

Early Warning and Reporting System (EWARS)

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Note: This bulletin includes data since January 2019 till date, including comparison of same period during last year. The current bulletin includes the data from the existing sentinel sites as well as from some of the recently expanded 36 new sentinel sites (including public hospitals, private hospitals and medical colleges).

The Early Warning and Reporting System (EWARS)

Highlights

Dengue: 249 cases of Dengue are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Kaski (116 cases), Chitwan (40 cases), Makwanpur (23 cases), Kathmandu (13 cases), Morang (7 cases), Rupandehi (6 cases) and Sunsari (4 cases).

Malaria: Three cases of Malaria are reported this week- (two from Achham and one from Baitadi).

AGE: 233 cases of AGE are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Myagdi (27 cases), Kathmandu (20 cases), Kapilbastu (19 cases), Bhaktapur (17 cases) and Ramechhap (14 cases).

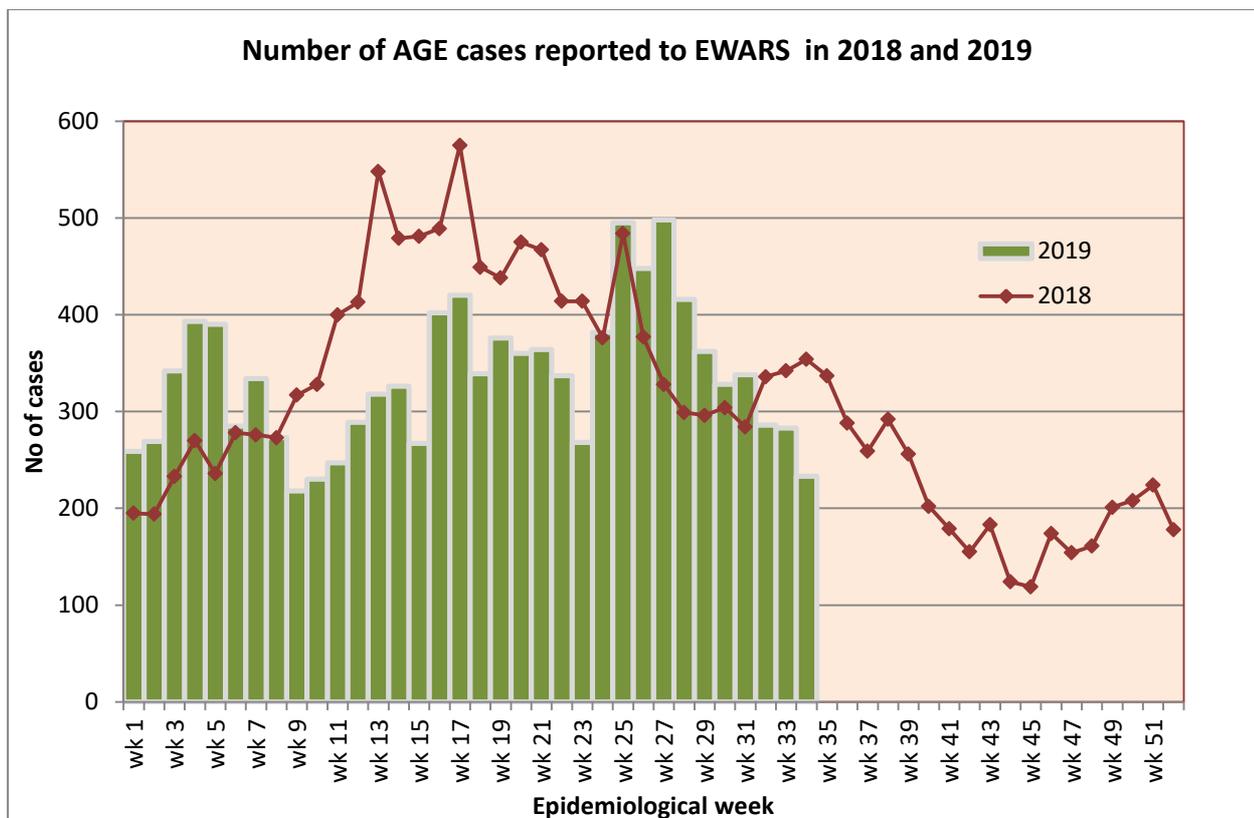
SARI: 137 cases of SARI are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Lalitpur (24 cases), Morang (11 cases), Dhankuta (9 cases), Panchthar (9 cases), Palpa (6 cases) and Ilam (5 cases). One death from SARI is reported this week by Kanti Children Hospital and the case was from Surkhet.

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, Regional and District level. 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 severe and complicated Malaria and one suspect/clinical case of Dengue as well as 5 or more cases of AGE and SARI from the same geographical locality in one-week period.

1.1 Acute Gastro-Enteritis (AGE) and Cholera

233 cases of AGE are reported in the 33rd epidemiological week this year. The majority of these cases are from Myagdi (27 cases), Kathmandu (20 cases), Kapilbastu (19 cases), Bhaktapur (17 cases) and Ramechhap (14 cases). 354 cases of AGE were reported this week in 2018.

