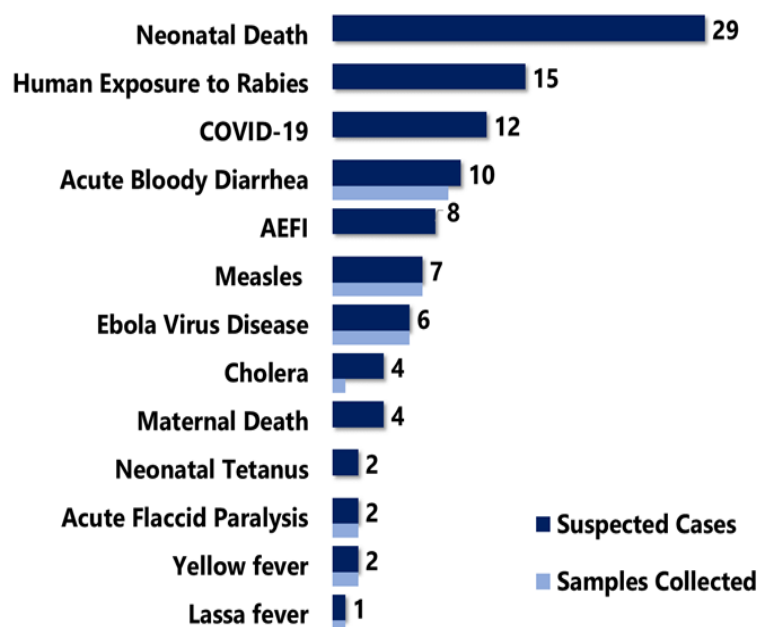


Highlights

Figure 1: Public Health Events Reported during this week



Keynotes and Events of Public Health Significance

- ◆ A total of **102** events of public health importance including **33** deaths were reported
- ◆ Completeness and timeliness of health facility reports were **100% and 99% respectively**
- ◆ **Adverse Events Following Immunization** surveillance heightened at all level
- ◆ **Ongoing Lassa fever** outbreak in one county
- ◆ **Twelve** new confirmed COVID-19 cases recorded from two counties
- ◆ **Ongoing EVD preparedness** initiated at all level

Reporting Coverage

Table 1: Health Facility Weekly DSR Reporting Coverage, Liberia, Epi week 20, 2021

County	Expected Report	Reports Received	Received on Time	Completeness (%)	Timeliness (%)
Bomi	26	26	26	100	100
Bong	57	57	57	100	100
Gbarpolu	15	15	14	100	94
Grand Bassa	36	36	36	100	100
Grand Cape Mount	34	34	34	100	100
Grand Gedeh	24	24	24	100	100
Grand Kru	22	22	22	100	100
Lofa	61	61	61	100	100
Margibi	55	55	55	100	100
Maryland	27	27	27	100	100
Montserrado	367	367	367	100	100
Nimba	91	87	87	96	96
Rivercess	20	20	20	100	100
River Gee	20	20	20	100	100
Sinoe	37	37	37	100	100
Liberia	892	888	887	100	99

888(99.5%)
Health facilities reported IDSR data

93(100%)
Health districts reported IDSR data

887(99%)
Health facilities reported timely IDSR data

- ◆ The national target for weekly IDSR reporting is 80%. Health facility timeliness is monitored at health district level
- ◆ All counties submitted weekly IDSR reports to national on time

Legend: ≥80 <80

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Measles

- ☞ Seven (7) suspected cases were reported from Grand Gedeh (3), Nimba (2), Lofa (1) and Sinoe (1) Counties
 - Seven (7) specimens were collected, four tested negative and three pending laboratory confirmation
- ☞ Vaccination status among suspected cases
 - Vaccinated: 5 (72%)
 - Not vaccinated: 2 (28%)
- ☞ Age distribution among suspected cases
 - <5 years: 2 (28%)
 - ≥5 years: 5 (72%)
- ☞ Cumulatively, since Epi week one, one hundred sixty-two (162) suspected cases have been reported
- ☞ Epi-classification is as follows: 103 confirmed (16 lab-confirmed, 76 clinically confirmed, 11 epi-linked), 57 negatives and 2 indeterminate (equivocal)

