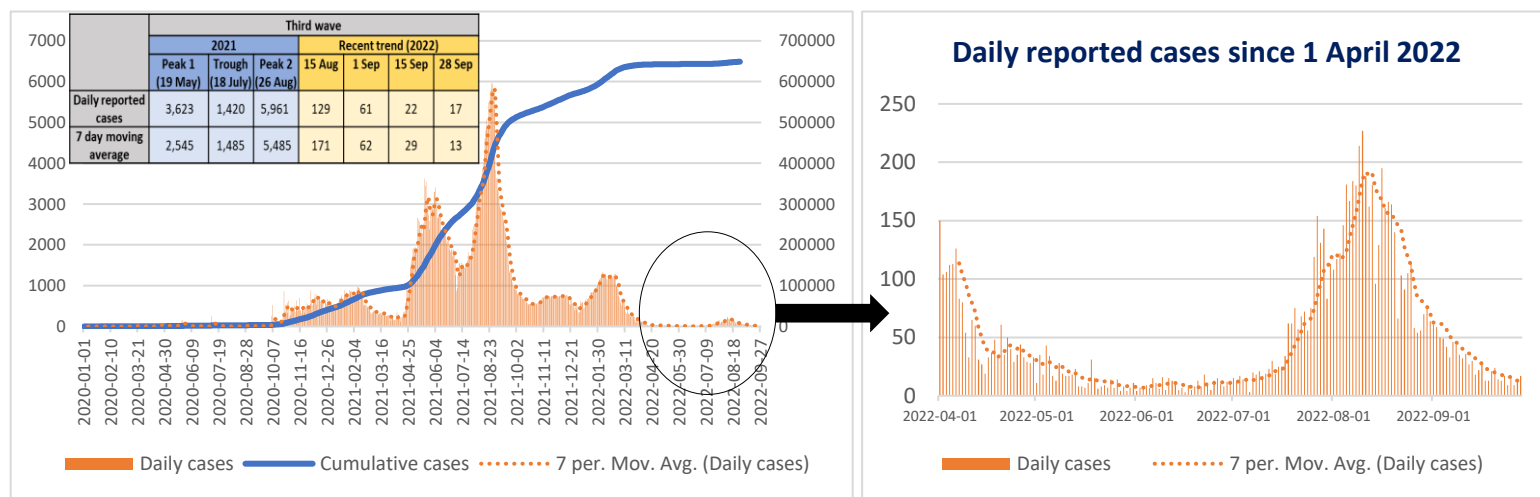


Situation Report: COVID-19 and other local and global health issues

A. COVID-19

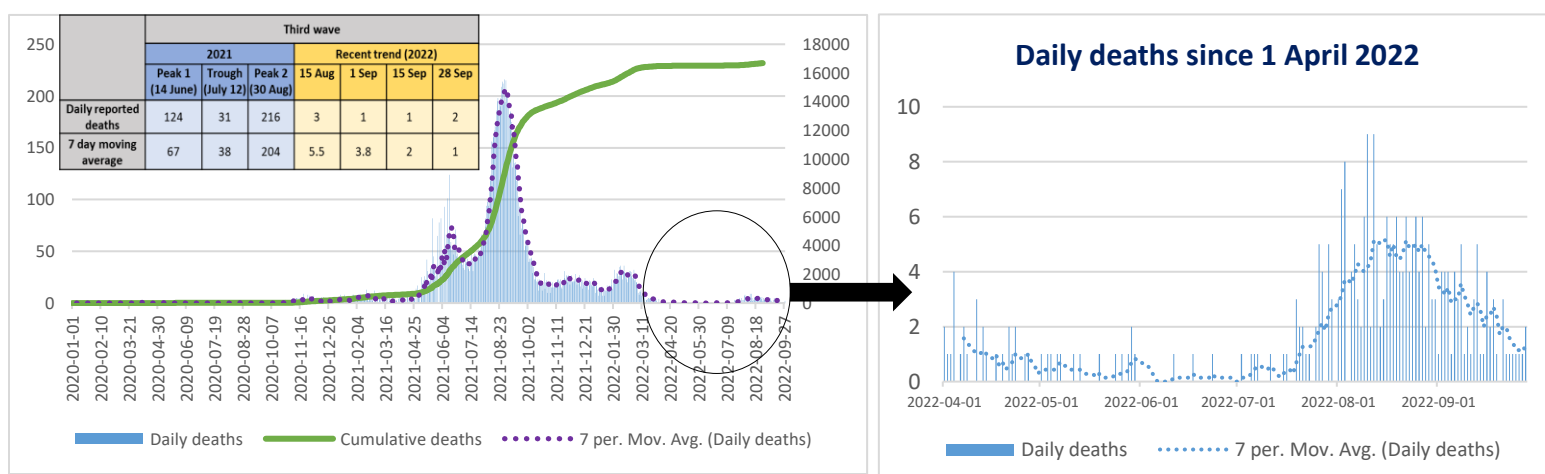
1. Daily reported cases of COVID-19



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

- A total of 670 749 cases have been reported as of 28 September.
- The number of cases reported over the past two-week period (15 – 28 September) is 230 which is a 59.1% decrease compared to the previous two weeks (1 – 14 September).
