

Weekly Epidemiological Report

Week 12: 16th – 22nd March 2026

Highlight of the week

Strengthening Subnational Anti-Microbial Resistance Governance in Nigeria



The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, alongside the World Health Organization and relevant Federal Ministries, convened a National Multisectoral Stakeholders Workshop to strengthen subnational antimicrobial resistance (AMR) governance in Nigeria.

The workshop focused on strengthening governance and coordination structures at the subnational level, aligning state-level implementation with Nigeria's National Action Plan (NAP 2.0), and developing practical frameworks and templates for effective AMR response.

Participants also emphasized the importance of a One Health approach in addressing AMR and safeguarding public health across human, animal, and environmental sectors.

The engagement brought together government ministries, development partners, and implementing organizations, marking an important step toward translating national AMR strategies into measurable impact across states in Nigeria.

Summary of Incidents

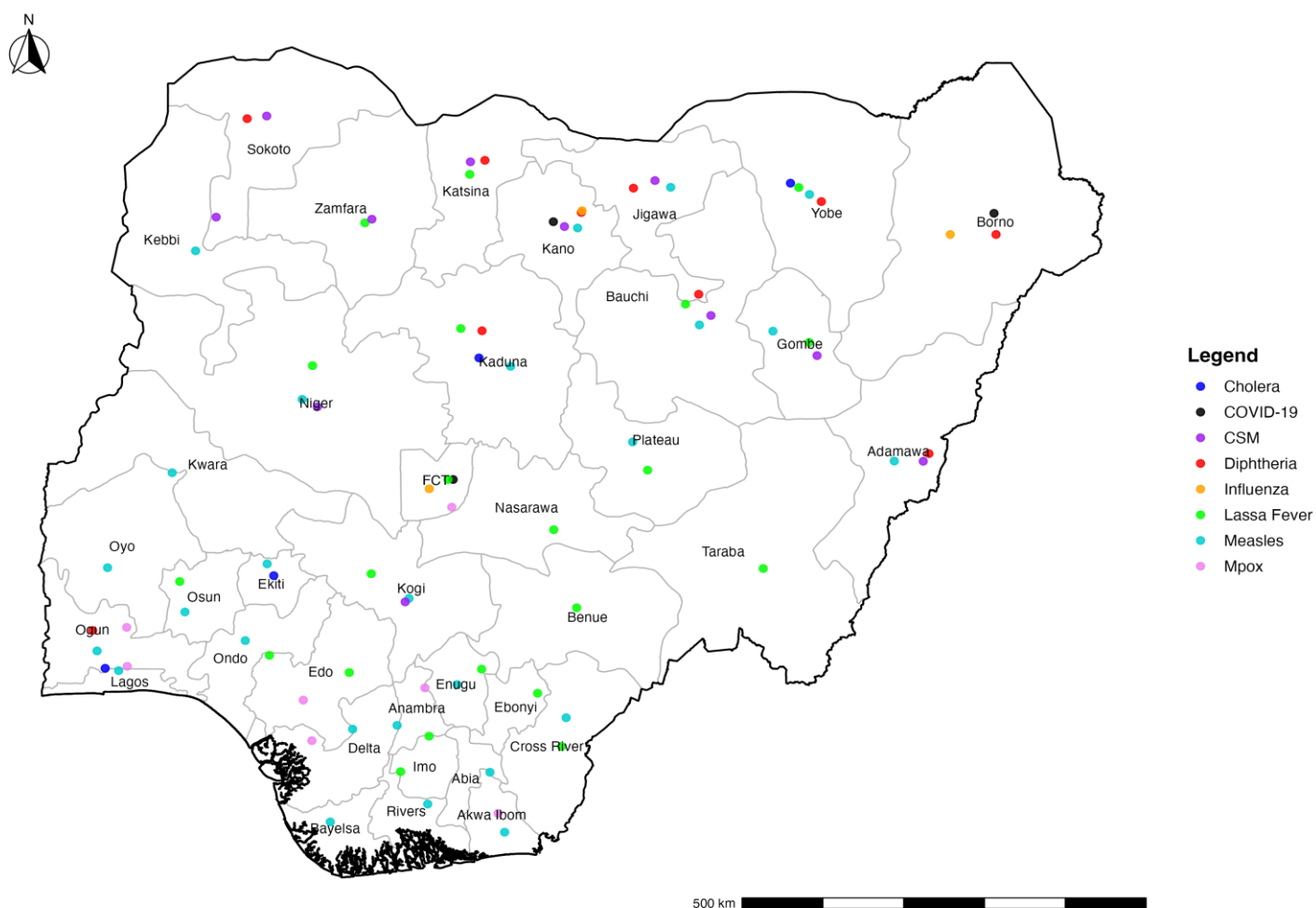
Ongoing Incidents

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The Ongoing incidents within the reporting week are Lassa fever, Cholera, Mpox and Diphtheria.

