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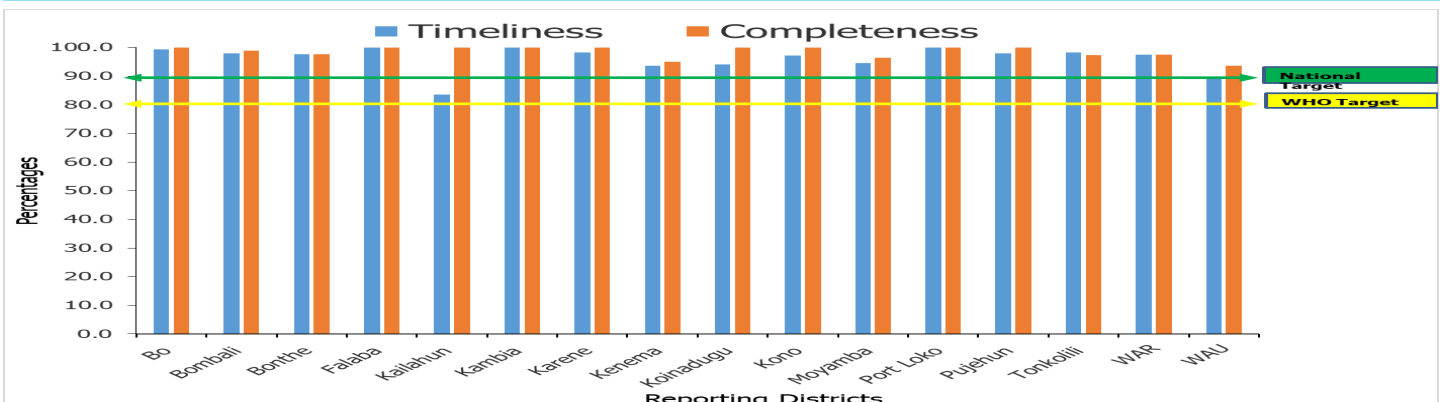
Week 33: 15th — 21st August, 2022.

- **Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP):** Two (2) cases of AFP were reported this week. The cases were under five years of age from Bombali and WAU districts. The cases were investigated and samples sent to CPHRL for confirmatory shipment
- **Animal Bite (Dog):** Ten (10) Dog bite cases were reported this week. Of the cases, one was under five and nine were above five years of age. The highest number of cases were from Bombali (5), Kono (3), WAR (2) districts
- **Animal Bite (Snake):** Eighteen (18) Snake bite cases and one death due to snake bite were reported. The death was from Kenema. Of the cases, one was under five and seventeen were above five years of age. Bombali (4), Kailahun (3), Karene, Koinadugu and Tonkolili (2) each per districts
- **Maternal death:** Three (3) maternal deaths were reported from three districts. Kono, WAR and WAU districts
- **Neonatal Tetanus (1):** Two (2) suspected cases of Neonatal Tetanus were reported this week. The cases were investigated and the report is yet to be sent to national
- **Measles:** Three (3) suspected cases of Measles were reported this week. The cases were under five years of age from WAR (2) districts. The cases were investigated and sample sent to CPHRL for confirmation
- **Suspected Bacterial Meningitis:** Three (3) suspected cases of Bacterial Meningitis were reported this week. Of the cases, two were under fives and one was above fives years of age. The cases were investigated and sample sent to CPHRL for confirmation
- **Suspected Acute Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (AVHF):** Three (3) suspected cases of AVHF were reported this week. Of the cases, two were under fives and one was above fives years of age. The cases were investigated and sample sent to CPHRL for confirmation