- The average weekly incidence over the past 7 days is 0.4 per 100 000 population.

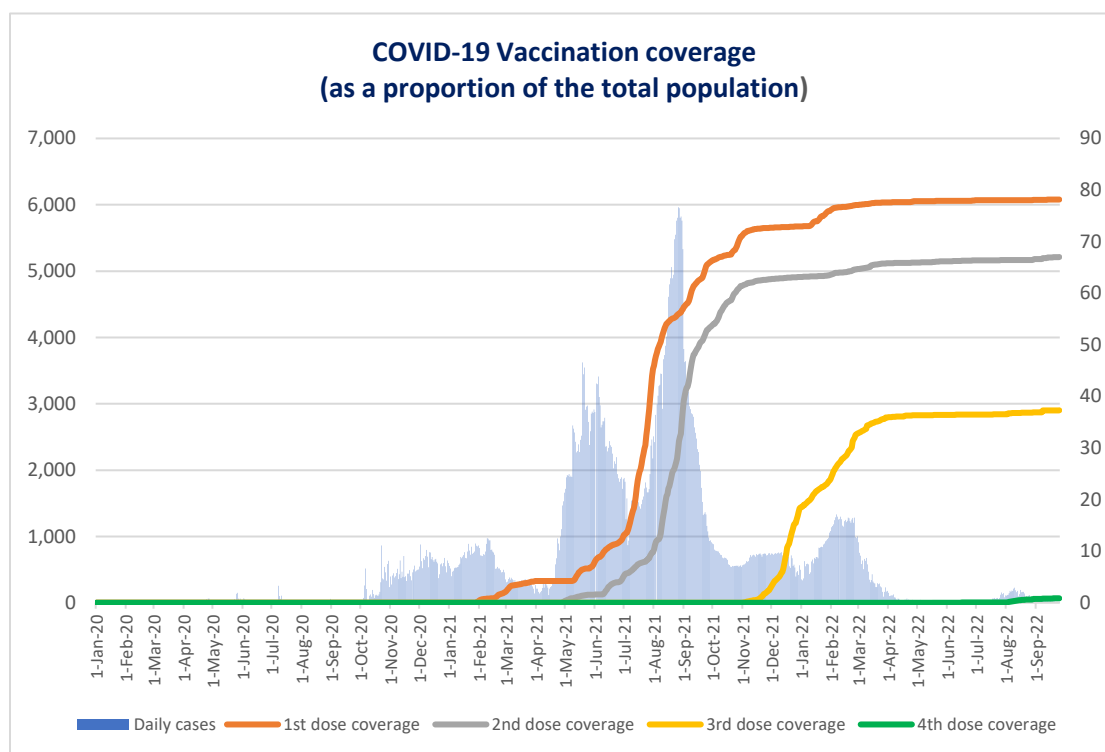
2. Daily reported deaths due to COVID-19



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

- A total of 16 759 deaths have been reported as of 28 September 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 over the past two-week period (15 – 28 September) is 22 which is a 43.6% decrease compared to the previous two weeks (1 – 14 September).
- The average weekly case fatality rate over the past 7 days is 0.04 per 100 000 population.

