

# South Sudan

**Integrated Disease surveillance and response (IDSR)**

**Epidemiological Bulletin Week 26, 2021 ( June 28- July 04)**



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- In week 26, 2021 IDSR reporting timeliness was 84% and completeness was 88% at health facility level and 70% for EWARS partners supported sites
- Of the 26 alerts in week 26, 2021; 85% were verified 2% were risk assessed and 2% required a response. Malaria (6), AWD (7), ARI (5), measles (1) and bloody diarrhea (1) were the most frequent alerts in week 26, 2021
- Malaria remains the top cause of morbidity and accounted for 55,219 cases (52.6% of OPD cases)
- Total 10 879 confirmed cases, including 337 imported cases, and 117 deaths (case fatality rate of 1.07%)
- Other hazards include floods (unseasonal) in over 4 counties; Malaria in 1 county, HEV in Bentiu PoC.

# SURVEILLANCE PERFORMANCE



For the Integrated Disease Surveillance (IDSR)  
network and Early warning alert and response  
network (EWARN)



# IDSR timeliness performance at State level for week 26 & 25 of 2021



Completeness States Ranking	States	Number of reporting sites	No. of HFs Reported on Time in WK 26	Timeliness Percentage of WK 26	No. of HFs Reported on Time in WK 25	Timeliness Percentage of WK 25
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2nd	WBGZ	78	74	95%	73	94%
3rd	Lakes	113	101	89%	109	96%
4th	NBGZ	133	117	88%	113	85%
5th	Warrap	123	108	88%	119	97%
6th	CES	117	102	87%	106	91%
7th	Jonglei	112	94	84%	106	95%
8th	Unity	94	76	81%	76	81%
9th	EES	142	106	75%	125	88%
10th	Upper Nile	117	55	47%	79	68%
	<b>South Sudan</b>	<b>1242</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>90%</b>

## KEY

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**Reporting challenges:** Insecurity, internet access and new partners

# IDSR completeness performance at State level for week 26 & 25 of 2021



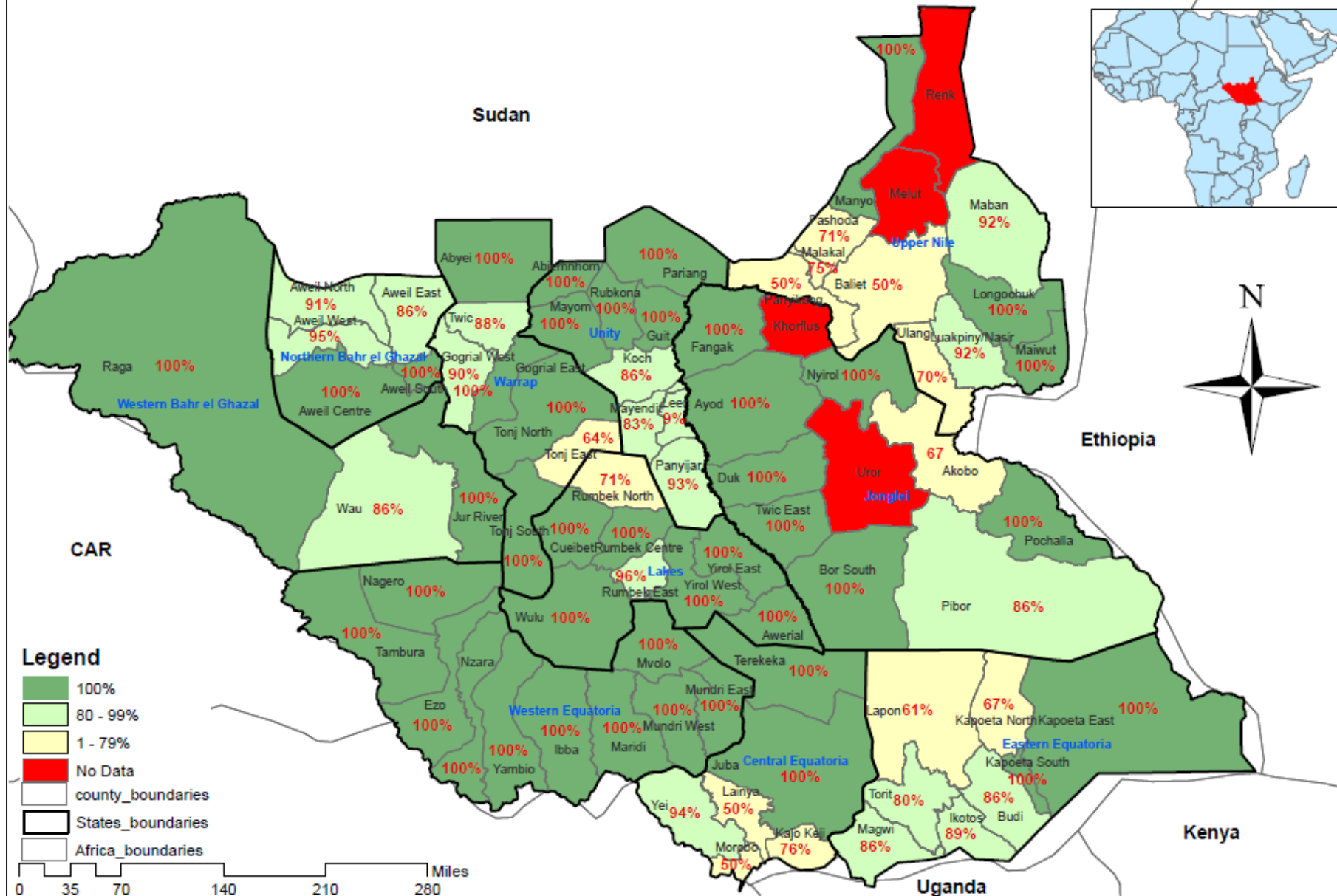
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Map of South Sudan Showing the Completeness (reporting) by County in week 26, 2021.



