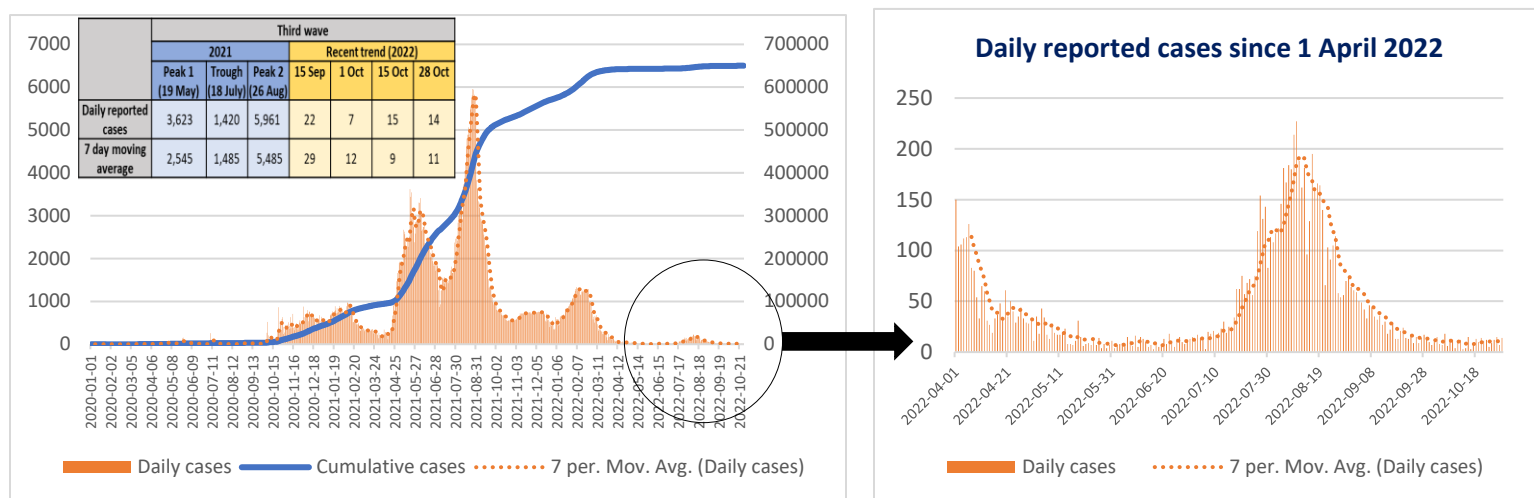


Situation Report: COVID-19 and other local and global health issues

A. COVID-19

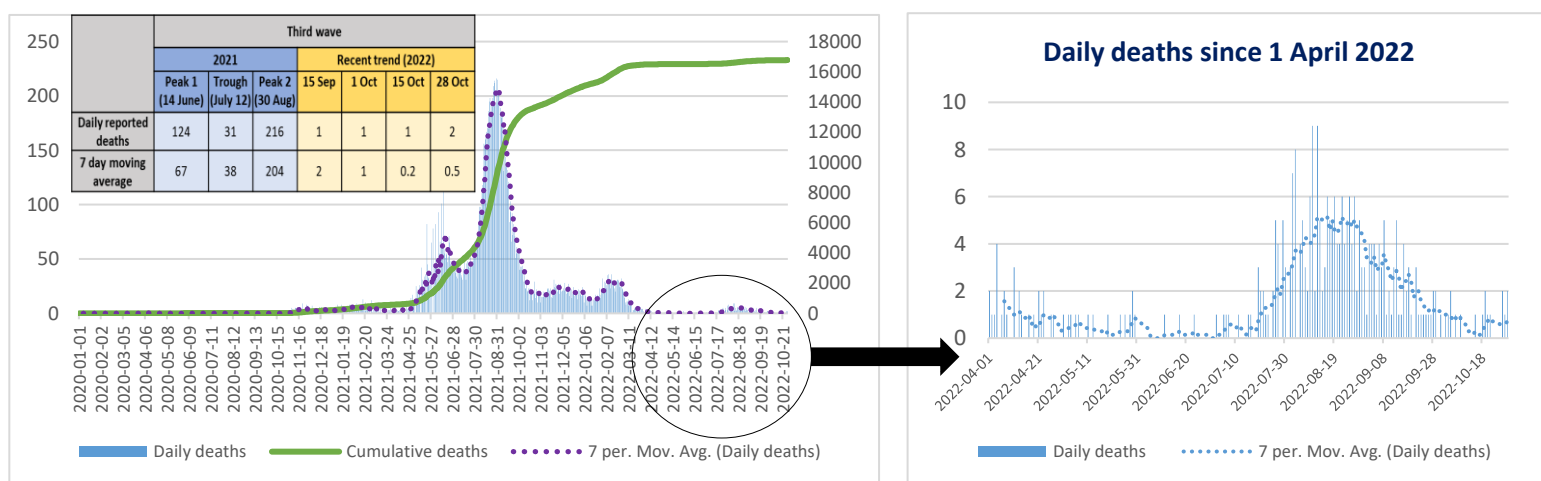
1. Daily reported cases of COVID-19



Source: Ministry of Health -Daily reported cases. Data updated until 28 October 2022

- A total of 671 051 cases have been reported as of 28 October.
- The number of cases reported from 1 October to 28 October is 258, which is a 64.9% decrease compared to the corresponding period in September (1-28 September).
- The average weekly incidence over the past 7 days is 0.3 per 100 000 population.