Figure 2: Geographical Distribution of Reported Measles Cases by Health Districts, Liberia, Epi week 1 – 20, 2021

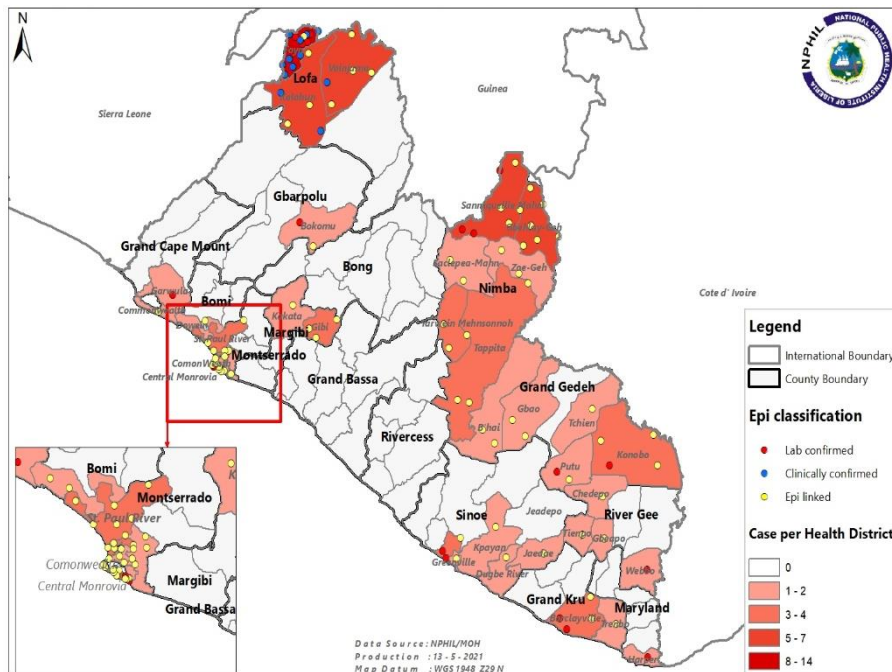
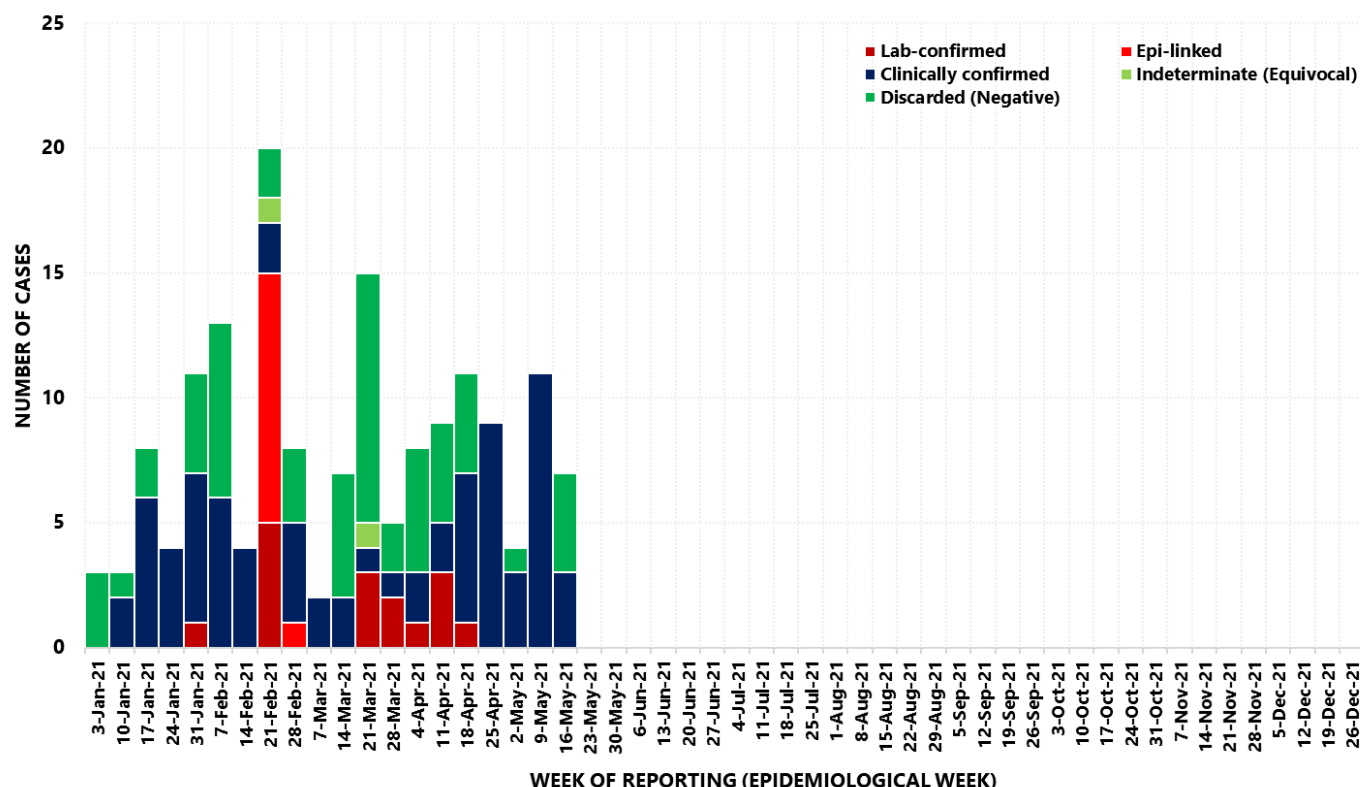


