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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

Chikungunya

- **China:** Guangdong Province reported 2,086 new local chikungunya fever cases between October 12–18, 2025, including asymptomatic infections, with no severe cases or deaths (Sing Tao Daily, 2025). Jiangmen City recorded the highest number of cases (795), followed by Foshan (241) and Shenzhen (202). Health authorities warned that vector activity remains high, maintaining a persistent risk of transmission. Surveillance and vector control operations continue to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **India:** Faridabad health authorities reported 16 malaria cases as of mid-October 2025 (Live Hindustan, 2025). The health department has prepared blood slides for testing around 200,000 people, and approximately 3,500 notices have been issued regarding mosquito breeding sites. Field inspections and vector control activities are ongoing, with the authorities urging residents to eliminate stagnant water to prevent mosquito proliferation. [[Full article](#)]
- **Sri Lanka:** The Anti Malaria Campaign reported 35 malaria cases and one death so far in 2025, with most infections linked to travelers returning from abroad (Ada Derana, 2025). Sri Lanka, certified malaria-free in 2016, continues active surveillance to prevent reestablishment of local transmission. In response, the Anti-Malaria Campaign's Consultant Community Physician urged the public to contact the designated call centre for further information about malaria. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Australia:** Queensland Health confirmed three measles cases in South East Queensland in mid-October 2025, including two on the Sunshine Coast and one on the Gold Coast (Sky News Australia, 2025). Public health alerts were issued for individuals who attended Clover Hill State School in Mudgeeraba on 7 October 2025, as well as for individuals who visited 16 other exposure sites from October 8 to 13, 2025. The authorities urged residents, particularly those born after 1966, to check their vaccination status and remain vigilant for symptoms. [[Full article](#)]



- The **United States (US)**: South Carolina confirmed three additional measles cases in Spartanburg County between October 15–18, 2025, bringing the total to 19 cases statewide (WRDW, 2025). All new infections were among quarantined contacts, with no new exposure sites identified. Health authorities deployed mobile vaccination clinics in low-coverage areas and continue surveillance amid ongoing community transmission. [\[Full article\]](#)

Mpox

- **Namibia's** Ministry of Health and Social Services declared an mpox outbreak on October 18, 2025, after confirming the country's first case in Swakopmund (The Namibian, 2025). The patient, linked to cross-border travel within the Southern African Development Community, is in stable condition and under isolation. Health authorities have activated response measures following WHO outbreak management protocols. [\[Full article\]](#)

Poliomyelitis

- **Afghanistan**: Uruzgan Province reported a new polio case, bringing the national total to nine cases in 2025 (Khaama Press, 2025). The latest infection involved an eight-month-old girl, prompting emergency vaccinations in the surrounding districts. Earlier this year, cases were reported in Helmand (3), Paktika (2), and one each in Badghis, Nuristan, and Farah. Health authorities cited insecurity and limited access as major obstacles to eradication, emphasising the need for enhanced cross-border collaboration with Pakistan. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **India**: A 21-year-old man from Ambernath, Maharashtra, died of rabies on October 17, 2025, two months after being bitten by a stray dog (The Times of India, 2025). He had received only one dose of the anti-rabies vaccine and did not inform his family about the incident. Health authorities attributed the fatality to incomplete post-exposure prophylaxis and stressed the importance of seeking immediate medical care, completing the full vaccination course, and promptly reporting dog bites to prevent such deaths. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rift Valley Fever (RVF)

- **Senegal's** Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene (MoHPH) reported 245 confirmed RVF cases across six regions as of October 20, 2025, including 193 recoveries and 21 deaths (Outbreak News Today, 2025). In response, the MoHPH scheduled to hold a press conference to address the evolving epidemiological situation on October 20, 2025. [\[Full article\]](#)

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia**: Batam City, Riau Islands Province, reported 525 dengue cases as of early October 2025, down from 871 cases last year (Batam Pos, 2025). The incidence rate dropped to 39.12 per 100,000 population from 68.21 last year. Health authorities linked the decline to seasonal rainfall patterns and breeding site control, emphasizing community-based larval monitoring and targeted fogging. Residents were urged to stay vigilant and seek early medical care to prevent severe illness. [\[Full article\]](#)



- **Viet Nam:** On October 19, 2025, Children's Hospital 1 in Ho Chi Minh City reported a severe dengue hemorrhagic fever case in a 7-year-old boy from An Giang Province, complicated by rare hemophagocytic syndrome and multi-organ failure (Phapluat, 2025). The patient required mechanical ventilation and dialysis but recovered after intensive care. The hospital noted a recent rise in pediatric dengue shock cases and urged parents to seek early medical attention for children with prolonged fever to prevent severe complications. [\[Full article\]](#)

As of September 20, 2025, **Hai Phong City** reported 510 dengue cases across 88 communes, with Hong Bang Ward recording six new cases and identifying 33 mosquito breeding sites (Báo Hải Quan Việt Nam, 2025). The Hai Phong Center for Disease Control and local authorities intensified awareness campaigns and vector control measures. While no major outbreaks have been reported, the risk remains high due to erratic weather and low public compliance with preventive measures. [\[Full article\]](#)

HIV/AIDS

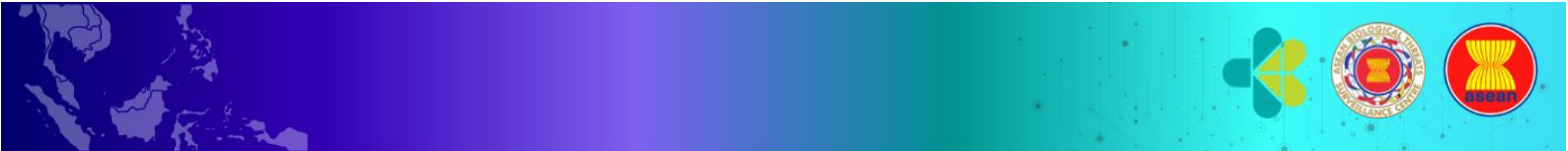
- **Indonesia:** Kupang City, East Nusa Tenggara Province recorded 2,539 cumulative HIV/AIDS cases as of September 2025 (Berita Nasional, 2025). Health authorities linked the increase to rising adolescent involvement in high-risk behaviors. In response, the local government mandated HIV/AIDS education in schools, expanded outreach through churches and community organizations, and reactivated community-based surveillance and support units in 51 urban villages to strengthen early detection and reduce stigma. [\[Full article\]](#)

Measles

- **Indonesia:** Pamekasan District, East Java Province, reported 11 measles-related deaths as of October 15, 2025 (RRI, 2025). Fatalities were linked to complications arising from delayed medical treatment, including lung and brain infections. Health authorities urged parents to seek immediate care for children showing symptoms such as high fever, cough, and rash, and stressed the importance of completing measles immunization at 9 and 18 months to prevent severe outcomes. [\[Full article\]](#)

Rabies

- **Malaysia:** A 29-year-old male plantation worker from Bintulu, Sarawak, died of rabies on October 12, 2025, bringing total human rabies in the state to five this year (Malay Mail, 2025). The patient was bitten by a stray dog on September 17 but did not seek timely medical care. The Sarawak Health Department has recorded over 16,000 animal bite cases in 2025 and urges the public to seek immediate post-exposure treatment and ensure pet vaccination. [\[Full article\]](#)



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