3. COVID-19 Vaccination



Source: Ministry of Health. Data updated until 25 September 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 (14.6 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 190 181 persons as of 25 September.

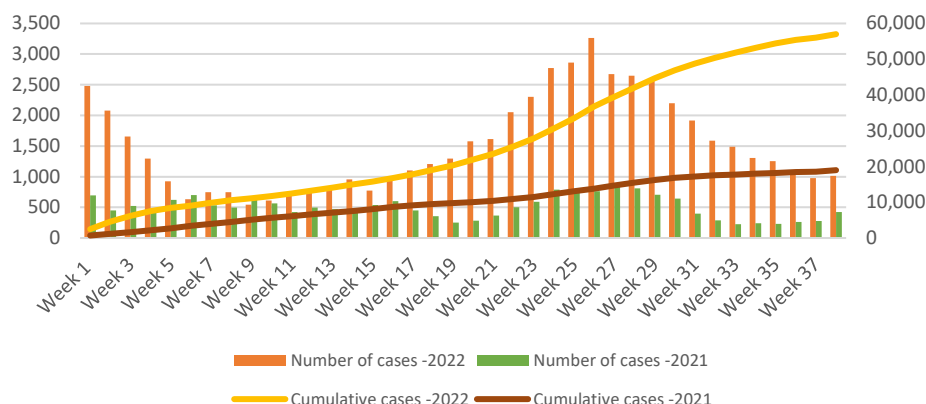
4. COVID-19 Regional situation

| 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 |
|-------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| India | | 43,848 | -27.2 | 3.4 | 183 | -56.6 | 0.0 | 1.1 | -18.5 |
| Indonesia | | 23,194 | -21.8 | 9.4 | 151 | 18.0 | 0.0 | 10.3 | -6.0 |
| Thailand | | 11,650 | -0.1 | 17.5 | 161 | -17.0 | 0.2 | 5.0 | -19.0 |
| Bangladesh | | 1,743 | 19.7 | 0.9 | 6 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 44.1 |
| Nepal | | 949 | -14.9 | 3.5 | 8 | 33.3 | 0.0 | 8.3 | -18.3 |
| Myanmar | | 579 | 41.2 | 1.1 | 4 | 300.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 79.3 |
| Sri Lanka | | 294 | -40.0 | 1.9 | 18 | -37.9 | 0.1 | NA | NA |
| Bhutan | | 90 | -46.7 | 19.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 2.4 |
| Maldives | | 68 | 0.0 | 12.6 | 0 | -100.0 | 0.0 | NA | NA |
| Timor-Leste | | 34 | 13.3 | 2.1 | 0 | -100.0 | 0.0 | NA | NA |
| DPR Korea | | 0 | 0.0 | NA | 0 | 0.0 | NA | NA | NA |
| SEAR total | | 82,449 | -22.0 | NA | 531 | -33.0 | NA | NA | NA |

Source: WHO SEARO. Data for the period of 15-21 September 2022 considered.