Figure 3: Measles Cases by Week of Reporting and Epi-classification, Liberia, Epi week 1 - 20, 2021



Acute Flaccid Paralysis

- ☞ Two (2) cases were reported from Gbarpolu County
- ☞ Specimens were collected, shipped and pending testing
- ☞ Cumulatively, since Epi week one, 62 Acute Flaccid Paralysis cases have been reported
 - Of the total, 52 specimens have reached the national level and onward shipment process completed (see Table 2)
- ☞ Epi-classification is as follows: 33 clinically confirmed, 15 discarded (negative), 4 NPENT and 1 confirmed (cVDPV2)
- ☞ As of this week, non-polio AFP rate is at 6.6 per 100,000 population in less than 15 years of age

Table 2: Non-polio Acute Flaccid Paralysis Rate per 100,000 <15yrs, Liberia, Epi week 1 - 20, 2021

County	< 15 years pop	# of AFP Cases Reported	# of Cases with Lab Result	Non-Polio AFP Rate	# of cases <14 days specimen collected	% of stool <14days	# of NPENTs	% of NPENT
Bomi	49595	2	0	10.5	2	100%	0	0.0%
Bong	204820	8	3	10.2	8	100%	2	25.0%
Gbarpolu	49162	4	1	21.2	4	100%	0	0.0%
Grand Bassa	130703	5	1	9.9	5	100%	1	20.0%
Grand Cape Mount	74927	2	0	6.9	2	100%	0	0.0%
Grand Gedeh	73848	0	0	0.0	0	0%	0	0.0%
Grand Kru	34151	2	0	15.2	2	100%	0	0.0%
Lofa	162671	8	3	12.8	8	100%	0	0.0%
Margibi	123772	5	3	10.5	5	100%	0	0.0%
Maryland	80145	1	1	3.2	1	100%	0	0.0%
Montserrado	681600	12	6	4.6	12	100%	1	8.3%
Nimba	272406	3	1	2.9	3	100%	0	0.0%
Rivercess	42160	0	0	0.0	0	0%	0	0.0%
River Gee	39381	1	0	6.6	1	100%	0	0.0%
Sinoe	60373	0	0	0.0	0	0%	0	0.0%
Liberia	2079713	53	19	6.6	53	100%	4	7.5%
Non-Polio AFP Rate		<2		Stool adequacy		<80%		Non-Polio Enterovirus
		≥2				≥80%		<10%
								≥10%
								Silent

