



Kenya Emergency Preparedness and Response Weekly Bulletin

Week 17: 21 April to 27 April 2025
Data as reported by: 1700 hrs (EAT), 27 April 2025

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New Events	Ongoing Events	Outbreaks	Humanitarian Crisis
2	1	0	2
Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1	Ungraded



Summary of Health Emergencies in Kenya

Event	Total Cases	Cases Confirmed	Deaths	Case Fatality Rate	Case Contacts	Counties	Start of reporting period	Grade
Cholera	171	32	9	5.2%	N.A	3 counties	21 Feb 2025	Grade 3

Forty three new cases, (37) from Kisumu and (6) from Nairobi counties have been reported this week, bringing the cumulative total to 171. Four new deaths have been reported all from Kisumu county. Out of the line listed cases 76 (44%) tested positive using rapid diagnostic tests and 62 cases were conducted through culture test of these 32 confirmed the presence of cholera.

Mpox	90	90	1	1.1%	330	13 Counties	31 July 2024	Grade 3
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Ten new cases were reported this week (5) Busia, (2) Mombasa (2) Nakuru and (1) Nairobi counties bringing the cumulative total to 90 cases. A total of 330 contacts have completed follow up. A cumulative 4.3 million travellers have been screened across 26 official points of entry, including airports, seaports, and land border crossings. As part of the ongoing response, 10,700 Mpox vaccine doses were received in Kenya from the European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations on Wednesday, 9 April 2025.

Measles	200	140	0	0%	N/A	18 Counties	2024- 2025	Ungraded
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Forty two new cases have been reported this week bringing the cumulative total to 200. Currently 18 counties are on active mode and no deaths have been reported this year. The ministry of health are planning to conduct a national campaign in the month of June, 2025. Health workers from 15 counties are developing information, education and communication materials for the upcoming campaign.

Visceral Leishmaniasis	1231	1011	40	3.3%	0	4 Counties	Jan 2025	Ungraded
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A total of 1,231 cases have been reported across four counties: Wajir (860), Marsabit (327), Mandera (44), and Samburu (9). The number of confirmed deaths has risen to 40, resulting in an overall case fatality rate of 3.3%. Most of the deaths were reported in Wajir County (33), followed by Marsabit (4), Samburu (5), and Mandera (1).

Poliovirus	4	4	0	0%	0	2 Counties	26 June 2024	Grade 2
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The second round of the polio vaccination outbreak response round 2 ended on 15th Apr 2025, which was synchronized campaign with (Somalia, Ethiopia and Djibouti) done in Wajir, Marsabit, Garissa, and Mandera counties in Kenya. Total vaccinated 979,700 with a coverage of 105.30%.