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR COVID-19 FOR THE WEEK

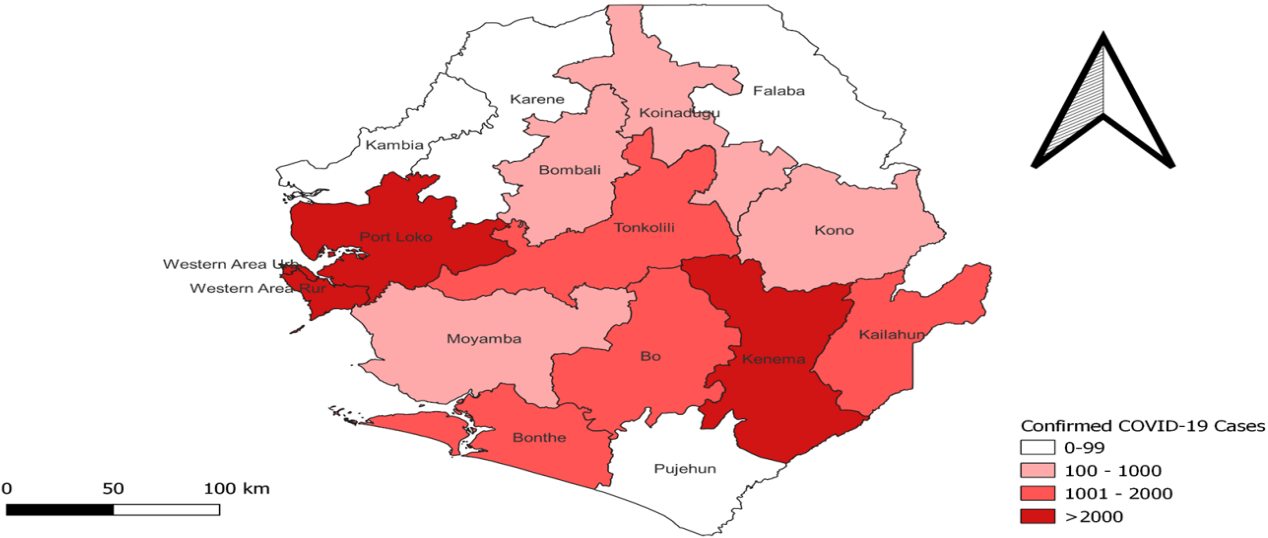
- **COVID-19 :** Two confirmed cases were reported this week from WAU district
- **COVID-19 Death:** No death related to COVID-19 was reported this week
- **COVID-19 Recovery:** No recovery was reported for this week

Health Facility Completeness and Timeliness of Weekly report by district, (Epi week 33, 2022)



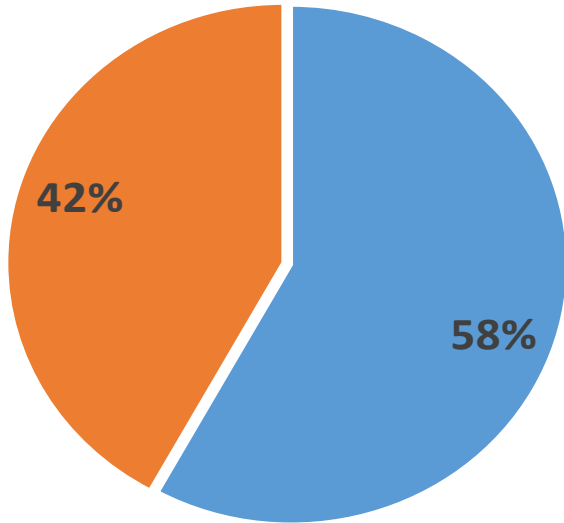
For week 33, a total of 15 districts achieved both the WHO and national target for timeliness and completeness while one achieved the WHO target but could not achieve the national target for timeliness

Cumulative COVID-19 confirmed cases reported by district (30th March 2020 – 23rd August, 2022) N = 7,730



