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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

Malaria

- **India:** On August 30, 2025, 10 malaria cases were identified in Surbuda village of Surbuda panchayat, prompting the Health Department to send a medical team for further testing and treatment (Live Hindustan, 2025). Currently, 11 patients are currently under care at Chakradharpur Sub-Divisional Hospital. Local health workers continue screening and distribution of medication in response to the situation. [[Full article](#)]

Melioidosis

- The **China** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported five new melioidosis cases in the southern region among adults aged 30-60 with chronic conditions, and two deaths in elderly patients (Yahoo News Taiwan, 2025). As of 2025, a total of 55 cases with seven deaths have been recorded. All new patients remain hospitalized, with exposure linked to sewage and sludge. The China CDC advises the public to use protective equipment, ensure safe food and water handling, and seek medical care promptly. [[Full article](#)]

Poliomyelitis

- **Pakistan** has confirmed a new polio case in a 20-month-old girl from Tank District, Southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, raising the country's total polio cases to 24 in 2025 (End Polio Pakistan, 2025). In response, authorities will launch a sub-national polio vaccination campaign from September 15–18, targeting over 28 million children under five through door-to-door oral vaccination. Parents, caregivers, and communities are urged to ensure children receive all recommended polio doses, as vaccination remains the only effective protection against lifelong paralysis. [[Full article](#)]
- **Papua New Guinea** has confirmed its first paralytic poliomyelitis case, an unvaccinated 4-year-old boy from Morobe Province with acute flaccid paralysis caused by cVDPV2 (CIDRAP, 2025). In response, the National Department of Health launched a nationwide nOPV campaign for children under 10, running until September 5, with a second round from September 29 to October 17. [[Full article](#)]



Regional Situation

Leptospirosis

- The **Philippines**: As of September 1, 2025, Quezon City reported 535 leptospirosis cases and 78 deaths, reflecting a 27% increase in cases and more than double the fatalities compared to the same period in 2024 (Philippine News Agency, 2025). The surge was linked to widespread flooding, with nearly 80% of infections associated with flood exposure. District 2 had the highest number of cases (183). In response, health centers provided free prophylactic medicine, flood response teams distributed doxycycline, and public advisories intensified. [[Full article](#)]

Central Visayas recorded 188 leptospirosis cases, including 20 deaths from January to August 2025, reflecting a 68% rise in cases and double the fatalities compared to the same period in 2024 (GMA Network, 2025). Most infections were linked to floodwater exposure, affecting farmers, students, and commuters, with 77% hospitalized. Health authorities warned of rodent, dog, and cat reservoirs of *Leptospira* and emphasized preventive measures during the rainy season. [[Full article](#)]

The **Bacolod City** Health Office reported 19 leptospirosis cases, including six deaths from January 1 to August 23, 2025, up from 15 cases and six deaths during the same period in 2024, representing a 26.7% increase (Panay News, 2025). Local authorities urged barangays to conduct clean-up drives, health education, and preventive measures, emphasizing collective responsibility among government, local leaders, and residents. [[Full article](#)]

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