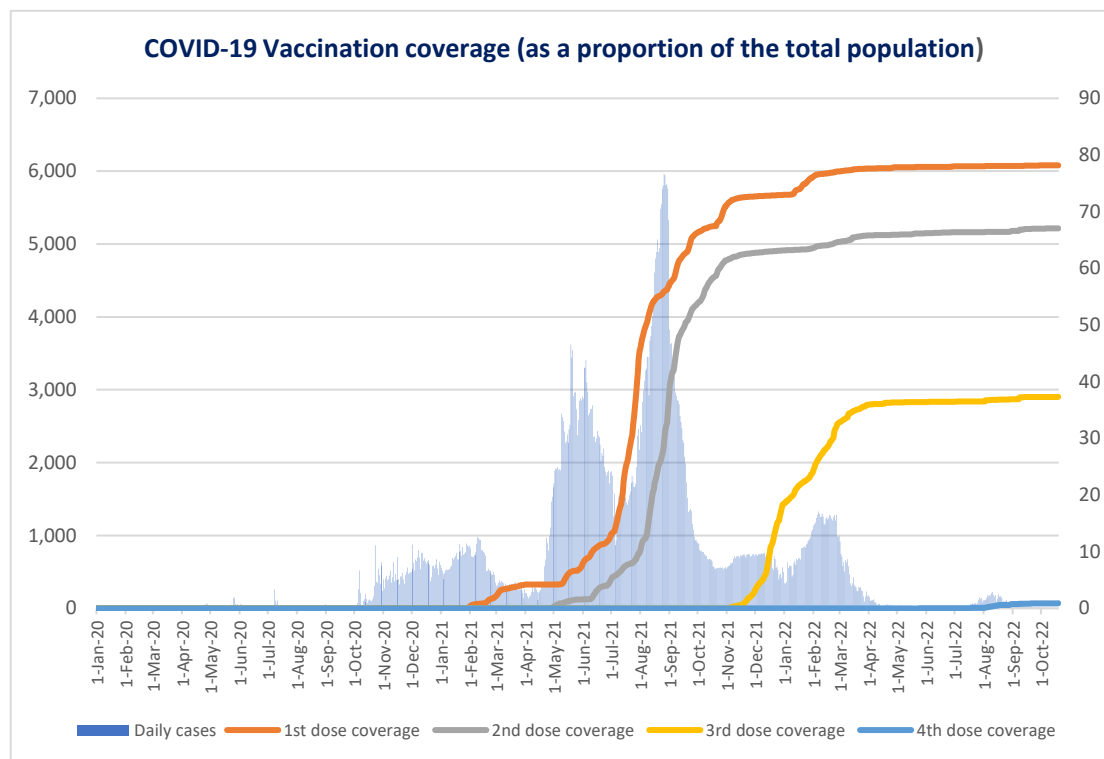
2. Daily reported deaths due to COVID-19



Source: Ministry of Health. Data updated until 28 October 2022

- A total of 16 779 deaths have been reported as of 28 October with 56% being males. More than three quarters (76%) of the deaths are in age group of 60+, while 22% are in the 30-60 years age group.
- The number of deaths reported from 1 October to 28 October is 18, which is a 70.5% decrease compared to the corresponding period in September (1-28 September).
- The average weekly case fatality rate over the past 7 days is 0.02 per 100 000 population.













