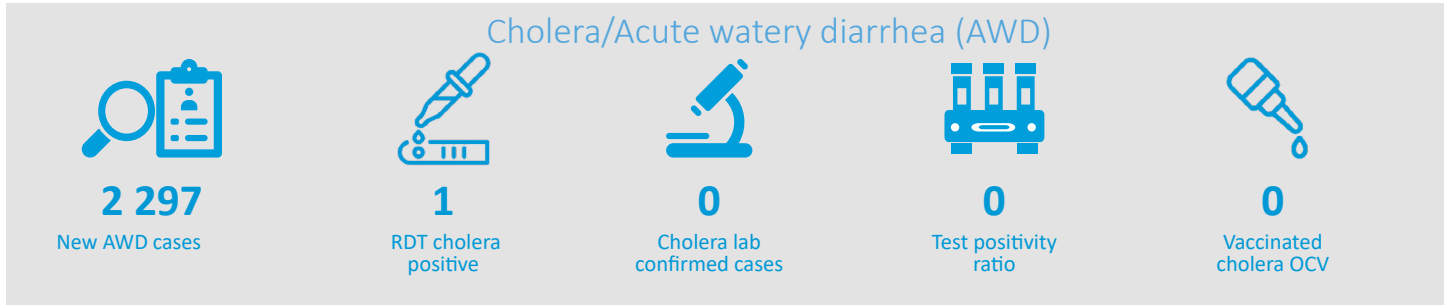


01 - 15 November 2024

Food and waterborne diseases 01 - 15 Nov 2024






Hepatitis A 01 - 15 Nov 2024

New suspected cases: **68** | New confirmed cases: **22** | Cumulative cases for 2024: **2 301**

DISTRIBUTION

Akkar	Mount Lebanon	Beqaa	North Lebanon	Nabatieh	Beirut	Baalbek/Hermel	South Lebanon
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Vaccine preventable diseases 01 - 15 Nov 2024

Disease outbreaks	AFP 	Measles 	Meningitis 
New suspected cases	3	0	6
Geolocation of cases	1 Bekaa, 1 Akkar, 1 North	NA	1 Bekaa, 2 Mt Lebanon, 2 North Lebanon, 1 Beirut
Vaccination status of cases	All fully vaccinated	NA	
Cumulative for 2024	61	193 suspected cases	283
Confirmation	0	10 confirmed measles	79 Bacterial

SARS-COV 2 (COVID) 01 - 15 Nov 2024

Global	
New cases	Cumulative cases
231 256	776 927 872
New death	Cumulative death
3 326	7 075 835

Lebanon	
New cases	Cumulative cases
49	1 260 065
New death	Cumulative death
0	11 005

“ Stopping #AntimicrobialResistance (AMR) is a shared responsibility. This World AMR Awareness Week, let’s work together to protect the medicines that protect us. ”

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Secretary General

Preparedness and Response to Acute Respiratory Infection and Acute Watery Diarrhea/Cholera



Coordination

- WHO continue to provide support to 54 staff members at the Ministry of Public Health.
- A transport mechanism has been successfully established in collaboration with health sector partners to facilitate sample transportation.



Surveillance

- ESU trainings, supported by WHO, have expanded to cover 6 hospital sessions (118 participants) and 4 laboratory sessions (114 participants). Verification and investigation remain ongoing in response to alerts, including continuous water testing.
- Barcode readers are now in place to improve the tracking of samples, enhancing the overall efficiency of the surveillance process.
- ESU has also received 3,700 VTM (viral transport medium) and 2,000 sterile cups to support ongoing surveillance and sample collection efforts, thanks to our donors CDC/PIP and Canada.



Laboratories

- As part of the cholera preparedness efforts, four hospitals—Rafik Hariri University Hospital, Tripoli Govt Hospital, Halba Govt Hospital, and the American University of Beirut Medical Center as a reference and collaborating center with WHO—will be receiving full cholera testing kits to enhance their capacity for timely diagnosis and response, thanks to Canadian generous donation.



Vaccination

- As part of the PIVI initiative, **7 000** individuals have received influenza vaccines.
- MOPH, with the support of WHO and UNICEF, launched a national vaccination campaign against polio, measles, mumps and rubella on the 14th of November targeting children under 10 years of age in shelters and PHCCs.

WHO response

MOPH launches the national vaccination campaign supported by WHO and UNICEF



The official launching today of the national vaccination campaign to protect children from communicable diseases at Farah el Ataa' shelter in Karantina was kicked off with the Minister of Public Health Dr Firass Abiad giving the first vaccine followed by WHO and UNICEF who are main partners in terms of technical and financial support the campaign.

The first phase will focus on IDP shelters and Primary Health Care Centers, targeting the most vulnerable populations prioritizing the immunization of children aged 0-5 years with the bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV) and 9 months till 10 years with Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccines.

WHO's lifesaving and limb-saving hospitalization programme saves lives



Heaven, a 14-month-old girl, was hospitalized on her first birthday with vomiting, diarrhea, and high fever. Diagnosed with incomplete Kawasaki disease, a condition that can cause heart complications if untreated, she urgently needed intravenous immunoglobulin, a treatment her family couldn't afford. Heaven's father, Ahmad, is unemployed, and her mother is pregnant, leaving them with limited financial resources. A neighbor informed them about the WHO's lifesaving hospitalization program, funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO). The family applied for assistance, and the program covered the cost of her treatment. After receiving the necessary treatment, her father said, "Without this help, we could have lost her. I'm so thankful for the people who came together to assist us." [Read more.](#)



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Urgent action needed as global diabetes cases increase four-fold over past decades

The number of adults living with diabetes worldwide has surpassed 800 million, more than quadrupling since 1990, according to [new data released in The Lancet](#) on World Diabetes Day. The analysis, conducted by the NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC) with support from the World Health Organization (WHO), highlights the scale of the diabetes epidemic and an urgent need for stronger global action to address both rising disease rates and widening treatment gaps, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

“We have seen an alarming rise in diabetes over the past three decades, which reflects the increase in obesity, compounded by the impacts of the marketing of unhealthy food, a lack of physical activity and economic hardship,” said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “To bring the global diabetes epidemic under control, countries must urgently take action. This starts with enacting policies that support healthy diets and physical activity, and, most importantly, health systems that provide prevention, early detection and treatment.” [Read full article.](#)

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