

Early Warning and Reporting System (EWARS)

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Note: This bulletin includes data since January 2019 till date, including comparison of same period during last year. It also includes 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: 37 cases of Dengue are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Jhapa (8 cases), Rupandehi (3 cases), and Sunsari (3 cases).

Malaria: Five Malaria cases are reported this week. Two cases are from Kanchanpur and one each from Sunsari, Nawalparasi East, and Kailali.

Kala-azar: Two cases of Kala-azar reported this week. One each cases from Banke and Kanchanpur.

Scrub typhus: 18 cases of Scrub typhus are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Kailali (6 cases), and Lalitpur (2 cases).

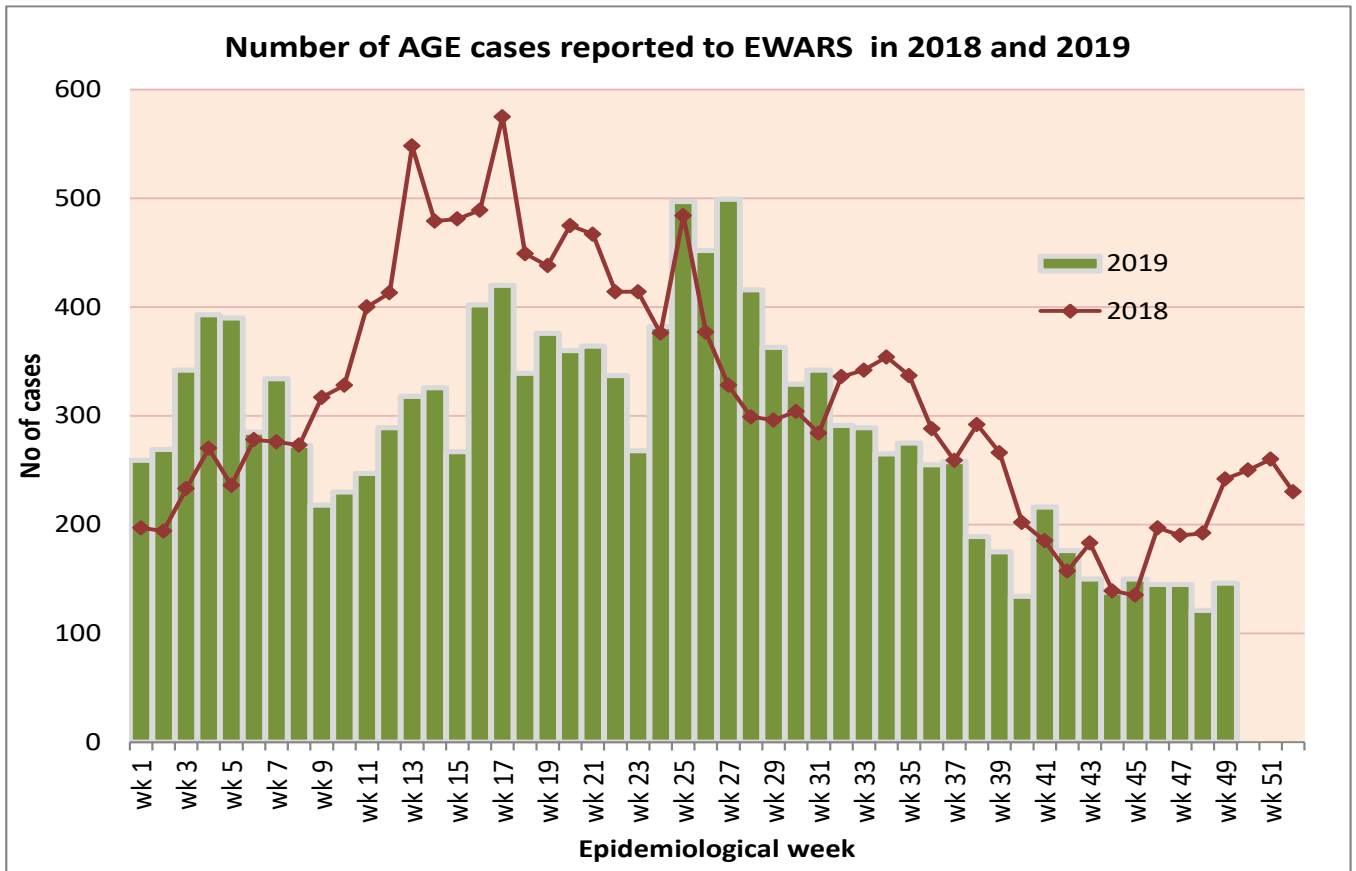
SARI: 253 cases of SARI are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Morang (25 cases), Kailali (15 cases), and Saptari (13 cases).

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

146 cases of AGE are reported in the 49th epidemiological week this year. The majority of these cases are from Kathmandu (18 cases), Bhaktapur (9 cases), and Bajura (7 cases). 242 cases of AGE were reported this week in 2018.