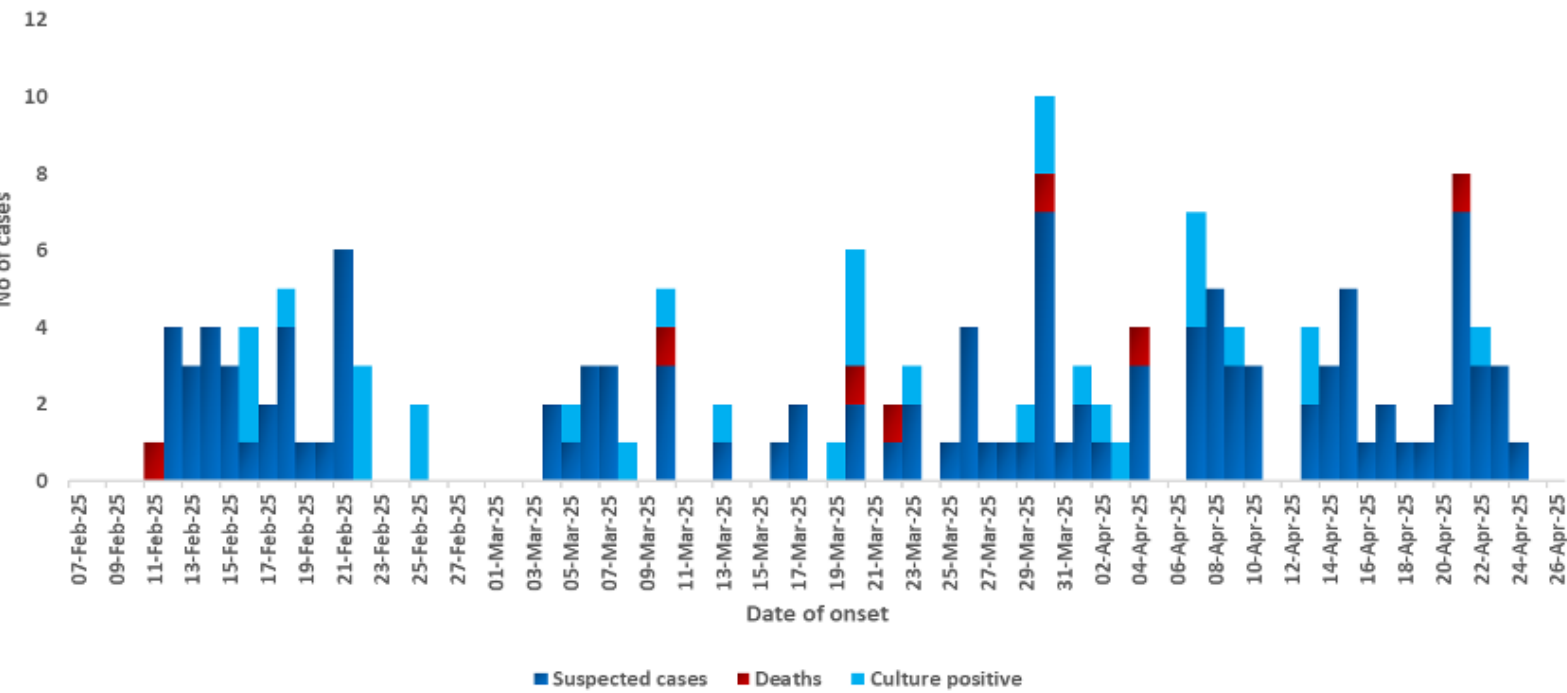
171Cases

32Lab-Confirmed Cases

9Deaths

- Forty two new case reported this week
- Migori (53), Nairobi (49) and Kisumu (69) are the only counties to report cases
- Nine deaths, (4) in the community and (5) in a health facility resulting in a case fatality rate of 5.2%
- Highest case count among 15 – 44 years old (52% of cases)
- Of the confirmed cases, there are 95 (56%) males

Epi Curve of Cholera Outbreak, February to March 2025



County	Sub County	Cases	Population	Attack 100,000 Pop	Deaths	Case Fatality Rate
Migori	Kuria East	22	113,000	19	1	5
	Kuria West	18	128,890	14	0	0
	Suna East	9	208,513	4	0	0
	Suna West	4	147,996	3	0	0
Nairobi	Kibra	7	227,079	3	0	0
	Dagoretti South	2	340,615	0	0	0
	Kasarani	9	486,183	0	0	0
	Embakasi Central	4	310,414	0.6	1	25
	Roysambu	2	368,219	0.3	0	0
	Embakasi East	5	377,757	0.3	0	0
	Makadara	1	279,073	0.4	0	0
	Ruaraka	2	285,161	0.7	0	0
	Starehe	3	257,052	0.8	0	0
	Kamkunji	1	357,748	0.3	0	0
	Mathare	4	252,360	0.8	0	0
	Embakasi West	1	345,156	0.3	0	0
	Dagoretti North	1	290,596	0.3	0	0
	Embakasi North	6	210,204	1.9	0	0
	Westlands	1	275,847	0	0	0
Kisumu	Muhoroni	16	180,000	1.1	1	6
	Nyando	49	189,000	15.3	5	10
	Kisumu East	3	258,000	0.4	0	0
	Kisumu West	1	204,165	0.5	1	100

KEY INTERVENTIONS

- Rapid response teams from the national government to affected counties to support active case search, case management and lab testing.
- Available supplies and human resources to support diagnostics, case management, water treatment and risk communication and community engagement have been dispatched and distributed.
- Procurement of additional supplies is ongoing in country and internationally.
- Case area targeted interventions focused on rapid, localised responses to contain the spread of the disease in and around confirmed cases.
- Oral rehydration points and cholera treatment units have been set up in strategic locations.
- Regular meetings are being held by the ministry of health at emergency operation center's in the affected counties, with all partners involved in the response participating.



ASK BY COUNTIES

- Financial support to enable procurement of supplies and implementation of response activities related to case finding, laboratory testing, case management, water, sanitation and hygiene and risk communication and community engagement.
- It is estimated that about **US\$2 million** would be needed to meet health and WASH interventions.

CHALLENGES

- Limited knowledge of water treatment at the household level.
- Inadequate access to safe water, heightened by the increased risk of contamination of water points due to the ongoing rains.
- Lack of water treatment supplies for proper household water treatment.
- Limited financial resources to procure supplies and support response activities.