**Ongoing incidents are defined as confirmed cases where a national EOC or equivalent has been activated.*

Figure 1: Priority Diseases under surveillance in Nigeria, Week 12, 2026



Summary of Diseases

Table 1: Week 12, 16th – 22nd March 2026

Lassa Fever_{1,4}	Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)_{2,4}	Yellow Fever_{2,4}
272 Suspected case(s)	48 Suspected case(s)	35 Suspected case(s)
51 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)
14 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
Cholera_{2,4}	Measles_{2,4}	Mpox_{2,4}
5 Suspected case(s)	123 Suspected case(s)	11 Suspected case(s)
0 Confirmed case(s)	119 Confirmed case(s)	5 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)
Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)_{2,4}	COVID-19_{2,4}	Diphtheria_{2,4}
0 Suspected case(s)	30 Suspected case(s)	428 Suspected case(s)
0 Confirmed case(s)	0 Confirmed case(s)	381 Confirmed case(s)
0 Death(s)	0 Death(s)	11 Death(s)
National Sentinel influenza surveillance₃		
30 Suspected case(s)		
2 Confirmed case(s)		

Information for all the diseases was retrieved from the Technical Working Group and Situation Reports of the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control and Prevention.

1. Case Fatality Rate (CFR) for this disease is reported for confirmed cases only.
2. CFR for this disease is reported for total cases i.e., suspected + confirmed.
3. Information for sentinel influenza was retrieved from the laboratory.
4. The data published in 2025 WER may vary with the data of 2025 in this WER due to data harmonisation and updates.

Lassa Fever

Table 2: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
272	51	14	State: 21 + FCT LGA: 66

Table 3: Lassa Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 12, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	3465	645	119	18.4%
2026	3573	637	141	22.1%

Figure 2: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by epidemiological, Week 12, 2026

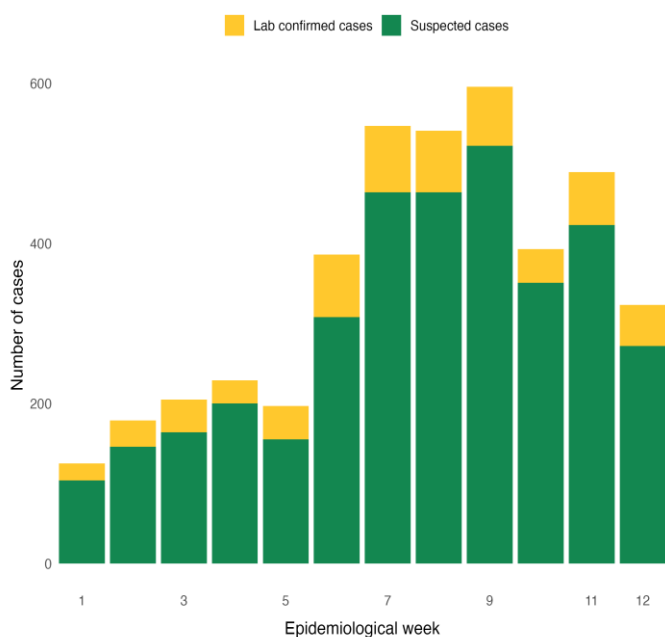
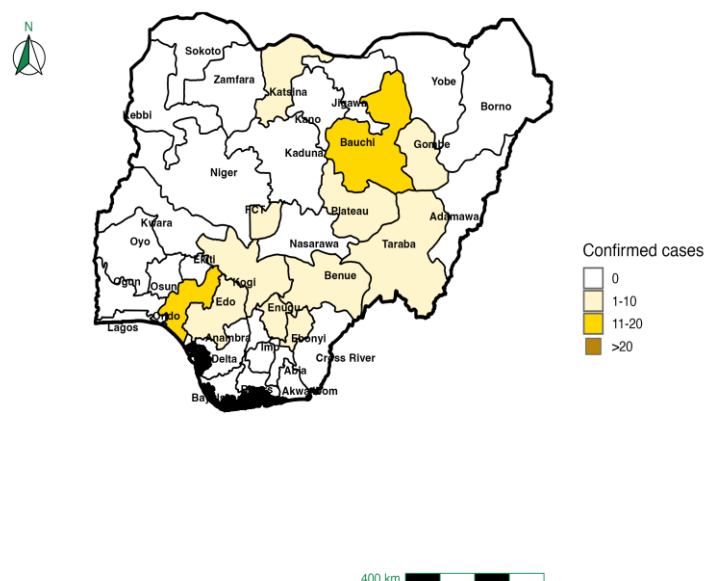


Figure 3: Confirmed cases of Lassa Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 12, 2026



Key Point

- There were 272 suspected cases of Lassa Fever reported from 66 LGAs in 21 states and FCT.
- There were 51 laboratory confirmed cases and 14 deaths were recorded.