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# Surveillance: EWARS Timeliness performance indicator by partner for week 26 of 2021

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IHO	2	2	100%	2	100%
IRC	1	1	100%	1	100%
SSHCO	1	1	100%	1	100%
HFO	2	2	100%	2	100%
UNH	2	2	100%	2	100%
IOM	12	12	100%	12	100%
TRI-SS	2	2	100%	2	100%
RHS	1	1	100%	1	100%
MSF-E	6	6	100%	4	67%
HFD	6	5	83%	6	100%
TADO	6	4	67%	5	83%
MSF-H	7	4	57%	6	86%
Medair	4	2	50%	2	50%
IMC	24	10	42%	24	100%
UNIDOR	2	0	0%	2	100%
GOAL	2	0	0%	0	0%
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# EVENT-BASED SURVEILLANCE



Alert management including detection; reporting;  
verification; risk assessment; & risk  
characterization





State	Acute jaundice syndrome	Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI)	Acute Watery Diarrhoea	Bloody Diarrhoea	Malaria	Measles	EBS	Covid-19	Total alerts
CES						1			1
EES			2	1					3
Unity	1		1				1		3
Upper Nile		5	1	1	2				9
Warrap								2	2
WBGZ			3		4		1		8
<b>Total alerts</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>

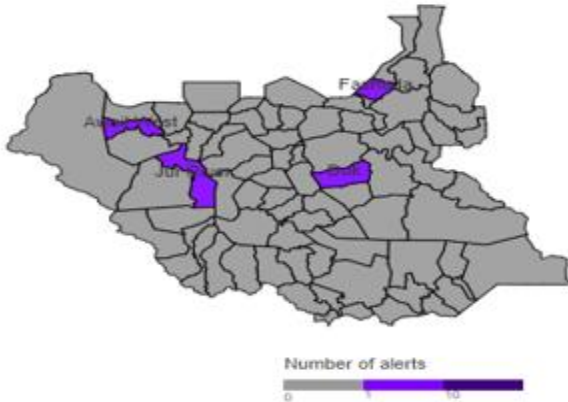
### During this week:

- **5 ARI alerts:** 5 from Upper Nile Sample collected .
- **7 AWD alerts:** 2 from EES, treated for diarrhea , 1 from Unity treated for diarrhea, 1 from Upper Nile State , 3 from WBGZ State
- **2 ABD alerts:** 1 from EES patients given treatment, 1 from Upper Nile State sample will be collected,
- **6 Malaria alerts:** 2 from Upper Nile State, 4 from WBGZ, all these are due to the high increase of malaria cases in the Country.
- **1 AJS alert:** this alert was from Unity state, where there is an outbreak of AJS
- **2 COVID-19 alerts:** 2 from Warrap, Warrap, Abyei, Rumamer, Juljok MSF Hospital
- **1 Measles alert:** 1 from CES state ,Juba County, Kator PHCC
- **2 EBS alerts:** this is from Unity State, Koch County in Patit PHCC of AWD.