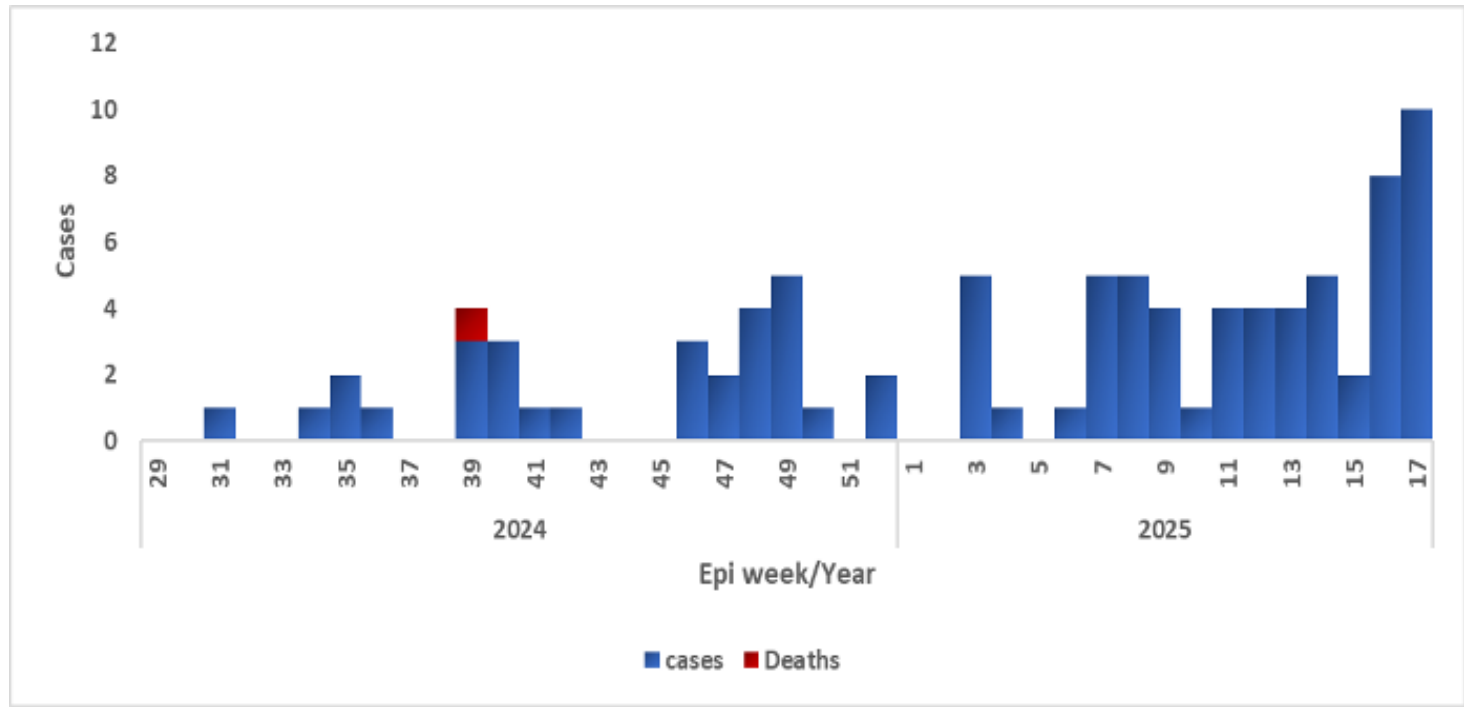
10New cases

90Confirmed Cases

1Death

- **Ten** new cases reported this week, **(5)** Busia, **(2)** Mombasa **(2)** Nakuru and **(1)** Nairobi counties
- The confirmed cases, there are **38 (53%)** females
- Age most affected is between **30-39 years**
- Busia **(33)**, Mombasa **(20)**, Nakuru **(12)** and Nairobi **(4 cases)** counties constitute **76.7%** of all reported cases
- Cumulatively **511** samples have been tested and **85 (16.8 %)** tested positive
- 4 pending results **(1)** Nairobi , **(1)** Mombasa, **(1)** Makueni and **(1)** Kisii counties