Note: Further investigation of nine AFP cases of the cumulative cases is ongoing to ascertain the status of these cases. Additionally, there is an ongoing outbreak of circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) since December 2020. Round 2 of the nOPV2 immunization to be started at May 28, 2021.

Neonatal Tetanus

- ☞ Two cases were reported from Montserrado
- ☞ Cumulatively, since Epi week one, eleven (11) clinically diagnosed cases have been reported

Influenza-Like Illnesses

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

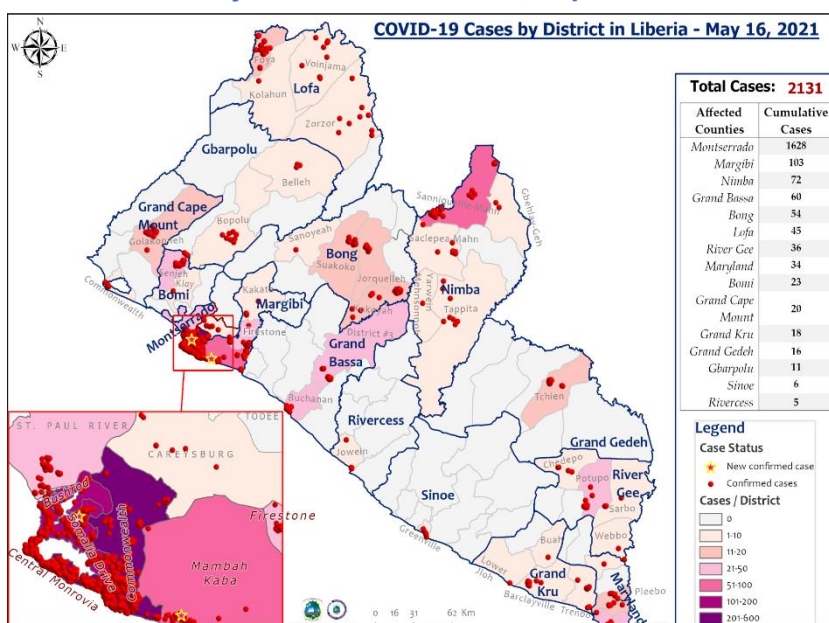
Outbreak

- ☞ Twelve (12) new confirmed cases were reported from Montserrado (10) and Margibi (2) Counties with male accounting for 67%
- ☞ Since Epi week one, a total of three hundred thirteen (313) confirmed cases have been reported
- ☞ Cumulatively, two thousand one hundred thirty-one (2,131) confirmed cases recorded including 85 deaths

Public Health Actions

- ☞ Daily IMS coordination meeting on-going
- ☞ Surveillance activities including active case search, contact tracing and case investigation on-going in affected counties using WHO interim guidelines
- ☞ Reinforcing hand washing in all public areas (markets, health facilities, public offices, checkpoints etc.)
- ☞ Case management ongoing for confirmed cases
- ☞ Compulsory testing among outgoing and incoming travelers ongoing

Figure 3: Geographical Distribution of Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Health Districts, Liberia, Epi week 1 – 20, 2021



Viral Hemorrhagic Diseases

Lassa fever

- 👉 One (1) suspected case was reported from Grand Bassa County
 - Specimen was collected and tested negative
- 👉 Cumulatively, since Epi week one, forty-two (42) suspected cases have been reported including nine (9) deaths
 - 7 positive, 29 negative and 6 specimens not collected
 - Proportion of suspected cases with sample collected 86% (36/42)
 - Proportion of suspected cases with sample tested 100% (36/36)

