

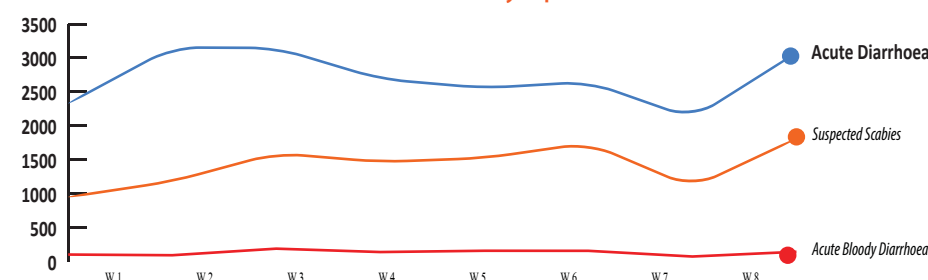
From epidemiological week (also known as “Epi week”) 05 to 08 (29 January to 25 February 2018), a total of 379,883 consultations were reported from health facilities covered by the EWARN system in Iraq, with an average of 94,971 patients per week. In February, the number of sites submitting their weekly epi-reports varied by week, ranging from 147 to 171 sites.

Forty-one percent (41%) of the 156,475 reported communicable disease cases were in children below five years of age while 65% were reported among males.

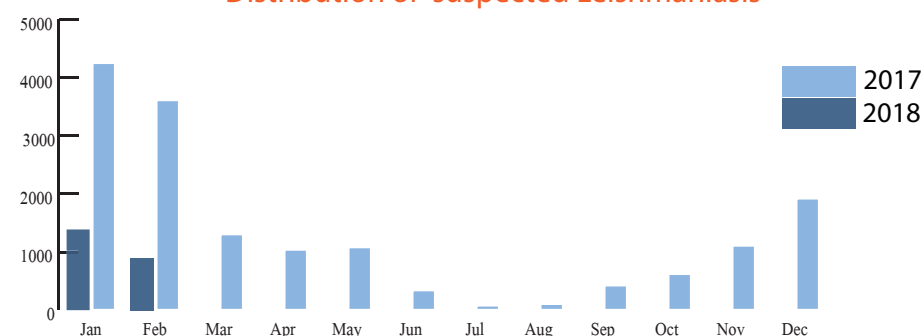
The common diseases reported through EWARN were acute upper respiratory tract infection 33% (123,813 cases) followed by acute diarrhea at 3% (10,432 cases), acute lower respiratory infection at 3% (9,618 cases), suspected scabies at 2% (6,182 cases) and suspected chickenpox at 1% (3,012 cases).

Eight alerts were generated during this period. The alerts were investigated by Departments of Health, WHO and health partners in the field and responded to within 72 hours. The reported alerts included seven (7) suspected cases in Ninawa: four (4) suspected meningitis, two (2) of which were verified as true alerts and the other two (2) as false alerts; two (2) suspected measles cases, which were verified as false alerts; one (1) unusual communicable disease/event (influenza), which was verified as a false alert. In addition, there was one (1) suspected meningitis case in Duhok, which was verified as a false alert.