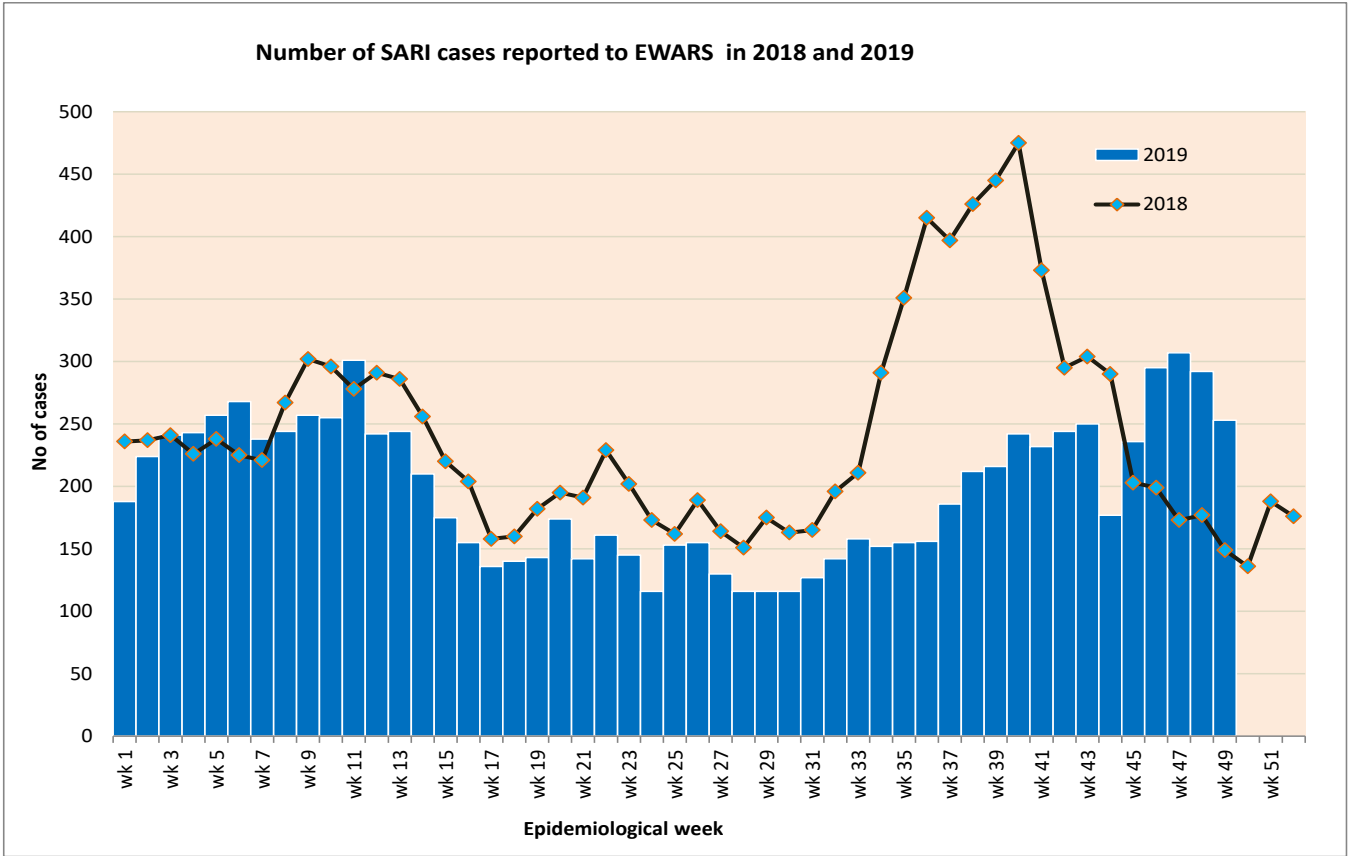


Cholera: One case of Cholera has been reported so far this year by Teku hospital, Kathmandu and the case was from Tahachal, Kathmandu.

1.2 Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI)

253 cases of SARI are reported this week. The majority of these cases are from Morang (25 cases), Kailali (15 cases), and Saptari (13 cases). 149 cases of SARI were reported this week in 2018.

Number of SARI cases reported to EWARS in 2018 and 2019



1.3 Malaria

Five Malaria cases are reported this week. Two cases are from Kanchanpur and one each from Sunsari, Nawalparasi East, and Kailali. Two cases of Malaria were reported this week in 2018.

1.4 Dengue

37 cases of Dengue are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Jhapa (8 cases), Rupandehi (3 cases), and Sunsari (3 cases). 10 cases of Dengue were reported this week in 2018.

1.5 Kala-azar

Two cases of Kala-azar reported this week. One each cases from Banke and Kanchanpur. One case of Kala-azar were reported this week in 2018.

Other diseases

Scrub typhus

18 cases of Scrub typhus are reported this week. The majority of the cases are from Kailali (6 cases), and Lalitpur (2 cases). Three cases of Scrub typhus were reported this week in 2018.

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