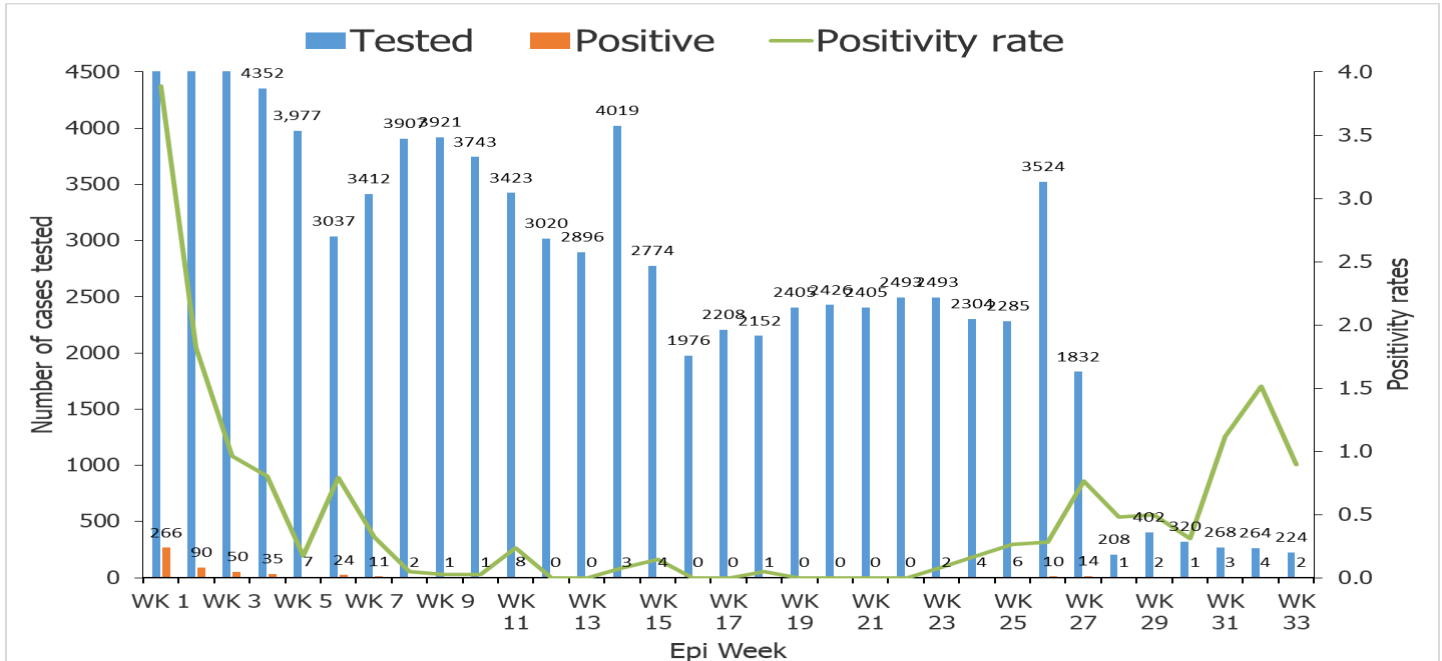
For the period of week 33, three confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported from WAU districts. The total cumulative confirmed cases are 7,730. Western Area Urban and Rural still constitute the greater number of cases compared to the rest of the districts

COVID-19 confirmed cases by sex in Sierra Leone (15th - 21st August, 2022)