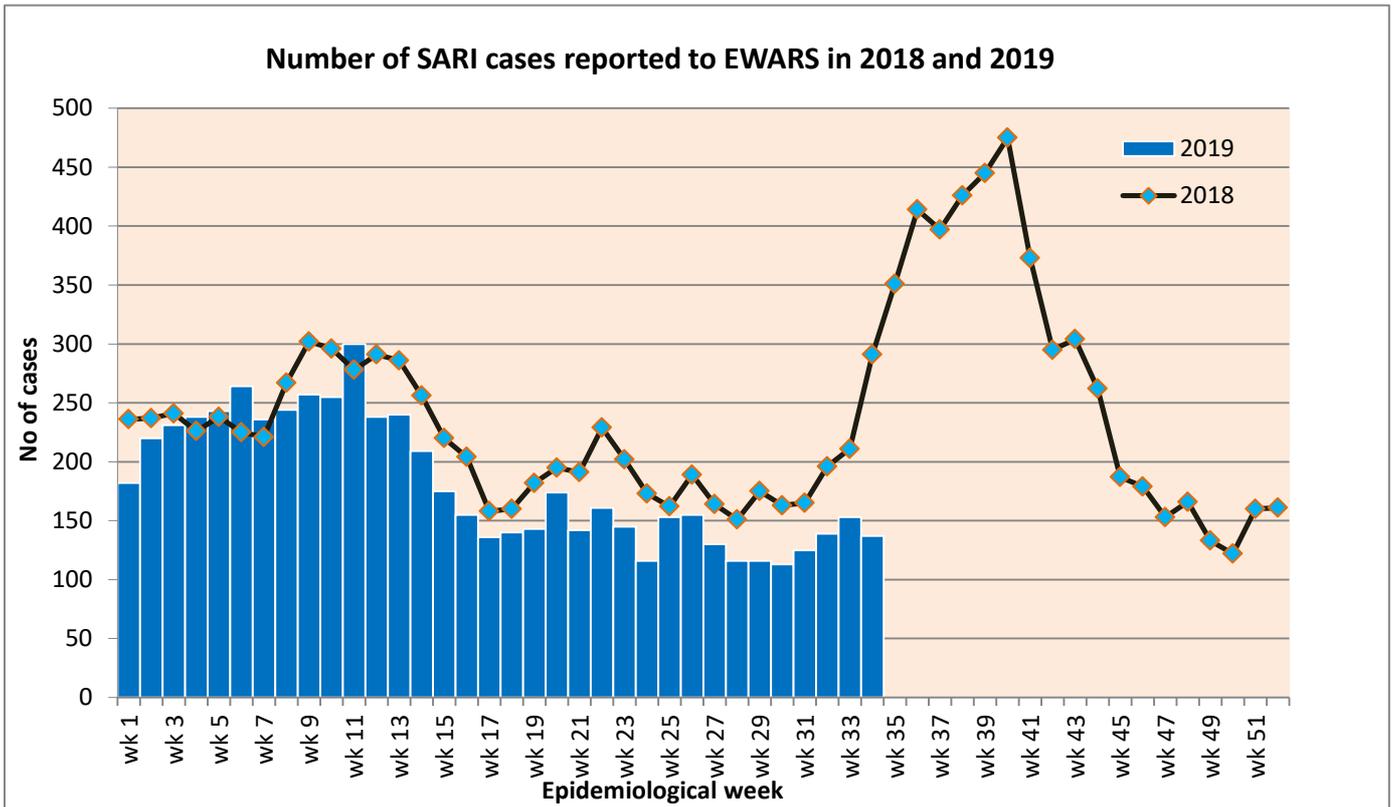


Cholera: One case of Cholera has been reported so far this year by Teku hospital, Kathmandu and the case was from Tahachal, Kathmandu.

1.2 Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI)

137 cases of SARI are reported in the 33rd epidemiological week this year. The majority of these cases are from Lalitpur (24 cases), Morang (11 cases), Dhankuta (9 cases), Panchthar (9 cases), Palpa (6 cases) and Ilam (5 cases). 291 cases of SARI were reported this week in 2018.

One death from SARI is reported this week by Kanti Children Hospital and the case was from Surkhet.



1.3 Malaria

Three cases of Malaria are reported this week- two from Achham and one from Baitadi. Two cases of Malaria were reported this week in 2018.

1.4 Dengue

249 cases of Dengue are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Kaski (116 cases), Chitwan (40 cases), Makwanpur (23 cases), Kathmandu (13 cases), Morang (7 cases), Rupandehi (6 cases) and Sunsari (4 cases). Twelve cases of Dengue were reported this week in 2018.

1.5 Kala-azar

Two cases of Kala-azar are reported this week one each from Morang and Gulmi. Three cases of Kala-azar were reported this week in 2018.

1.6 Scrub typhus

42 cases of Scrub typhus are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Chitwan (10 cases), Palpa (8 cases) and Rupandehi (6 cases).

1.7 Enteric fever

103 cases of Enteric fever are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Kathmandu (17 cases), Lamjung (13 cases) and Lalitpur (7 cases).

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