3. COVID-19 Vaccination



Source: Ministry of Health. Data updated until 19 October 2022

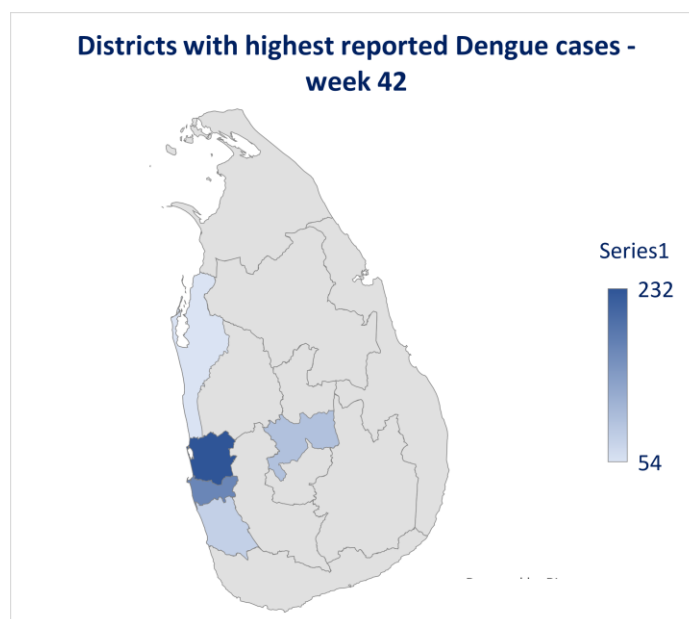
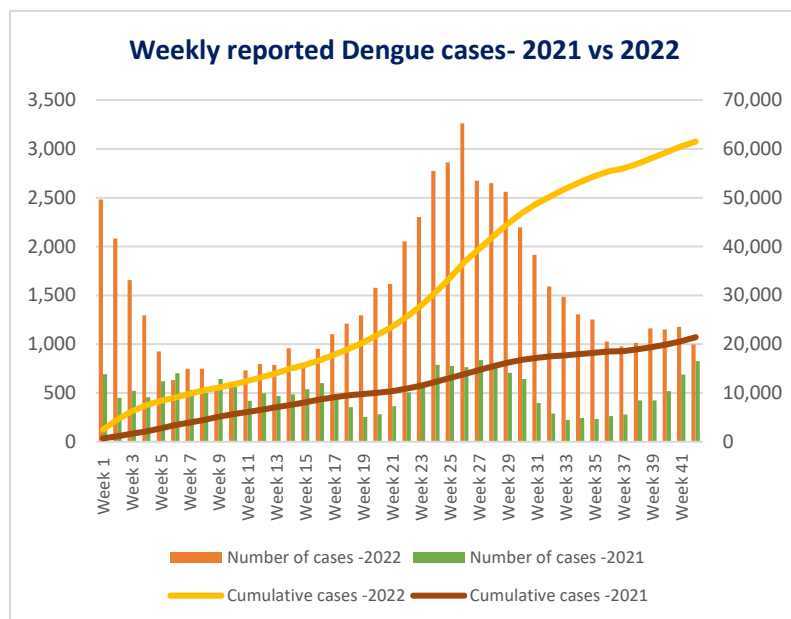
- 83.2% of the over 12 years age group has been vaccinated with two doses and this corresponds to 67.0% of the total population (14.7 million persons).
- A single booster dose (with Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine) has been administered to 8.1 million persons (37.3% of the total population). The second booster dose has been administered to 199 277 persons as of 19 October.