** Six suspected cases have been delisted due to lack of specimen collection: Bong (5) and Grand Bassa (1) Counties*

Outbreak

District #3A&B, Grand Bassa County

- No new confirmed case
 - 55-year-old female who lives in Estate four Camp, District 3A&B, Grand Bassa County
 - Onset of illness was April 23, presented with fever, headache, generalized body pain, vomiting and swollen neck
 - She sought medical care at LAC hospital on April 27, 2021
 - On April 29, the case was isolated and blood specimen collected sent to the National Reference Laboratory
 - Eleven (11) contacts line listed (3 family members and 8 health worker)

Public Health Actions

- 👉 Active case search and community engagement ongoing
- 👉 Continue to air messages on prevention of Lassa fever and rodents control measures in the affected district in Grand Bassa County

Yellow fever

- 👉 Two (2) suspected case reported from Grand Kru and Grand Gedeh Counties
 - Specimens were collected, one rejected (Grand Gedeh) and one pending testing
- 👉 Cumulatively since Epi week one, forty-one (41) suspected cases have been reported with 18 negative, 16 pending testing and 5 specimens were not collected
 - Proportion of suspected case with sample collected 88% (36/41)
 - Proportion of suspected case with sample tested 50% (18/36)

Monkeypox

- 👉 Zero suspected case were reported
- 👉 Cumulatively since Epi week one, one (1) suspected case reported

Ebola Virus Disease

- 👉 Six (6) new alerts were reported from Lofa County
 - Specimens were collected and tested negative
- 👉 Cumulatively since Epi week one, fifty-two (52) alerts have been reported with 46 tested negative, 5 not a case and 1 specimen not collected

Note: All viral hemorrhagic diseases detected and reported are considered an alert for Ebola Virus Disease since the confirmation of the EVD in Guinea.

Diarrheal Diseases

Acute Bloody Diarrhea (Suspected Shigellosis)

- 👉 Ten (10) cases were reported from Sinoe (2), River Gee (2), Rivercess (2), Margibi (1), Lofa (1), Grand Gedeh (1), and Maryland (1) Counties
 - Nine specimens were collected, three tested negative and six pending testing
- 👉 Cumulatively, since Epi week one, one hundred eighty-four (184) suspected shigellosis cases have been reported with 78 specimens collected, 25 tested negative and 53 pending laboratory testing

Severe Acute Watery Diarrhea (Suspected Cholera)

- 📁 Four (4) suspected cases were reported from Grand Kru, Bomi, Bong, and Maryland Counties
 - One specimen was collected and pending testing
- 📁 Cumulatively, since Epi week one, sixty-three (63) suspected cholera cases have been reported

Other Reportable Diseases

Animal Bites (Human Exposure to Rabies)

- 📁 Fifteen (15) animal bite cases were reported from Lofa (3), Montserrado (3), Grand Bassa (2), River Gee (1), Nimba (1), Maryland (1), Rivercess (1), Grand Gedeh (1), Bong (1), and Grand Kru (1) Counties
 - No prophylaxis administered at health facilities
- 📁 Cumulatively, since Epi week one, six hundred thirty (630) animal bite cases have been reported

Meningitis

- 📁 Zero suspected cases reported
- 📁 Cumulatively, since Epi week one, eighteen (18) suspected cases have been reported

Events of Public Health Importance

Maternal Mortality

- 📁 Four (4) deaths were reported from Montserrado (2), Maryland (1), and Margibi (1) Counties
- 📁 Causes of death: : Eclampsia (1), Anesthetic complication (1), Sepsis (1) and Pending review (1)
- 📁 Health facility accounted for 75% (3) and community 25% (1)
- 📁 Cumulatively, since Epi week one, eighty-eight (88) deaths have been reported with the MMR of 115 deaths by 100,000 livebirths and Montserrado accounting for the highest percentage of death (*see Table 3*)