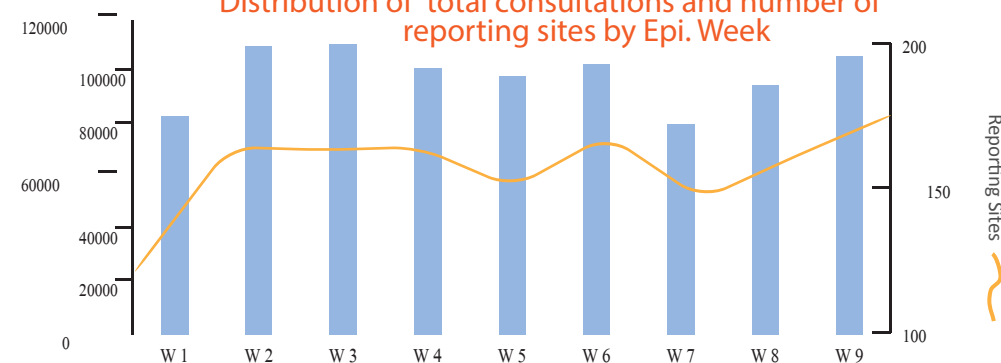
Disease trend by Epi. Week



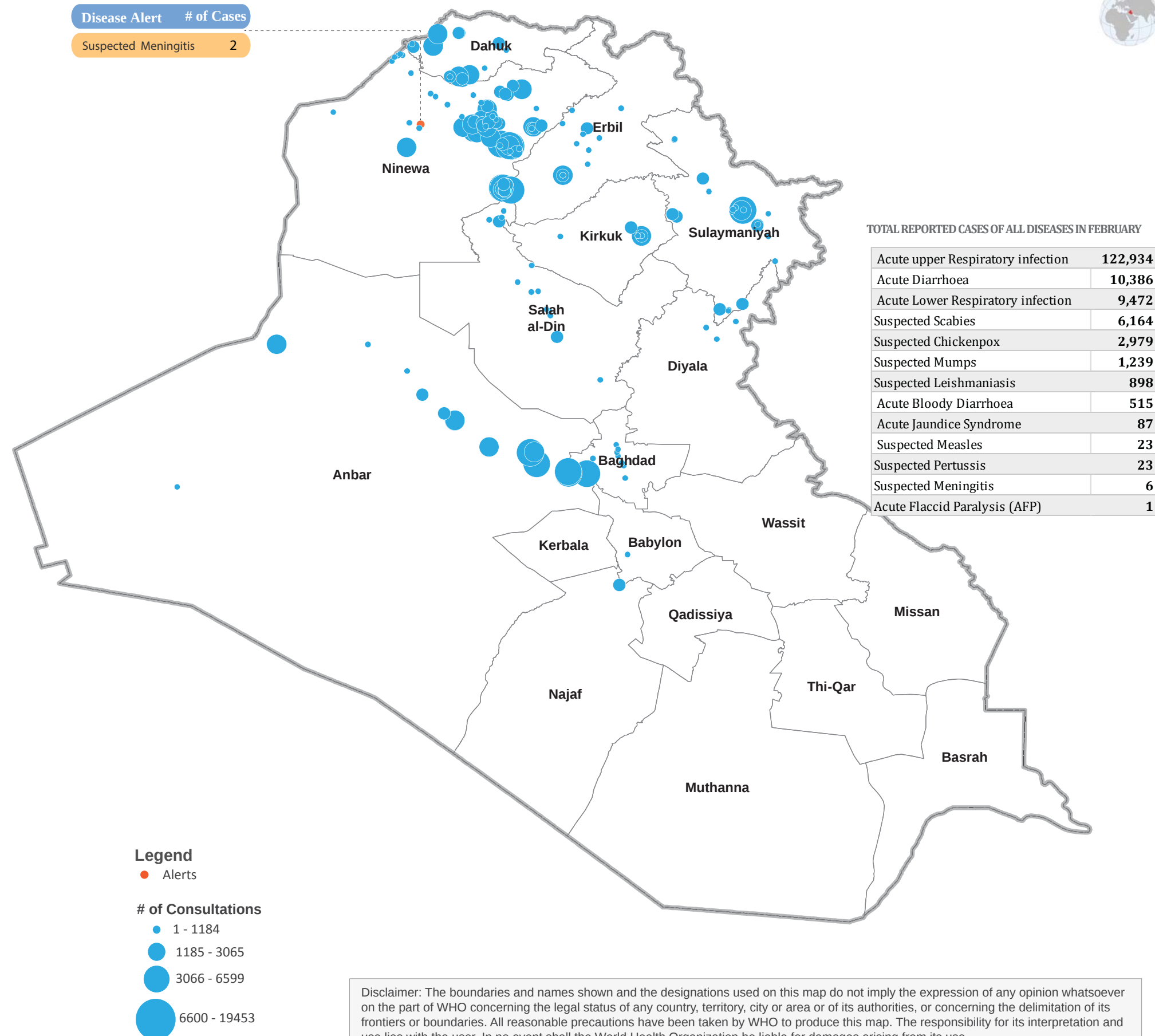
Distribution of suspected Leishmaniasis



Distribution of total consultations and number of reporting sites by Epi. Week



Disease Alert	# of Cases
Suspected Meningitis	2



TOTAL REPORTED CASES OF ALL DISEASES IN FEBRUARY

Acute upper Respiratory infection	122,934
Acute Diarrhoea	10,386
Acute Lower Respiratory infection	9,472
Suspected Scabies	6,164
Suspected Chickenpox	2,979
Suspected Mumps	1,239
Suspected Leishmaniasis	898
Acute Bloody Diarrhoea	515
Acute Jaundice Syndrome	87
Suspected Measles	23
Suspected Pertussis	23
Suspected Meningitis	6
Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP)	1