

South Sudan

Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR)

Epidemiological Update W42 2018 (Oct15- Oct21)



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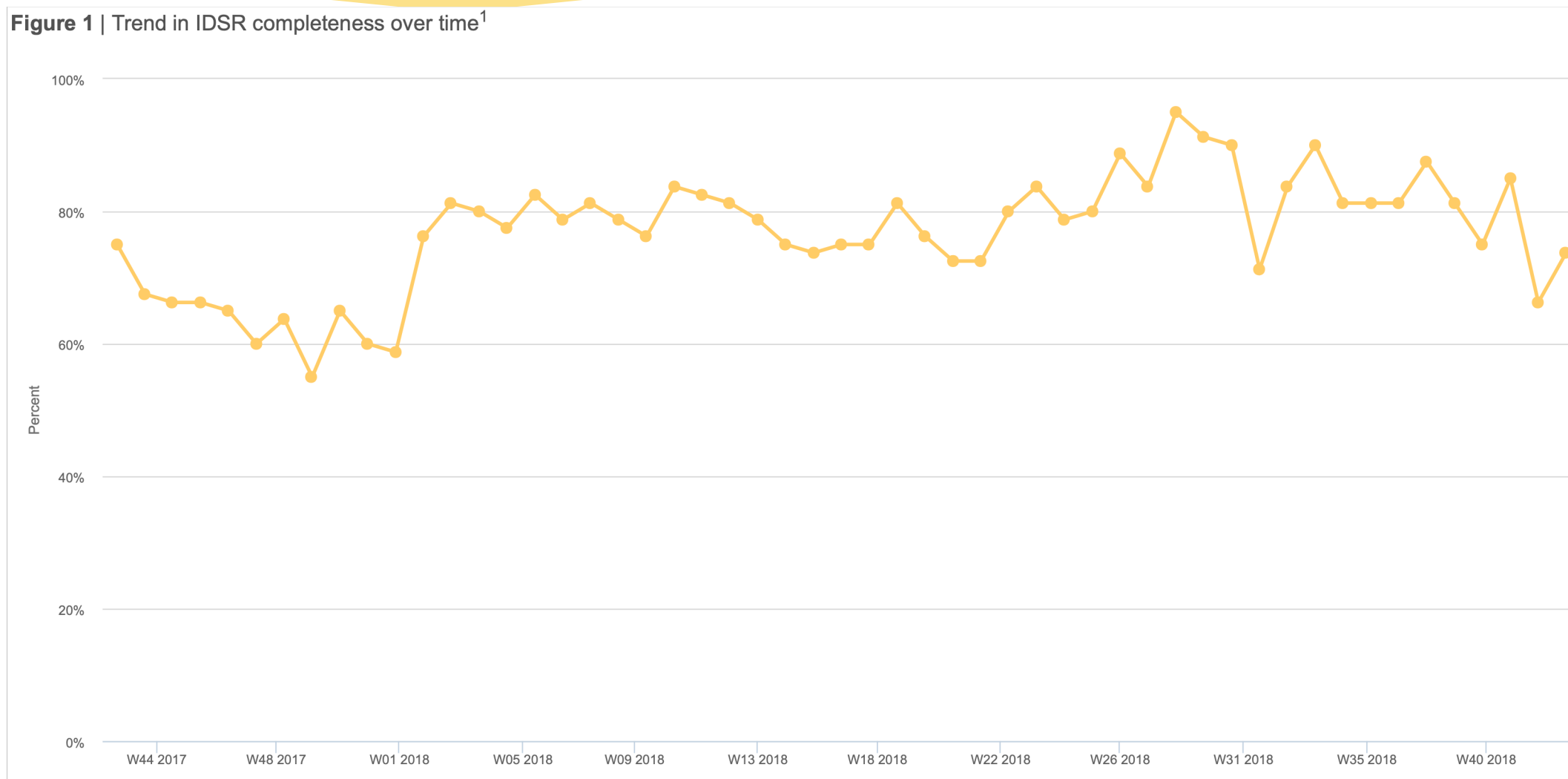
- Completeness for IDSR reporting at county level was 74% . Completeness for EWARS reporting from IDPs was 96%.
- A total of 23 alerts were reported, of which 48% were verified. 0 alerts risk assessed & 0 required a response.
- An Ebola virus disease alert was reported from Yambio on 21 October 2018.
- Three suspect measles cases reported in Malakal PoC.
- There was no new suspect Rift Valley Fever (RVF) case reported from Yirol East in week 42. A total of 58 suspect human cases including 6 confirmed; 3 probable; 48 non-cases; and 01 pending classification (with no definitive lab. test results) have been reported. Nine confirmed animal cases (cattle).
- No new HEV cases were reported in week 42. A total of 139 HEV cases (18 confirmed by PCR) have been reported in Bentiu PoC in 2018. Current response entails surveillance, case follow up, WASH and discouraging communities from using stagnant water for domestic and recreational purposes.
- In light of the confirmed EVD outbreak in North Kivu, the South Sudan EVD contingency plan has been updated and implemented to mitigate the risk of EVD importation and enhance readiness capacities.

Table 1 | IDSR surveillance performance indicators by county (W42 2018)

Hub	Reporting		Performance (W42 2018)		Performance (Cumulative 2018)	
	# counties	# reports received	Completeness	Timeliness	Completeness	Timeliness
Aweil	5	4	80%	80%	86%	86%
Bentiu	9	8	89%	11%	70%	53%
Bor	11	5	45%	36%	50%	46%
Juba	6	3	50%	50%	84%	74%
Kwajok	7	6	86%	71%	99%	90%
Malakal	13	8	62%	62%	55%	27%
Rumbek	8	6	75%	75%	98%	90%
Torit	8	7	88%	88%	97%	74%
Wau	3	3	100%	100%	91%	77%
Yambio	10	9	90%	90%	99%	99%
South Sudan	80	59	74%	63%	79%	63%

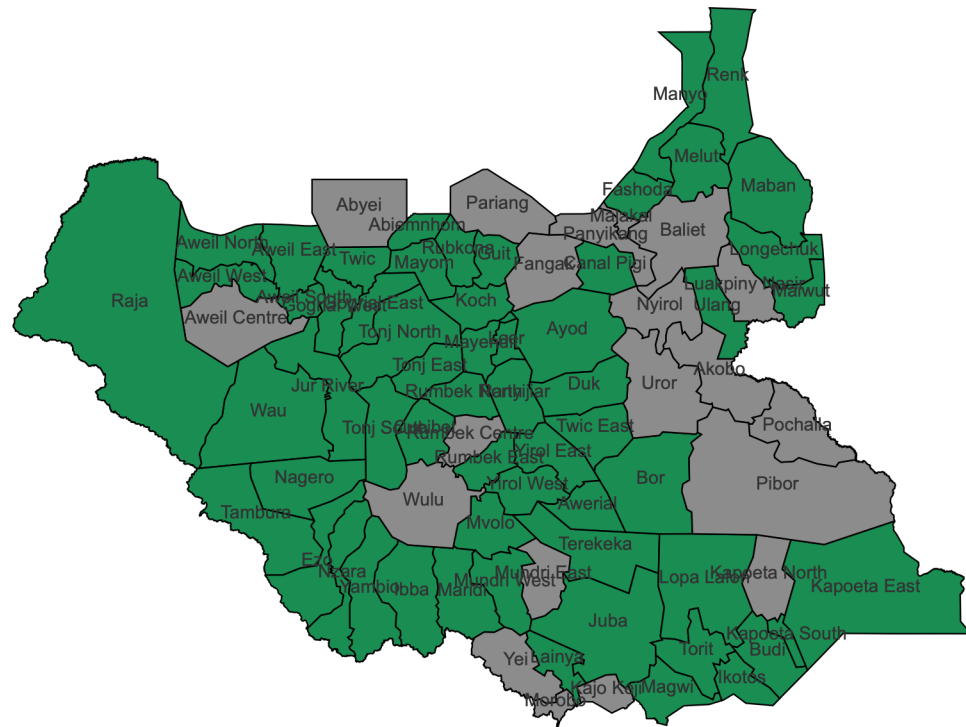
- Completeness for IDSR reporting at county level was 74% in week 42 and cumulatively at 79% for 2018.
- Timeliness for IDSR reporting at county level was 63% in week 42 and cumulatively at 63% for 2018

Figure 1 | Trend in IDSR completeness over time¹

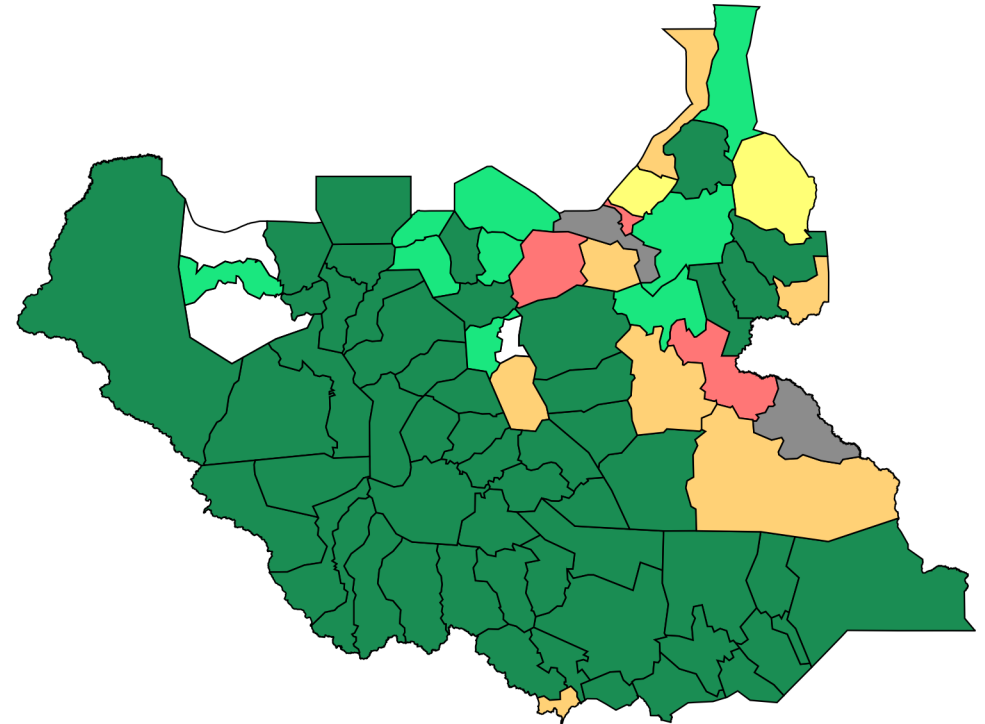


The graph shows completeness for weekly reporting at county level. The national average currently stands at 79%.

Map 1a | Map of IDSR completeness by county (W42 2018)



Map 1b | Map of IDSR completeness by county (2018)



- Counties that submitted IDSR reports in W42 are shown in green in map 1a.
- Counties that did not submit IDSR reports in W42 are shown in grey in map 1a.

Table 4 | EWARS surveillance performance indicators by partner (W42 2018)

Partner	Performance		Reporting (W42 2018)		Reporting (Cumulative 2018)	
	# sites	# reports received	Completeness	Timeliness	Completeness	Timeliness
CMD	3	3	100%	100%	47%	46%
GOAL	2	2	100%	100%	100%	93%
HLSS	1	1	100%	100%	100%	100%
IMA	5	5	100%	100%	84%	81%
IMC	6	5	83%	83%	93%	93%
IOM	10	10	100%	100%	85%	85%
IRC	1	1	100%	100%	98%	91%
Medair	2	2	100%	100%	94%	92%
MSF-E	2	1	50%	50%	67%	53%
MSF-H	2	2	100%	100%	83%	60%
SMC	4	4	100%	100%	85%	85%
UNIDO	1	1	100%	100%	102%	102%
UNKEA	2	2	100%	100%	87%	85%
World Relief	1	1	100%	100%	95%	86%
TRI-SS	7	7	100%	100%	36%	36%
LIVEWELL	4	4	100%	100%	40%	40%
Total	54	52	96%	96%	75%	72%

Timeliness and completeness for EWARN/IDP reporting stands at 96% for week 42, while cumulatively timeliness and completeness are 72% and 75% respectively for 2018.

Table 7 | Alert performance indicators by Hub

Hub	W42		Cumulative (2018)	
	# alerts	% verif.	# alerts	% verif.
Aweil	1	0%	42	93%
Bentiu	6	100%	90	70%
Bor	3	33%	65	63%
Juba	1	100%	77	69%
Kwajok	1	0%	42	93%
Malakal	1	0%	76	75%
Rumbek	1	100%	54	74%
Torit	1	100%	56	86%
Wau	2	50%	48	69%
Yambio	6	0%	94	55%
South Sudan	23	48%	644	72%

Table 8 Summary of key alert indicators

W42	Cumulative (2018)	
23	644	Total alerts raised
48%	72%	% verified
0%	0%	% auto-discarded
0%	3%	% risk assessed
0%	1%	% requiring a response

A total of 23 alerts were reported in week 42 with 48% of the alerts in week 42 being verified; 0 were risk assessed and 0 required a response.