Epi Curve of Mpox cases, in Kenya, 2024 - 2025

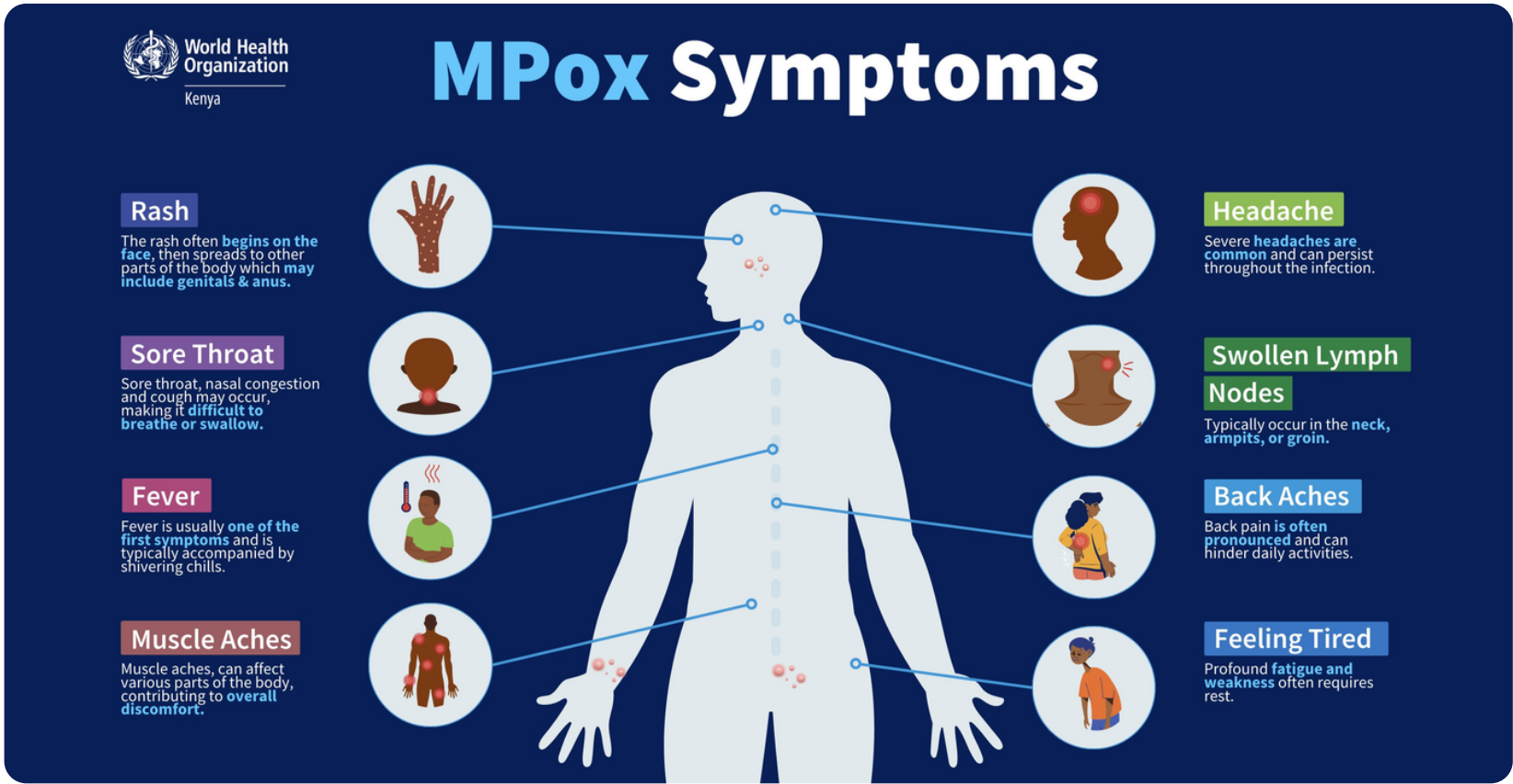


RESPONSE ACTIVITES UPDATE

- Case investigation and follow-up ongoing by county rapid response teams.
- Contact tracing and active case search in affected areas.
- Risk communication and community engagement underway with prevention messaging,
- Screening at 26 Points of Entry continues currently a cumulative of 4,348,463 travellers have been screened at all points of entry including airports, ports and land-crossings.
- Treatment ongoing of confirmed cases in designated isolation facilities.

VACCINATION PLANS

- **10,700 Mpox vaccine** doses received in Kenya from the European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations.
- Emergency use authorisation obtained.
- Deployment plan of vaccination is in development; campaign preparation is ongoing.



1231

Cases

1011

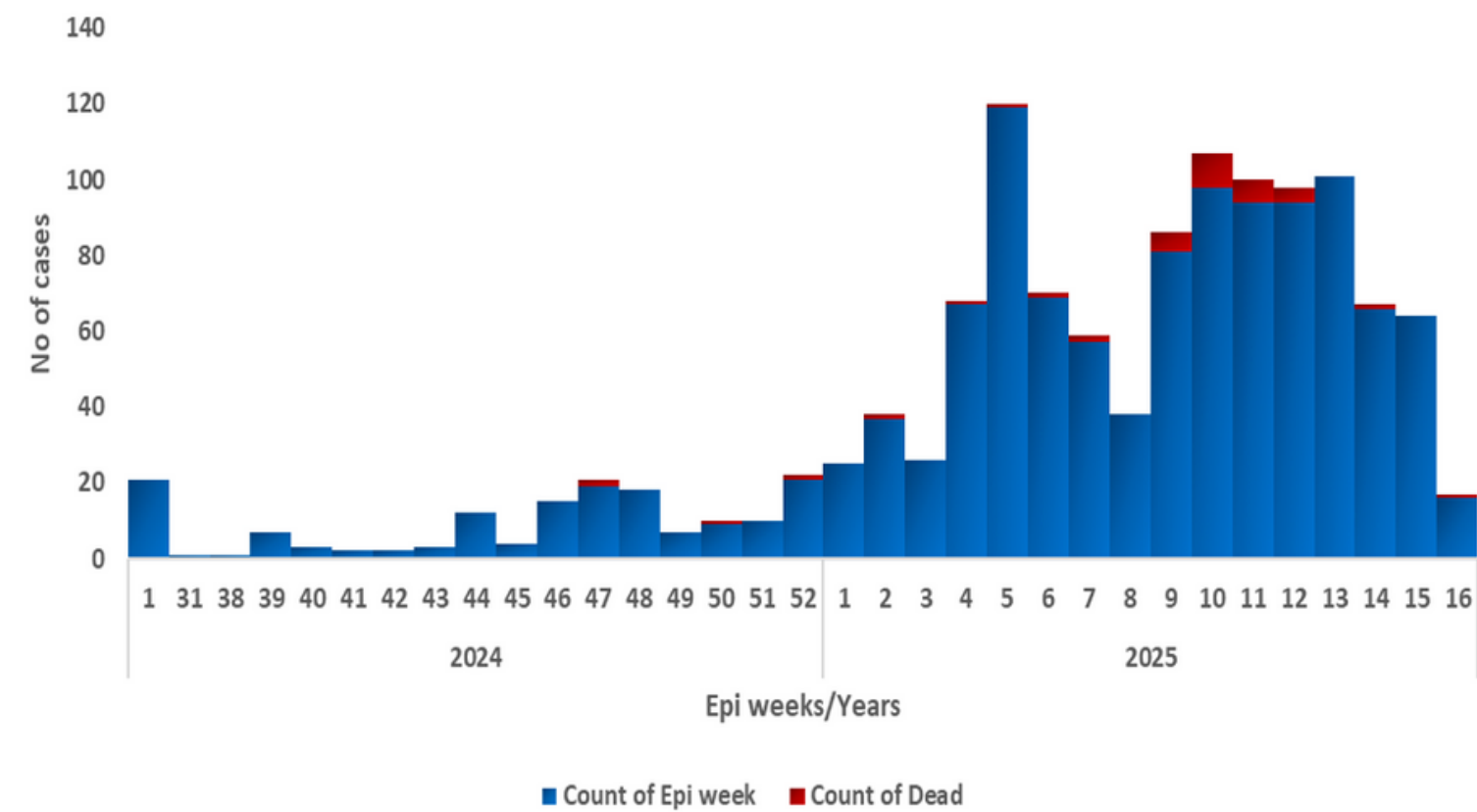
Positive cases

40

Deaths

- Mandera county has reported **44 cases** and **1 death** from Mandera East sub county
- Wajir county, has reported **860** cases with **33** deaths
- Marsabit has reported **327**cases and **4** deaths
- Samburu county has reported **9 cases** and **2** deaths
- Most affected age group are under **14 years** reporting the highest number of deaths **(72%)**

