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This report is the result of media monitoring on infectious and emerging diseases happening around the world and among the ASEAN Member States. In order to improve pandemic and epidemic preparedness and response in the ASEAN Region. We provide this report three times a week starting January 2024.

Global Situation

Avian Influenza (H5N1)

- **Australia:** A child in Australia contracted H5N1 bird flu, traveling to Kolkata, India. The World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed the child had no known exposure to infected people or animals during their visit (Kumari, S., 2024). The child was hospitalized for over two weeks and returned to Australia on March 2. [[Full article](#)]

Covid-19

- **Bangladesh** reported 15 more COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, increasing its total caseload to 2,050,703 (Daily Bangladesh, 2024). The official death toll remains at 29,495, with a daily positivity rate of 4.38%. The recovery rate reached 2,018,021, with recovery and death rates at 98.41% and 1.44%, respectively. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Los Angeles County health officials have urged residents to take "common-sense precautions" to limit the spread of COVID-19 and avoid another summer surge in infections (Service, 2024). COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have spiked upward the past three summers due to warmer weather, with the emergence of new "FLIRT" variants. The county has seen "small increases" this year in reported cases, testing-positivity rates, and concentrations of the virus in wastewater. The county has seen an average of 19.6 new COVID-related hospital admissions per day, up from 16.9 three weeks ago. COVID-related deaths remain low, with the county reporting an average of one per day. COVID-19 testing is still recommended, and people who test positive should isolate themselves until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms ease. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** A dengue outbreak in Bangladesh has reached 3,056 cases and 38 deaths this year, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) (Bss, 2024). In the past 24 hours, 25 patients were hospitalized, and 2,877 have been released. A recent survey revealed that 18 wards under two city corporations in Dhaka are at high risk of dengue, with Dhaka North City Corporation having the highest risk. [[Full article](#)]



Malaria

- **India:** A total of 850 malaria cases have been confirmed in the Alluri Sitharama Raju (ASR) district from January 1 to June 5, causing concern among tribal people in remote hamlets like Buruga and China Konela (Bureau, 2024). Around 15 affected persons had to be carried in 'dolis' to nearest hospitals. Tribal people claim there is no power supply, no asphalt roads, and mosquito control measures are not effective, making residents susceptible to malaria-carrying mosquitoes. [[Full article](#)]

Poliomyelitis

- **Pakistan:** The fifth polio case in Balochistan's Quetta has raised concerns about surveillance lapses and potential increased transmission during the polio eradication campaign (ANI, 2024). The case, which occurred on April 29 and was confirmed on June 8, shows a significant delay of six weeks in diagnosis, indicating a gap in identifying and addressing poliovirus infections. The victim, a two-year-old boy, died before the confirmation of poliovirus. Investigations are underway to determine whether the case resulted from vaccine refusal, although records indicate the child had received five doses of vaccine during supplementary immunization activities. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** The Karanganyar District Health Service reported an increase in Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) cases, with 695 cases in Bumi Indapatri and several sub-districts (Hartono, 2024). Three people died out of the total 695 cases, with the highest cases occurring in week 16 of 2024. [[Full article](#)]

In Bogor, from January to June 2024, 18 residents died from DHF, with most of the deaths occurring in 14 sub-districts (Hardiyanto, 2024). The increase in cases began in December 2023, with 278 cases. The total number of cases from January to June 2024 is 1,932 with 18 deaths. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** A rabies outbreak began in South Timor Tengah district in May 2023 and spread throughout the island until early June 2024 (Media Indonesia, 2024). The total number of residents who died from rabies bites in the area reached 17 from May 2023 to June 8, 2024. The number of cases was 4,323, including 1,499 school-age children, 1,767 productive-age adults, 3 babies, and 360 elderly. [[Full article](#)]

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