Table 9 | Alert performance indicators by event

Event	W42		Cumulative (2018)	
	# alerts	% verif.	# alerts	% verif.
Indicator-based surveillance				
Malaria	6	50%	124	65%
AWD	5	60%	203	68%
Bloody Diarr.	6	33%	167	57%
Measles	5	60%	133	80%
Meningitis	0	0%	0	0%
Cholera	0	0%	6	100%
Yellow Fever	0	0%	4	75%
Guinea Worm	0	0%	21	90%
AFP	1	0%	52	90%
VHF	0	0%	3	100%
Neo. tetanus	0	0%	5	60%
Event-based surveillance				
EBS total	0	0%	32	72%

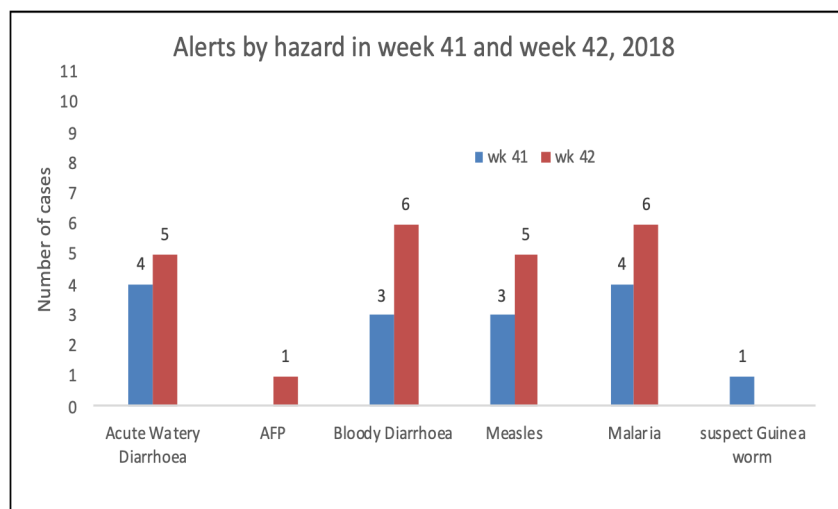
Table 10 | Event risk assessment

W42	Cumulative (2018)	
0	8	Low risk
2	2	Medium risk
0	3	High risk
0	1	Very high risk

During the week, malaria, bloody diarrhoea, measles, and acute watery diarrhoea were the most frequent infectious hazards reported.

Alert by disease and county in W42 2018

County	Watery Diarrhoea	AFP	Bloody Diarrhoea	Measles	Malaria	Total Alerts
Aweil North			1			1
Bor		1				1
Duk			1			1
Ezo	1		1		1	3
Juba				1		1
Lopa Lafon			1			1
Malakal					1	1
Rubkona	3				3	6
Tambura	1		1		1	3
Tonj East				1		1
Wau				2		2
Yirol West				1		1
Pibor			1			1
Total Alerts	5	1	6	5	6	23



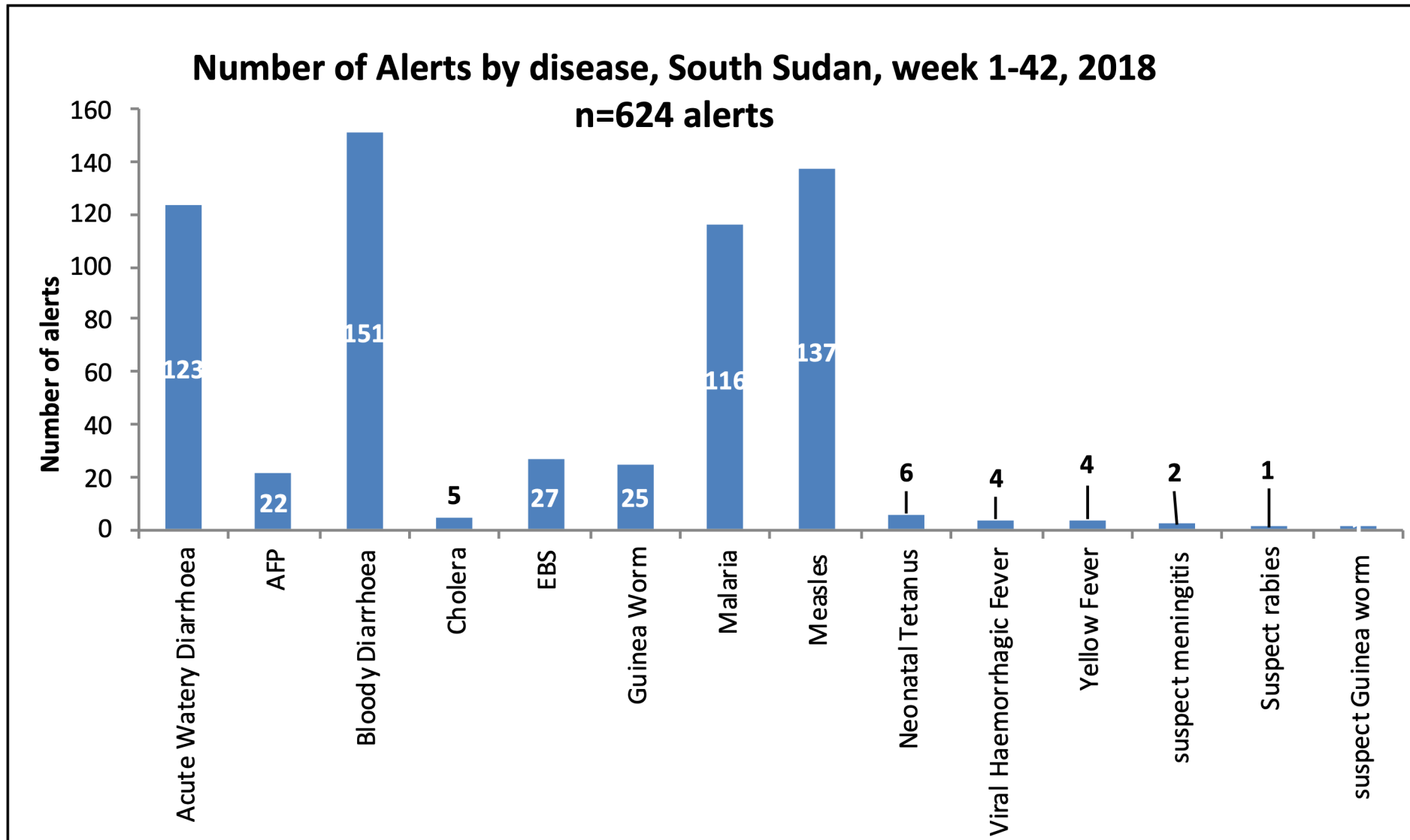
- During week 42, a total of 23 alerts were reported through EWARS
- During the week; malaria, measles, bloody diarrhoea and acute watery diarrhoea were the most frequent alerts (see table and figure)

Suspect measles cases in Malakal PoC

- From 26th to 27th October 2018; three new suspect measles cases were reported in Malakal PoC. Two of the cases are aged 5 years while the third is 7 years old. All the cases have not received measles vaccination and reside in Sector 1 block 1. Their families have lived in the PoC since 2014. The last measles campaign was in August 2017. The samples have been collected and will be sent to Juba later in the week. The occurrence of these cases highlights the need to review & improve the service package offered by the partners that should include routine vaccination at fixed & outreach sites in the PoC.

Measles cases in Bentiu PoC

- Measles cases continue to be reported in Bentiu PoC even after the reactive campaign that ended 4 Sep 2018 (coverage 75%). A total of 28 cases have been reported since week 23. Since the conclusion of the campaign; 9 new cases have been reported out of which 7 (77%) were <5yrs; 6 (67%) from sectors 2&5; all not immunized). It is recommended that measles case-based laboratory-backed surveillance continues for all new cases; enhanced routine vaccination at fixed posts and outreach sites especially in sectors 2 & 5; and ensuring that all children who present to the health facility without evidence of vaccination (card) are vaccinated. It is also critical that vaccination of new arrivals into the PoC is urgently reinstated. The communication team should also come up with behavioral change messaging to promote routine immunization.



The Figure shows the cumulative number of alerts triggered in 2018 by hazard.

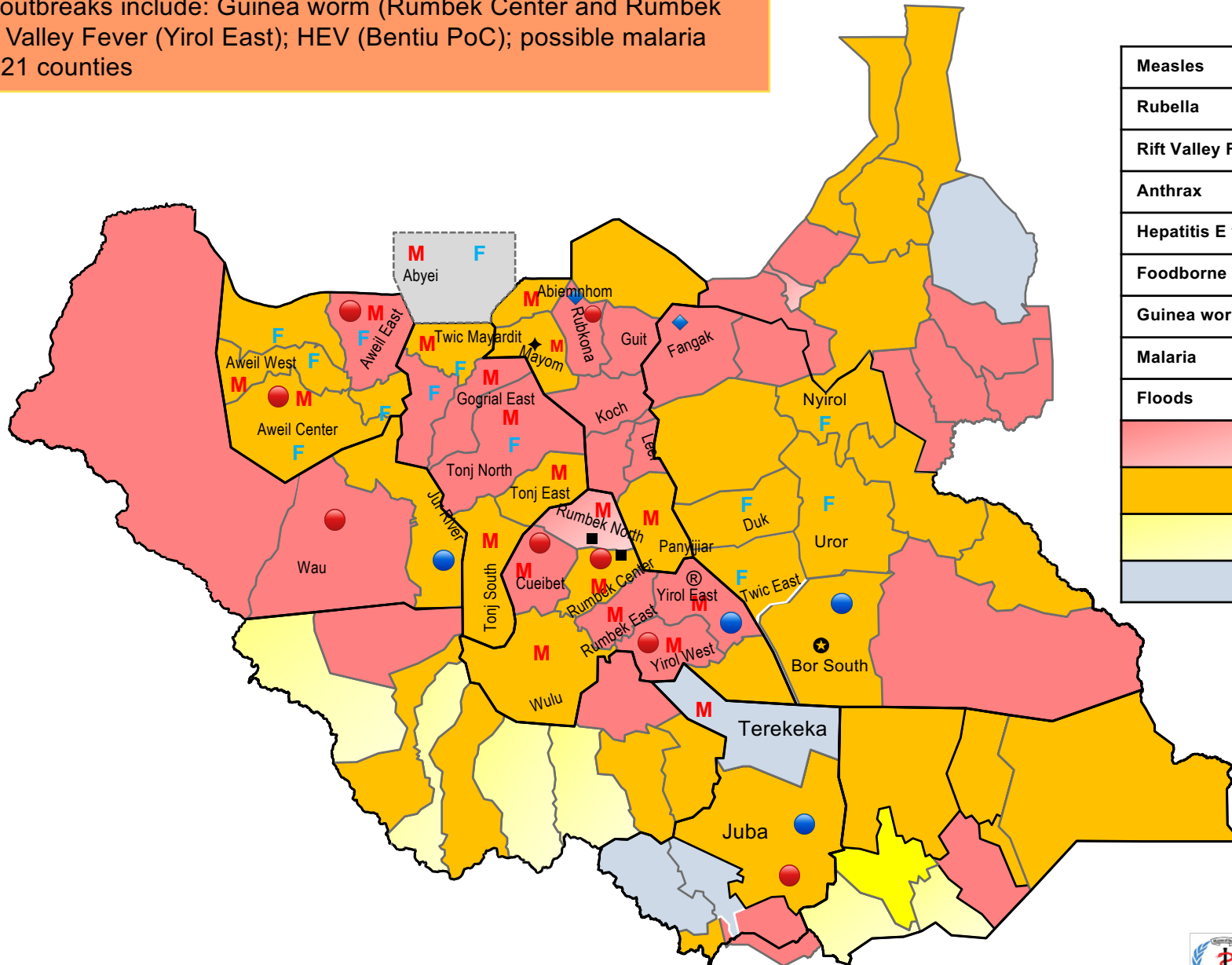
Cumulative alerts by risk assessment stage in 2018

County	OUTCOME	RISK ASSESSED	RISK CHARACTERISED	VERIFICATION	Total Alerts
Acute Watery Diarrhoea	1			122	123
AFP		1		21	22
Bloody Diarrhoea	1			150	151
Cholera	1			1	2
EBS		3		24	27
Guinea Worm	2	1		22	25
Neonatal Tetanus	3			3	6
Viral Haemorrhagic Fever				4	4
Yellow Fever				4	4
Measles	5	7		125	137
Cholera				3	3
Malaria	2	4	1	109	116
suspect meningitis				2	2
Suspect rabies				1	1
suspect Guinea worm				1	1
Total Alerts	15	16	1	592	624

- The Figures show the cumulative alerts by risk assessment state in 2018
- Of the 624 alerts reported in 2018; a total of 592 alerts have been verified; 16 alerts underwent risk assessment; and 15 alerts have a documented outcome

Confirmed Outbreaks South Sudan – 28 October 2018

- The map show outbreaks confirmed in 2018
- The active outbreaks include: Guinea worm (Rumbek Center and Rumbek North); Rift Valley Fever (Yirol East); HEV (Bentiu PoC); possible malaria upsurge in 21 counties

