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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

- **Pakistan:** A five-month-old baby from Qatar has been confirmed to have mpox, marking the second case in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa this year (Desk, 2025). Since 2022, the province has reported 11 cases. Samples from the parents have also been collected for testing. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Bangladesh:** Dhaka recorded 22 new cases of dengue, bringing the total to 1,154 this year (UNB, 2025). Two cases were reported in Dhaka North City Corporation, while five were hospitalized in Dhaka South City Corporation. No new fatalities were reported. Currently, 131 patients are receiving treatment. [[Full article](#)]

Diphtheria

- **Germany:** A 10-year-old boy from Brandenburg died from a diphtheria infection in a Berlin hospital (Reuters, 2025). He had not been vaccinated and had been in intensive care since contracting the illness in October. The Robert Koch Institute notes that global cases dropped by over 90% between 1980 and 2010 due to widespread diphtheria vaccination. [[Full article](#)]

Ebola

- **Uganda** has confirmed an outbreak of Sudan Ebola Virus Disease in Kampala, with the first case being a 32-year-old male nurse who succumbed on January 29, 2025 (Herriman, 2025). Health authorities have identified 44 contacts, including healthcare workers and family members, and have activated response teams in affected areas. Measures include contact tracing, a safe burial for the deceased, and immediate vaccination of exposed individuals to prevent further spread. No additional cases have been reported among healthcare workers or patients. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- The **United States (US)**: At least four cases of measles have been reported in Texas in less than two weeks, putting state health agencies on alert (Simpson et al., 2025). This is the first case of measles in more than 20 years for some communities. The Texas Department of State Health Services sent an alert to health providers statewide following two cases reported last week in unvaccinated adult residents from the same household in Harris County. [[Full article](#)]

Melioidosis

- **Hong-Kong (SAR)**: Hong Kong's Centre for Health Protection reported one new melioidosis case involving a 70-year-old man from Sham Shui Po, bringing the total to two cases in 2025 (Brand Hong Kong, 2025). He was hospitalized after experiencing urinary difficulties, and his infection source is under investigation. Authorities advise the public to avoid contact with muddy water and soil, especially in flood-prone areas. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia**: West Nusa Tenggara Province reported 458 dengue cases, including two deaths in Dompu District as of January 30, 2025 (SUARANTB.com, 2025). Head of the Provincial Health Office emphasized the need for increased vigilance. High rainfall has driven the outbreak detected early this year with West Lombok District recording the most cases. [[Full article](#)]
- **Philippines**: The Department of Health (DOH) reported 21 deaths due to dengue in 2025, with 10,842 cases recorded in the Philippines from January 1 to 18, 2025 (OMBAY, 2025). This is 8% lower than the 11,781 cases recorded in the same period last year. The DOH stated that the numbers might change due to late consultations and reports. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

- **Philippines**: San Fernando's City Health Office reported 14 suspected cases of hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) in seven barangays from January 1-25, 2025 (Arcellaz, 2025). Symptoms include fever, sore throat, and rashes, with the disease primarily affecting children under 10. Authorities stress preventive measures like handwashing and disinfecting surfaces, as HFMD spreads through fecal-oral and respiratory transmission. [[Full article](#)]

HIV/AIDS

- **Indonesia**: Thirty-one people in Sinjai District, South Sulawesi Province, are suffering from HIV/AIDS, according to Head of the Sinjai District Health Office (Taqwa, 2025). The majority of new cases in 2024 were reported in Sinjai Timur, followed by Tellulimpoe, Sinjai Selatan, Sinjai Utara, Sinjai Tengah, and Sinjai Barat. Authorities are expanding screening efforts, including cooperation with detention center in Sinjai. [[Full article](#)]



Typhoid

- **Philippines:** A typhoid fever outbreak has been confirmed in Barangay Gunting, Cebu, with 18 hospitalized (Fuentes, 2025). Authorities are investigating two local water sources, including Belgian Spring, which has been temporarily closed for testing. The local government has begun distributing aqua tabs and chlorine to the residents in the affected area to prevent further spread. Residents are urged to maintain proper hygiene, as typhoid fever spreads through contaminated food and water and can cause severe illness if untreated. [Full article]

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