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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

Mpox

- **India:** A 40-year-old man from Bengaluru with a travel history to Dubai has tested positive for mpox and is receiving treatment at hospital (NDTV News, 2025). Authorities stress the importance of early detection and vaccination, with the WHO prequalifying the Bavarian Nordic vaccine for prevention. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Sri Lanka** has reported 3,649 dengue cases in the first three weeks of 2025, with 1,649 cases in the Western Province, particularly in Gampaha district (ITN News, 2025). Authorities have identified 22 high-risk health officer divisions across the country. The National Dengue Control Unit confirmed two dengue-related deaths this year and is focusing on surveillance and preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Netherlands:** OLVG hospital in Amsterdam treated three contagious measles patients last week, prompting a contact investigation to inform those potentially exposed (Landelijk, 2025). Eleven measles cases have been reported across the country so far in 2025, primarily linked to international exposure and unprotected contacts. In 2024, the country recorded nearly 200 cases of measles. Health authorities emphasize the importance of vaccination and urge those potentially exposed to contact their GP or public health officials to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Poliomyelitis

- **Pakistan** has reported its first poliovirus case of 2025 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Dera Ismail Khan district (ETHealthworld, 2025). In 2024, 73 cases were confirmed across the country, with Balochistan leading with 27 cases, followed by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh with 22 each. [[Full article](#)]



Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Banyuwangi District, East Java Province, recorded 12 cases of dengue across nine sub-districts as of mid-January 2025, with no deaths recorded (Hariyadi, 2025). Health authorities are increasing prevention efforts through surveillance, public education, and encouraging the control measures, namely draining water reservoirs, closing potential mosquito breeding sites, and recycling waste. [[Full article](#)]

HFMD

- **Philippines:** The Iloilo Provincial Health Office reported 48 cases of hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) from January 1 to January 18, a 48% drop from the 92 cases reported in the same period in 2024 (Sornito, 2025). Most cases were reported in Carles, Cabatuan, Lemery, Alimodian, San Joaquin, Barotac Nuevo, Tigbauan, Barotac Viejo, Calinog, and Passi City. Thirteen other towns also reported cases, while 20 other towns recorded no new cases. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia:** Balikpapan Municipality, East Kalimantan Province, reported 358 HIV/AIDS cases in 2024, contributing to a three-year total of 1,014 cases (Glen, 2025). The Health Office attributes increased mobility, risky behaviors, and limited public awareness as key factors. authorities are enhancing health services, offering HIV screening for high-risk groups, expanding prevention therapy (PrEP), and conducting public education campaigns. These efforts aim to curb new infections in 2025, reduce stigma, and raise community health awareness. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** Four residents of Kuranji Village, Padang Municipality, West Sumatra Province, were bitten by a rabies-positive dog and immediately received anti-rabies vaccine (ARV) injections to prevent the disease (Azwar, 2025). The victims, including one woman and three children, were bitten on various body parts in separate incidents in January 2025. Local authorities have started disseminating rabies prevention measures and are offering free rabies vaccinations for pets to prevent future cases. [[Full article](#)]



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