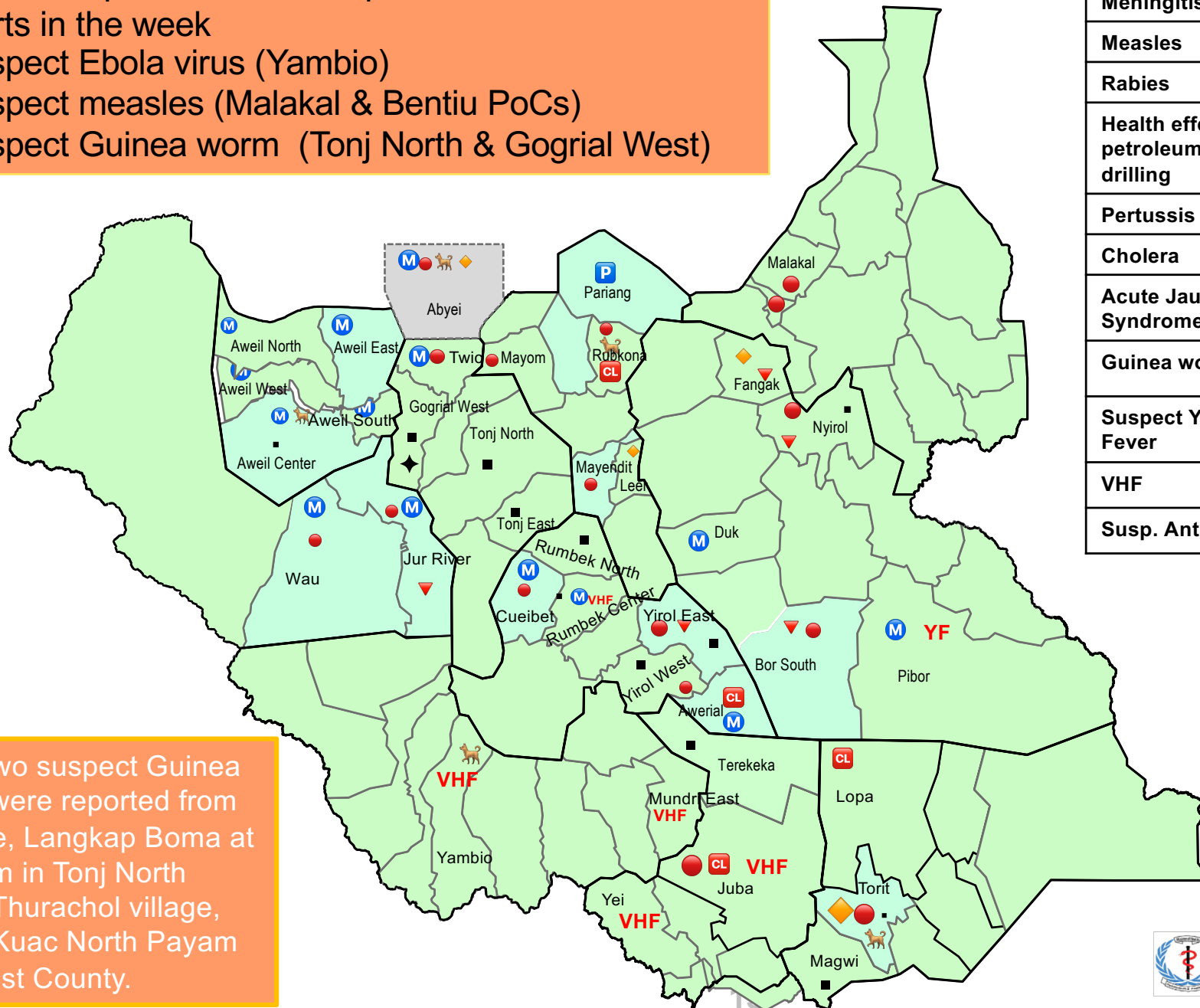


Measles	●
Rubella	●
Rift Valley Fever	Ⓜ
Anthrax	◆
Hepatitis E virus	◆
Foodborne disease	★
Guinea worm	■
Malaria	M
Floods	F
	IPC - Emergency phase
	IPC- Crisis phase
	IPC - Stressed phase
	No data

Suspect Outbreaks South Sudan – 28 October 2018

- Map shows suspect outbreaks reported in 2018
- New alerts in the week
 - Suspect Ebola virus (Yambio)
 - Suspect measles (Malakal & Bentiu PoCs)
 - Suspect Guinea worm (Tonj North & Gogrial West)

Meningitis	M
Measles	●
Rabies	🐕
Health effects of petroleum drilling	P
Pertussis	▼
Cholera	CL
Acute Jaundice Syndrome	◆
Guinea worm	■
Suspect Yellow Fever	YF
VHF	VHF
Susp. Anthrax	◆



In week 42, two suspect Guinea worm cases were reported from Pankot village, Langkap Boma at Alabek Payam in Tonj North County; and Thurachol village, Ajiep Boma, Kuac North Payam in Gogrial West County.

Aetiologic agent	Location (county)	Date first reported	New cases since last bulletin	Cumulative cases to date (attack rate %)	Interventions			
					Case management	Vaccination	Health promotion	WASH
New epidemics								
Ongoing epidemics								
Guinea worm	Rumbek Center & Rumbek North	27/05/2018	0	3 (0.001)	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes
RVF	Yirol East	28/12/2017	0	58 (0.054)	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A
Hepatitis E	Bentiu PoC	03/01/2018	0	139 (0.119)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Rubella	Bor South	20/08/2018	0	03 (0.001)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Measles	Juba (Al Mahad IDPs)	11/09/2018	0	26 (0.33)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Possible malaria upsurge	21 counties	01/07/2018			Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A

The ongoing outbreaks include:

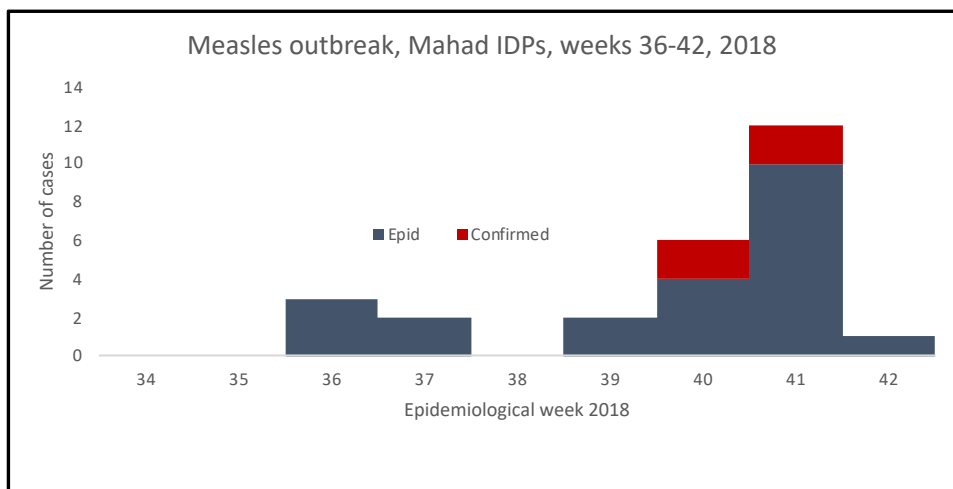
1. Guinea worm (Rumbek Center and Rumbek North);
2. Rift Valley Fever (Yirol East);
3. Hepatitis E Virus (Bentiu PoC);
4. Rubella (Bor South);
5. Measles (Juba - Al Mahad IDPs); and
6. Possible malaria upsurge in 21 counties

Response | Summary of major outbreaks controlled in 2018

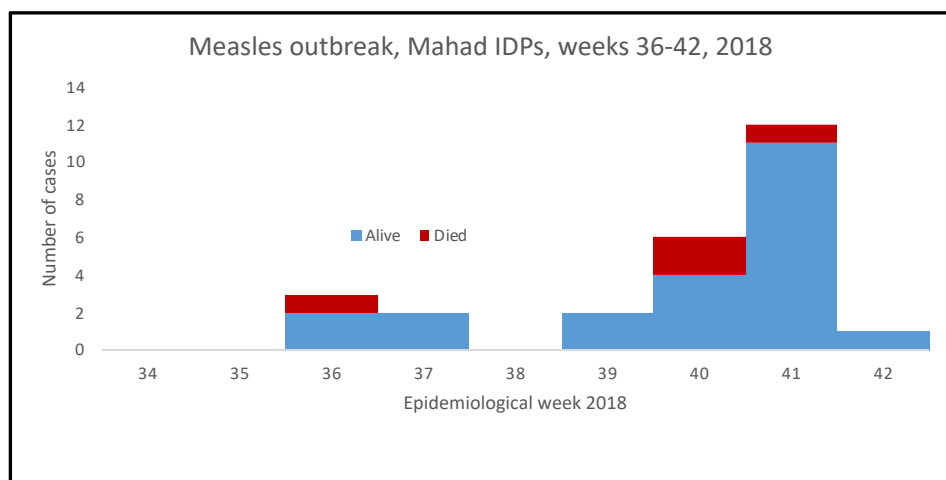
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					Case management	Vaccination	Health promotion	WASH
Controlled epidemics								
Measles	Bentiu PoC	10/06/2018	0	23 (0.02)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Measles	Yirol West	07/08/2018	0	11 (0.007)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Rubella	Yirol East	26/06/2018	0	18 (0.017)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Rubella	Jubek	28/05/2018	0	10 (0.0017)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Rabies probable	Bentiu PoC	06/12/2017	0	270 (0.231)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Measles	Rumbek Center	13/05/2018	0	40 (0.017)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Measles	Wau PoC AA	04/04/2018	0	1 (0.0025)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Hepatitis E	Old Fangak	15/02/2018	0	01 (0.001)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Rubella	Jur River	14/02/2018	0	76 (0.039)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Rubella	Juba	26/02/2018	0	22 (0.0037)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Rubella	Mayom	22/02/2018	0	08 (0.004)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Measles	Aweil Center	6/Jan/2018	0	22 (0.021)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Measles	Cueibet	14/10/2017	0	20 (0.012)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Measles	Aweil East	05/02/2018	0	31 (0.006)	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Foodborne	Bor South	18/02/2018	0	434 (29)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cut. Anthrax	Mayom	27/01/2018	0	2 (0.001)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A
Meningitis	Torit	17/01/2018	0	173 (0.107)	Yes	No	Yes	N/A

During 2018, at least 23 outbreaks have been reported out of which 17 outbreaks have been controlled.

Confirmed Measles outbreak – Juba, Al Mahad IDPs



Age yrs	Female	Male	Total cases	Percentage	Cum %
<1yr		1	1	4%	4%
1-4yrs	7	13	20	77%	81%
5-9yrs	2	3	5	19%	100%
Total cases	9	17	26	100%	



Background

- Investigations conducted from 10th -12th Oct 2018
- WHO MMT investigation done on 12th Oct 2018
- Al Mahad IDP camp is located in Juba with population of 7752 people

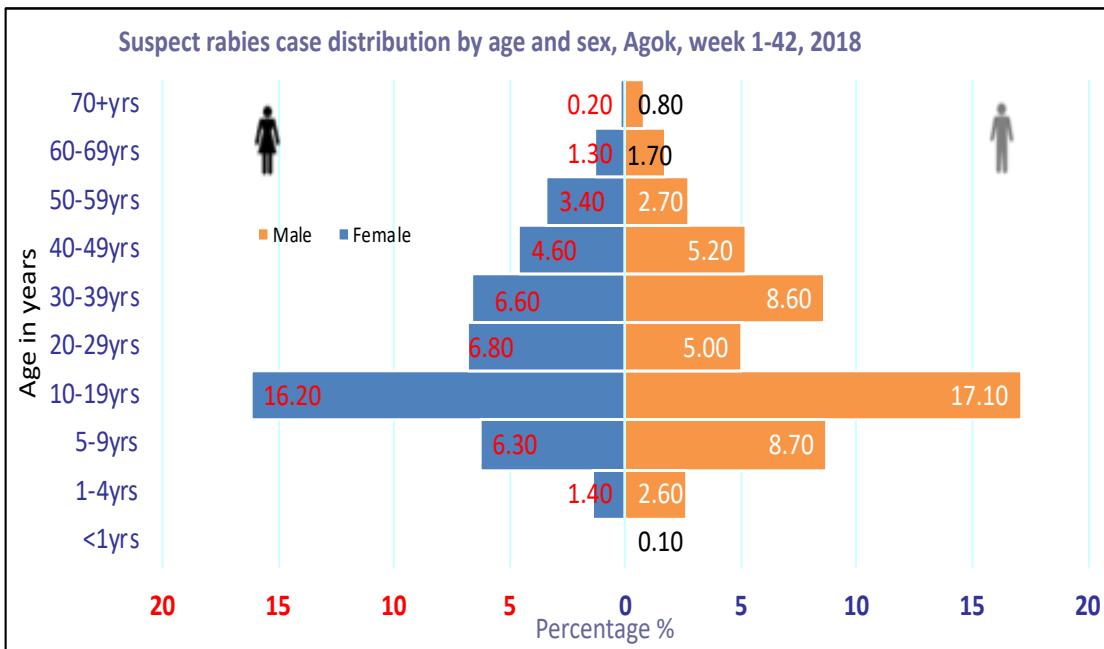
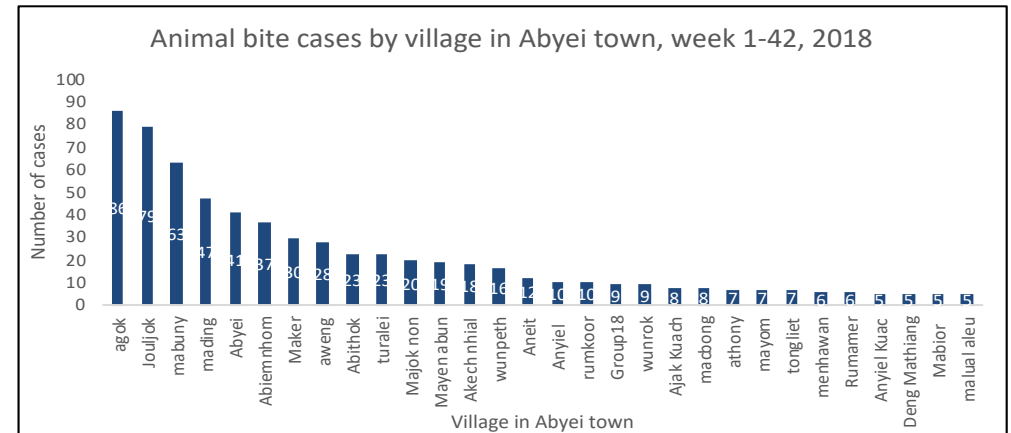
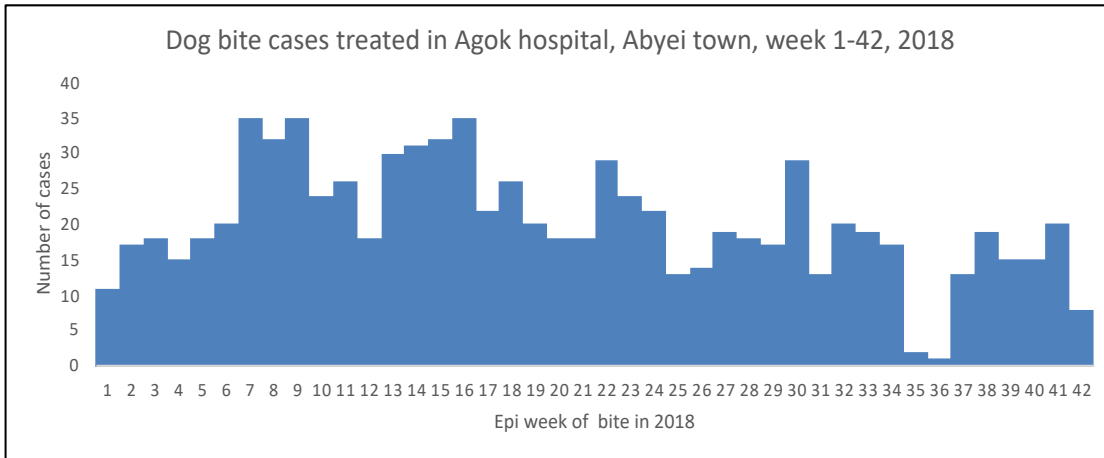
Descriptive Epidemiology

- Since 11 Sep 2018; at least 26 cases including 4 deaths (CFR 15.4%); 4 measles IgM positive cases have been reported.
- Age range is 7 months to 8 years; median of 2 years and a mean of 3 years.
- 21 (81%) cases were under 5 years of age
- Highest peak of transmission reached in week 42, during which two deaths were also reported.