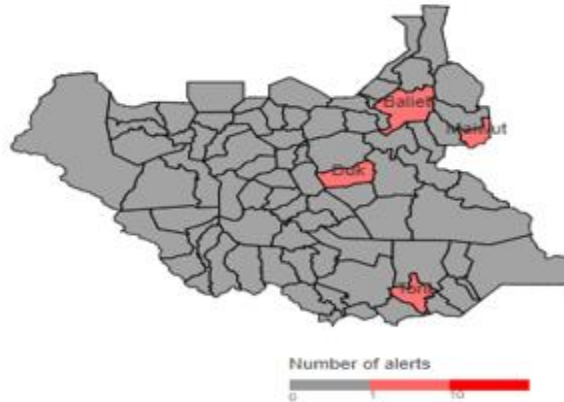
# Alert: Map of key disease alerts by county of week 26 of 2021



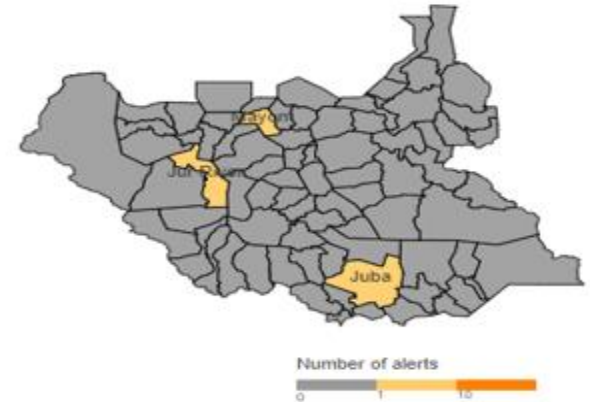
Map 2a | Malaria (W26 2021)



Map 2b | Bloody diarrhoea (W26 2021)



Map 2c | Measles (W26 2021)



Map 2f | Event-based surveillance (W26 2021)



W26	Cumulative (2021)	
0	9	Low risk
8	8	Medium risk
0	51	High risk
1	129	Very high risk

85%	89%	% verified
0%	0%	% auto-discarded
2%	4%	% risk assessed
2%	3%	% requiring a response