Table 3: Cumulative Maternal Deaths Reported and Annualized Maternal Mortality Ratio by Counties, Liberia, Epi week 1 - 20, 2021

Reporting Counties	Current Week	Cumulative Maternal Death	% of Cumulative Maternal Death	Annualized Maternal Mortality Ratio
Bomi	0	3	3	165
Bong	0	9	10	120
Gbarpolu	0	0	0	0
Grand Bassa	0	5	6	104
Grand Cape Mount	0	1	1	36
Grand Gedeh	0	2	2	74
Grand Kru	0	0	0	0
Lofa	0	4	5	67
Margibi	1	5	6	110
Maryland	1	2	2	68
Montserrado	2	37	42	148
Nimba	0	14	16	140
Rivercess	0	1	1	65
River Gee	0	0	0	0
Sinoe	0	5	6	225
Liberia	4	88	100	115

Note: The estimated maternal mortality ratio for 2019-20 LDHS is 742 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births. 4.3% of the overall population

Neonatal Mortality

- Twenty-nine (29) deaths were reported from Montserrado (23), Nimba (4), Lofa (1), and Grand Kru (1) Counties
- Causes of deaths: Birth asphyxia (21), Neonatal sepsis (5), prematurity (2), and Aspiration pneumonia (1)
- Health facility accounted for 100% (29) while community accounted for 0%
- Cumulatively, since Epi week one, three hundred seventeen (317) deaths have been reported

Unexplained Death

- Zero (0) deaths were reported
- Cumulatively, since Epi week one, one (1) death has been reported

Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)/Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR)

- Eight (8) events were reported from Lofa (4), Maryland (2 including 1 dead), Montserrado (1), and Grand Gedeh (1)
- Cumulatively, since Epi week one, fifty-five (55) events have been reported with Lofa County accounting for 44%
 - 47% (26) of the events related to nOPV2
 - 27% (15) of the events related to TCV
 - 13% (7) of the events related to COVID-19
 - 2% (1) of the events related to Hepatitis B
 - 11% (6) of the events related to ADR

Figure 4: Geographical Distribution of Reported AEFI/ADR Events, Liberia, Epi week 1 – 20, 2021



Public Health Actions

- All events were investigated, with ten of the events categorized as *serious AEFI and being treated symptomatically*
- Active case search for AFP and community engagement ongoing

Cross Border Surveillance Update

- A total of 3,948 travelers recorded for the week with incoming travelers accounting for 49% and outgoing travelers 48%
- Twelve (12) of the travelers were reactive for COVID-19 during this reporting week

Table 4: Cross border activity at the PoE for Incoming and Outgoing Travelers, Liberia, Epi week 20, 2021

Type of PoE	Point of Entry	Weekly Total	Arrival	Departure	Yellow Book Issued	Yellow Book Damaged	Card Replaced	Travelers Vaccinated	Alerts Verified	COVID-19 Reactive
Airport	James S. Paynes	62	32	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Robert International Airport	1836	996	840	23	23	0	0	0	12
Seaport	Freeport of Monrovia	122	61	61	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Harper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Buchanan Port	42	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land Crossing	Bo Water Side	931	366	565	19	19	0	0	0	0
	Ganta	286	308	270	15	15	0	0	0	0
	Yekepa	55	44	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Longuatu	58	20	38	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wehyapa	286	41	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Gahnpa	80	51	29	4	4	0	0	0	0
	Total travelers	3,948	1,970	1,895	29	29	0	0	0	12

Note: Yellow book issue for both arrival and departure; Vaccination coverage for both arrival and departure



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Public Health Measures

National level

- ✎ Providing technical, logistical and financial support to counties
- ✎ Heighten surveillance in affected and surrounding communities
- ✎ Publishing situational reports to inform stakeholders