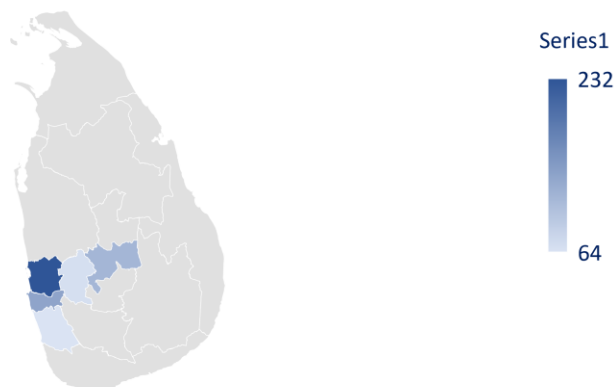
B. Dengue

Weekly reported Dengue cases- 2021 vs 2022

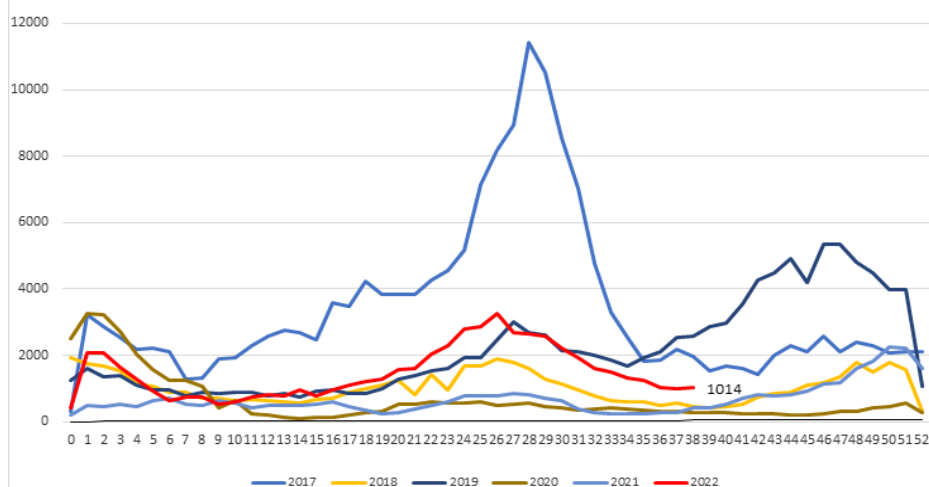


- During week 38 (week ending 25 September), 1 014 suspected dengue cases were reported which is a 3.7% increase compared to week 37 where 978 cases were reported. The total number of cases reported for 2022 is 57 004, while the corresponding figure for 2021 was only 18 970.
- Majority of cases have been reported from Western Province (42.8%). The highest number of cases during the week was observed in Gampaha, Colombo, Kandy, Kegalle and Kalutara.

Districts with highest reported Dengue cases - week 38



Weekly seasonality pattern of Dengue: 2017- 2022



Source: National Dengue Control Unit, Ministry of Health

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 will be utilized for essential medicines procurement through UNDP. This will be used to spearhead UN humanitarian appeal already launched. The first consignment of medicines was handed over to the Hon. Minister of Health on the 14 September with the participation of the UN resident coordinator, Representative of WHO and Deputy Representative UNDP. The balance consignments of medicines are expected to be delivered before end September 2022.

D. Global health issues

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

- As of 18 September 2022, a total of 61 753 laboratory confirmed MPX cases including 23 deaths have been reported to WHO from 105 countries/territories/areas across all six WHO regions (since 1 Jan 2022). The number of weekly reported new cases globally has decreased by 22% in week 37 (n=3 794 cases) compared to week 36.
- As of 18 September, the five most affected countries globally are: United States of America (n = 22 957), Spain (n = 7 037), Brazil (n=6 649), France (n=3 898) and Germany (n = 3 563).
- The outbreak continues to affect primarily young men, with 97.4% (31 295/32 125) of cases with available data being men with a median age of 35 years.
- Among cases with sexual orientation reported, 90.9% (13 940/15 339) 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 10 215 of 11 242 (90.9%) of all reported transmission events.
- As of 18 September 2022, 21 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 #6- 21 September 2022:

<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/multi-country-outbreak-of-monkeypox--external-situation-report--6---21-september-2022>