# SUSPECTED OUTBREAKS



Major suspected outbreaks in South Sudan in  
2020

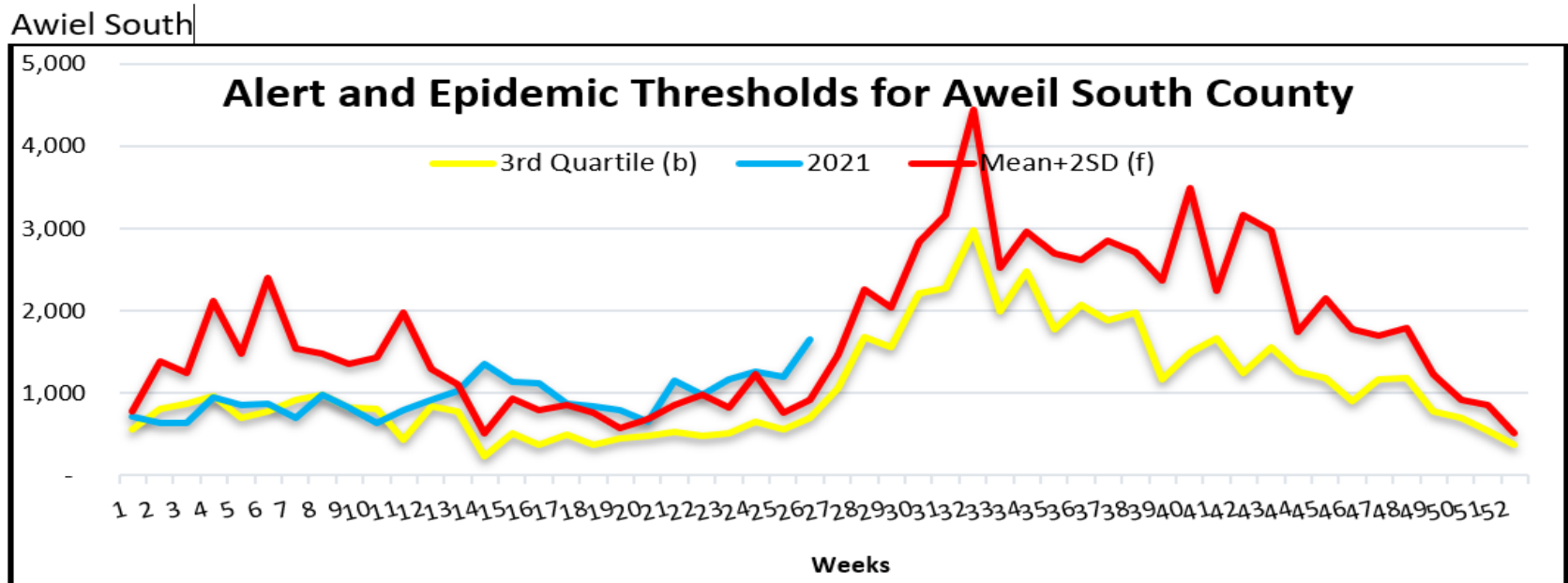




Malaria was the leading cause of morbidity and mortality, accounting for **52.5%** of all morbidities and **14.3%** of all Mortalities this week 25.

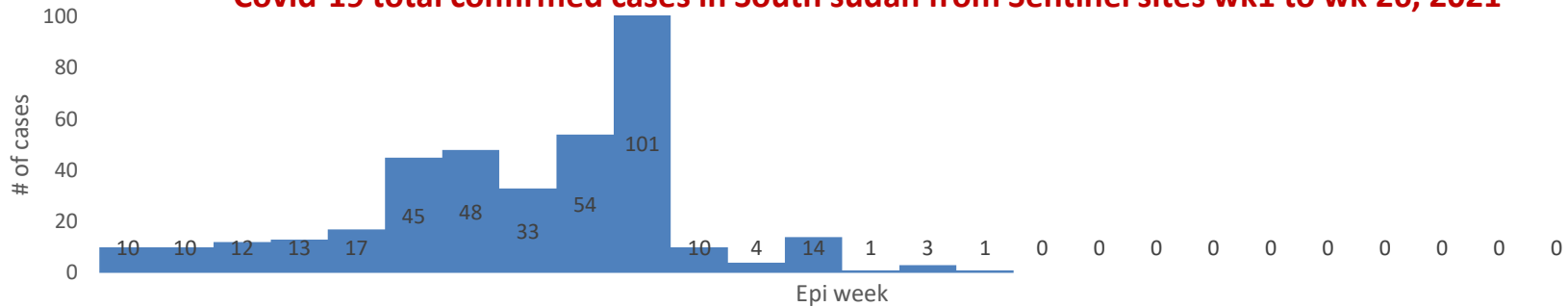
One County with malaria trends which have exceeded the threshold (third quartile of trends for the period 2013-2017)