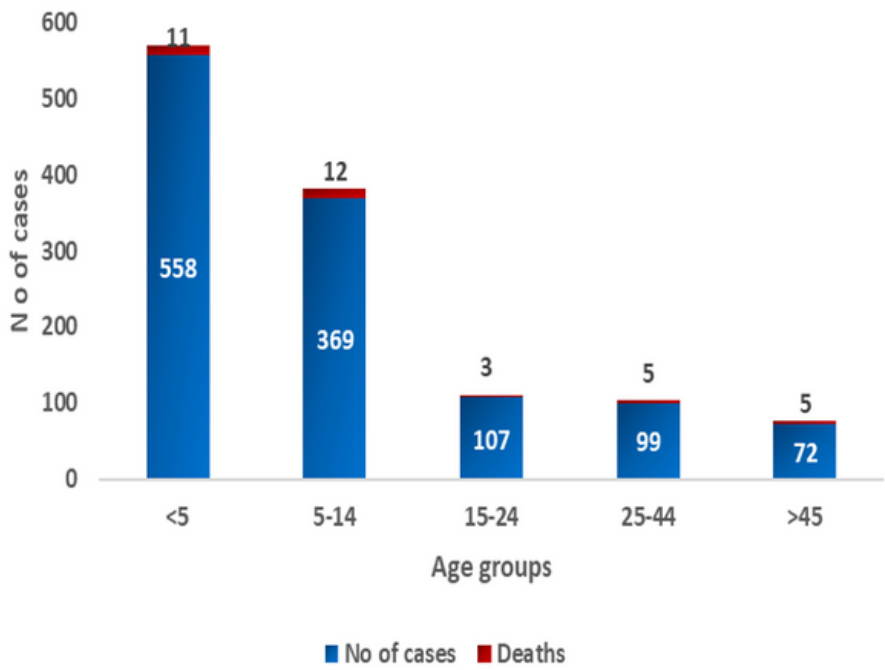
Epi Curve of Visceral Leishmaniasis, Kenya, September 2024 - 2nd March 2025



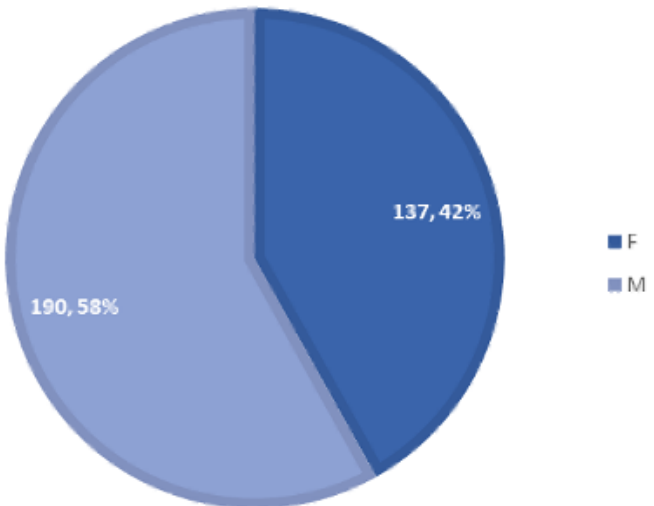
INTERVENTIONS

- Enhanced surveillance in the affected counties and the neighbouring Counties.
- Case management of the cases in health facilities ongoing.
- Vector control activities including indoor residual spraying (IRS) in selected hotspots.