4. COVID-19 Regional situation

Country		New cases (last 7 days)	% change in new cases	New cases per 100,000 pop	New deaths (last 7 days)	% change in new deaths	New deaths per 100,000 pop	Test Positivity Rate (last 7DMA)	change in TPR
Indonesia		16,065	29.5	5.9	138	23.2	0.1	8.5	27.6
India		11,392	-28.1	0.8	58	-34.1	0.0	0.8	2.0
Thailand		2,616	17.1	3.7	40	-24.5	0.1	NA	NA
Myanmar		1,406	-39.5	2.6	8	100.0	0.0	2.3	-18.4
Bangladesh		1,310	-45.7	0.8	6	-72.7	0.0	6.1	-36.5
Nepal		248	-12.7	0.9	1	100.0	0.0	6.6	29.0
Maldives		86	24.6	12.6	0	0.0	0.0	NA	NA
Bhutan		83	100.0	10.8	0	0.0	0.0	NA	NA
Sri Lanka		78	39.3	0.4	4	0.0	0.0	NA	NA
Timor-Leste		9	-43.8	0.7	0	0.0	0.0	NA	NA
DPR Korea		0	0.0	NA	0	0.0	NA	NA	NA
SEAR total		33,293	-7.0	NA	255	-10.0	NA	NA	NA

Source: WHO SEARO. Data for the period of 20-26 October 2022 considered.

B. Dengue



Source: National Dengue Control Unit, Ministry of Health

- During the past four weeks (26 September – 23 October) a total of 4 488 dengue cases have been reported.
- During week 42 (week ending 23 October), 997 suspected dengue cases were reported which is a 15.4% decrease compared to week 41 where 1178 cases were reported. The total number of cases reported for 2022 is 61 492, while the corresponding figure for 2021 was only 21 428.
- Majority of cases have been reported from Western Province (42.8%). The highest number of cases during the week was observed in Gampaha, Colombo, Kandy, Kalutara and Puttalam.

C. WHO support in the context of the current economic crisis and its impact on health

- The application was submitted to UN Central Emergency Response Fund for a total value of 5.4 million US dollars. Part of these funds approximately 1.25 million US dollars was utilized to purchase essential drugs by UNDP and handed over to the Ministry of Health.
- The Humanitarian Needs and Priorities (HNP) Plan, launched on 9 June 2022, targets 1.7 million people, calling for 47.2 million US dollars to implement responses to provide life-saving assistance to the women, men, and children who are most affected and vulnerable. Humanitarian donors have so far contributed 20.3 million US dollars (43% of requirements). Additional 25 million AUS dollars are expected from DFAT Australia which will be distributed to UNFPA and UNICEF. WHO country office is leading the health sector appeal of 8 million US dollars in partnership with Sarvodaya. A decision has been made to extend the time frame of the HNP until December 2022.

D. Global health issues

Multi-country monkeypox (MPX) outbreak in non-endemic countries

- As of 16 October 2022, a total of 73 437 laboratory confirmed MPX cases including 29 deaths have been reported to WHO from 109 countries/territories/areas across all six WHO regions (since 1 Jan 2022). The number of weekly reported new cases globally has decreased by 20.6% in week 41 (10 – 16 October) (n=2 167 cases) compared to week 40.
- As of 16 October, the five most affected countries globally are: United States of America (n = 27 128), Brazil (n=8 621), Spain (n = 7 239), France (n=4 064) and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (n = 3 673).
- The outbreak continues to affect primarily young men, with 97.1% (40 940/42 163) of cases with available data being men with a median age of 35 years.
- Among cases with sexual orientation reported, 87.9% (18 549/21 099) identified as gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men. Of all reported types of transmission, transmission through skin and mucosal contact during sexual activities was most commonly reported, with 12 451 of 17 310 (71.9%) of all reported transmission events.
- Thirty three laboratory-confirmed MPX cases have been reported from SEAR with one confirmed death reported from India.
- The risk at the global level and in the South-East Asia Region is currently assessed as moderate while the risk in the European Region and Region of Americas is graded as high.
- Human-to-human spread of MPX can be controlled by public health measures including early case-finding, diagnosis and care, isolation, contact-tracing, post-exposure preventive vaccination (PEPV) for contacts of cases and primary preventive vaccination (PPV) for persons at high risk of exposure.

For further details:

Multi-country outbreak of monkeypox, External situation report #8 - 19 October 2022:

<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/multi-country-outbreak-of-monkeypox--external-situation-report--8---19-october-2022>