1. NBGz (Aweil South)

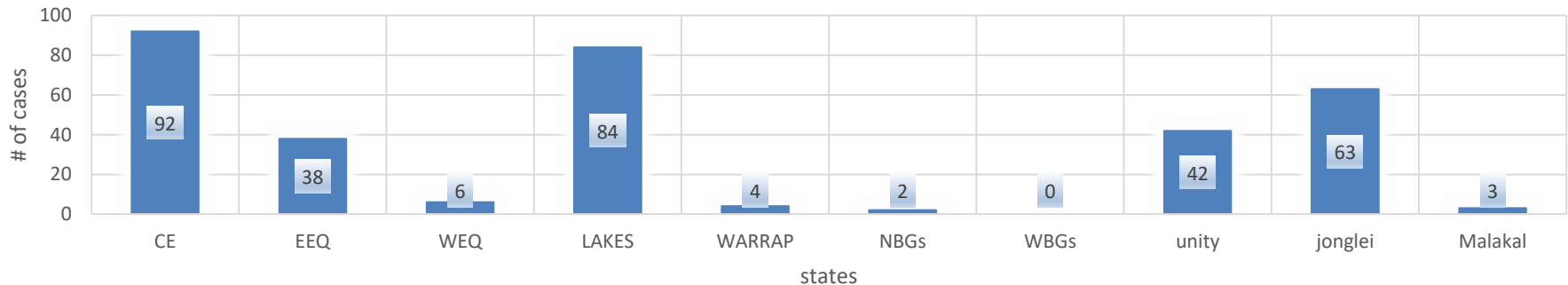


# Routine Sentinel Surveillance | Human Influenza

**Covid-19 total confirmed cases in South sudan from Sentinel sites wk1 to wk 26, 2021**



**# of Covid-19 cases per state in wk 26, 2021 from sentinel sites**



- As of 28th April 2021, a total of 138 samples were collected from three sentinel sites in Juba with 131 samples testing negative for influenza; one (1) positive for COVID-19; and six (6) positive for influenza B (with four (4) sub-typed as Victoria while the other two (2) are pending sub-typing)
- There are currently 13 Covid-19 designated sentinel surveillance sites in Juba and States Hospitals that are collecting epidemiological data and samples from Covid-19/ILI/SARI cases. A total of 7715 samples have been collected in 2021 with 546 (7.0%) being positive for COVID-19 from sentinel sites.

# ACTIVE OUTBREAKS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS



Brief epidemiological description and public health response for active outbreaks and public health events`





## Update on floods and response

- The flooding forecast continues to be monitored. Rainfall forecast for 25 May to 1 June 2021 projects a moderate rainfall between 50 - 200 mm in western South Sudan (Western Bahr el Ghazal, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Warrap and Western Equatorial states), parts of south-western Ethiopia and a few areas in central and western Kenya.
- Updating of flooding contingency planning and prepositioning of essential supplies including emergency health kits are underway.
- The locations affected by recent flooding include Ayod (25 000 people), Fangak (67 000 people) and Canal/Pigi (unknown).





### Updates on Public Health Response

1. Health partners continue to expand access to health services through the re-establishment of critical static primary health care and mobile service delivery across the six 'Priority 1' counties of Pibor, Akobo, Tonj East, Tonj South, Tonj North, and Aweil South
2. WHO secured 1.3 M USD from UN CERF for rapid response scale-up in Pibor and Akobo by supplementing the available funding for three responding partners. The support will go towards the provision of emergency obstetric and neonatal care, and integrated mobile outreaches in areas with critical response gaps.
3. Weekly trends of the top causes of morbidity and mortality are being monitored for potential upsurges and timely investigation. New reporting sites have been created for emergency partners who have begun response scale-up in Akobo, Tonj East, Tonj South and Aweil South.
4. Integrated disease surveillance and response (IDSR) trainings concluded in Pibor and ongoing in Akobo Counties. Plans are underway to cascade the trainings to other four counties



- The multi-sectoral response guided by multi-cluster assessments continues to intensify efforts to reach the food insecure populations with life-saving food, health, nutrition and WASH assistance in the prioritized six counties.
- Health response strategies are geared towards increasing access to basic health and nutrition services, enhancing capacities of disease surveillance, prevention, detection and response to infectious disease outbreaks, and building resilience of the health system to reduce preventable mortality and morbidity.