Actions

- National Lassa fever multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate the preparedness and response activities at all levels.
- A 30-day Healthcare Worker Protection Plan for Lassa fever to curb infections among frontline healthcare workers in endemic states was developed with the support of WHO, and US CDC

Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM)

Table 4: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
48	0	3	State: 11 LGA: 23

Table 5: CSM Year to date (Week 1 – 12, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	2285	64	216	9.5%
2026	403	0	45	11.2%

Figure 4: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of CSM by epidemiological, Week 12, 2026

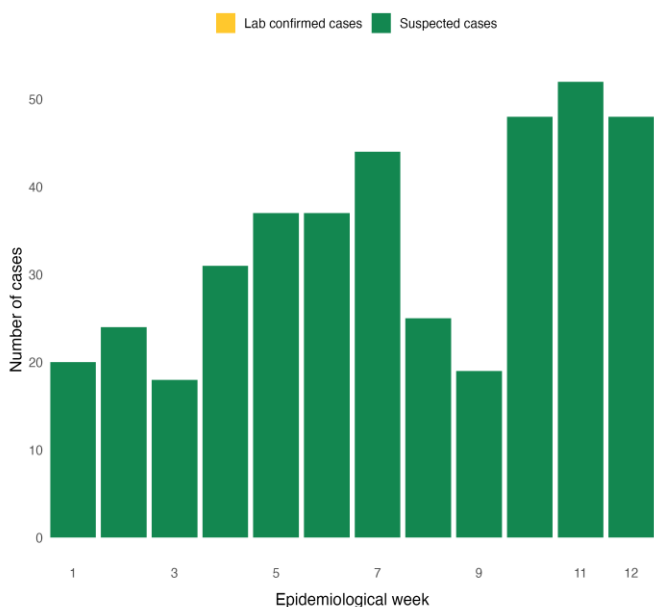
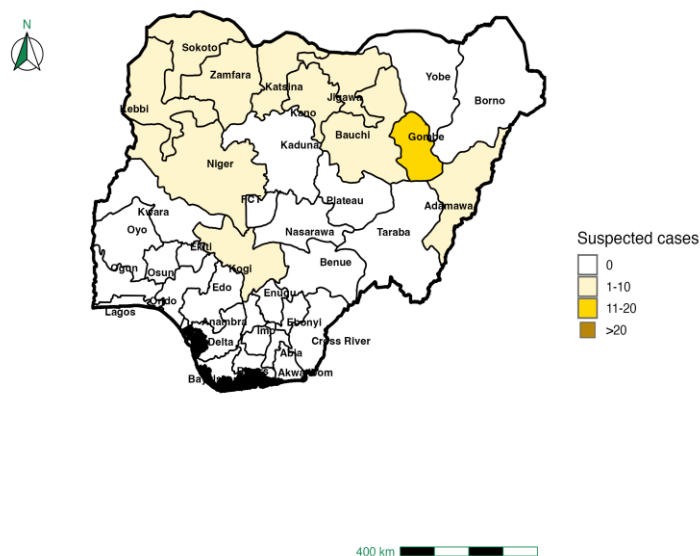


Figure 5: Suspected cases of CSM by State, Nigeria, Week 12, 2026



Key Point

- There were 48 suspected cases of Cerebrospinal Meningitis (CSM) reported from 22 LGAs in 11 states.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and three deaths were recorded.

Actions

- National CSM multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate the preparedness and response activities at all levels.
- Providing offsite/onsite support to states.

Yellow Fever

Table 6: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
35	0	0	State: 14 LGA: 28

Table 7: Yellow Fever Year to date (Week 1 – 12, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	673	0	5	0.7%
2026	362	4	0	0%

Figure 6: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Yellow Fever by epidemiological, Week 12, 2026

