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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

- The **Democratic Republic of Congo** recorded over 240 suspected cases of mpox in the first three months of 2025 in the Moba health zone in Tanganyika province (Focus on Africa, 2025). Local medical officers are monitoring the situation due to the rapid increase in infections. [[Full article](#)]
- **Pakistan:** Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) reported its first two cases of mpox in Samahni tehsil, Bhimber district on March 25, 2025 (Dawn, 2025). Health authorities have enforced a micro-lockdown, established isolation wards, and initiated close contact tracing to contain the virus, urging the public to report suspected cases. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Sri Lanka** has recorded more than 11,000 dengue cases in 2025 (Ada Derana, 2025). The National Dengue Control Unit (NDCU) implemented a three-day special mosquito control program in eight districts from March 27 to 29, 2025, inspecting homes, schools, and public places while urging residents to eliminate mosquito breeding sites. [[Full article](#)]

Lassa fever

- **Nigeria:** Ogun State recorded its first Lassa fever case on March 18, 2025, a death of a 25-year-old corps member (PM News Nigeria, 2025). The state government urges residents to report symptoms promptly, and healthcare workers are advised to suspect Lassa fever in febrile patients unresponsive to treatment within 48 hours. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Japan:** Utsunomiya City confirmed its first measles case since 2019 in a 1-year-old unvaccinated boy who recently returned from Vietnam (Evrin Ağacı, 2025). Health authorities emphasize vaccination and community vigilance to prevent the spread of diseases, urging individuals who visited the same nursery to monitor their health and seek medical attention if they develop symptoms. [[Full article](#)]



- The **United States (US)**: Kansas has confirmed 23 measles cases in 2025, potentially linked to an ongoing outbreak in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma (CNN, 2025). Infections are concentrated in six southwestern counties, with 21 cases in children and 20 unvaccinated. Authorities warn of low vaccination rates in affected school districts and emphasize the need for increased immunization efforts to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia**: Tulungagung District, East Java Province, has reported three deaths of leptospirosis since early 2025, involving agricultural workers aged 50-60 years, with a case fatality rate (CFR) of 66.67% (Antara News, 2025). Health authorities are enhancing early detection, raising public awareness, and collaborating with the Agriculture Office to control rat populations and prevent further cases. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- The **Philippines** reported 1,185 cases of measles-rubella from January 1 to March 15, 2025, a 27% increase from the same period last year (ABS-CBN News, 2025). The highest numbers were reported in the National Capital Region, Central Luzon, and Calabarzon, with the majority involved unvaccinated children. Authorities are urging parents to vaccinate their children through the ongoing immunization initiative. [[Full article](#)]
- **Viet Nam**: Quang Ngai Province reported 174 suspected measles cases in early 2025, with 113 confirmed, including 22 hospitalizations (Báo Văn Hóa, 2025). Over 93% were unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated. Health authorities have launched a vaccination campaign, providing 4,800 measles vaccine doses and 22,500 measles-rubella vaccine doses. [[Full article](#)]

Kon Tum Province has recorded 728 suspected and confirmed measles cases in the past three months 2025, a six increase compared to the same period in 2024 with 744 cases (Baomoi, 2025). Health authorities have launched a vaccination campaign, reaching 62.1% coverage, and intensified communication to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- **Viet Nam**: Bu Dang District in Binh Phuoc Province reported 14 cases of pertussis with one fatality, on March 27, 2025, including 13 confirmed cases and one suspected case (Thế Thao & Văn Hóa, 2025). Health authorities conduct investigations, isolate affected households, and promote vaccination and hygiene measures. [[Full article](#)]

Typhoid

- The **Philippines** confirmed 126 typhoid and paratyphoid fever cases from January 1 to March 22, 2025, with two deaths in Carles and San Enrique (Panay News, 2025). Authorities are enhancing sanitation programs, distributing water treatment supplies, conducting food safety orientations, and urging residents to practice hygiene, seek medical care if they develop symptoms. [[Full article](#)]



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