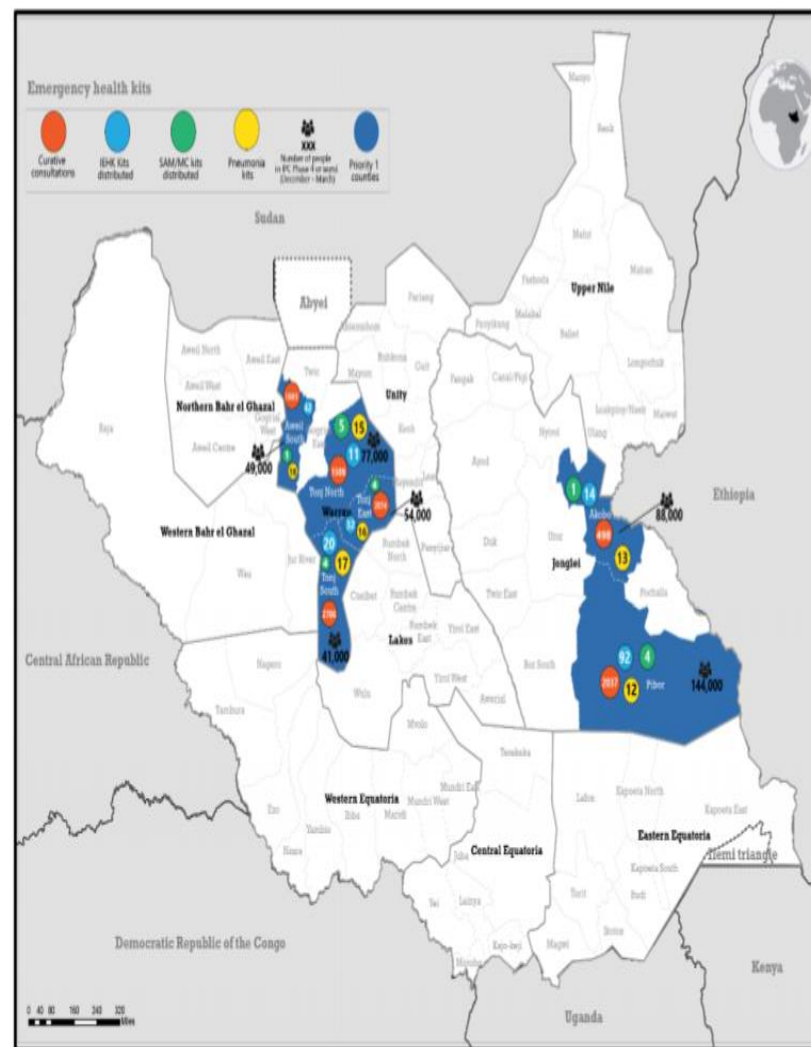


Figure 2: Emergency health kits delivered, and weekly consultations conducted in the six priority IPC 5 counties as of week 19 2021



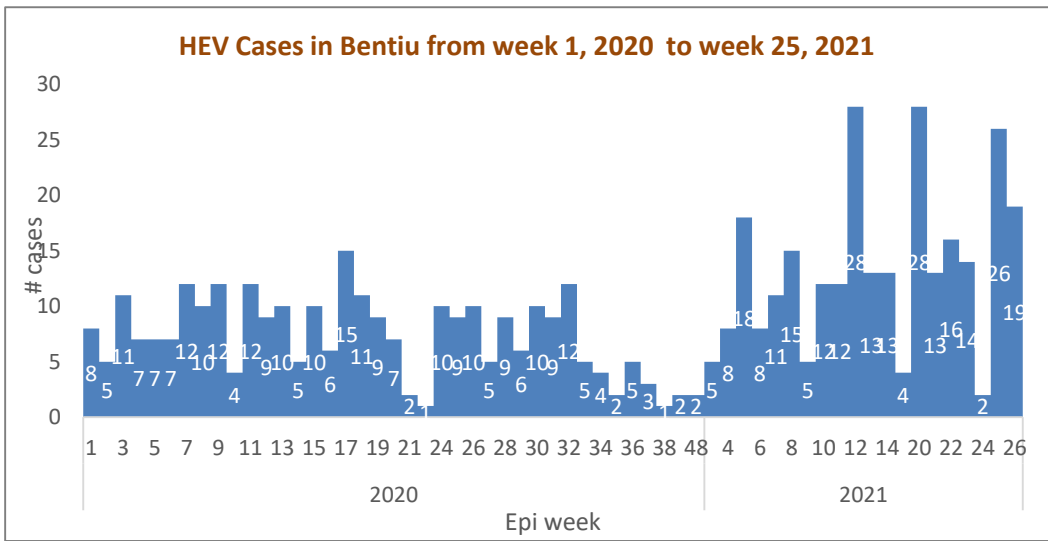


Aetiological agent	Location (county)	Date first reported	New cases since last bulletin	Cumulative cases to date (attack rate %)	Interventions			
					Case management	Vaccination	Health promotion	WASH
<b>Ongoing epidemics</b>								
Hepatitis E	Bentiu PoC	03/01/2018	14	631 (0.022)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
COVID-19	35 counties	05/4/2020		10,855	yes	yes	yes	yes
cVDPV2	25 counties	11/06/2020 18/09/2020	0	54	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rubella	Tambura	11/1/2021	0	23 (0.13)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Rubella	Nagero	01/03/ 20201	0	5 (0.25)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A





## Hepatitis E, Bentiu IDP camp (1)



Age-Group	Alive	Dead	Grand Total	Percentage	CFR	Cum. %2
1 - 4 Years	185	0	185	27%	0%	27%
10 - 14 Years	102	0	102	15%	0%	42%
15+ Years	234	3	237	35%	1%	77%
5 - 9 Years	158	2	160	23%	1%	100%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.01</b>	

