607	124,828	92.1%	375,217	94.8%

Ebola DR Congo update & risk to South Sudan

Situation as of 22 June 2018

Confirmed cases: 38

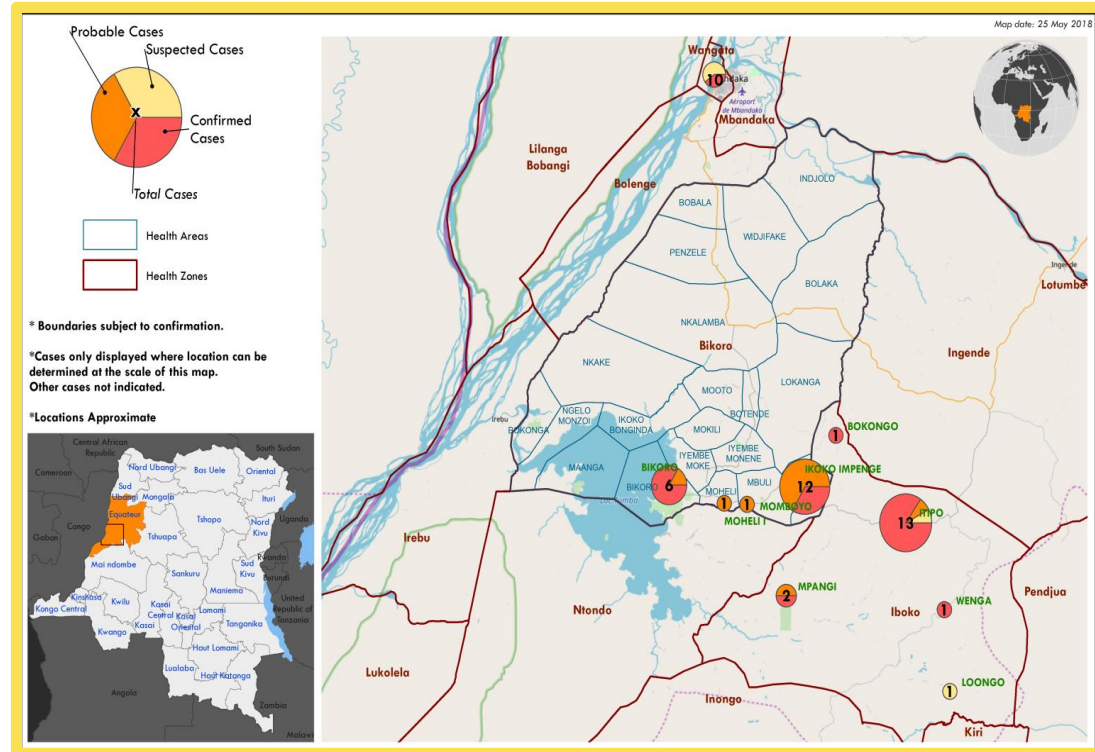
Probable cases: 14

Suspect cases: 9

Total cases: 61 (28 deaths)

CFR (probable & confirmed cases) - 54%

- The MoH DR Congo declared an outbreak of Ebola virus disease on 8 May 2018 Equateur province in Northwestern DR Congo
- The epidemic is active in three health zones - Bikoro (10 confirmed cases, 11 probable, 6 suspect, & 18 deaths); Iboko (24 confirmed cases, 3 probable, 3 suspect & 7 deaths); & Wangata (4 confirmed cases and 3 deaths).
- [5 HCW affected - 4 confirmed & 2 deaths].
- At least 179 contacts identified & being followed up.
- Recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus–Zaire Ebola virus (rVSV-ZEBOV) vaccines were delivered to Kinshasa by WHO - The initial vaccination is targeting immediate contacts to confirmed cases, contacts of contacts and frontline health workers. Since 21 May 2018, a total of 3,199 people have been vaccinated in the three affected health zones (836 -Wangata; 1,464 -Iboko; 779-Bikoro; Ingede (107); and Kinshasha (13).
- Regional risk is high after cases were confirmed in Mbandaka - major commercial hub - with road, river, & air transport poses a risk to neighbouring countries.



EVD Preparedness activities in South Sudan

- Screening of international travelers commenced at JIA
- RRT training undertaken on 26 May 2018 in Juba
- RRT deployed to investigate suspect Ebola case in Makpandu
- Updated EVD contingency planning completed
- Designation an EVD isolation facility - space identified
- Updating EVD SoPs
- Implementation of other preparedness interventions underway
- Lab biosafety training and Ebola RDT+ molecular testing planned for 2nd to 6th July 2018.