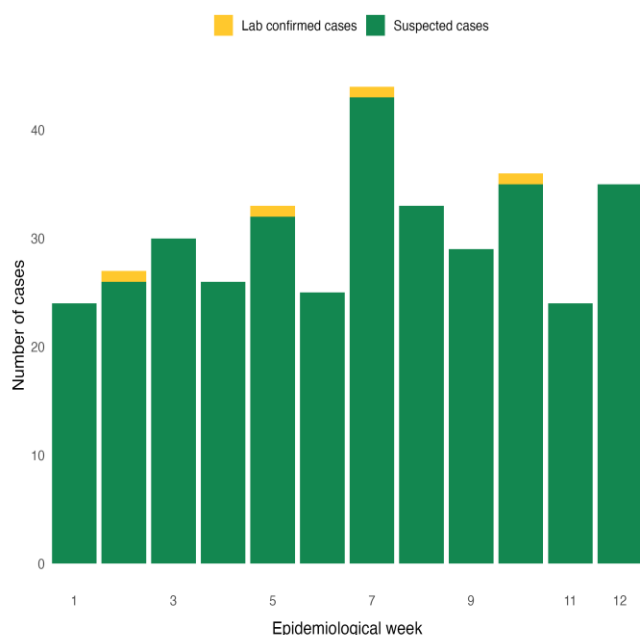
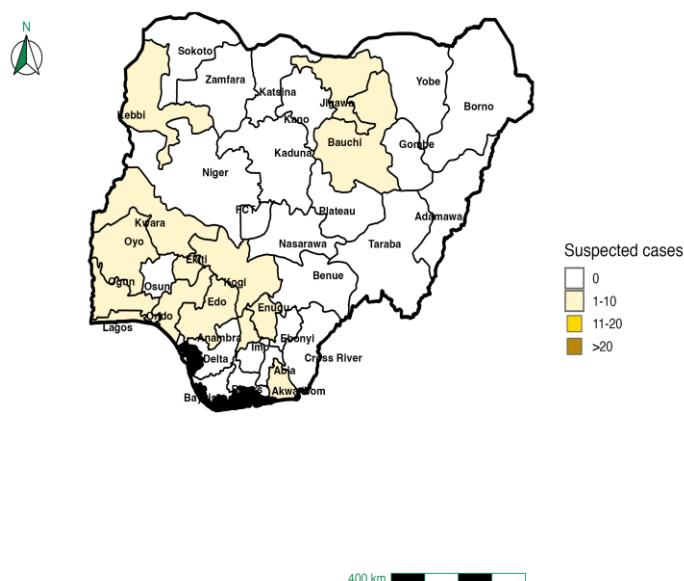


Figure 7: Suspected cases of Yellow Fever by State, Nigeria, Week 12, 2026



Key Point

- There were 35 suspected cases of Yellow Fever reported from 28 LGAs in 14 states.
- There was no confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Actions

- National Yellow Fever Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring activities in all states.
- Provision of off-site surveillance support to affected States.
- Harmonisation of surveillance and laboratory data from across states and laboratories.

Table 8: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
5	0	0	State: 4 LGA: 4

Table 9: Cholera Year to date (Week 1 – 12, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	429	134	14	3.3%
2026	348	85	0	0%

Figure 8: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera by epidemiological. Week 12, 2026

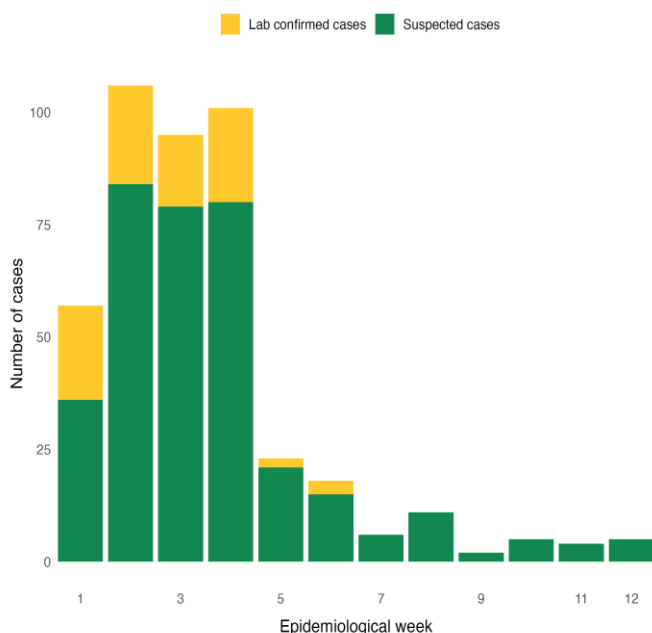
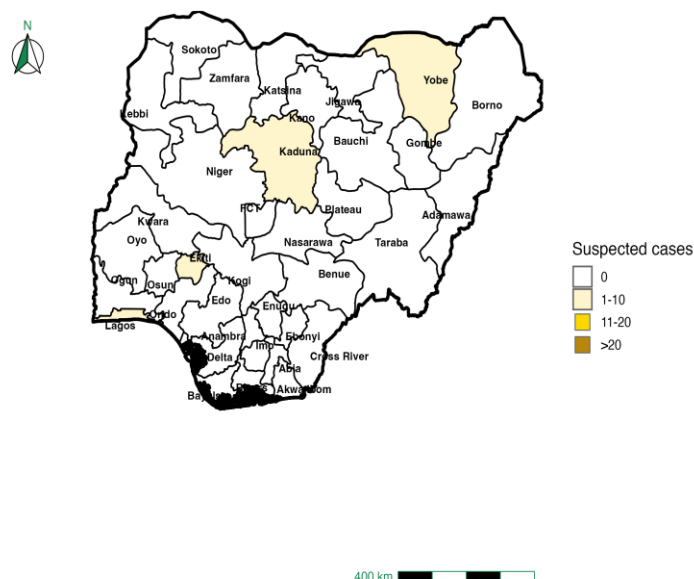