Recommended response

1. Reactive campaign conducted from 17th-20th Oct. 2018 targeting 1,847 children under five years. Administrative coverage was 134% (2,471) children under five years of age.
2. Surveillance and line listing ongoing
3. Strengthening routine - static/outreach vaccination to the population needs to be established and sustained

Animal bites - suspect rabies, Agok hospital, Abyei Town



- An increase in dog bite (suspect rabies) cases continues to be reported from Agok hospital in Abyei.
- An exponential increase in suspect rabies cases has been reported in 2018 when compared to the previous years with a total of 848 cases reported in 2018 (week 1-42);
- Most bites reported in persons aged 10-19 years and there are no significant risk difference by sex (gender)
- Current response entails surveillance - case detection and line listing & post exposure prophylaxis with rabies vaccine.
- As part of the rabies day (28/9/2018) celebrations, Abyei is one of the five states selected by the South Sudan Veterinary Association (SSVA) to conduct rabies vaccination in dogs (the campaign is currently underway in Abyei)
- Meeting organized in PHEOC on 24/10/2018 to review rabies situation and current response

Suspect Hepatitis E virus – Agok, Abyei

Background

- MSF Agok hospital has reported suspect hepatitis E cases from Agok, Abyei town.
- Abyei has in the recent weeks been affected by floods following torrential rains. This should have exacerbated contamination of water sources in the affected areas

Descriptive Epidemiology

- At least seven (7) suspect Hepatitis E virus cases and two (2) deaths (CFR 29%) deaths have been line listed since 10 July 2018.
- A total of six cases have been tested positive for HEV by RDT but definitive PCR testing is pending. However, the recent death was HEV RDT negative.
- The symptoms include fever, jaundice, vomiting, epigastric pains, head ache, and at least two cases have had unexplained bleeding.
- All the affected to are males with a median age of 24 years
- All the affected are from Abyei town

Recommended response

1. Supportive case management and line listing underway in MSF Agok hospital
2. Integrated health WASH response planned to map possible sources of contamination and to improve access to safe water and sanitation in the affected locations

Other Public Health issues in Abyei

- Abyei is also currently challenged by the following public health issues
- **Malaria** – current malaria trends higher than expected (above the third quartile)
- **Suspect rabies** – Abyei has reported 848 animal bites (suspect rabies) in 2018

Ebola alerts investigated since May 2018

Date	Cases	Deaths	Payam	County	eRDT	eGeneXpert	ePCR	Comments
28May	1	0	Makpandu	Yambio	ND	ND	-ve	Reported in refugee camp
8Sep	1	1	Bakiwiri	Yambio	ND	ND	-ve	Did not meet case definition
26Sep	1	1	N/Bari	Juba	ND	ND	-ve	Community death
30Oct	1	1	Yei town	Yei	ND	ND	ND	Never traced (?false alert)
12Oct	1	0	Rumbek	Rumbek Center	ND	-ve	-ve	Recent travel from DR Congo
14Oct	1	0	Gumbo	Juba	ND	-ve	-ve	Did not meet case definition
18Oct	1	1	Mundri East	Mundri East		ND	-ve	Reported by Lui hospital
21Oct	1	1	Yambio	Yambio	ND	ND	Pending	Recovered & discharged

- One new Ebola alert reported from Yambio hospital on 21 Oct 2018 (sample testing underway). Patient improved on treatment and discharged on 25 Oct 2018.
- A total of 8 Ebola alerts investigated since May 2018
- Samples obtained from seven Ebolavirus alerts; with
- Six samples have tested PCR negative for Ebolavirus

Ebola virus disease Alert in Yambio, Gbudue state, 21 October 2018

Case description

- The PHEOC received a report of an Ebola alert from Yambio hospital, Yambio town, Gbudue state.
- The alert was triggered by the Deputy Governor of Gbudue State on Sunday 21st Oct at 05:20pm, involving a male (32 yr.), from Hai –Sura (21) Northwest Yambio town and admitted in Yambio state hospital.
- The case presented with history of bloody diarrhea (one episode), headache, and fever (38.2 deg C); no travel history to DR Congo; no history of contact with suspect or confirmed Ebola case.
- Patient responded to treatment (ciproflaxin 500 mg; Metronidazole; and 5% Dextrose) and was discharged on 25 Oct 2018.

Response undertaken

- Sample shipped to UVRI for testing and results are still awaited.
- Surveillance for suspect Ebola cases underway

Suspect Ebola virus disease in Mundri East, Amadi state, 18 October 2018

Case description

- The PHEOC received a report of suspect Ebola alert from Lui hospital, Mundri East, Amadi state.
- The suspect involved a 13 year old male that presented to the hospital on 12 October 2018 with fever, abdominal pains after he was referred from Mundri PHCC where he received malaria treatment using ACTs for 3 days without improvement. Stool exam in Lui hospital showed *Schistosoma mansoni* on admission.
- On 13 Oct 2018; he developed hematemesis (vomiting blood clots) and lapsed into coma the same day. The following day (14/Oct/2018), he developed nose bleeding; no hematuria; no petechiae; the child died the same day.
- There was no history of contact with bleeding patients; no history of travel; no history of contact with wild animals. Sample obtained by the hospital and arrangements are underway to ship the sample to Juba for Ebola and other differential testing

Response undertaken

- Barrier nursing and supervised burial
- Sample tested PCR negative for all Ebola strains, Marburg, RVF, CCHF, and Sosuga viruses. Surveillance for suspect Ebola cases underway

Suspect Ebola virus disease in Rumbek, 12 October 2018

Case description

On 12 October 2018, UNMISS reported an Ebola alert involving their staff based in Rumbek. He returned from home in the Democratic Republic of Congo on 27 September 2018. During his trip home, he transited through Goma (did not leave airport) and immediately proceeded to his home in Kinshasa and never travelled to any of the outbreak areas in DR Congo.

While in Kinshasa, he stayed in his house and only visited some of his relatives in their homes. He never attended any funeral or parties while in Kinshasa. He did not participate in any social gathering while in Kinshasa. None of his family members or the relatives he visited fell sick when he was there and did not consume any game meat.

On his way back to South Sudan, transited through Entebbe from 25th-27th/09/2018 . He then arrived in Juba on 27/09/2018 and immediately proceeded to Rumbek the same day. He fell sick on the night of 10/10/2018 and he presented to Rumbek UNMISS level I clinic. He presented with severe headache and low grade fever but had no vomiting, no diarrhea and no spontaneous bleeding from any of the body orifices.

Response actions to date

In full PPE the laboratory technician collected blood samples that tested positive for malaria and CBC result is normal. The platelet count is normal. He is currently on treatment for malaria. He was advised to continue the malaria treatment and remain in his accommodation. The national rapid response constituted on 12/10/2018 to investigate and collect samples for Ebola testing. Sample tested negative for Zaire ebolavirus by GeneXpert and PCR negative for all Ebola strains, Marburg, RVF, CCHF.



Suspect Ebola virus disease in Yei River state, 3 October 2018

Case description

- On 3rd October 2018, the Public Health Emergency Operations Center (PHEOC) received a call at 3:30 pm reporting a suspected Ebola death from Yei state.
- The deceased was a 29 years old South Sudanese who was a refugee in DRC for 21 months.
- He returned to South Sudan on 30th September 2018 and was reported to manifest the following symptoms: bleeding from eyes, general body pain, and blood in urine.
- He is reported to have died at home on 3rd October, 2018.

Response undertaken

- The national rapid response team was quickly mobilized at 4:00 pm on 3rd October, 2018
- An airplane was chartered at 4:30 pm same day; the NRRT was dispatched to conduct an epidemiological investigation and obtained an oral swab and cardiac blood for laboratory testing on 4th October, 2018
- The national and state RRT, Yei Task Force members and other partners in Yei could not locate the dead body or his family in Yei.
- None of the people met had knowledge of the death alert or his residence. The NRRT returned to Juba at 5:00 pm on 4th October 2018. However, the NRRT was later informed that the dead man was already buried.
- Active surveillance involving surveillance teams and local leaders in the area have not been able to identify the home of the deceased case or the grave.

Malaria trends

Current malaria trends

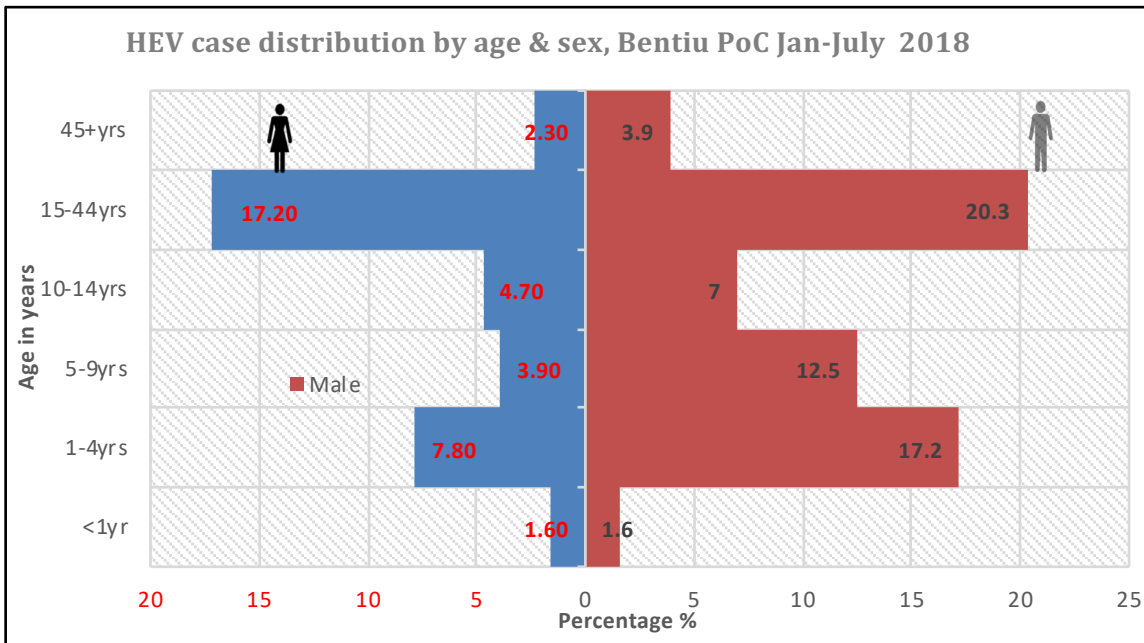
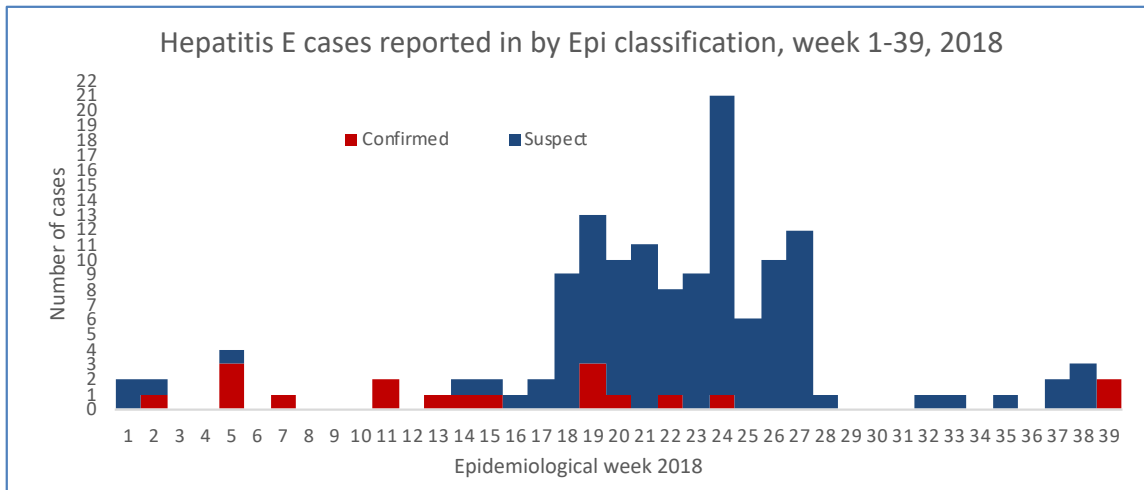
Malaria remains the top cause of morbidity and mortality that accounts for 62.4% of cases as of week 42, 2018. Consequently, trend analyses show that 21 counties in 6 state hubs currently have malaria trends that are significantly higher than expected. Counties with malaria trends that exceed the threshold (third quartile of trends for the period 2013-2017) include:

1. **Aweil hub** (Aweil Center, Aweil East, and Aweil West);
2. **Rumbek hub** (Cueibet, Rumbek Center, Rumbek East, Rumbek North, Wulu, Yirol East, Yirol West);
3. **Kuajok hub** (Abyei, Gogrial East, Tonj East, Tonj South, Tonj North, and Twic Mayardit);
4. **Bentiu hub** (Abiemnhom, Mayom, and Panyijiar); and
5. **Juba hub** (Terekeka).
6. **Malakal hub** (Melut)

Proposed public health actions

1. Convene malaria taskforce or malaria technical working group meeting to ensure that operational readiness for malaria prevention, diagnosis, and treatment are optimized.
2. Field missions to conduct technical verification of the trends in the affected counties
3. Assessment of current stock levels of malaria diagnostics (RDTs), medicines (ACTs), and LLINs in the affected counties.
4. Stocking up on malaria prevention (LLINs), diagnostics (RDTs), medicines (ACTs), and enhancing behavioral change communication for malaria prevention, prompt investigation and initiation of treatment

Hepatitis E, Bentiu PoC

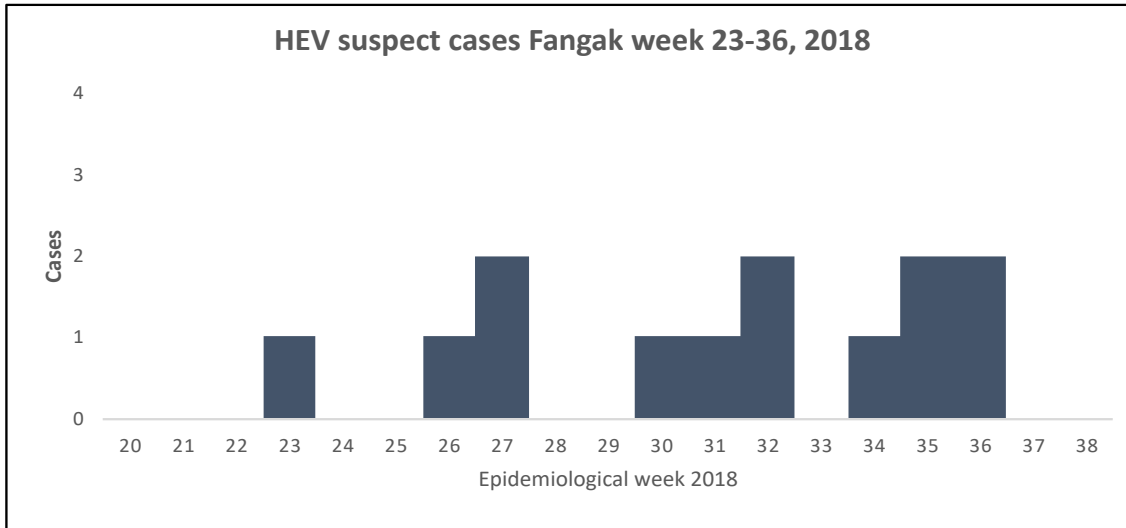


No new HEV cases reported in week 42

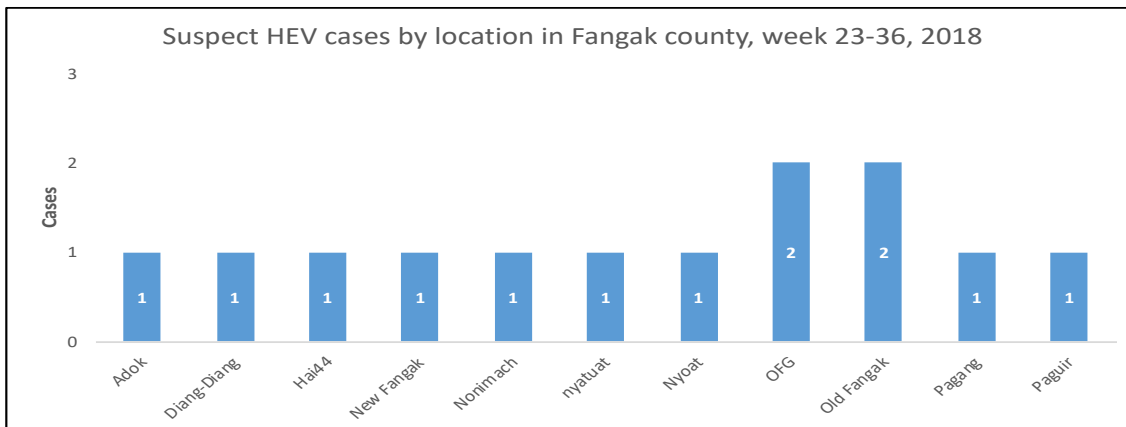
Bentiu PoC

- At least 139 suspect cases of Hepatitis E (HEV) including one death (CFR 0.72%) have been reported in 2018. Of the 139 suspect cases, a total of 18 cases have been PCR confirmed as HEV in Bentiu PoC
- Only 11 HEV cases have been admitted.
- Nearly 40% of the cases are 15-44 years of age; and 60% being male. Among the females, most cases have been reported in those aged 15-44 yrs (who are at risk of adverse outcomes if infected in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy).
- Use of stagnant water for domestic or recreation purposes likely to be source of infection - communities are being educated on the risk and draining the water is being discussed
- Unicef has disseminated key HEV messages - on radio [Kondial FM & Bentiu FM] and through community sensitizations.
- Case identification and follow up is and WASH interventions are ongoing.

Hepatitis E Old Fangak



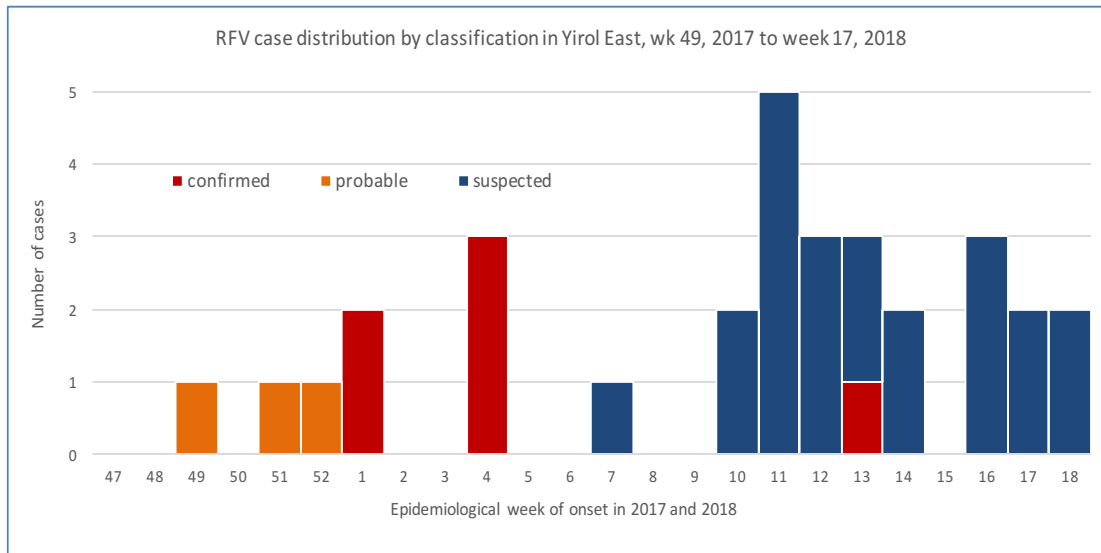
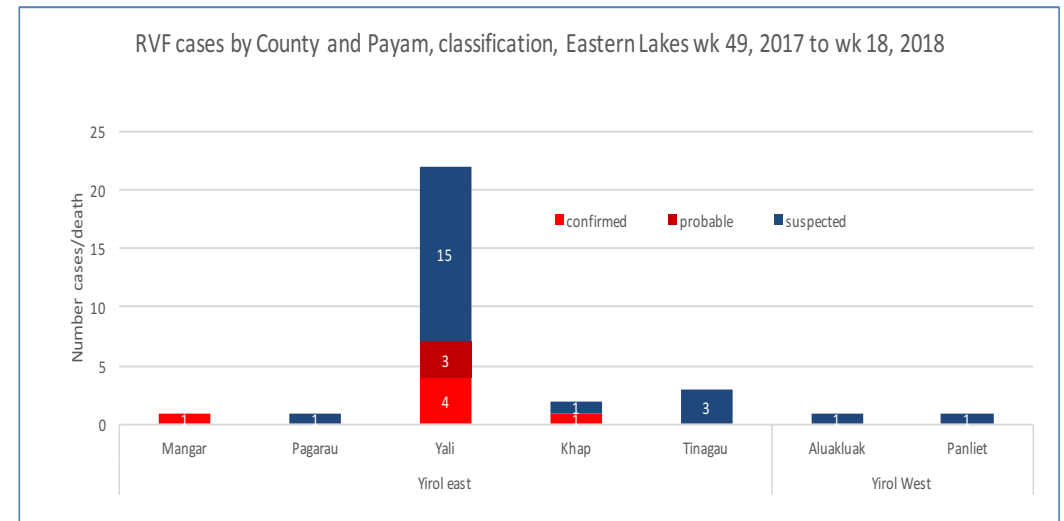
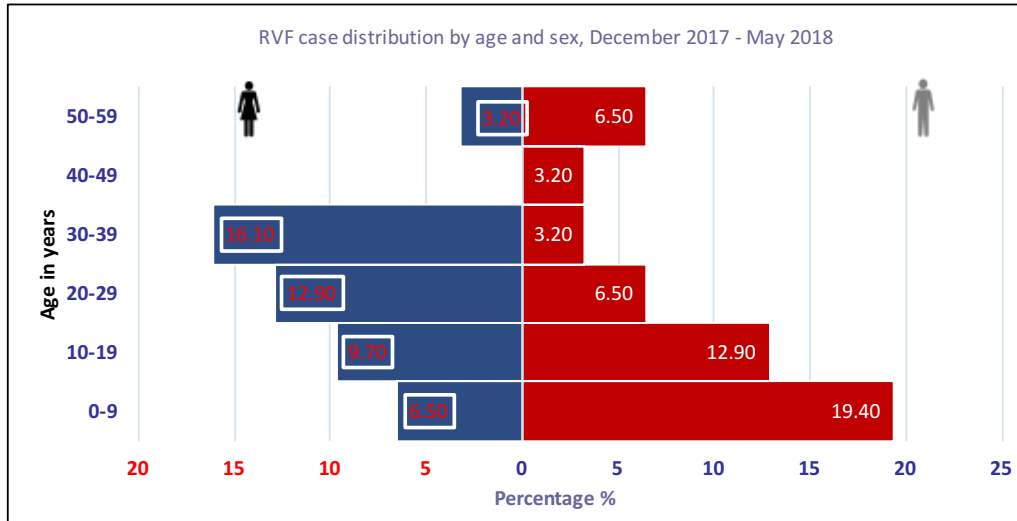
Age	Female	Male	Total cases	Percentage	Cum.%
10-19yrs	2	2	4	31%	31%
20-29yrs	1	6	7	54%	85%
30-39yrs		2	2	15%	100%
Total cases	3	10	13	100%	



Old Fangak

- No new cases reported since week 36 of 2018.
- At least 13 suspect HEV cases including one confirmed HEV case have been investigated in Old Fangak.
- All the 13 cases were HEV RDT positive.
- Over half (54%) of the cases are 20-29 years of age.
- The cases appear to be occurring sporadically and are using River water (largely from Phow river).
- Community awareness and hygiene promotion are ongoing.

Ongoing epidemics - Epidemic description - RVF Eastern Lakes state



Sno.	Description	Number
1	Suspect cases	58
2	Total deaths	4
3	Confirmed cases	6
4	Probable cases	3
5	Cases pending testing	01
6	Non-cases	48
7	Cases on admission	01
8	Total human samples collected	39
9	Total animal samples collected	28
10	Positive animal cases	9

- No new suspect RVF case reported from Yirol East in week 42.
- In the period 7 December 2017 to 28 Oct 2018, a total of 58 suspect RVF cases were reported in Eastern Lakes.
- These were reclassified based on investigations and laboratory results, such that as of 28th Oct 2018, there were a total of six (6) RVF confirmed cases, three (3) probable, and 01 suspect RVF cases (either no samples collected or samples collected and test results are pending).
- Forty eight (48) cases were discarded as non-cases following negative laboratory results for RVF and other common causes of viral haemorrhagic fever.
- A total of nine animal samples have been confirmed serologically (3IgM and 6IgG).
- Current response entails surveillance, laboratory testing, supportive care for suspect cases, and community sensitization on hygienic animal handling

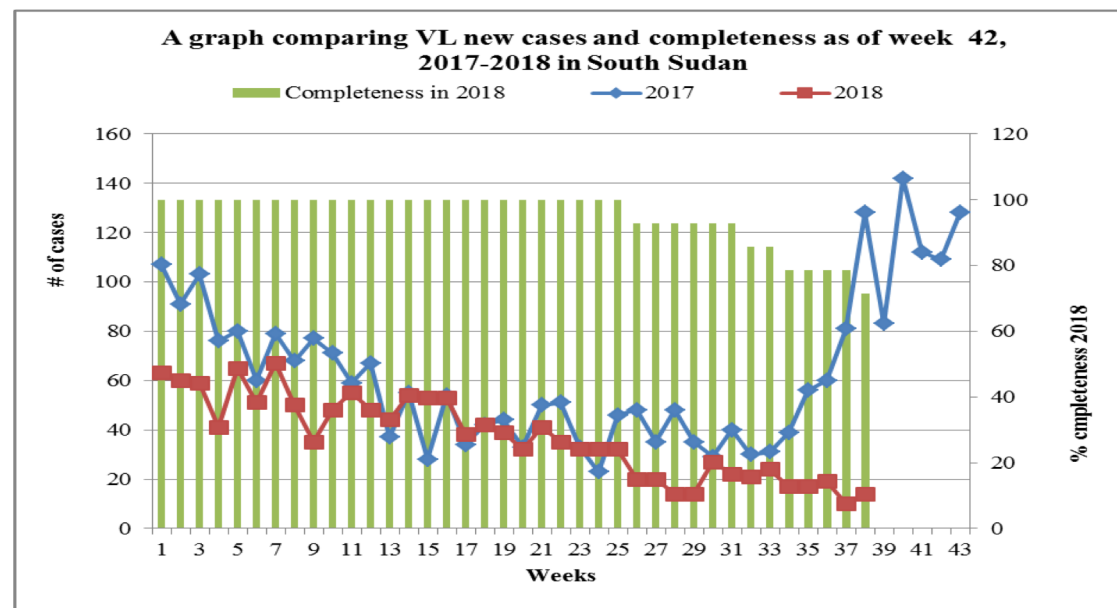
Visceral Leishmaniasis | Kala-azar

Kala-azar is endemic in Upper Nile, Unity, Jonglei, & Kapoeta. Response interventions have been complicated by insecurity, population displacement, poor living conditions, increasing food insecurity, closure of treatment facilities; and low treatment completion rates.