### Descriptive epidemiology

- The persistent transmission of HEV in Bentiu IDP camp continues with **684** cases since beginning of 2019
- There were **(19)** new cases reported in week 25, 2021
- All the cases were managed as outpatient cases except for seven cases who were admitted
- 5 deaths reported in 2019 and 2020
- 48% are female and 52% are male.
- Age group less than 15 years had the most cases with (67%) cases.
- There is risk of adverse outcomes women are infected in their last trimester
- Use of unsafe drinking water is likely to be source of infection
- Up to week 23, 2021; a cumulative of 631 cases of HEV in Bentiu IDP camp including 5 deaths (CFR 0.79%)
- There is an upsurge of HEV cases since the beginning of 2021. The upsurge is attributed to declining WASH in the IDP camp as the daily workers and hygiene promoters have not been working for months now amidst reduced funding for WASH activities in IDP camp.

### Public health response

- Given the current HEV upsurge in Bentiu IDP camp, the WASH cluster in Juba working with the local WASH implementing partners – Concern Worldwide; Mercy Corps; and IOM have agreed to undertake the following interventions:
  - Intensify Hygiene promotion messaging prioritizing the most affected sectors. Many of the daily workers stopped working for quite some time including Hygiene Promoters hence orientation of HPs will be intensified
  - Provide WASH NFIs (soap, buckets for water storage and handling)
  - Intensify water quality monitoring at source and point of use and adjust chlorine dosage accordingly to maintain FRC levels at 0.5-1mg/L as the point of collection
- Partners, - WHO and MSF in support of the MoH are exploring the feasibility of deploying HEV vaccines as an additional outbreak response tool to interrupt transmission



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<b>Controlled epidemics</b>								
Measles	Juba	21/11/2019	NR	6( 0.1667)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Measles	Tonj East	12/12/2019	NR	61(0.98)	yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Measles	Bor	17/01/2020	NR	14(0.214)	yes	No	yes	N/A
Measles	Jebel Boma	10/12/2019	NR	96(0.063)	yes	No	Yes	N/A
Measles	Kapoeta East	18/01/2020	NR	16(0.625)	yes	No	Yes	N/A
Measles	Aweil East	29/12/2019	NR	664 (0.127)	Yes		No	Yes
Measles	Pibor	27/1/2020	NR	355 (0.0028)	Yes		Yes	Yes
Measles	Wau	5/1/2020	NR	39 (0.051)	Yes		Yes	Yes
Measles	Ibba	25/1/2020	0	55 (0.36)	Yes		Yes	Yes