Figure 9: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Cholera. Week 12, 2026



Key Point

- There were five suspected cases of Cholera reported from four LGAs in four states.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Actions

- National Cholera multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate the preparedness and response activities at all levels.
- Biweekly EOC Meetings.
- Providing offsite/onsite support to states.

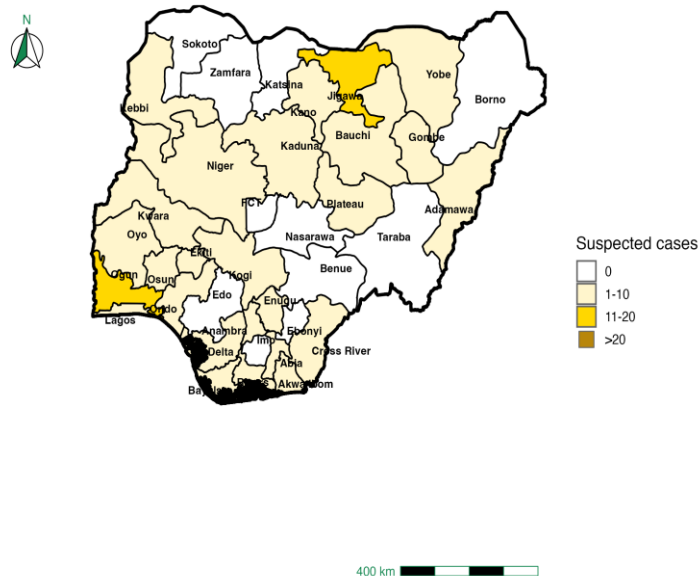
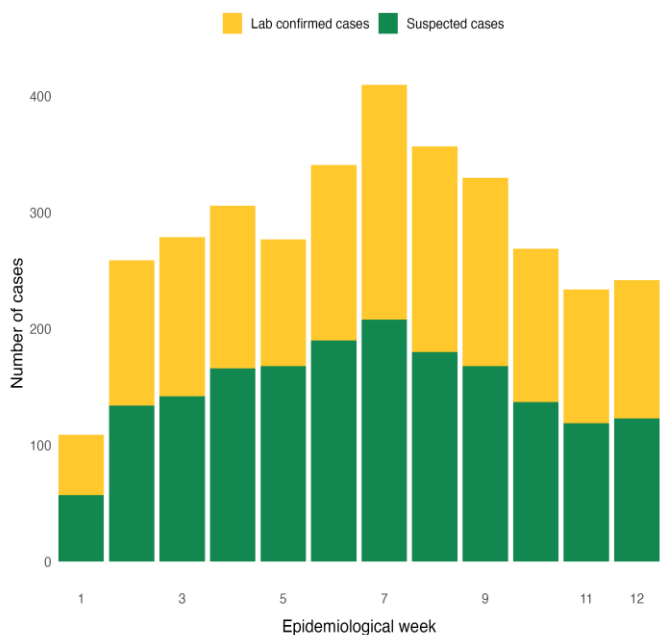
Table 10: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
123	119	0	State: 26 LGA: 81

Table 11: Measles Year to date (Week 1 – 12, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	11682	7989	65	0.6%
2026	1792	1621	0	0%

Figure 11: Suspected cases of Measles by State, Nigeria, Week 12, 2026



- There were 123 suspected cases of Measles reported from 81 LGAs in 26 states.
- There were 119 confirmed cases and no death was recorded.

- National Measles Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring activities in all states.
- Provision of off-site surveillance support to affected States.
- Harmonisation of surveillance and laboratory data from across states and laboratories.