In week 42, five health facilities reported 13 cases (13 (100%) new cases, 0 (0.0%), PKDL, and 0 (0%) relapses).

Since the beginning of 2018, a total of **1,895** cases including **65** deaths (CFR **3.4%**); **51 (2.7%) defaulters**; **1,460 (77%)** new cases; **83(4.4%)** PKDL; and **352(18.6%)** relapses - all reported from **39** treatment centers.

In the corresponding period of 2017, a total of **3,214** cases including **66** deaths (CFR **2.1%**) and **76(2.4%) defaulters** were reported from 21 treatment centers.

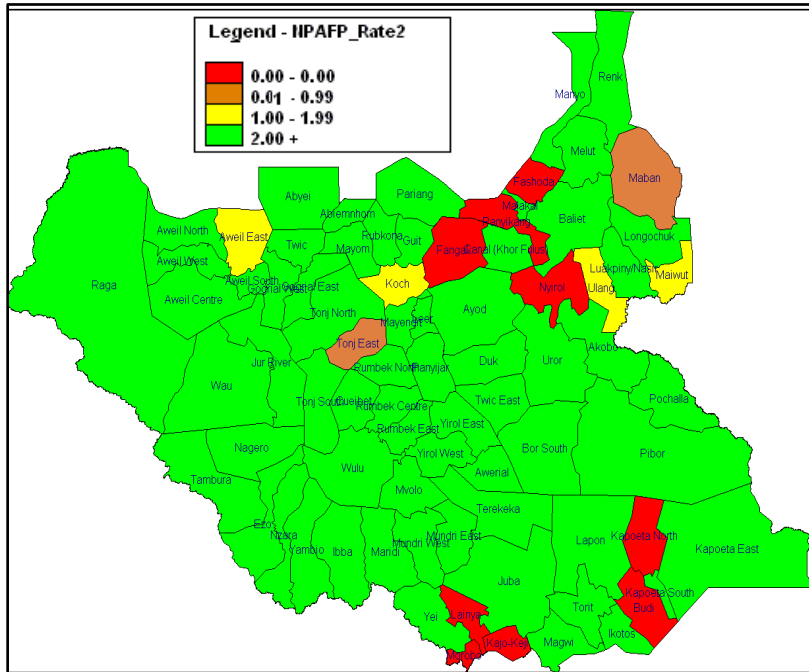


The majority of cases in 2018 have been reported from Lankien (**950**), Kurwai (**149**), Old Fangak (167), Walgak (98), Ulang (61), Malakal IDP (64), Narus (91), Pieri (42), KCH (65), Pagil (71), Doma (22), KMH (15), Bentiu (26) and Adong (13).

The most affected groups include, males [**949** cases (**50.1%**)], those aged ≥ 15 years and above [**835** cases (**44.1%**)] and 5 - 14 years [**750(39.6%)**]. A total of **300** cases (**15.8%**) occurred in children < 5 years.

Low reporting rates currently impede meaningful trend interpretations however the major concern currently is seen from the high relapse rates; suggesting the need to improve treatment compliance through regular availability of testing and treatment kits and provision of food rations for cases on treatment. Treatment health facilities are urged to improve on timeliness of reporting.

Acute Flaccid Paralysis - suspect Polio



In week 40, 2018, a total of 7 new AFP cases was reported from Jonglei, Central Equatoria; Upper Nile; Warrap; & Western Bahr el Ghazal hubs. This brings the cumulative total for 2018 to 317 AFP cases.

The annualized non-Polio AFP (NPAFP) rate (cases per 100,000 population children 0-14 years) in 2018 is 5.01 per 100,000 population of children 0-14 years (target ≥ 2 per 100,000 children 0-14 years).

Stool adequacy was 87% in 2018, a rate that is higher than the target of $\geq 80\%$.

Environmental surveillance ongoing since May 2017; with 23 samples testing positive for non-polio enterovirus (NPEV) in 2017 and Thirty Six (36) NPEV positive sample in 2018.

Source: South Sudan Weekly AFP Bulletin

2017-2018* SUMMARY by States (Using NID figures for population estimates)																		
State Hubs	Population <15 years	Cumulative AFP Cases	Non-Polio Cases	Cases of the Week	Polio cases					NPAFP Rate	Stool Adequacy			Lab indicators (Pending lab cases excluded)				
					Polio Compatible	VDPV	Pending				Specimens (#)	Adequate Specimens	Stool adequacy	NPEV		Sabin like		
							Pending Lab/CLT	Pending Lab/ITD	Pending ERC					Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
CENTRAL EQUATORIA HUB	737148	22	16	3	0	0	5	0	1	3.9	21	18	86%	2	4.8%	0	0%	
EASTERN EQUATORIA HUB	674008	32	27	0	0	0	5	0	0	6.2	32	31	97%	3	9.4%	2	11%	
JONGLEI HUB	982693	32	29	1	0	0	1	0	2	4.2	32	27	84%	4	12.5%	1	8%	
LAKES HUB	791864	46	39	0	0	0	7	0	0	7.6	45	45	100%	5	11.1%	0	0%	
NORTHERN BAHR EL GHAZAL HUB	987309	31	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	4.1	31	29	94%	5	16.1%	3	15%	
UNITY HUB	864151	25	20	0	0	0	0	0	5	3.8	25	20	80%	4	16.0%	1	7%	
UPPER NILE HUB	895541	36	28	1	0	0	1	0	1	5.2	36	22	61%	5	13.9%	3	14%	
WARRAP HUB	1456973	47	41	1	0	0	5	0	2	4.2	47	43	91%	5	10.6%	0	0%	
WESTERN BAHR EL GHAZAL HUB	316372	16	12	1	0	0	1	0	3	6.6	16	10	63%	1	6.7%	0	0%	
WESTERN EQUATORIA HUB	516397	30	28	0	0	0	1	0	1	7.6	30	29	97%	4	13.3%	2	11%	
SOUTH SUDAN	8222455	317	270	7	0	0	27	0	20	5.0	315	274	87%	38	12.1%	12	7%	

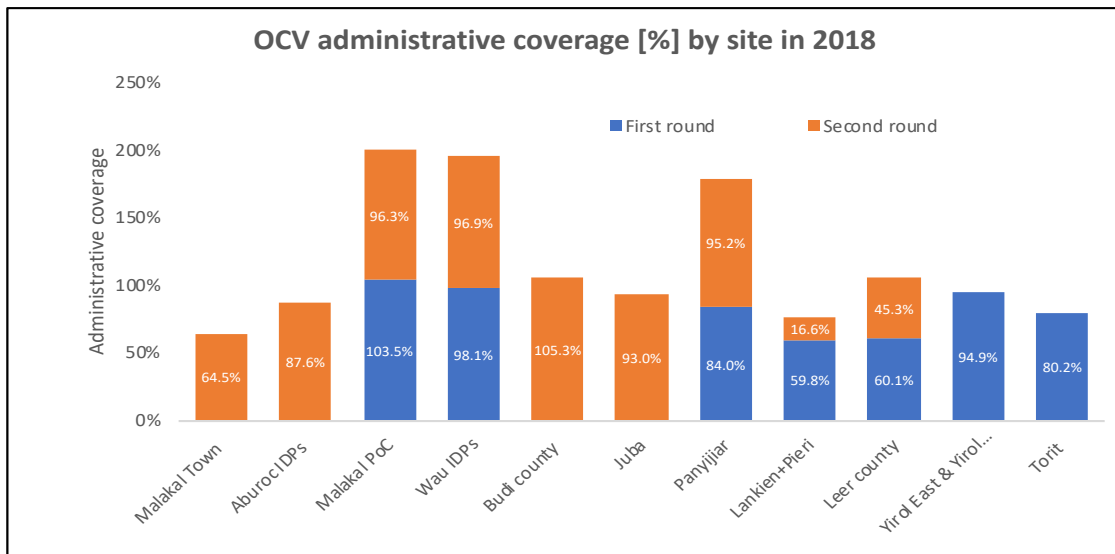
Cholera preparedness and preventive activities - Oral cholera vaccine campaigns - 2018

Site	Total population	Target population	1st round doses	2nd round doses	Total doses	1st Round dates	2nd Round dates	Partners
Aburoc	11,640	11,291		11,550	11,550	20-22May2017	Jan 17- 20 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MSF-E
Malakal Town	20,000	19,200		22,200	22,200	18-24Mar2017	Jan 5 - 9 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MSF-E
Juba	214,887			206,292	206,292	9Sep - 24Nov 2017	Apr 24-28 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MSF-F & Spain
Malakal PoC	24,424	23,691	34,291	34,291	68,582	19-23March 2018	Apr 17-21 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, IOM
Wau IDPs	40,499	39,284	56,860	56,860	113,720	19-23March 2018	Apr 17-21 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, IOM
Torit	180,169	174,764	174,764	174,764	349,528	9th - 14th Aug 2018	28Jul- 6Aug 2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, SCI, CARE
Yirol East & West	170,189	165,083	165,083	165,083	330,167	20-29 July 2018	pending	MoH, WHO, Unicef, LiveWell
Lankien	38,000	36,860	36,860	36,860	73,720	28May -13Jun2018	suspended	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MSF-H
Panyijiar	75,000	72,750	75,000	75,000	150,000	16-22May2018	20-24 Jul2018	MoH, WHO, Unicef, IRC
Leer	50,000	48,500	48,500	48,500	97,000	13-15th Jun 2018 (Leer town) & 13th 18th Jul 2018 (Leer County)	24-29Aug (Leer Town); 8-13Aug (Leer County)	MoH, WHO, Unicef, MedAir
Totals	824,808	800,064	591,358	831,400	1,422,759			

- Cholera prevention and response activities are already underway to mitigate the risk of cholera outbreaks in cholera transmission hotspots
- These efforts are critical now as the rain season is starting for the states in the Southern parts of the country.
- The use of oral cholera vaccines alongside WASH and other interventions is critical to these efforts
- Preventive vaccine campaigns (with oral cholera vaccines) for the first half of 2018 are listed in the table
- The National Cholera Control Plan is being finalized by a consultant secured with support from the GTFCC
- Validation of the National Cholera control plan is planned for August 2018
- A consignment of 96,285 doses of oral cholera vaccine from the ICG arrived in the country on 4Jul 2018 for the pre-emptive campaign in Leer county
- Another 352,660 doses of oral cholera vaccine from the GTFCC arrived in the country on 18 July 2018 for the campaigns in Panyijiar and Yirol

- **Oral cholera vaccine campaigns completed in 2018 include:**
 - Malakal Town (2nd round)
 - Aburoc IDPs (2nd round)
 - Malakal PoC (1st & 2nd round)
 - Wau PoC+IDPs (1st & 2nd round)
 - Juba Town (1st & 2nd round)
 - Panyijiar (1st & 2nd round)
 - Leer county (1st & 2nd round)
 - Yirol East and Yirol West (1st round)
- **Upcoming campaigns for 2018**
 - Torit (2nd round)
 - Yirol East and Yirol West (2nd round)

Oral cholera vaccine campaigns administrative coverage - 2018



2018 OCV campaigns	Site	Target	First round		Second round	
			Coverage	Coverage %	Coverage	Coverage %
1	Malakal Town	19,200			12,393	64.5%
2	Aburoc IDPs	9,683			8,484	87.6%
3	Malakal PoC	23,447	24,277	103.5%	22,588	96.3%
4	Wau IDPs	37,048	36,337	98.1%	35,887	96.9%
5	Budi county	89,377			94,128	105.3%
6	Juba	216,852			201,737	93.0%
7	Panyijiar	75,000	63,000	84.0%	71,378	95.2%
8	Lankien+Pieri	38,000	22,712	59.8%	6,294	16.6%
9	Leer county	48,125	28,930	60.1%	21,819	45.3%
10	Yirol East & Yirol West	165,081	156,682	94.9%		
11	Torit	158,297	126,895	80.2%		
	Total	544,998	458,833	84.2%	474,708	85.3%

The following OCV campaigns have been completed in 2018:

1. Malakal Town (2nd round)
2. Aburoc IDPs (2nd round)
3. Budi county (2nd round)
4. Malakal PoC (1st & 2nd round)
5. Wau PoC+IDPs (1st & 2nd round)
6. Juba (2nd round)
7. Panyijiar (1st & 2nd round)
8. Leer county (1st & 2nd round)
9. Lankien (1st round)
10. Pieri (1st & 2nd round)
11. Yirol East & Yirol West (1st round)
12. Torit county (1st round)

