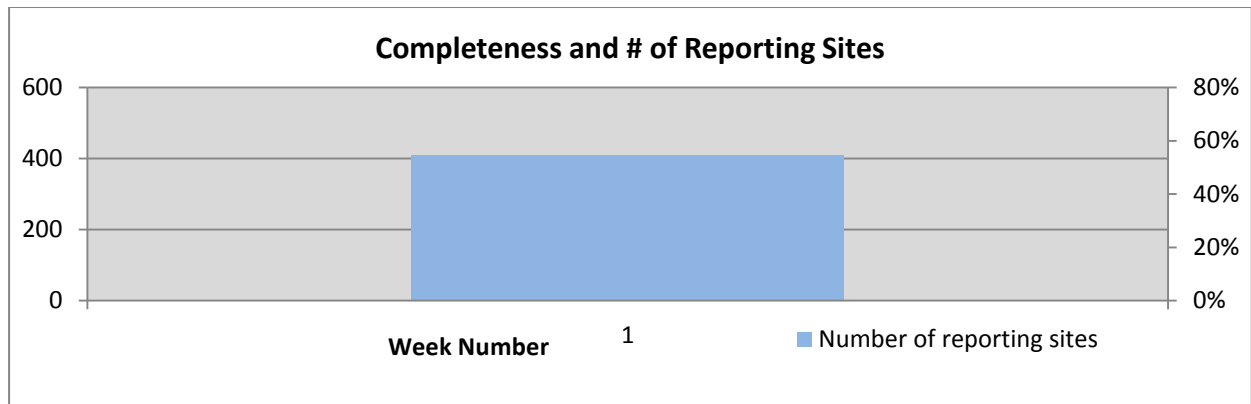


**Highlights:**

- ❖ 3 AFP cases were detected in Damascus and Lattakia.
- ❖ A high number of SARI cases were reported also this week.
- ❖ A slight decrease in number of AJS cases was also noticed this week

**❖ Completeness & Timeliness of Reporting**

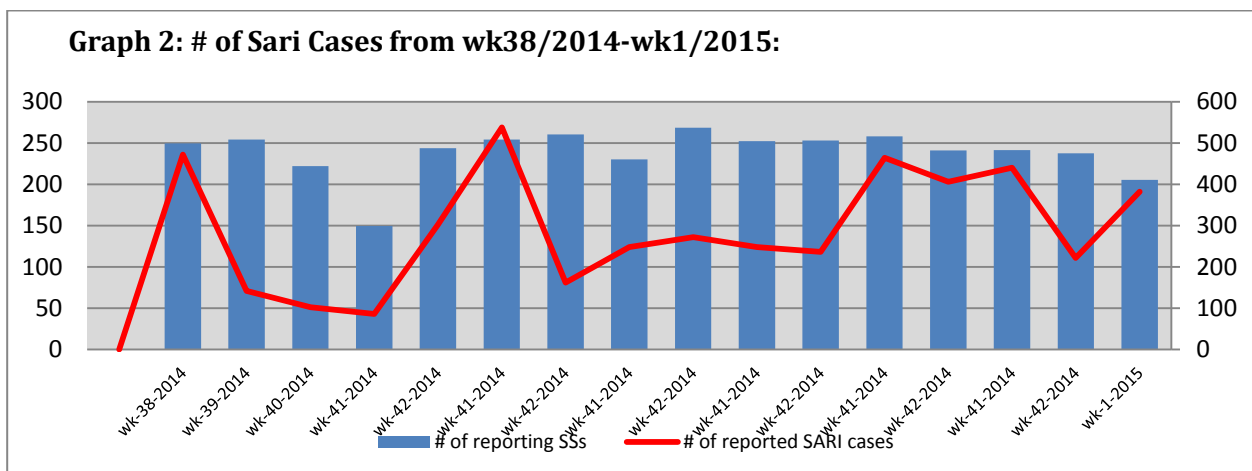
- ❖ The overall completeness of reporting was 63%; (411 out of total 650 EWARS sentinel sites). (See Graph 1). 14 governorates have reported this week. Low completeness was expected due to the long Christmas and new-year vacation