Age distribution of Leishmaniasis cases, 2025



Sex distribution of Leishmaniasis cases, 2025



Ungraded

Measles Outbreak

16 counties

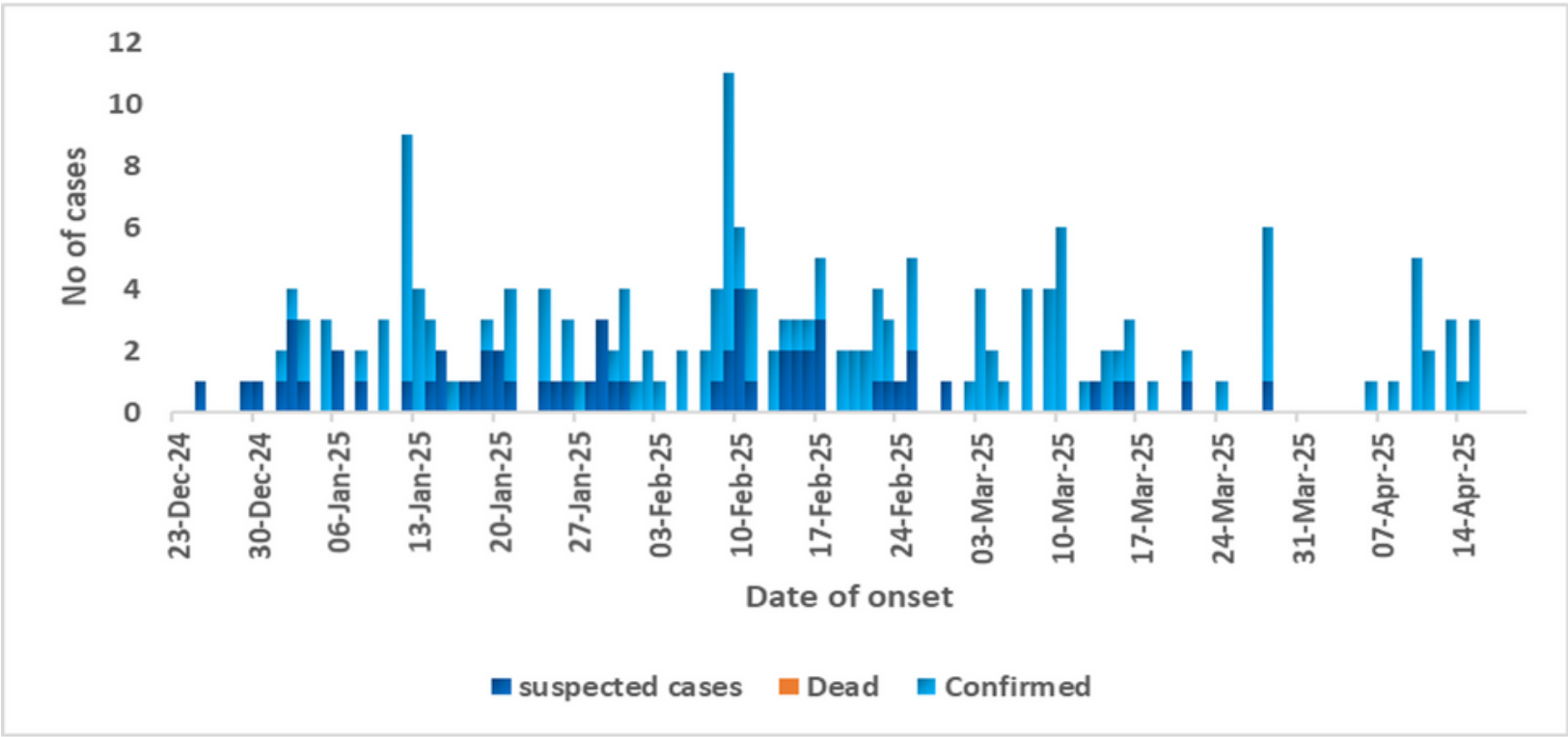
200Cases

140positives

0Death

- Forty two new cases reported this week
- Cumulative cases reported in 2025 is 200 and 0 deaths.
- Under five children highly affected in the outbreak (31%)
- Of the confirmed cases, there are 116 (58%) males