Ebola update DRC 30 Oct 2018

Current situation

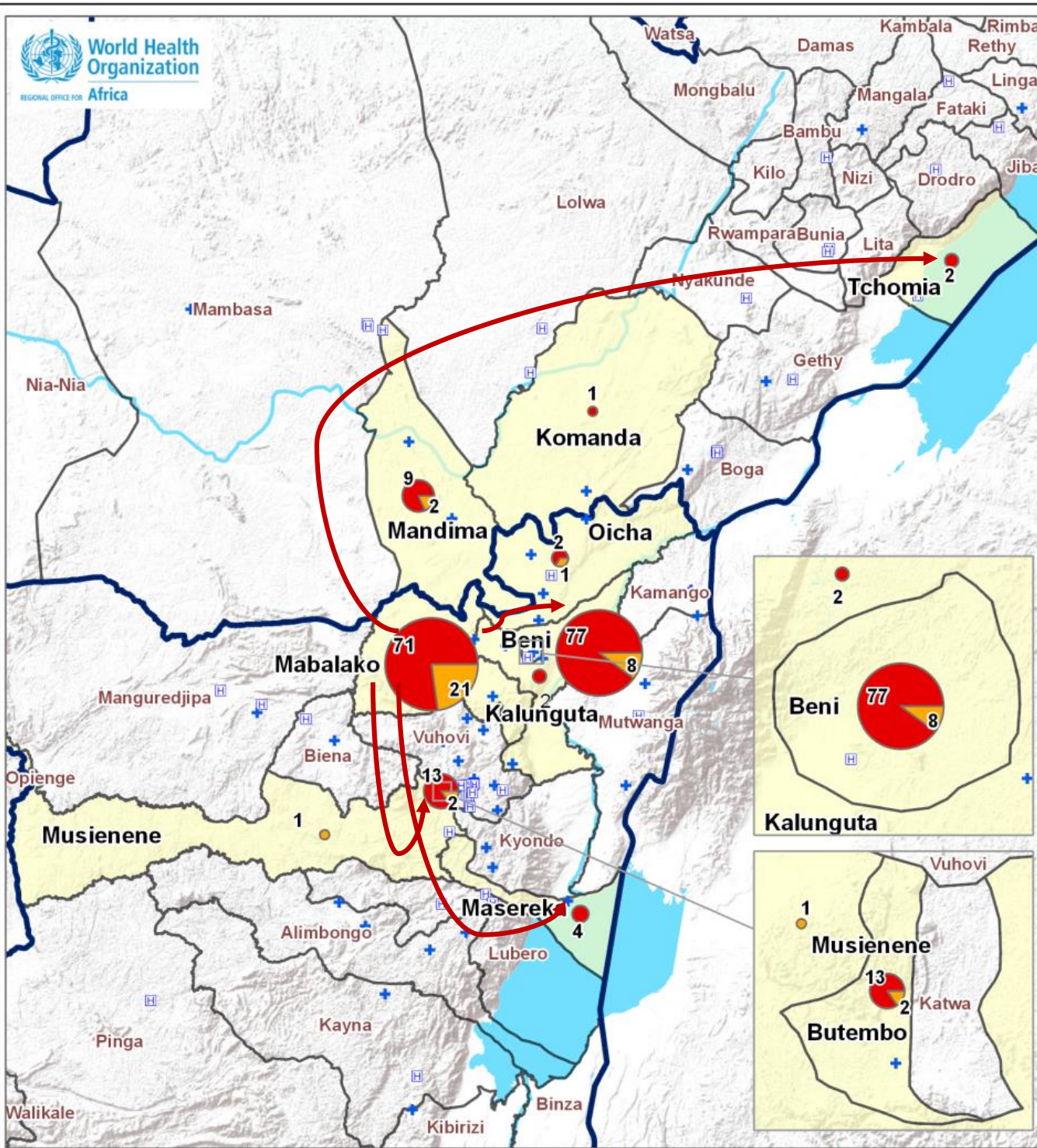
- Currently in 12th week of the outbreak
- **276** Cases [241 confirmed & 35 probable]
- **175** Deaths [140 confirmed & 35 probable]
- **25** Health workers [24 confirmed & 3 dead]

Response update

- **5991** contacts [**92%** followed up]; Beni has **91%** of contacts followed in the past week
- **24,142** vaccinated
- **73** cases discharged from ETCs

Affected health zones

- **2** provinces [North Kivu & Ituri]
- **10** health zones [7 North Kivu & 3 in Ituri]
- **Mabalako, Butembo, Masereka & Beni** (North Kivu) – Epicenter



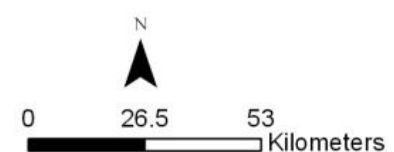
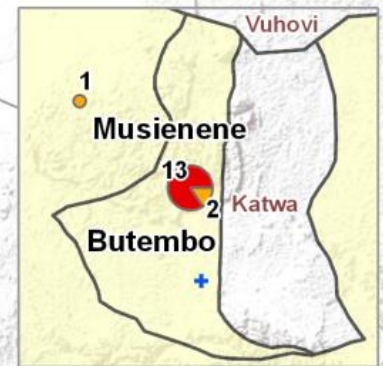
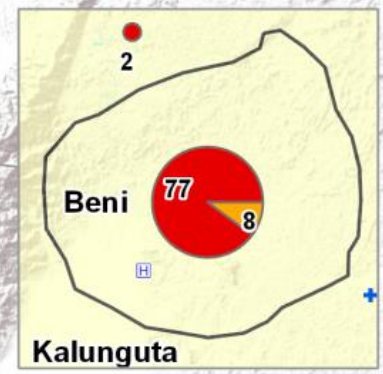
Legend

Ebola Cases

- Confirmed
- Probable
- Affected Health Zones
- Non Affected Health Zones
- Provinces

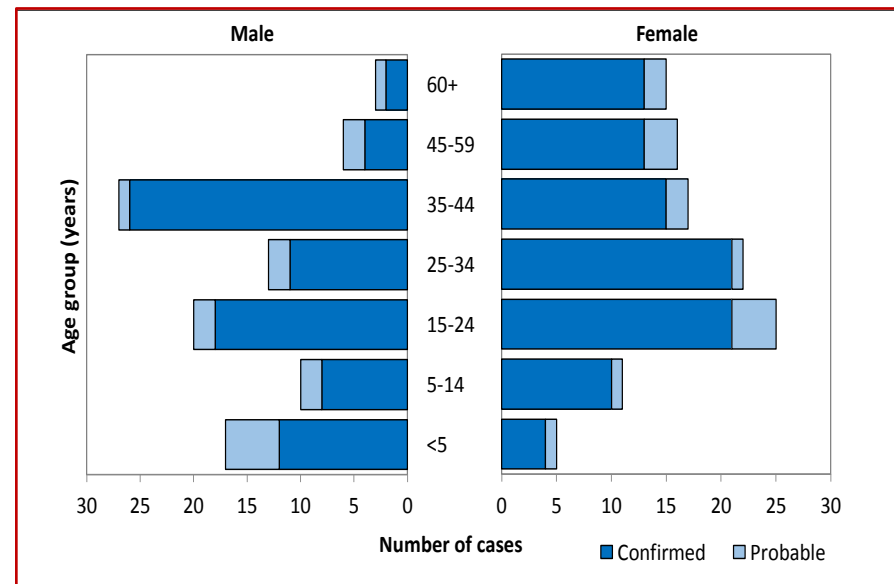
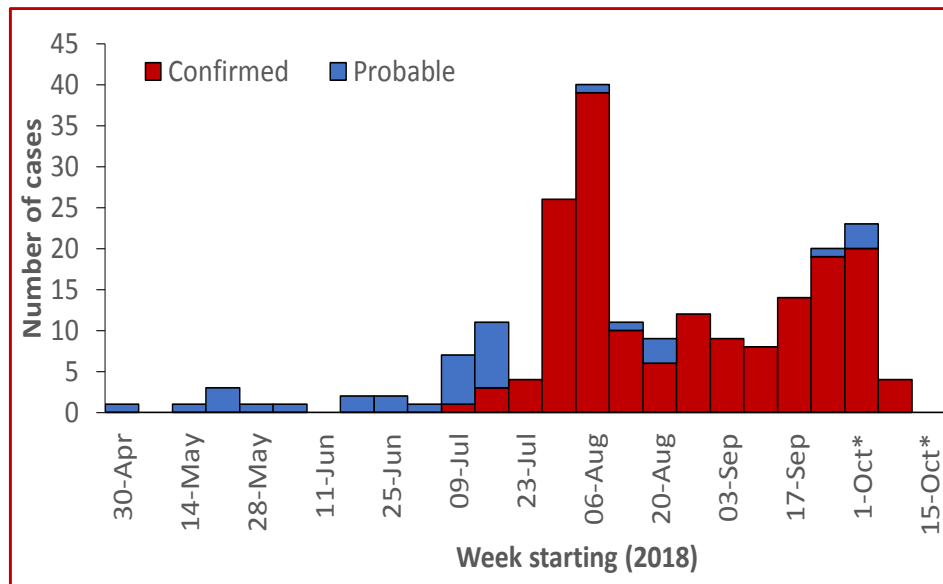
Health Facilities

- Health Center
- Reference General Hospital
- Waterbodies



Situation on 15 October 2018

EVD trends & case distribution



- The graph still shows **persistent transmission**
- **Several peaks** since outbreak was declared

- 54% cases female
- Most cases in **males** are **35-44yrs**; & **15-24yrs** in the **females**

EVD risk assessment

- Very high-risk of regional spread to priority 1 countries like South Sudan
- On 17 Oct 2018; Emergency committee determined that **EVD outbreak in DRC does not constitute** a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)
- Priority 1 countries like South Sudan urged to:
 - Accelerate **preparedness & surveillance**
 - Strengthen **risk communications**
 - **Vaccinating frontline HCWs** in areas bordering DRC

Ebola preparedness in South Sudan

EVD preparedness activities undertaken in South Sudan

- South Sudan, as a priority one (1) country for Ebola virus disease outbreak (EVD) preparedness continues to make progress to enhance capacities for EVD case detection, investigation, response, and prevention.
- The national Ebola taskforce continues to meet twice weekly and is coordinating the implementation of the EVD contingency plan. The Ebola taskforce working groups are currently updating and implementing the EVD contingency plan to enhance readiness capacities for EVD response.
- Detailed preparedness update can be accessed <https://www.afro.who.int/publications/weekly-update-ebola-virus-disease-evd-preparedness-south-sudan>

South Sudan Ebola Response | Monitoring of EVD screening activities at Points of Entry in countries prioritized for Ebola preparedness activities

Year: 2018

Week number: W42

From: 2018-10-15

To: 2018-10-21

Name of PoE	Passengers Screening Information			EVD Alerts		
	# screened	# isolated	# under Voluntary Home Quarantine	# reported	# validated	# suspects
Bazi Border	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gangura Border	52	0	0	0	0	0
Juba International Airport	3,549	0	0	0	0	0
Kaya	1,774	0	0	0	0	0
Kaya Border	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nimule Border	43,751	6	0	0	0	0
Okaba	1,335	0	0	0	0	0
Panjala Docking River	430	0	0	0	0	0
Sakure Border	28	0	0	0	0	0
Wau Airport	58	0	0	0	0	0
Yambio Airport	8	0	0	0	0	0
Yei Airport	16	0	0	0	0	0
Yei RRC	8	0	0	0	0	0
South Sudan	51,009	6	0	0	0	0

Note

This table is generated automatically from EWARS South Sudan. It has been deployed since December 2013, following the eruption of political violence. From May 2017, it has been scaled up to provide support to all 80 counties across the country. It is supporting MoH and partners to strengthen integrated disease surveillance and response (IDSR). <http://ss.ewars.ws/login>



The electronic EWARS platform for capturing, aggregating, and analyzing points of entry screening data is now up and running with the table above, summarizing the number of travelers screened in week 42 at the active points of entry being exported from the web-based platform.



Response | Suspect outbreaks in 2018

Date of report	Disease suspected	Number cases (deaths)	County	Payam	Status of investigations
13Mar18	meningitis	16 (00)	Duk	Ayueldit	On 12 Mar 2018; a 3 year old male from Buongjok area, Ayueldit payam was admitted to Padiet PHCC. The health partner SMC requested for guidance on managing the case and the WHO Bor team shared the meningitis case management guidelines. Surveillance was stepped up but no additional cases were identified.
17Feb18	meningitis	173 (31)	Torit	Iyire and Imurok	After rumors of strange illness in Iyire, several RRT verification and response missions have been undertaken since 20Feb18. Torit county surpassed in the alert and epidemic thresholds in week 7 and week 9 respectively. There was no conclusive laboratory confirmation due to sample contamination . Overall coordination, case surveillance, line listing, and investigation are ongoing. Transmission declined after week 9 with the weekly attack rate falling below the alert and epidemic threshold in weeks 11-18, 2018. Plans underway to conduct meningitis training for the NRRT and laboratory team at NPHL & in the state hubs
10Mar18	meningitis	3 (0)	Cueibet		Since 10 Mar 2018, at least three suspect meningitis cases have been reported by CUAMM in Cueibet hospital. However, no samples were collected.
02Feb2018	meningitis	52 (06)	Aweil South (14cases) Aweil East (18 cases) Aweil West (11 cases) Aweil North (4 cases)	Aweil hub	Since 2Feb2018, at least 52 suspect cases (6 deaths) have been reported in Aweil hub. Six samples positive for <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> following rapid pastorex testing or showed gram positive diplococci on gram stain. None of the affected counties exceeded the alert threshold for meningitis.
06Jan18	meningitis	03 (00)	Abyei and Twic	Rumkor and Pan-nyok	The two suspect cases were treated in Agok hospital on 4 Jan and 29 Jan respectively with initial diagnoses of severe malaria but final diagnosis was bacterial meningitis. Rapid pastorex testing sample for the 2 nd & 3 rd suspect case from Twic and Abyei counties respectively were positive for <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> .
14Feb18	meningitis	21(03)	Wau (Jur River)	Udici, Roc Roc Dong	Since 14 Feb; 20 suspect meningitis cases have been reported from Wau (11 cases - 2deaths) and Jur River (9 cases - 1 death) counties. A suspect case involving a 45 year old male from Jur River was admitted in Comboni hospital on 28 Feb 18. PCR testing was positive for <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> . Another suspect case tested positive for NmA by rapid pastorex at NPHL on 27/4/18.

