

Early Warning and Reporting System (EWARS)

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Note: This bulletin includes data since January 2020 till date, including comparison of the same period last year. Since May 2019, 36 new sentinel sites (including public hospitals, private hospitals, and medical colleges) were added and were gradually oriented and started reporting, thus increasing the number of reporting sites. The current number of sentinel sites is 118.

The Early Warning and Reporting System (EWARS)

Highlights

52 cases of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) have been confirmed so far in Nepal.

Acute Gastro-Enteritis (AGE): 150 cases of AGE are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Kapilvastu (17 cases), Rupandehi (11 cases), Dhanusha (7 cases), Mahottari (7 cases) and Dolakha (7 cases).

Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI): 165 cases of SARI are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Kathmandu (20 cases), Morang (17 cases), Sunsari (11 cases) and Banke (7 cases).

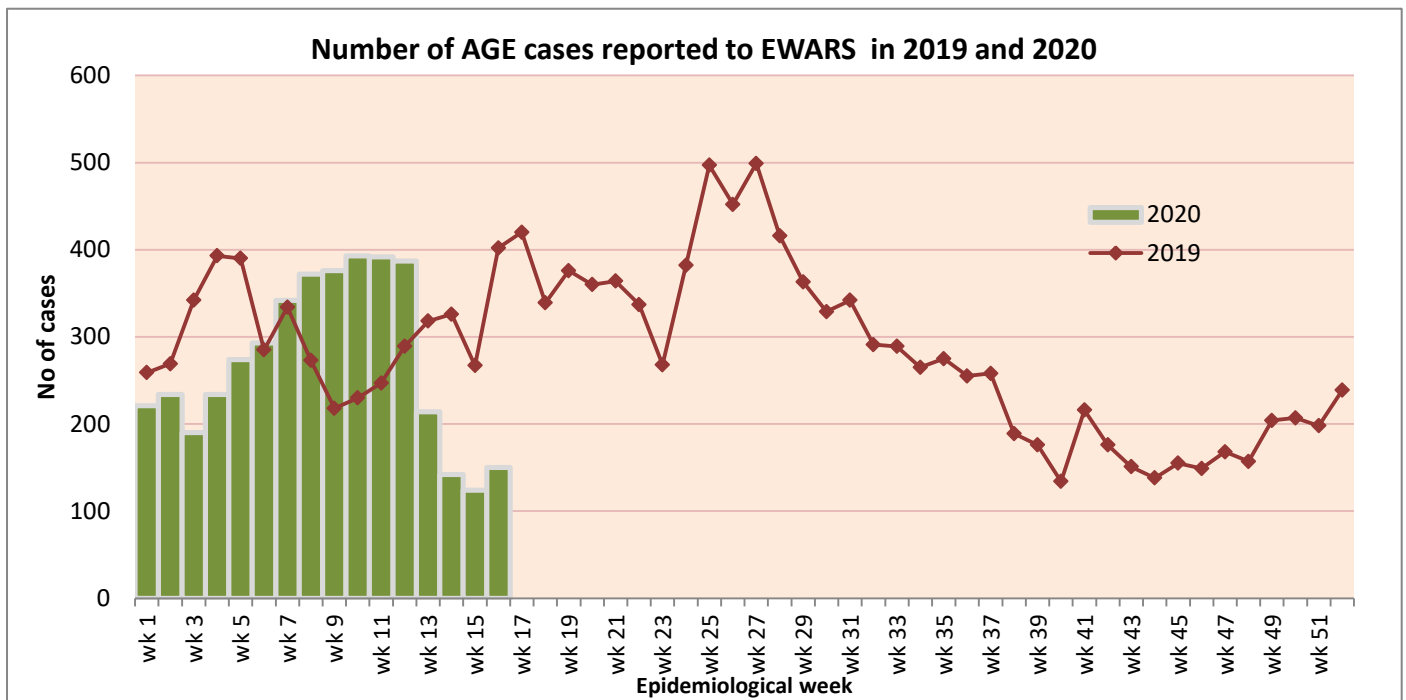
Kala-azar: Six cases of kala-azar are reported this week- two each from Okhaldhunga and Dadeldhura, and one each from Siraha and Darchula.

The EWARS was established in 1997 to strengthen the flow of information on vector-borne and other outbreak prone infectious diseases from the district to Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD) and Vector-Borne Disease Research and Training Center (VBDRTC), Hetauda. Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) can be mobilized at short notice to facilitate prompt outbreak response at central, provincial and local levels. RRTs can also support local level health institutions for investigation and outbreak control activities.

This information system is hospital-based. So far, the EWARS mainly focuses on the **weekly reporting** of number of cases and deaths (including "zero" reports) of six priority diseases/syndromes—Malaria, Kala-azar, Dengue, Acute Gastroenteritis (AGE), Cholera and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI), and other epidemic potential diseases/syndromes (like enteric fever). It equally focuses on **immediate reporting** (to be reported within 24 hours of diagnosis) of one confirmed case of Cholera, Kala-azar, Malaria and one case of Dengue as well as 5 or more cases of AGE or SARI from the same geographical locality in one-week period.