Epi Curve of Measles cases , in Kenya, 2025



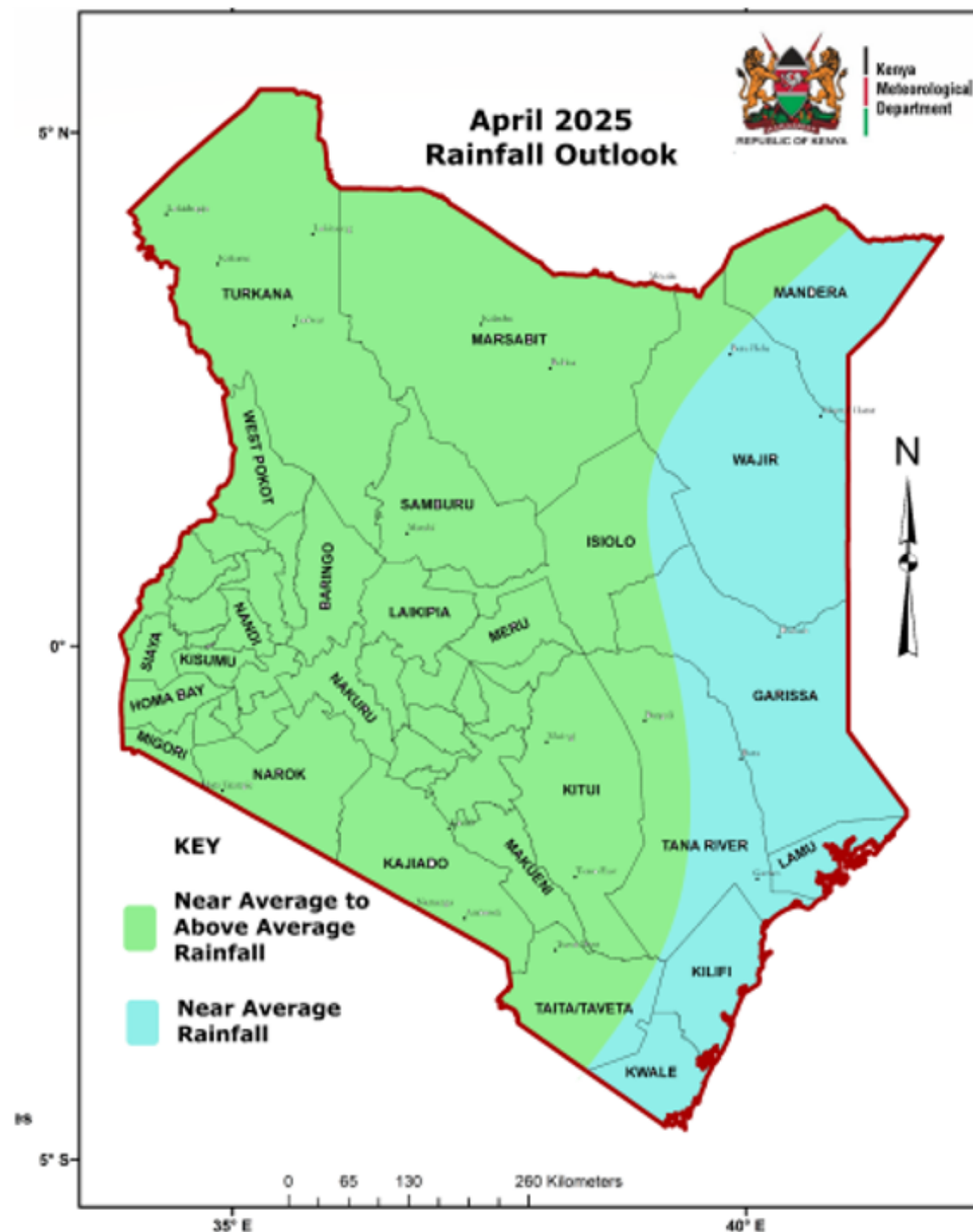
KEY INTERVENTIONS

- Supplementary Immunization Activities (SIA) were conducted from 5th to 9th March 2025, with Dadaab (Ifo 1 & 2) achieving 104.2% coverage and Mandera West reaching 108.2%.
- The Ministry of health are planning to conduct a national campaign the month of June, 2025.
- Ongoing case managment and line listing of the confirmed.
- Health workers from 15 counties are developing information, education and communication materials for the upcoming campaign.



Ahead of Kenya's june campaign to vaccinate 7.5M against measles rubella and 21M against Typhoid Fever Caregivers & health workers from 15 counties are currently shaping communication materials.
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Climate Outlook For the April 2025 Rainfall



The Kenya Meteorological Department projects that most regions will receive near to above-average rainfall in April 2025, with occasional storms likely in several areas.

1 Lake Victoria Basin, Highlands West of the Rift Valley & Rift Valley

(Siaya, Kisumu, Homa Bay, Migori, Busia, Kisii, Nyamira, Kericho, Bomet, Kakamega, Nandi, Bungoma, Vihiga, West Pokot, Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nakuru, Baringo, Laikipia, Narok)

Rainfall is expected to be **near to above the long-term average** for April.

Occasional storms are also likely.

2 The Northwest

(Turkana and Samburu counties)

Occasional rainfall is expected, with totals likely to be **near to above the long-term average** for April.

Occasional storms are also likely.

3 The Highlands East of the Rift Valley

(Nyandarua, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Kiambu, Meru, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Nairobi)

Rainfall is expected throughout much of the forecast period.

Totals are likely to be **near to above the long-term April average**.

Occasional storms are also likely.

4 The Northeast

(Marsabit, Isiolo, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera)

Occasional rainfall is expected during the month.

Rainfall amounts will likely be near the long-term average, though some areas may receive near-to-above-average rainfall.

5 The South-Eastern Lowlands

(Kajiado, Kitui, Makueni, Machakos, Taita Taveta)

Occasional rainfall is expected during April, with amounts **likely to be near to above the long-term average**.

The eastern half of Tana River may receive near average rainfall.

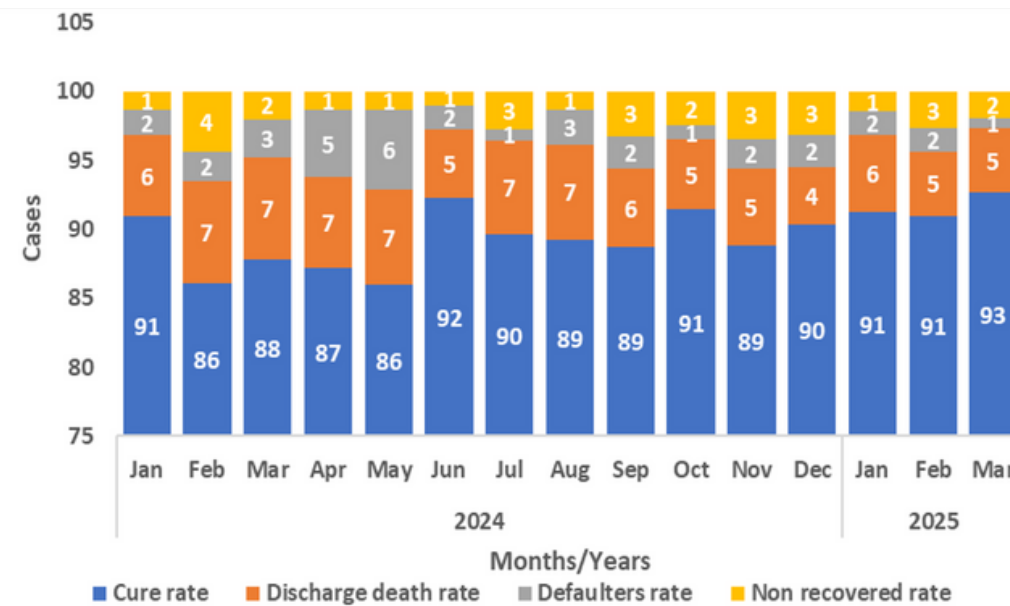
6 The Coastal Region

(Mombasa, Kilifi, Lamu, Kwale, Coastal Tana River)

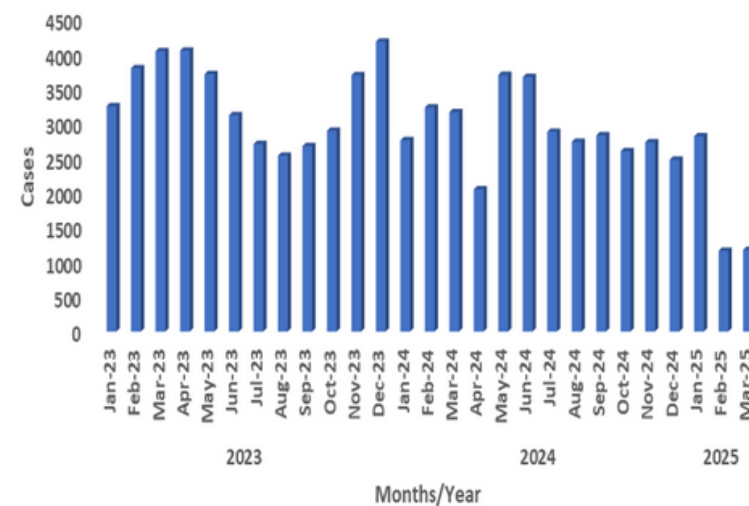
Occasional rainfall is expected throughout April.