Response | Suspect outbreaks in 2018

Date of report	Disease suspected	Number cases (deaths)	County	Payam	Status of investigations
16Mar2018	Measles	08(01)	Mayom	Riak & Lol Maroal	Suspect measles cases reported from Riak payam in Nyebola village since 9 Mar 2018. Four samples were obtained by MSF-CH for testing. Three of the four samples tested were positive for rubella IgM.
16Feb18	Health effects of petroleum drilling	Unspecified	Pariang	Pariang	A newswire indicates the Mayor of Pariang in Ruweng State has appealed to the Ministry of Health to establish some health conditions affecting people in the oil producing area. bit.ly/2EIndTP #SouthSudan. Initial verification details to follow
31Mar2018	Suspect meningitis /malaria	12(08)	Gogrial West	Kuach South	On 28 th Mar 2018; the Director Gogrial West reported community deaths in Kuach South that were verified by the RRT on 29 Mar 2018. The clinical and lab tests on suspect cases were consistent with malaria and the cases responded to treatment with ACTs. All the deaths were 10 years and above and 50% of the deaths were 20 years and above. Given the dramatic nature of symptoms, the other differential diagnosis to keep an eye on is epidemic meningitis. No new cases reported in weeks 14 and 15.
12/Apr/18	pertussis	18(00)	Fangak	Bei	Suspect pertussis cases have been reported by Mandeang PHCU and Kuephone PHCU in Fangak county. At least 11 suspect cases have been reported from Bei payam and another 7 suspect cases from Jiath. The response instituted by the partner CMA - entails treatment of cases and prophylaxis to close contacts and enhancing routine immunization for the infants.
22/05/18	cholera	2	Lopa	Imehejek	Two suspect cholera cases reported from Imehejek, Lopa from 22May18; the index ate cold food at a local market; direct RDT positive for cholera; all two samples negative for cholera after culturing in NPHL.
21/05/2018	measles	40	Rumbek Center	Teyau	Eight suspect measles cases reported from Teyau, Rumbek Centre - MMT dispatched for the investigation. Specimens obtained. Outbreak confirmed & reactive vaccination done.
23/05/18	measles	2	Mayom	Tam & Wangbur	Two suspect measles cases reported from Mayom (Tam & Wangbur payams) samples sent to Juba by MSF-CH
16/05/18	measles	1	Torit	Nyong	One suspect measles case reported from Nyong payam in Torit. Specimen collected

Response | Suspect outbreaks in 2018

Date of report	Disease suspected	Number cases (deaths)	County	Payam	Status of investigations
30/05/2018	Acute jaundice	01(00)	Torit	Torit town	On 30 May 2018, a 2year and eight month child was admitted to Torit Hospital with fever, yellow eyes, and vomiting, Specimen obtained for testing and sent to Juba. First test results in week 26; showed the sample was negative for HEV by PCR. Further tests were IgM negative for YF, ZIKV, CHIK, WNV and DEN.
28/05/2018	Measles	2 (00)	Awerial		Two suspect measles cases reported and investigated in Awerial county. Samples have been collected and shipped to Juba for laboratory testing.
26/06/2018	Measles	14	Yirol East		Fourteen suspect measles cases have been reported and investigated in Adior payam. Samples have been collected for testing.
26/06/2018	Measles	1	Yirol West		One suspect measles cases was reported in week 26.
10/06/2018	Measles	18	Bentiu PoC		18 suspect measles cases were reported in Bentiu PoC from 10 June 2018. Samples have been obtained for laboratory testing
28/06/2018	Measles	6	Jur River		New suspect Measles cases reported from (Thilij) village in Wau Bai payam in Jur River county, an investigation team dispatched on 28 th June and they investigated & collected 6 blood samples
02/07/2018	Measles	6(0)	Twic		Five suspected measles cases have been reported in Twic County. They were investigated and samples were collected pending transportation to Juba. Line-listing and investigation reports had been prepared.
13/07/2018	cholera	Deaths	Awerial	Magok	On 13 th July; suspect cholera deaths were reported from Magok, Awerial county. Initial verification by MoH/WHO has not revealed suspect cholera deaths in the area. Further verification by the CHD revealed on additional information to confirm the alert.
25/07/2018	Acute Jaundice	3 (02)	Leer TPA	Leer Town	Three AJS (suspect HEV) deaths reported in Leer TPA are being investigated. Surveillance has been strengthened to detect and investigate subsequent cases; and WASH has been stepped up.
20/07/2018	measles	1	Aweil Center		A suspect measles case reported from Aweil Center county and investigated (sample collected for testing).

Response | Suspect outbreaks in 2018

Date of report	Disease suspected	Number cases (deaths)	County	Payam	Status of investigations
10/08/2018	Suspect measles & pertussis	unspecified	Nyirrol	Waat	On 10 Aug 2018, CMA reported a cluster of suspect measles and pertussis cases in Waat payam, Nyirrol county. The area has not been reached with immunization (routine or supplementary) in the last one year. Emergency supportive response is underway and there are preparations to line list and collect samples from suspect cases.
8/08/2018	Suspect cholera	1	Juba	Juba	Suspect cholera case reported in EB clinic and referred to Juba Teaching hospital. Test results awaited.
8/08/2018	Animal bites (suspect rabies)	12	Yambio	Yambio town	Animal bites (suspect rabies) involving 12 cases including 2 children were reported in Yambio town and were attributed to stray dogs. A multisectoral meeting convened in Yambio and from the national level - human & animal rabies vaccines are being shipped to support the response. IEC materials are being adapted to support rabies risk communication.
8/08/2018	Suspect Guinea worm	2	Aweil	Aweil town	Two suspected Guinea worm cases were reported and investigated in Aweil State hospital. There was no hanging worm found the patients are being monitored
24/08/2018	Suspect Guinea worm	1	Nyirrol	Lankien	One suspect Guinea worm case reported in Lankien. The SSGWEP has been initiated to initiate detailed investigations into the suspect case
05/08/2018	Suspect HEV cases	8	Fangak	Fangak	From Fangak, one suspect HEV was reported in week 33. Since week31, a total of 7 HEV RDT positive cases have been reported from Fangak. All the cases have occurred in adults (one in a postpartum female). The cases appear to be occurring sporadically and are using River water (largely from Phow river). Community awareness and hygiene promotion are ongoing. Samples sent to Uganda for PCR testing.
17/08/2018	Suspect Yellow Fever	1 (01)	Pibor	Pibor Town	A 23 year old male presented to Pibor PHCC on 12/08/2018 with history of fever, yellowing of eyes, agitation, convulsions, vomiting, coma, and bleeding from 06/Aug/2018. Patient died and autopsy sample tested PCR negative for YF, DENV3 and DENV4. Further histochemical testing underway.
08/Sept/18	Suspect VHF	1	Yambio	Bakiwiri	One EVD alert reported and investigated by the rapid response team during the week in Bakiwiri Boma, Yambio county. The presentation was not consistent with EVD case definition and there was no epidemiological linkage to EVD case or the outbreak in DR Congo. Sample tested PCR negative for Ebola, Marburg, CCHF, RVF, and Sosuga.

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10/09/2018	Suspect cutaneous anthrax	6	Gogrial West	Kuach North	During week 37, a suspect case of subcutaneous anthrax was detected in Kuajok hospital. The case originated from Wun-acier village, Monjiooc Boma in Gogrial West County. Follow up investigations revealed five additional cases, with lesions suggestive of subcutaneous anthrax. There were no human deaths linked to this case cluster. Outbreaks of similar cases were reported in the neighboring villages in 2011, 2013, and 2015, suggesting that the disease is endemic in the villages and county as a whole.
10/09/2018	Malaria alerts	counties with trends significantly higher than expected	15		Counties with malaria trends that exceed the threshold (third quartile of trends for the period 2013-2017) include: Aweil hub (Aweil Center); Rumbek hub (Rumbek Center, Rumbek East, Rumbek North, Wulu, Yirol East, Yirol West); Kuajok hub (Abyei, Gogrial East, Tonj East, Tonj South, and Twic Mayardit); Bentiu hub (Mayom); and Juba hub (Terekeka).
20/08/2018	Suspect rabies	30	Torit	Nyong, Himo donge	Animal bite (suspect rabies) have been on the increase in Torit county with 30 cases (no deaths) reported since 20 Aug 2018. The cases are distributed evenly by gender. Nearly 70% of the cases were reported in children aged 0-19 years. Nyong and Himo donge are the most affected payams.
04/08/2018	Suspect measles	11 (0)	Yirol West	Yirol Town; Abang	Since 4 Aug 2018; at least 11 suspect measles cases have been reported in Yirol hospital (originating from Yirol Town and Abang). Six samples have been collected for laboratory testing.
26/09/2018	Suspect Ebola	1 (01)	Juba	Northern Bari	On 26/09/2018; the PHEOC received a call of a suspect Ebola death involving a 25 year old businessman and Ethiopian by Nationality ; the illness of the case started on 24/08/2018 with fever, headache, and cough. He received treatment from a private clinic the same day and improved. Hence on 26/09/2018; he went to work but his condition changed suddenly; he started vomiting blood; collapsed and died as he was being rushed to the nearby clinic. The samples reached Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) on 27 th September 2018 and the results released by the laboratory on 28 th September 2018 showed that the samples were negative for Ebola, Marburg, CCHF, RVF and Sosuga viruses by PCR.

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17/09/2018	Suspect rabies	10	Rubkona	Bentiu town	Suspect rabies have been reported in Bentiu town; MSF is supporting the management of cases but there is no rabies vaccine in stock to facilitate post-exposure prophylaxis
17/09/2018	Suspect measles	3	Wau; Jur River	Wau South; Jur River	Three suspect measles cases [one case in Agok village, Wau South Payam; and 2 suspect cases in Marial Ajieth village, Jur River] were investigated during the week and samples sent to Juba for testing. Laboratory results for 10 samples (from Jur River; Wau; & Raja) were released on 10/10/2018; all tested measles and rubella IgM negative.
17/09/2018	Suspect pertussis	7	Jur River; Wau	Kuajiena; Udici; Wau South & Wau North	From week 37, 2018, a cluster of seven suspect pertussis cases were reported from Chono PHCU and Mapel PHCC (Chono; Magala; & Gango villages). Additional cases were identified in Wau North and Wau South payam. An investigation was undertaken on 28 Sept 2018; confirmed clinical presentation was consistent with pertussis. No form of vaccination has been undertaken in the population in the last three years since the area has been under opposition control. Regular primary health care and routine vaccination outreaches were recommended for the affected areas.
03/10/2018	Suspect Ebola virus disease	1 (01)	Yei	Yei town	A suspect Ebola deaths was reported to the PHEOC on 3 Oct 2018; the rapid response team deployed to investigate the death on 4 Oct 2018; but were unable to locate the home or grave of the suspect death. Follow up investigations involving the community leaders have not yielded any additional information.
12/10/2018	Suspect Ebola virus disease	1	Rumbek Center	Rumbek Town	On 12 October 2018, an Ebola alert was reported from UNMIS Rumbek involving UNMISS staff that presented on the 10/10/2018 with fever and headache but without any wet symptoms. He tested positive for malaria but CBC and platelet counts were normal. He is currently on treatment for malaria and is confined to his home. The rapid response team has been constituted to investigate and collect samples for Ebola testing. Samples PCR negative for Ebola, Marburg, RVF, CCHF, and Sosuga viruses.
18/10/2018	Suspect Ebola virus disease	1 (01)	Mundri East	Mundri East	A suspect VHF case reported in Lui hospital on 12/10/2018. Symptoms included fever, abdominal pains, nose bleeding, hematemesis and comma. Died on 14/10/2018. No epidemiological link to similar cases. Sample collected and arrangements are underway to ship the sample to Juba. Sample tested PCR negative for Ebola, Marburg, RVF, CCHF, Sosuga.

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07/01/2018	Suspect rabies	848	Abyei	Abyei	An increase in suspect rabies cases is reported in Abyei town where at least 848 animal bites have been reported (week 1-42, 2018). The most affected are children 10-19 years. Dog vaccination is currently underway by the South Sudan Veterinary Association.
10/07/2018	Suspect HEV	7 (02)	Abyei	Abyei	Suspect HEV cases have been reported in Abyei town with 7 cases including 6 HEV RDT positive cases and two deaths have been reported. An integrated Health-WASH assessment and response is planned.
21/10/2018	Ebola virus alert	1	Yambio	Yambio	The Ebola alert was reported from Yambio hospital on 21 Oct 2018. The case improved on treatment and has since been discharged on 25 Oct 2018. Sample test results awaited from UVRI.
26/10/2018	Suspect measles	3	Malakal	Malakal PoC	From 26th to 27th October 2018; three new suspect measles cases were reported in Malakal PoC. Samples collected for testing in Juba.
25/10/2018	Suspect Guinea worm	2	Gogrial West & Tonj North	Alabek & Kuac North	In week 42, two suspect Guinea worm cases were reported from Pankot village, Langkap Boma at Alabek Payam in Tonj North County; and Thurachol village, Ajiep Boma, Kuac North Payam in Gogrial West County.

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