Table 12: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
11	5	0	State: 6 + FCT LGA: 10

Table 13: Mpox Year to date (Week 1 – 12, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	576	111	1	0.2%
2026	205	21	0	0%

Figure 12: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Mpox by epidemiological, Week 12, 2026

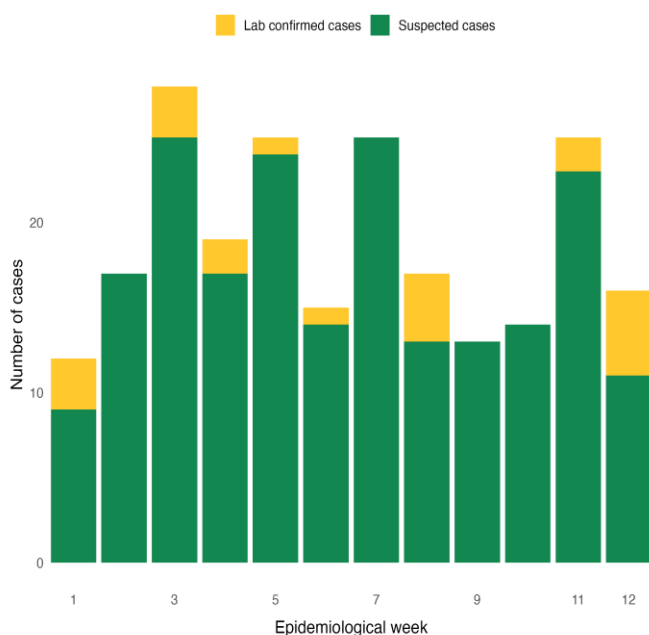
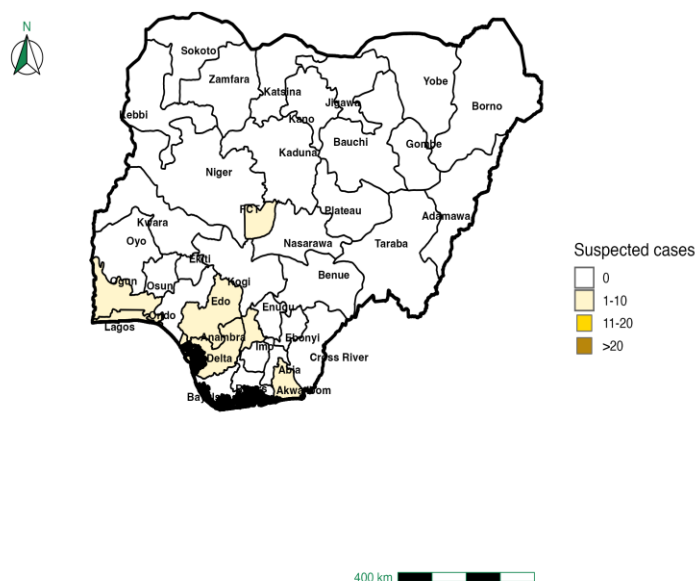


Figure 13: Suspected cases of Mpxv by State, Nigeria, Week 12, 2026



Key Point

- There were 11 suspected cases of Mpox reported from 10 LGAs in six states and FCT.
- There were five laboratory confirmed cases and no death was recorded.

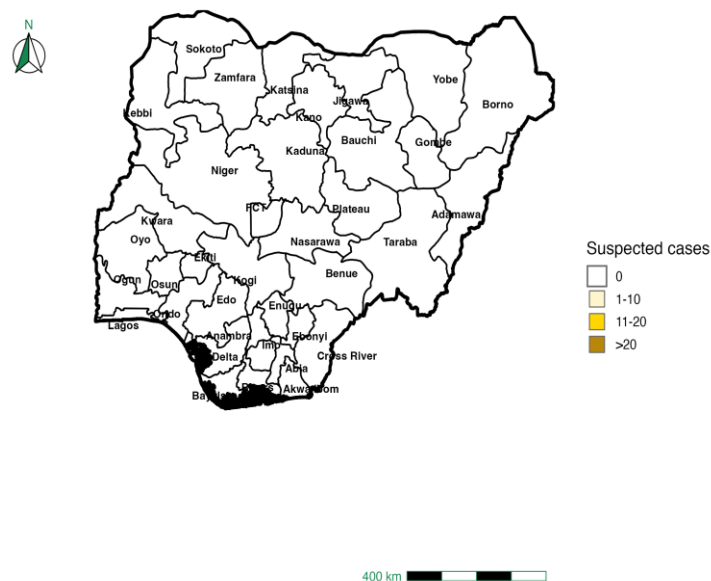
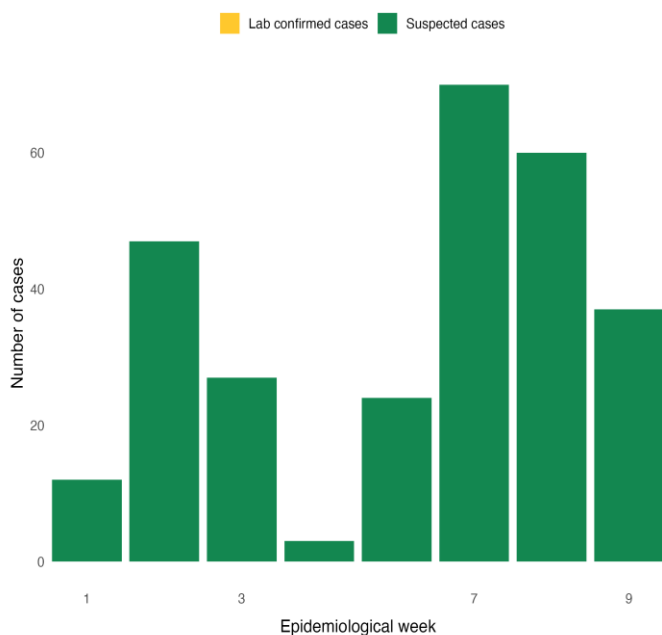
Actions