# COVID-19 Updates



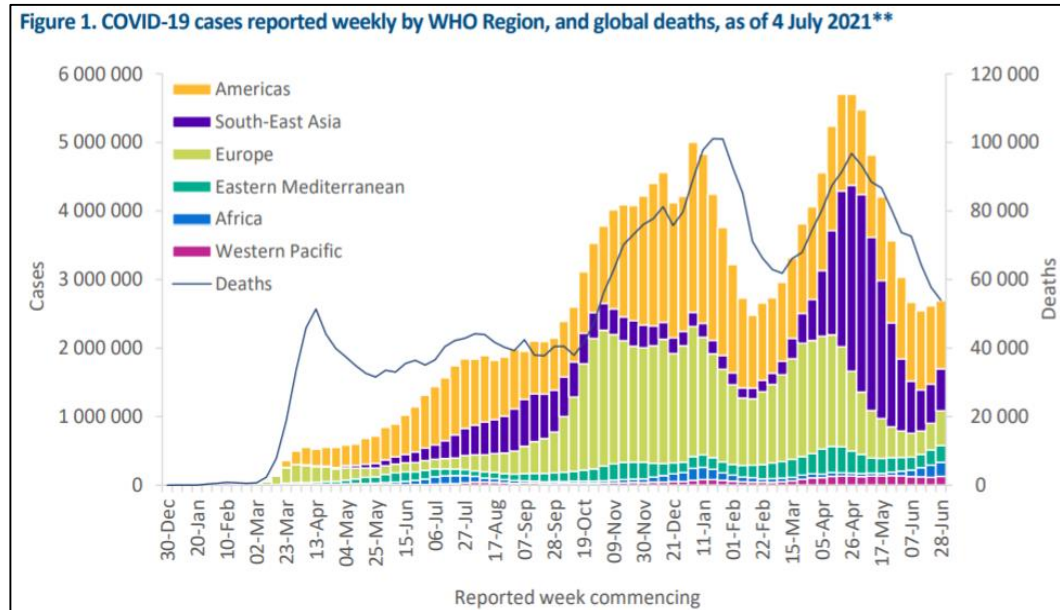
# COVID-19 Virus Situation Summary



Situation update as of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

- Globally, 29 June 2021, there have been **183 198 019 confirmed cases** of COVID-19, including **3 971 687 deaths**, reported to WHO. As of **25 July 2021**, a total of **3,646,968,156 vaccine doses** have been administered.

- In Africa, as of **6<sup>th</sup> July 2021**, there have been **4 172 433 confirmed cases** of COVID-19, including **97 682 deaths** reported to WHO



WHO: <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>





- Thirty-nine new cases were identified in Week 26, bringing the cumulative number of confirmed cases to 10879 1 , including 365 imported cases mainly from South Sudanese returnees (194), Uganda (52), and Kenya (19). There were two new imported cases in Week 26
- At the end of Week 26, 35 (43.8%) of the 80 counties in the country have a confirmed case.
- Average positivity yields have been declining in recent epi weeks (after peaking at 22.4% in Week 07), reaching a low of 0.4% in Week 19 before increasing to 1.1% in Week 26.
- Two SARS-CoV-2 lineages were detected in South Sudan. The first variant of interest (VOI) detected in the South Sudan samples is the A.23.1 lineage and the second one is the B.1.525 lineage
- Sixteen alerts tested positive for COVID-19 this week. Cumulatively, 28522 alerts have been reported, of which 2725 (95.5%) have been verified, and 2645 (97.1%) of the verified alerts were sampled.
- Cumulatively, 16779 contacts have been listed and followed up since the first confirmed case was reported in April 2020, of which 14889 (88.7%) have completed follow-up.
- As of the end of Week 26, South Sudan has vaccinated 52665 people, of whom 3933 are fully vaccinated and 48732 have had one dose. So far, 8690 healthcare workers have been vaccinated [Figure 14]. Vaccination is currently ongoing in 93 health facilities across all 10 states. Challenges to the vaccination campaign include:
  - Low uptake by healthcare workers
  - Low uptake among women (only 26% nationally)

# Overall Conclusions and Recommendations



## Conclusion

- The overall performance of IDSR and EWARN reporting sites in week 25, 2021 is above the target of 80% in both Timeliness and Completeness
- **10 879** confirmed COVID-19 cases, including **337** imported cases, and **117** (case fatality rate of 1.07%) deaths Total **16,779** contacts identified, quarantined, & undergoing follow up as of week 26, 2021
- Given the COVID-19 pandemic, and the third pandemic wave that is currently underway in Africa, resurgence monitoring and response readiness is being enhanced for all the pillars including surveillance, laboratory, case management, infection prevention and control, border health, and community engagement to emphasize adherence to public health social measures including vaccination of health workers, high risk groups, and the general population

## Recommendations

- All partners should support CHDs & State Ministries of Health to undertake IDSR/EWARN reporting
- All health facilities should report, and conduct case-based investigation of suspect measles cases and routine measles immunization should be strengthened in all counties
- Strengthen capacities for COVID-19 resurgence monitoring and response readiness through identifying and testing suspect cases (including genomic sequencing), isolating and effective management of confirmed cases, contact tracing, community engagement, COVID-19 vaccination, and strengthening adherence to PHSMs.

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NBGZ	133	Malaria Consortium, Healthnet TPO, IRC, CEDS, IHO
WBGZ	78	Cordaid, Healthnet TPO, CARE International, IOM, ALIMA
Jonglei	108	Nile Hope, MDM, JDF, Livewell, CMD, HFO, EDA, CRADA, Malaria Consortium, CMA, ACSO, MEDAIR, CARE, World Relief, UNH
EES	142	Cordaid, HLSS, CCM
Unity	94	Cordaid, UNIDOR, IRC, CHADO, CARE International, CRADA, CASS, IOM, Samaritan's Purse
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Lakes	113	Doctors with Africa (CUAMM)

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