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This report is based on media monitoring of infectious and emerging diseases globally and within ASEAN Member States. To enhance pandemic and epidemic preparedness and response in the ASEAN Region, we publish this report three times a week.

Global Situation

Marburg Virus

- **Tanzania's** Health Minister said laboratory results from all suspected individuals were negative for Marburg Virus (Fofana, B., 2025). The World Health Organization issued an alert for a possible outbreak in Tanzania, but tests did not show the existence of Marburg in the East African nation. The African Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is ready to support Tanzania and other countries with suspected cases of the Marburg Virus Disease. The CDC also highlighted the need for increased testing and deployment of epidemiologists and community health workers to areas considered hot spots of infectious diseases in the region. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Azerbaijan:** A 22-year-old person reported symptoms of mpox, including weakness, fever, skin rashes, enlarged lymph nodes, and muscle pain, after returning from a trip abroad (Reuters, 2025). No signs were found in the patient's family members, who are currently under home surveillance. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Kenya** has confirmed two more cases of mpox, bringing the total to 33 (Anadolu Ajansi, 2025). The outbreak has spread across 12 counties and involved 225 contacts. The government has enhanced surveillance and initiated engagement efforts to educate the public on mpox prevention and control measures. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Uganda:** Uganda's Health Minister reported 1,712 confirmed mpox cases, with 1,089 fully recovered and 10 died due to underlying conditions (Kiiza, 2025). The outbreak began in July 2024 and accelerated in September-November 2024, with commercial sexual activities contributing to 73% of cases. Key transmission hotspots include Bwaise and Kawaala, with 71 districts reporting cases. Adjumani District has entered the elimination phase after three months. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Zambia** has reported six confirmed cases of mpox, including two recorded between January 10 and 13 (Xinhua, 2025). The fifth case involved a 28-year-old woman from Mufulira Town in Copperbelt Province who tested positive for the disease. The sixth case was recorded a 34-year-old in Lusaka, the capital. Health authorities are working to determine where the woman contracted the disease and are monitoring contacts and placing them under home isolation. [\[Full article\]](#)



COVID-19

- **Italy** reported 1,481 COVID-19 cases and 44 deaths from January 9 to 15 (Prensa Latina, 2025). The Italian Health Ministry reported 54,973 tests for the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. The positivity rate dropped from 3.7% to 2.7%. The number of infected persons was lower than the previous week, and the infection rate decreased from 1.08% to 0.81%. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** In the 24 hours leading up to January 19, there were 46 new dengue cases reported, raising the total number of cases to 877 this year (UNB, 2025). Of the new cases, 2 were in Dhaka North and 7 in Dhaka South. The number of dengue-related deaths remains at 8. Currently, 239 dengue patients are being treated in hospitals. In 2024, there were 101,214 dengue cases and 575 deaths, with 100,040 recoveries. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

Mpox

- **Philippines:** Baguio has recorded its first case of mpox, a zoonotic disease transmitted through close physical contact (GMA News Online, 2025). The 28-year-old male was found to have the less severe Clade II mpox virus type. The patient was declared cured on January 17, 2025. Human-to-human transmission is possible through skin or mucosal lesions and respiratory secretions. [\[Full article\]](#)

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Denpasar Municipality Health Office, Bali Province, reported 66 cases of dengue fever from January 1-16, 2025, an increase from December 2024 (Putri, 2025). The increase is attributed to the rainy season. In 2024, DHF cases reached 1,309, slightly decreasing from 1,332 in 2023. The Health Office continues to record patient visits to health centers and plans to train health workers if the number increases. [\[Full article\]](#)
- **Philippines:** The City Health Services Office (CHSO) in Baguio City recorded 37 dengue cases in 20 barangays, with an increase in cases during Christmas and New Year due to human movements (Manila Bulletin, 2025). The CHSO advised residents and officials to destroy mosquito breeding sites and implement preventive measures against dengue. In 2024, over 9,000 people suffered from dengue, with 24 deaths. [\[Full article\]](#)

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Philippines:** Quezon City experienced a 45% increase in hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) cases from January 1 to 15, 2025, with 74% of affected children aged five and below (Daily Tribune, 2025). HFMD is transmitted through direct contact, coughing, sneezing, or feces. Parents are advised to bring children with symptoms to health centers. [\[Full article\]](#)



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