- National Monkeypox Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring activities in all states.
- Weekly EOC meetings.
- Provision of off-site surveillance support to affected States.
- Harmonisation of surveillance and laboratory data from across states and laboratories

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	Number of States and LGAs affected
0	0	0	State: 0 LGA: 0

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Death(s)	CFR (%)
2025	2612	9	5	0.2%
2026	280	0	1	0.4%

Figure 15: Suspected cases of AFP by State, Nigeria, Week 12, 2026



- There was no case of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) reported for the week.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Table 16: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
30	0	0	State: 2 + FCT LGA: 14

Table 17: COVID-19 Year to date (Week 1 – 12, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	711	28	0	0%
2026	479	7	0	0%

Figure 16: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 by epidemiological, Week 12, 2026

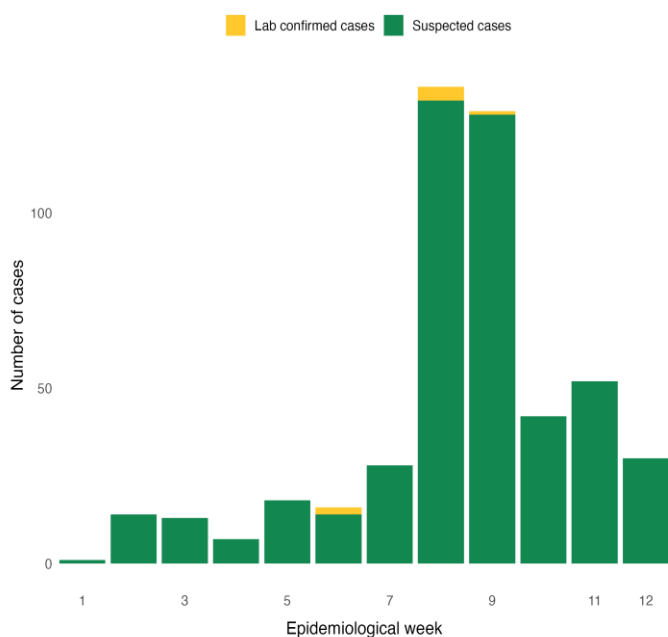
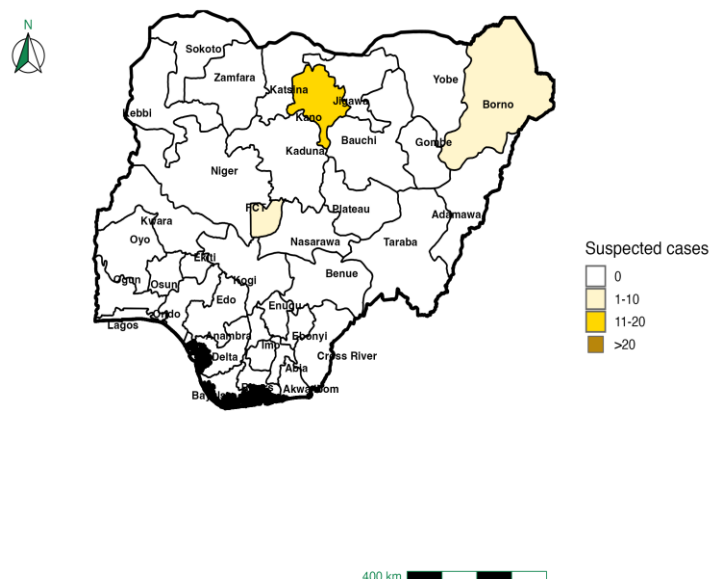


Figure 17: Suspected cases of COVID-19 by State, Nigeria, Week 12, 2026



Key Point

- There were 30 suspected cases of COVID-19 reported from 14 LGAs in two states and FCT.
- There was no laboratory confirmed case and no death was recorded.

