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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

• **Tanzania's** president confirmed on 20 January that a sample from a remote part of northern Tanzania had tested positive for Marburg disease, which can be fatal in up to 88% of cases if left untreated (The Indian Express, 2025). Twenty-five other samples tested were negative. Earlier, on January 14, the WHO suspected an outbreak of Marburg in an illness that had killed eight people in the Kagera region. Tanzanian health officials disputed the report hours later, saying tests on samples had come back negative. [Full article]

Mpox

- **Kenya:** A truck driver has tested positive for mpox in Malaba, Busia County, causing a national concern (Imenza, 2025). The first Mpox case was confirmed in Kenya on July 31, 2024, and as of January 17, 2025, the country had recorded 33 cases. As of October 31, 2024, 11 out of 47 counties in Kenya had reported at least one confirmed case of Mpox. [Full article]
- The **United Kingdom (UK):** A new case of clade Ib mpox, the sixth case confirmed since October 2024, has been confirmed in East Sussex, England, by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA, 2025). The individual, recently returned from Uganda, is under specialist care. The risk to the UK population remains low. [Full article]

Avian Influenza (H5N1)

The United States (US): The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed another case of avian influenza A (H5N1) in California, raising the nationwide total to 67 (Medical Xpress, 2025). California has been hit hardest, accounting for 38 cases. Most H5N1 infections in California are linked to exposure to sick dairy cows and poultry. The CDC emphasizes that the risk to the general public remains low, but certain groups have a higher risk. [Full article]

Dengue

Bangladesh: Dhaka recorded 24 new cases of dengue with no death on January 21, bringing
the total to 940 this year (UNB, 2025). Two new cases were reported in Dhaka North City
Corporation, while five were hospitalized in Dhaka South City Corporation. Currently, 217
patients are receiving treatment. A total of 101,214 cases and 100,040 recoveries were
reported in 2024. [Full article]



Rabies

• **India:** A 19-year-old boy from Srinagar, Kashmir, died at hospital due to rabies (Nissa, 2025). He had been bitten by a dog over a month ago and had not taken the anti-rabies vaccine. After developing symptoms on January 18, he was admitted in isolation and died on January 21. [Full article]

Regional Situation

Mpox

• **Philippines**: The City Health Office in Baguio stated that the recent death due to mpox, a 32-year-old male infected with the clade II variant, had not resided in the city when contracted virus (Agoot, L., 2025). He contracted the virus and died of the disease while working in Manila. The fatality had no connection to the previous report case who had recovered. The City Health Officer said that based on surveillance protocol, the patient was not considered or counted as a Baguio case. [Full article]

Dengue

- Indonesia: Buleleng District, Bali Province, reported 402 dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) cases from November 2024 to mid-January 2025, including 120 cases in January, with no deaths reported (Hartik, 2025). Authorities are encouraging households to monitor mosquito larvae and emphasizing preventive measures like draining water, closing breeding sites, and fogging. The Health Office collaborates with health centers and health cadres to educate communities and intensify mosquito eradication efforts, especially during the rainy season. [Full article]
- **Philippines:** Dengue cases in Bacolod City have surged by 46.7% from January 5 to 11, 2025, compared to the same period last year (Pedrosa, 2025). The City Health Office (CHO) reported 22 cases, with no fatalities. To combat the outbreak, the CHO is conducting residual spraying and fogging in clustered areas and public spaces. [Full article]

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

• **Philippines:** The Iloilo City Health Office (CHO) has reported nine suspected hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) cases from January 1–20, 2025, with five active cases and no deaths (Iloilo City Government, 2025). Most affected individuals are children under one year old, prompting CHO to urge parents, schools, and medical practitioners to maintain hygiene practices, monitor symptoms, and report cases for proper management. [Full article]

Measles

 Viet Nam: A 34-year-old man in Hanoi contracted measles from his daughter, leading to severe complications, including respiratory failure, due to delayed treatment and selfmedication (Ba, 2025). After 10 days of intensive care at Tam Anh General Hospital, his condition improved and discharged from hospital. Health authorities stress timely medical attention, vaccination, and preventive measures such as wearing masks, hand hygiene, and avoiding crowded places. [Full article]



Rabies

• **Vietnam:** Dak Lak Province, Vietnam, has reported two rabies deaths in January 2025, including a 69-year-old man from Ea Pil commune who died on January 20 after exhibiting classic rabies symptoms (Cuong, 2025). The man, a dog trader, was often in contact with dogs and cats. His family stated that he was bitten by a dog two years ago and had had not received a rabies vaccine. Health authorities emphasize the importance of timely vaccination following animal bites to prevent further fatalities. [Full article]

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