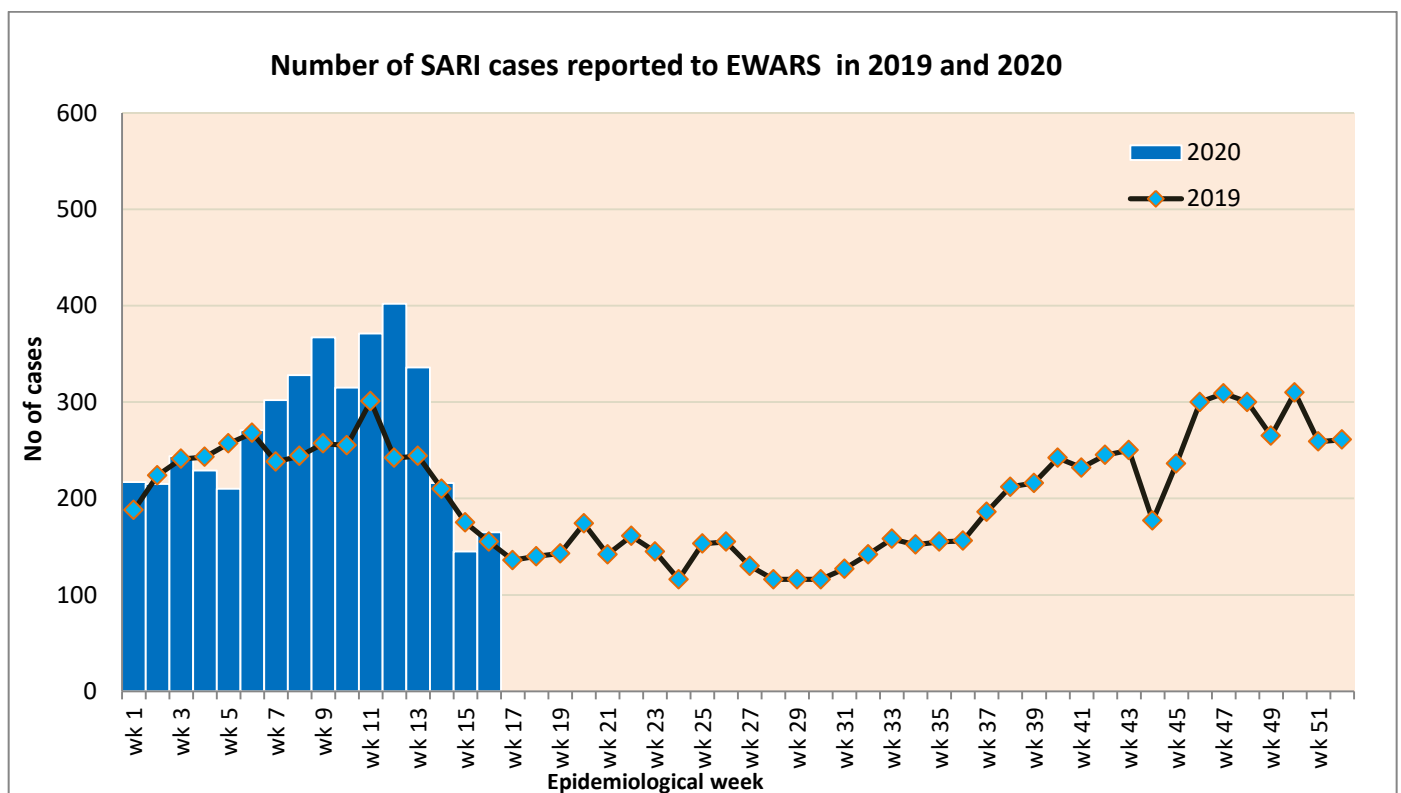
1. Acute Gastro-Enteritis (AGE) and Cholera

150 cases of AGE are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Kapilvastu (17 cases), Rupandehi (11 cases), Dhanusha (7 cases), Mahottari (7 cases) and Dolakha (7 cases). 402 cases of AGE were reported this week in 2019.



2. Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI)

165 cases of SARI are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Kathmandu (20 cases), Morang (17 cases), Sunsari (11 cases) and Banke (7 cases). 155 cases of SARI were reported this week in 2019.



Note:

- *The number of reporting sites per week in 2020: 79 (for week 10 and 11), 81 (for week 12), 77 (for week 13), 73 (for week 14), 75 (for week 15) and 74 (for week 16).
The number of reporting sites per week in 2019: 51 (for weeks 10-12), 52 (for week 13), 55 (for weeks 14-15) and 56 (For week 16).*

3. Malaria

No case of malaria is reported this week. One case of Malaria was reported this week in 2019.

4. Dengue

No case of dengue is reported this week. One case of Dengue was reported this week in 2019.

5. Kala-azar

Six cases of kala-azar are reported this week- two each from Okhaldhunga and Dadeldhura, and one each from Siraha and Darchula. One case of kala-azar was reported this week in 2019.

Other diseases

Scrub typhus

One case of scrub typhus is reported this week from Dhading. One case of Scrub typhus was reported this week in 2019.

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Note: *This bulletin is also available at EDCCD's website www.edcd.gov.np. Thank you.*