Light to moderate showers; localized flooding possible in low-lying coastal towns

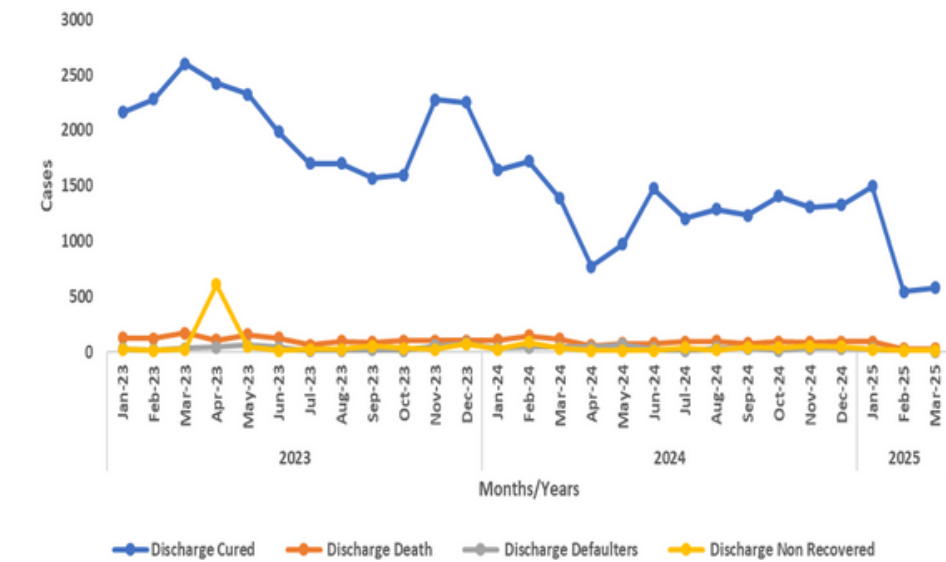
SAM management treatment indicators Jan- March 2025



Total severe acute malnutrition cases from January 2023-March 2025



Severe acute malnutrition management treatment indicators January 2023-March 25



- The nutrition situation remains stable in most areas, in line with findings from the 2024 long rains assessment.
- However, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Samburu, Turkana, Baringo (Tiaty sub-county), and Marsabit (North Horr and Laisamis sub-counties) continue to be classified in integrated food security phase classification acute malnutrition Phase 4 critical, indicating very high levels of acute malnutrition with increased risk of mortality.
- Saku sub-county in Marsabit is expected to shift to a higher integrated food security phase, signaling a deteriorating nutrition situation.
- Other areas are also facing worsening malnutrition risks due to compounding factors such as food insecurity, disease outbreaks, and limited access to essential health and nutrition services.

From January 2024 to March 2025, performance indicators for the management of severe acute malnutrition are as follows:

- Average cure rate: 90% – indicating the majority of children with SAM recovered and were discharged alive.
- Average death rate: 6% – representing mortality among children enrolled in SAM treatment.
- Default rate: 2% – a low proportion of cases defaulting from follow-up care.
- Non-recovery rate: 2% – indicating limited treatment failure among enrolled SAM cases.

28th April 2025 Social Listening Report : Kenya Health Concerns

Social Listening : Provides key highlights and operational recommendations based on social listening data.

Cholera Outbreak

- Claims of government corruption and faith-based "cures" undermining public health measures.
- **Response actions:** Public awareness campaigns, myth-busting, and community-led hygiene promotion

Mpox (Monkeypox)

- Vaccine safety concerns, conspiracy theories about Western agendas, and religious disinformation.
- **Response actions:** Engage trusted local voices, community health volunteers (CHVs), and use targeted radio and social media messaging to build vaccine confidence

Visceral Leishmaniasis (Kala-azar)

- Confusion with malaria symptoms, mistrust in blood donation ethics.
- **Response actions :** Provide health education in local languages, deploy mobile labs, expand CHV outreach, and implement sandfly control measures

Polio (circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus type 2 – cVDPV2)

- Fear-driven narratives linking vaccines to Bill Gates and government incompetence.
- **Response actions :** Rebuild public trust in the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) through community reassurance, visible local health leadership, and mobile vaccination teams

Measles

- False claims that vaccines are "leaky" and spread disease.

Recommendations Cross Cutting

- Launch culturally sensitive public awareness campaigns through radio, TV, and social media.
- Engage trusted community leaders, religious figures, and influencers to counter myths.
- Establish rapid response units for real-time social media monitoring and myth-busting.
- Increase transparency by regularly updating the public on outbreak responses and intervention progress.
- Empower community health workers and volunteers with accurate, easy to share educational tools.



Empowering communities through timely, accurate information and meaningful engagement strengthening trust, promoting healthy behaviours, and supporting outbreak response.
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