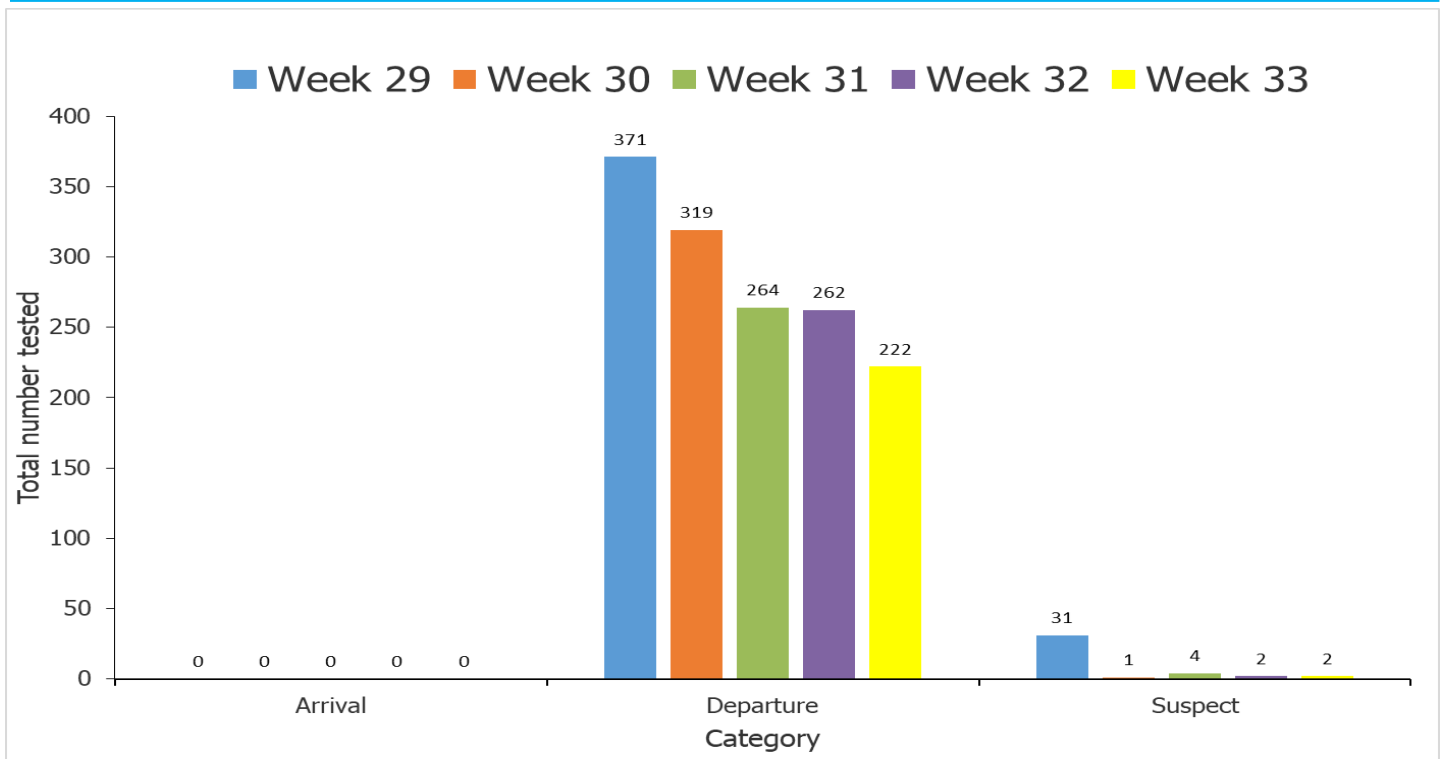
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Positivity rate of COVID-19 confirmed cases (Epi Week 1 - 33, 2022)



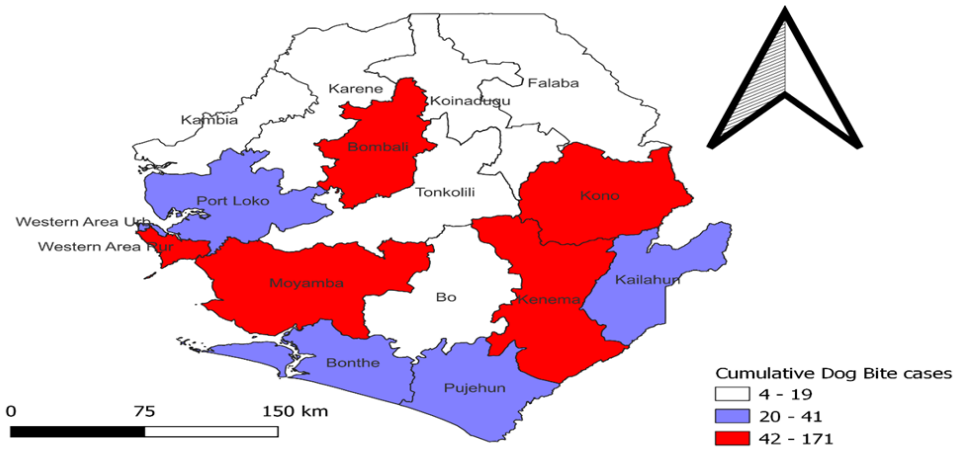
The positivity rate has constantly been less than one percent for more than 20 consecutive weeks. This is one of the factors leading to the revision of the COVID-19 regulations countrywide and the official transition of the NACOVERC to the MoHS. However there has been a steady increase in positivity rate over the past 7 weeks