County level

- ✎ Publication of situational reports to inform stakeholders
- ✎ Active case search ongoing in affected and surrounding communities
- ✎ Contact tracing, health education, and community engagement ongoing in affected communities
- ✎ Case management ongoing for isolated cases

Appendix

Summary of Immediately Reportable Diseases, Conditions, and Events by County

Counties			Bomi	Bong	Gbarpolu	Grand Bassa	Grand Cape Mount	Grand Gedeh	Grand Kru	Lofa	Margibi	Maryland	Montserrado	Nimba	Rivercess	River Gee	Sinoe	Total Weekly	Cumulative Reported	Cumulative Lab-confirmed
No. of Expected Health District			4	9	5	8	5	6	5	6	4	6	7	6	6	6	10	93		
No. of Health District Reported			4	9	5	8	5	6	5	6	4	6	7	6	6	6	10	93		
Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Acute Flaccid Paralysis (Suspected Polio)	A	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	62	1
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Measles	A	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	7	162	16
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Neonatal Tetanus	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	11	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
	Yellow fever	A	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	41	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Viral Hemorrhagic Fever	Dengue fever	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ebola Virus Disease	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	52	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Lassa fever	A	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	5
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2
Influenza-Like Illnesses	COVID-19	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	0	0	0	0	12	313	313
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diarrheal Diseases	Acute Bloody Diarrhoea (Shigellosis)	A	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	10	184	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe Acute Watery Diarrhoea (Cholera)	A	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	63	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Events of Public Health Importance	Maternal Mortality	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	88	
	Neonatal Mortality	D	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	23	4	0	0	0	29	317	
	Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)	A	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	54	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
	Unexplained Cluster of Health Events/Disease	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Reportable Diseases	Monkeypox	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tuberculosis	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Human Exposure to Animal bites (Suspected Rabies)	A	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	3	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	15	630	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meningitis	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neglected Tropical Diseases	Buruli Ulcer	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Yaws	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL			1	2	2	3	0	7	4	16	4	6	41	7	3	3	3	102	2051	337

D = Dead A = Alive

Notes

- 👉 **Completeness** refers to the proportion of expected weekly IDSR reports received (target: $\geq 80\%$)
- 👉 **Timeliness** refers to the proportion of expected weekly IDSR reports received by the next level on time (target: $\geq 80\%$). Time requirement for weekly IDSR reports:
 - Health facility - required on or before 5:00pm every Saturday to the district level
 - Health district - required on or before 5:00pm every Sunday to the county level
 - County - required on or before 5:00pm every Monday to the national level
- 👉 **Non-polio AFP rate** is the proportion of non-polio AFP cases per 100,000 among the estimated population under 15 years of age in 2017 (annual target: $\geq 2/100,000$)
- 👉 **Non-measles febrile rash illness rate** refers to the proportion of Negative measles cases per 100,000 population
- 👉 **Annualized maternal mortality rate** refers to the maternal mortality rate of a given period less than one year and it is the number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births
- 👉 **Annualized neonatal mortality rate** refers to the neonatal mortality ratio of a given period less than one year and it is the number of neonatal deaths per 1,000 live births
- 👉 **Epi-linked** refers to any suspected case that has not had a specimen taken for serologic confirmation but is linked to a laboratory confirmed case
- 👉 **Confirmed case** refers to a case whose specimen has tested positive or reactive upon laboratory testing, or has been classified as confirmed by either epidemiologic linkage with a confirmed case, or clinical compatibility with the disease or condition
- 👉 **Non-serious AEFI** refers to an event that is not 'serious' and does not pose a potential risk to the health of the recipient and should be carefully monitored because they may signal a potentially larger problem with the vaccine or immunization or have an impact on the acceptability of immunization in general.
- 👉 **Serious AEFI** refers to an event that results in death, is life-threatening, requires in-patient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization, results in persistent or significant disability/incapacity, or is a congenital anomaly/birth defect.

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