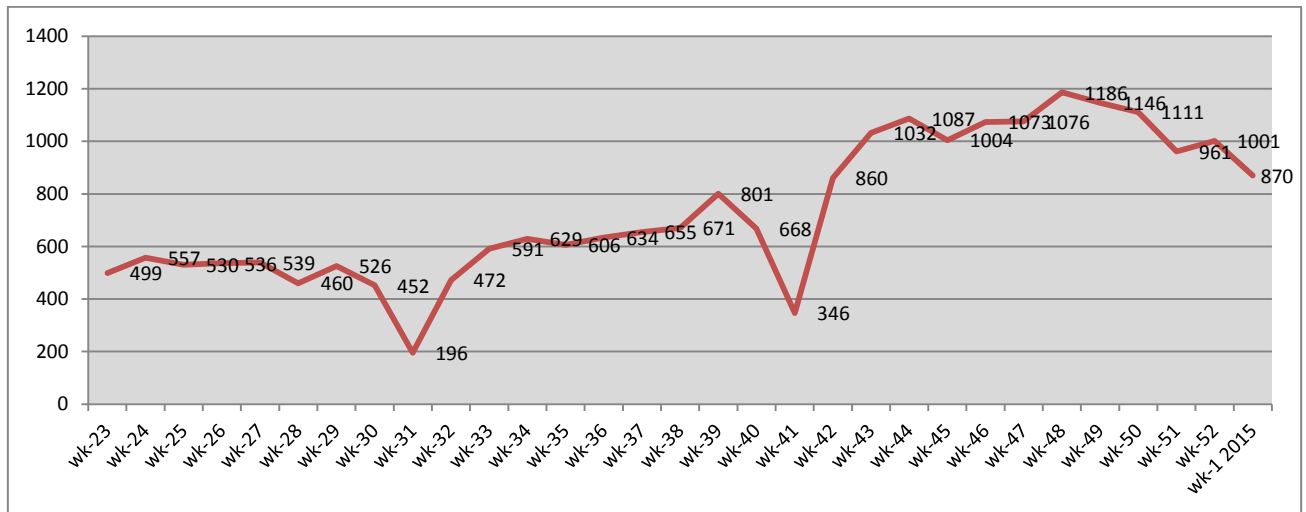
- ❖ Timeliness of reporting is 71%.

**❖ The Morbidity Cases**

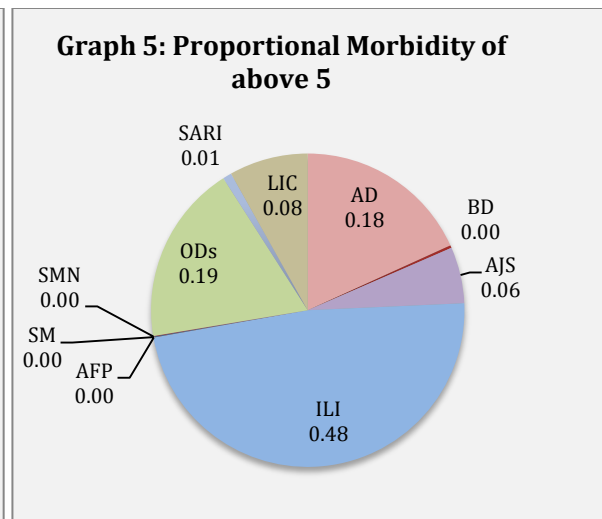
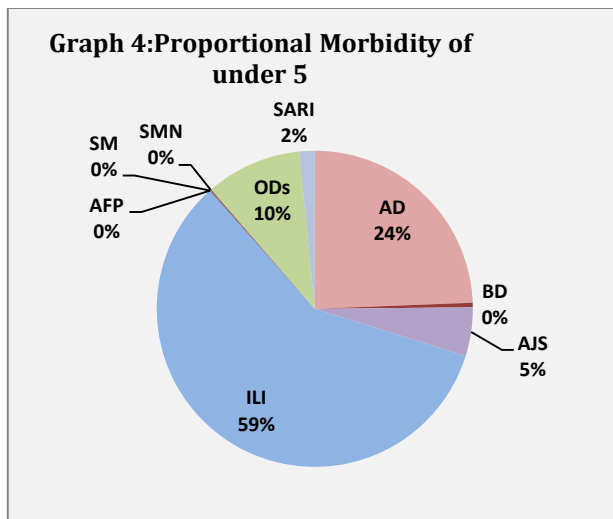
- ❖ Out of the 132,601 total consultations, a total of 15,269 cases were reported; of which 8,397 cases were Influenza like Illness (55%), 3,334 cases were Acute Diarrhoea (22%), 874 cases of AJS 191 cases of Sever Acute Respiratory Infection, 56 cases of Bloody Diarrhoea, 14 cases of Suspected Measles, 14 cases of Meningitis and 3 AFP cases.
- ❖ Below chart reflects the trend in the number of SARI cases in 2014 and 2015 in the period between week 38/ 2014-w1/2015.