Actions

- National COVID-19 Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring activities in all states
- Harmonisation of surveillance and laboratory data from across states and laboratories
- Provision of off-site surveillance support to affected States

Diphtheria

Table 18: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Number of States and LGAs affected
428	381	11	State: 10 LGA: 34

Table 19: Diphtheria Year to date (Week 1 – 12, 2025/2026)

Year	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	CFR (%)
2025	4874	3405	278	5.7%
2026	7158	6155	174	2.4%

Figure 18: Trend of suspected and confirmed cases of Diphtheria by epidemiological, Week 12, 2026

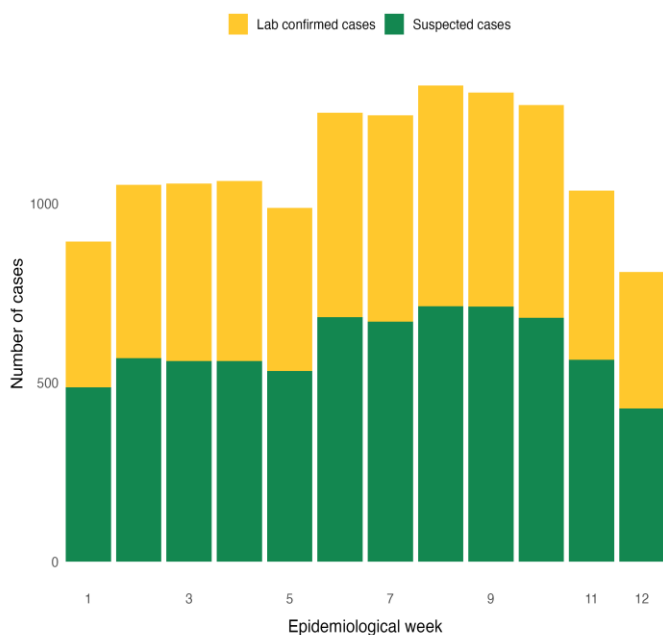
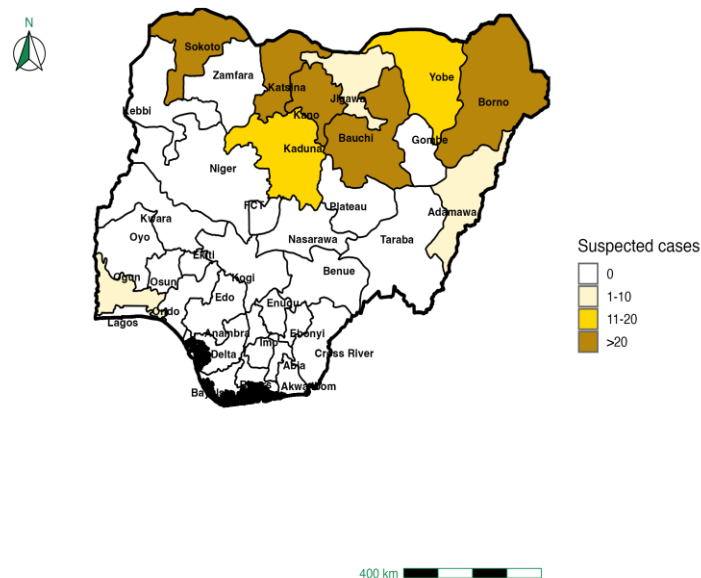


Figure 19: Suspected cases of Diphtheria by State, Nigeria, Week 12, 2026



Key Point

- There were 428 suspected cases of Diphtheria reported from 34 LGAs in 10 states.
- There were 381 confirmed cases and 11 deaths were recorded.

Actions

- National Diphtheria Technical Working Group (TWG) is monitoring activities in all states.
- Weekly EOC meeting.
- Provide technical and off-site support to states on case identification, reporting, and response, especially to non-reporting and low-burden states.

National Influenza Sentinel Surveillance

Table 20: Week 12

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
30	2	0	2

Table 21: Year to date (Week 1 – 12, 2025/2026)

Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Confirmed Case by type	
		Influenza A	Influenza B
492	15	1	14



Event-based Surveillance (EBS)

Key Point

Epi Week 12

- 217 Calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- Over 1,610 articles scanned through Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) and other manual sources.
- From the calls, EIOS, and other manual sources, one signal was picked.

Cumulatively, Week 1 - 12

- 3,256 calls were successfully routed to agents and answered.
- 43 Signals picked and escalated.

Figure 21: Number of signals/events per week, 2026.