Cumulative COVID-19 test conducted by Category (Epi Week 29 – 33, 2022) N=1,478



A greater proportion of testing is been done for departures and suspected cases. The country has stopped testing arrivals. The response has been transitioned to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

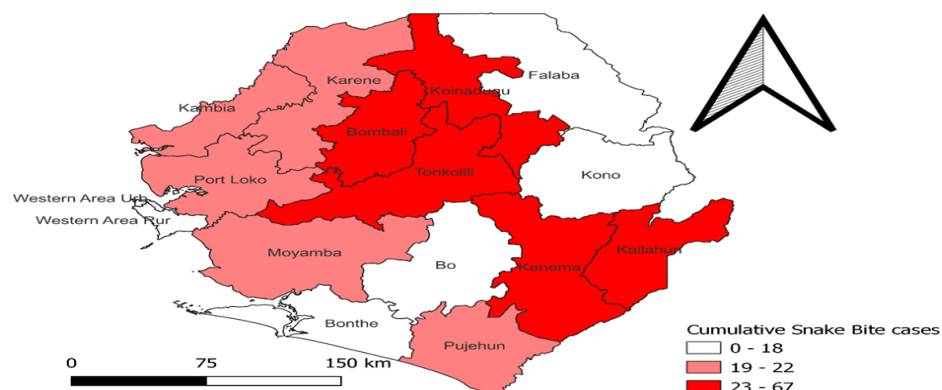
Cumulative Animal Bite (Dog) cases reported by districts (Epi Week 1 - 33, 2022) N= 662



**Note: Cumulative of Two (2) Deaths reported since the start of the year 1 each (PortLoko & Pujehun)
Increase of Dog bite case in Falaba district**

For week 33 of 2022, ten Dog bite cases were reported from three districts. The cumulative number of cases countrywide is 662. The districts of Moyamba, Bombali, Kono, Kenema and WAR have reported higher numbers of Dog bite cases. Port Loko and Pujehun district has reported two death due to clinical Rabies

Cumulative Animal bite (Snake) reported by districts (Epi Week 1 - 33, 2022) N=358



**Note: Thirteen (13) deaths reported since the start of the year
3 (Tonkolili), 2 each (Pujehun & Karene), 1 each (Bombali, Bo, Bonthe, Kenema, Kono & PortLoko)**

For week 33 of 2022, a total of eighteen (18) snake bites were reported from eleven districts. The districts that have recorded higher numbers of snake bites are Koinadugu, Bombali, Kenema, Tonkolili and Kailahun district. The cumulative total since the start of the year is 358 countrywide. Ten deaths due to snake bites have been reported from Pujehun and Karene (2), Bombali, Bo, Bonthe, Kono, Port Loko and Tonkolili (1) each per districts