- ❖ Graph 3 displays the trend of the (22,779) AJS cases between wk23 2014-w1/2015. The distribution of the cases per governorates shows that Idleb and DierEzor have the highest number of cases for this week. A slight decrease in the number of cases was noticed for this week, however, the low completeness of reporting should be taken into consideration when interpreting the noticed decrease.



- ❖ In total, 2,386 cases were reported as “other diseases”. The most important diseases reported within this group were: 336 cases of Leishmaniasis (most of which were reported from Hamah 27% and DierEzor 22%), 139 cases of Typhoid (most of which were reported from DierEzor 56%, and Rural Damascus 24%), 48 cases of Brucellosis (most of which were reported from DierEzor 46%), 9 cases of Pertussis, and 5 cases of TB.
- ❖ 56% of the cases were distributed among  $\geq 5$  age group.
- ❖ ILI consists (59%) of the cases among  $<5$  and (48%) among  $\geq 5$ , while AD cases consists (24%) among  $<5$  and (18%) among  $\geq 5$ .
- ❖ Graphs 4 and 5 below show the proportional morbidity among  $< 5$  and  $\geq 5$  year age groups respectively.



❖ 51% of the cases were distributed among males.

### ❖ The Response

**AFP:** Stool samples was collected from the AFP cases and sent to the reference lab in Damascus. A sub-national vaccination campaign will be implemented between 4th and 8th January in difficult to reach and low coverage areas.

**AJS:** an awareness campaign about food and water born diseases continued through media (radio programmes, newspapers ...) The RRT in all governorates conducted field visits to the IDPs shelters and schools to evaluate the health and environmental situation, and raise the awareness about food and water born diseases.

**SARI:** Nasopharyngeal swabs were collected only from the cases that were admitted to intensive care unit as the national protocol recommends. The RRTs in all governorates conducted awareness campaign about respiratory infections in the IDPs shelters and schools.

**Table-1: Distribution of cases per age group, and by Governorate-week-1, 2015:**

Code	age group	Raqua	Aleppo	Hassaka	Idleb	Homs	Hamah	Qunaitra	Tartous	Sweida	Rural Damascus	Daraa	Lattakia	Damascus	DierEzor	Grand Total	
AD	< 5	80	82	125	162	15	81	18	29	92	147	52	82	198	478	1641	3334
	≥ 5	42	71	139	180	15	69	19	60	112	159	30	62	252	483	1693	
BD	< 5	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	16	31	56
	≥ 5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	5	10	25	
AWD	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AJS	< 5	17	17	2	111	0	15	8	0	1	15	6	8	28	106	334	874
	≥ 5	23	20	3	152	3	32	22	2	12	23	3	19	67	159	540	
ILI	< 5	0	453	31	313	5	270	103	221	322	329	147	256	480	1012	3942	8397
	≥ 5	7	426	16	612	11	245	121	316	472	382	211	242	395	999	4455	
AFP	< 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	
SM	< 5	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	14
	≥ 5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	
SMN	< 5	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	8	14
	≥ 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	6	
SARI	< 5	0	0	20	3	0	45	0	0	10	0	0	0	25	3	106	191
	≥ 5	0	0	11	4	0	25	0	0	7	0	0	0	37	1	85	
Others	< 5	9	148	0	21	4	34	0	0	9	193	35	51	49	106	659	2386
	≥ 5	2	452	0	33	21	180	10	4	17	531	49	67	124	237	1727	
Total Sum of < 5		108	701	186	613	24	448	129	250	439	684	240	401	784	1722	6729	15269
Total Sum of ≥ 5		80	969	174	981	50	551	172	382	623	1095	294	394	885	1890	8540	
Total		188	1670	360	1594	74	999	301	632	1062	1779	534	795	1669	3612	15269	