Response | Suspect outbreaks being investigated

Date of report	Disease suspected	Number cases (deaths)	County	Payam	Status of investigations
13Mar18	meningitis	16 (00)	Duk	Ayueldit	On 12 Mar 2018; a 3 year old male from Buongjok area, Ayueldit payam was admitted to Padiet PHCC. The health partner SMC requested for guidance on managing the case and the WHO Bor team shared the meningitis case management guidelines. Surveillance has been stepped up but no additional cases have been identified.
17Feb18	meningitis	173 (31)	Torit	Iyire and Imurok	After rumors of strange illness in Iyire, several RRT verification and response missions have been undertaken since 20Feb18. Torit county surpassed in the alert and epidemic thresholds in week 7 and week 9 respectively. Conclusive laboratory confirmation underway. Overall coordination, case surveillance, line listing, and investigation are ongoing. Transmission declined after week 9 with the weekly attack rate falling below the alert and epidemic threshold in weeks 11-18, 2018.
10Mar18	meningitis	3 (0)	Cueibet		Since 10 Mar 2018, at least three suspect meningitis cases have been reported by CUAMM in Cueibet hospital. However, no samples were collected.
02Feb2018	meningitis	52 (06)	Aweil South (14cases) Aweil East (18 cases) Aweil West (11 cases) Aweil North (4 cases)	Aweil hub	Since 2Feb2018, at least 52 suspect cases (6 deaths) have been reported in Aweil hub. Six samples positive for <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> following rapid pastorex testing or showed gram positive diplococci on gram stain. None of the affected counties exceeded the alert threshold for meningitis.
06Jan18	meningitis	03 (00)	Abyei and Twic	Rumkor and Pannyok	The two suspect cases were treated in Agok hospital on 4 Jan and 29 Jan respectively with initial diagnoses of severe malaria but final diagnosis was bacterial meningitis. Rapid pastorex testing sample for the 2 nd & 3 rd suspect case from Twic and Abyei counties respectively were positive for <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> .
14Feb18	meningitis	21(03)	Wau (Jur River)	Udici, Roc Roc Dong	Since 14 Feb; 20 suspect meningitis cases have been reported from Wau (11 cases - 2deaths) and Jur River (9 cases - 1 death) counties. A suspect case involving a 45 year old male from Jur River was admitted in Comboni hospital on 28 Feb 18. PCR testing was positive for <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> . Another suspect case tested positive for NmA by rapid pastorex at NPHL on 27/4/18.

Response | Suspect outbreaks being investigated

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16Mar2018	Measles	08(01)	Mayom	Riak & Lol Maroal	Suspect measles cases reported from Riak payam in Nyebola village since 9 Mar 2018. Four samples were obtained by MSF-CH for testing. Three of the four samples tested were positive for rubella IgM.
16Feb18	Health effects of petroleum drilling	Unspecified	Pariang	Pariang	A newswire indicates the Mayor of Pariang in Ruweng State has appealed to the Ministry of Health to establish some health conditions affecting people in the oil producing area. bit.ly/2EIndTP #SouthSudan. Initial verification details to follow
31Mar2018	Suspect meningitis /malaria	12(08)	Gogrial West	Kuach South	On 28 th Mar 2018; the Director Gogrial West reported community deaths in Kuach South that were verified by the RRT on 29 Mar 2018. The clinical and lab tests on suspect cases were consistent with malaria and the cases responded to treatment with ACTs. All the deaths were 10 years and above and 50% of the deaths were 20 years and above. Given the dramatic nature of symptoms, the other differential diagnosis to keep an eye on is epidemic meningitis. No new cases reported in weeks 14 and 15.
12/Apr/18	pertussis	18(00)	Fangak	Bei	Suspect pertussis cases have been reported by Mandeang PHCU and Kuephone PHCU in Fangak county. At least 11 suspect cases have been reported from Bei payam and another 7 suspect cases from Jiath. The response instituted by the partner CMA - entails treatment of cases and prophylaxis to close contacts and enhancing routine immunization for the infants.
22/05/18	cholera	2	Lopa	Imehejek	Two suspect cholera cases reported from Imehejek, Lopa from 22May18; the index ate cold food at a local market; direct RDT positive for cholera; all two samples negative for cholera after culturing in NPHL.
21/05/2018	measles	8	Rumbek Center	Teyau	Eight suspect measles cases reported from Teyau, Rumbek Centre - MMT to be dispatched for the investigation. Specimens collected for testing.
23/05/18	measles	2	Mayom	Tam & Wangbur	Two suspect measles cases reported from Mayom (Tam & Wangbur payams) samples sent to Juba by MSF-CH
16/05/18	measles	1	Torit	Nyong	One suspect measles case reported from Nyong payam in Torit. Specimen collected

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30/05/2018	Acute jaundice	01(00)	Torit	Torit town	On 30 May 2018, a 2year and eight month child was admitted to Torit Hospital with fever, yellow eyes, and vomiting, Specimen obtained for testing and sent to Juba.
28/05/2018	Measles	2 (00)	Awerial		Two suspect measles cases reported and investigated in Awerial county. Samples have been collected and shipped to Juba for laboratory testing.

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