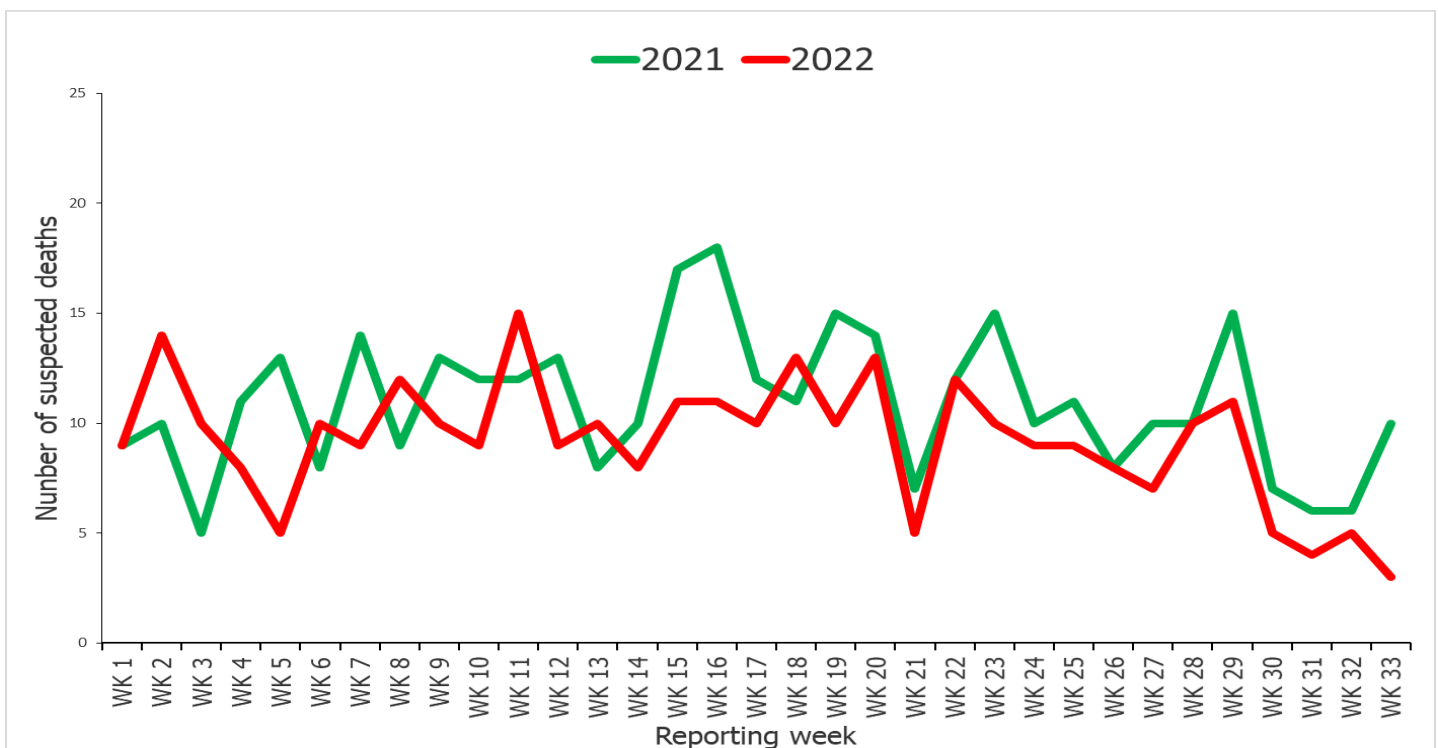
Cumulative Maternal Deaths reported by districts (Epi Week 1 - 33, 2022) N=304



Note: Backlog of Maternal Deaths reported in Bombali & WAR districts

For week 33 of 2022, three maternal deaths were reported from three districts. The cumulative deaths since the start of the year is 304 countrywide.

Compared Maternal Deaths by year (Epi Week 1 - 33, 2021 & 2022)



In comparison with 2021, the period of week 33 of 2022 reported less number of deaths compared to that of 2021 same period.

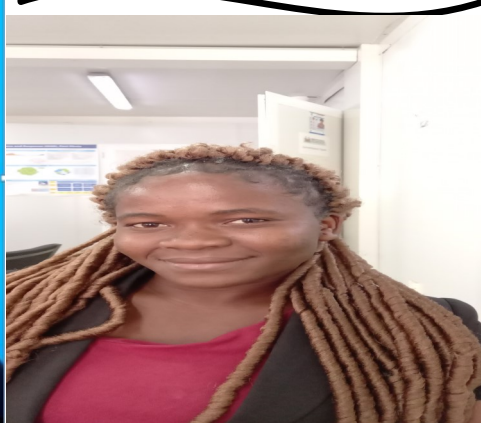
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