

**Early Warning and Reporting System (EWARS)**  
**Weekly Bulletin**  
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*Note: This bulletin includes data since January 2019 till date, including comparison of same period during last year. The current bulletin includes the data from the existing sentinel sites as well as from some of the recently expanded 36 new sentinel sites (including public hospitals, private hospitals and medical colleges).*

## The Early Warning and Reporting System (EWARS)

### Highlights

**Dengue:** 222 cases of Dengue are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Sunsari (88 cases), Kaski (52 cases), Jhapa (11 cases), Makwanpur (8 cases), Chitwan (7 cases), Morang (8 cases) and Rupandehi (6 cases).

**Malaria:** One case of Malaria is reported this week from Banke and the case was reported by Bheri Zonal Hospital, Banke.

**AGE:** 258 cases of AGE are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Kathmandu (36 cases), Bhaktapur (27 cases), Kapilbastu (19 cases), Lalitpur (11 cases), Lamjung (11 cases) and Kanchanpur (11 cases).

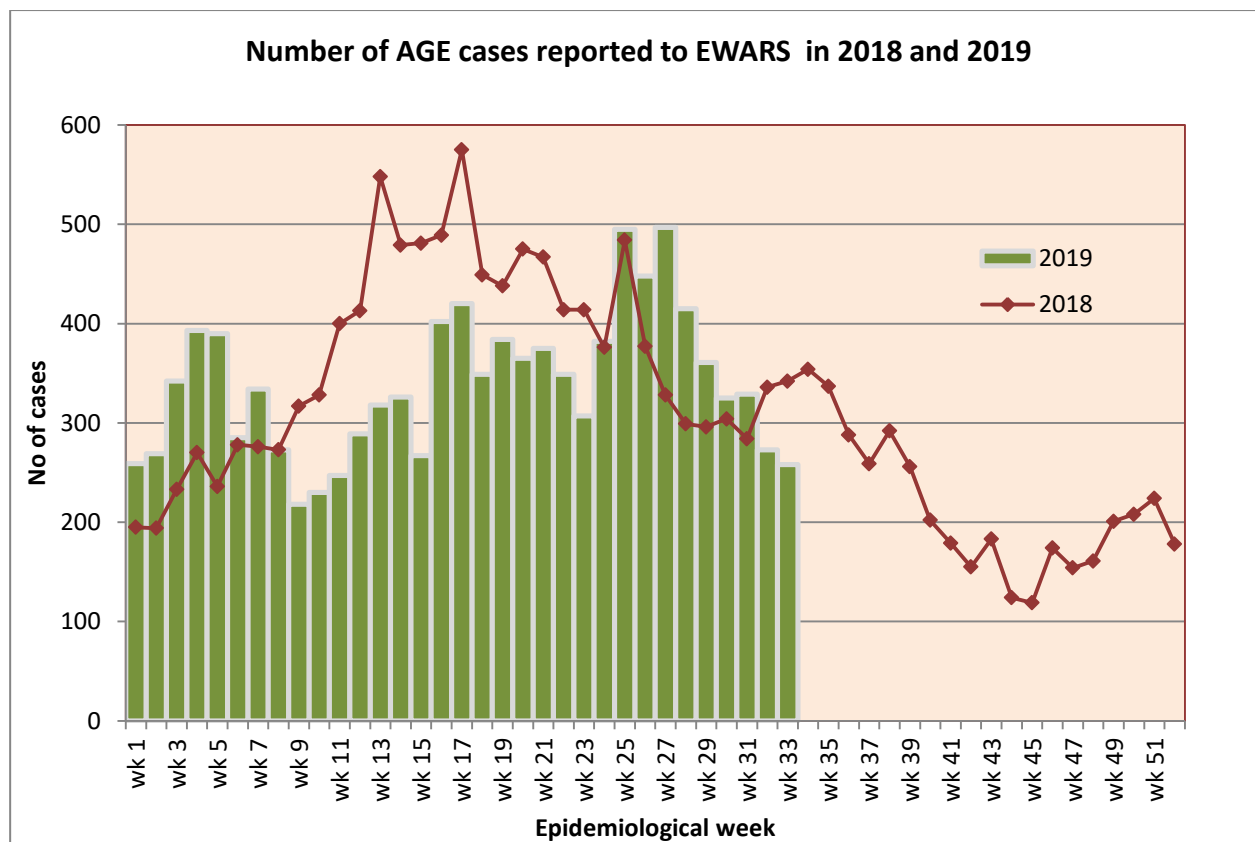
**SARI:** 139 cases of SARI are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Morang (16 cases), Dhankuta (13 cases), Lalitpur (12 cases), Panchthar (10 cases), and Rupandehi (7 cases).

The EWARS was established in 1997 to strengthen the flow of information on vector-borne and other outbreak prone infectious diseases from the district to Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD) and Vector-Borne Disease Research and Training Center (VBDRTC), Hetauda. Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) can be mobilized at short notice to facilitate prompt outbreak response at Central, Regional and District level. RRTs can also support local level health institutions for investigation and outbreak control activities.

This information system is hospital-based. So far, the EWARS mainly focuses on the **weekly reporting** of number of cases and deaths (including "zero" reports) of six priority diseases/syndromes—Malaria, Kala-azar, Dengue, Acute Gastroenteritis (AGE), Cholera and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI), and other epidemic potential diseases/syndromes (like enteric fever). It equally focuses on **immediate reporting** (to be reported within 24 hours of diagnosis) of one confirmed case of Cholera, Kala-azar severe and complicated Malaria and one suspect/clinical case of Dengue as well as 5 or more cases of AGE and SARI from the same geographical locality in one-week period.

