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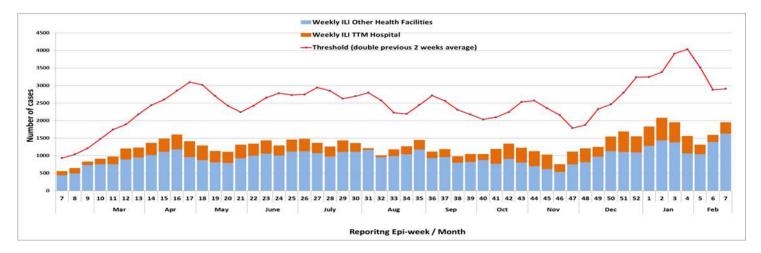
Syndromic Surveillance Report Epi-week 7: 10/02/25 – 16/02/25

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1. Influenza like illness (ILI)

Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of ≥ 38 C° and cough, with onset within the last 10 days Alert threshold: Exceeding double the average in the previous 2 weeks			
Epi-weeks	Epi-week 06: 03/02/25 – 09/02/25	Epi-week 07: 10/02/25 – 16/02/25	
Total cases reported	1593	1953	
Moving Average	1440	1454	
Threshold	2879	2907	

Figure 1. Number of ILI cases reported from all Health Facilities



The influenza like illness case count increased by 23% compared to the previous epi-week but it still remains below the alert threshold. The Ministry of Health strongly recommends the general public to continue the practice of preventative measures such as – wearing of face masks especially when you have flu-like symptoms such as cough and runny nose, practice regular hand hygiene and avoid large gatherings without masks. If you are feeling ill with flu-like symptoms, please see a nurse or doctor, stay home and take medications as prescribed.





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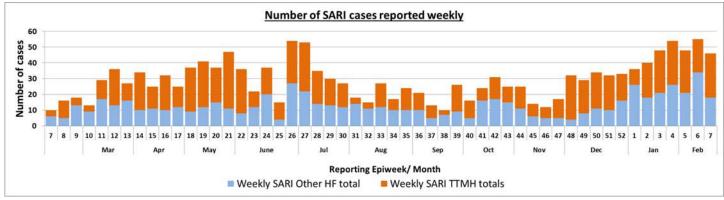


2. Severe acute respiratory infection (SARI)

Case Definition: An acute respiratory infection with a history of fever or measured fever of ≥ 38 C° and cough, with onset within the last 10 days, AND requiring hospitalization Alert threshold: 2 linked cases

Epi-weeks	Epi-week 06: 03/02/25 – 09/02/25	Epi-week 07: 10/02/25 – 16/02/25
Total cases reported	55	46
Moving Average	51	51.5
Threshold	2 linked cases	2 linked cases

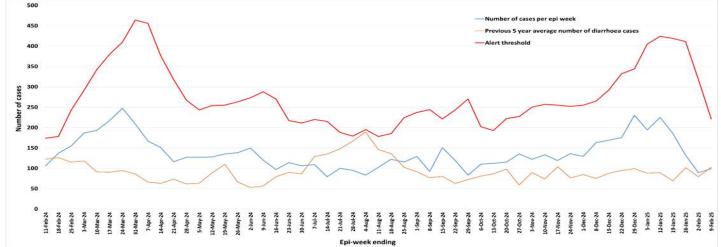
Figure 2. Number of SARI cases reported from all health facilities



3. Diarrhea

Case Definition: Three (3) or more loose or watery or bloody stools in 24hrs Alert threshold: more than twice the average of the last two weeks count			
Epi-weeks	Epi-week 06: 03/02/25 – 09/02/25	Epi-week 07: 10/02/25 – 16/02/25	
Total cases reported	115	130	
Moving Average	112.5	103	
Threshold	225	206	





Diarrhea case count remains below the alert threshold. However, precautionary measures are strongly recommended as we are currently in the wet season. The Ministry of Health strongly urges the public to continue good hand hygiene or hand washing practices, boil water before drinking and ensure food preparation is safe and sanitary.



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