## 1.1 Acute Gastro-Enteritis (AGE) and Cholera

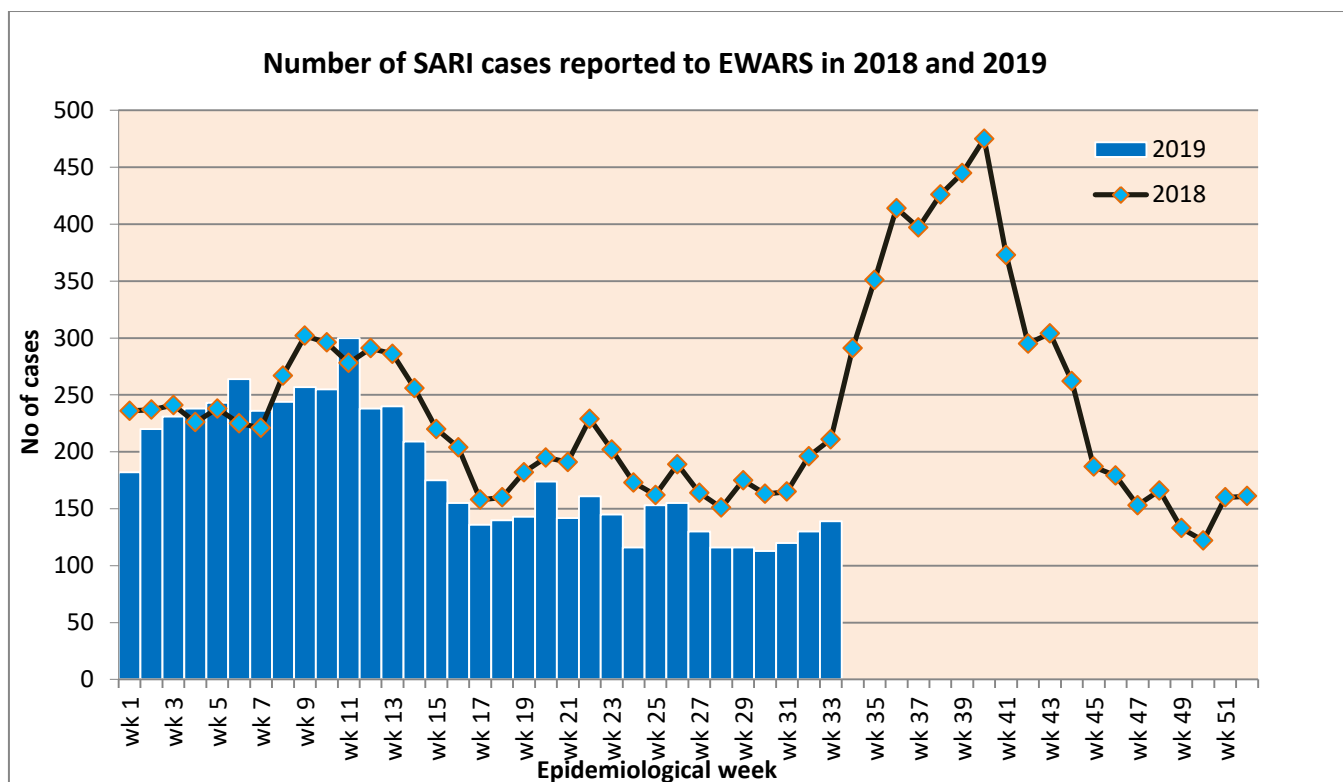
258 cases of AGE are reported in the 33<sup>rd</sup> epidemiological week this year. The majority of these cases are from Kathmandu (36 cases), Bhaktapur (27 cases), Kapilbastu (19 cases), Lalitpur (11 cases), Lamjung (11 cases) and Kanchanpur (11 cases). 342 cases of AGE were reported this week in 2018.



**Cholera:** One case of Cholera has been reported so far this year by Teku hospital, Kathmandu and the case was from Tahachal, Kathmandu.

## 1.2 Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI)

139 cases of SARI are reported in the 33<sup>rd</sup> epidemiological week this year. The majority of these cases are from Morang (16 cases), Dhankuta (13 cases), Lalitpur (12 cases), Panchthar (10 cases), and Rupandehi (7 cases). 211 cases of SARI were reported this week in 2018.



### 1.3 Malaria

One case of Malaria is reported this week from Banke and the case was reported by Bheri Zonal Hospital, Banke. Three cases of Malaria were reported this week in 2018.

### 1.4 Dengue

222 cases of Dengue are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Sunsari (88 cases), Kaski (52 cases), Jhapa (11 cases), Makwanpur (8 cases), Chitwan (7 cases), Morang (8 cases) and Rupandehi (6 cases). Five cases of Dengue were reported this week in 2018.

### 1.5 Kala-azar

One case of Kala-azar is reported this week from Okhaldhunga and the case was reported by Kanti Children Hospital, Kathmandu. Two cases of Kala-azar were reported this week in 2018.

### 1.6 Scrub typhus

38 cases of Scrub typhus are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Palpa (6 cases), Nuwakot (4 cases), Chitwan (3 cases), Gulmi (3 cases), Rupandehi (3 cases) and Baglung (3 cases).

### 1.7 Enteric fever

97 cases of Enteric fever are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Kathmandu (11 cases), Kaski (9 cases), Morang (8 cases), Jhapa (7 cases) and Lamjung (6 cases).

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