



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

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Press Release on Dengue Fever

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) is informing members of the public to continue to be vigilant and take the necessary measures to protect themselves and their families from Dengue Fever. Although a Dengue fever outbreak was declared for the Western Division on Monday 03 February 2025, all divisions have been advised to be on the alert for Dengue Fever.

The increasing Dengue Fever trends seen this year is expected as a result of the heavy rainfall and flooding that the country has been experiencing over the past months.

There have been 1277 Dengue Fever cases reported so far this year, with 757 cases in the Western Division, 273 cases in the Central Division, 221 cases in the Northern Division, and 31 cases in the Eastern Division. The ministry is also monitoring hospital admissions from divisional and subdivisinal hospitals with a noted increase in Dengue Fever hospital admissions reported mainly from the Western Division.

In anticipation of the rise in dengue cases, the Ministry of health conducted outbreak response training for divisional and subdivisinal teams to investigate and respond to expected outbreak situations during the annual Divisional Outbreak Response Training conducted from October to November, last year.

In the past month the ministry has continued to actively respond to the increasing number of dengue fever cases through the early recognition, treatment, and referral of cases as required. The Ministry is also continuing to heighten its surveillance for

dengue fever and its awareness and public health campaigns for source reduction and control of vectors for dengue.

The Ministry reminds members of the public to take heed of public advisories on Dengue and Leptospirosis that have been issued and also advertisements that are currently being aired on various media platforms.

The Ministry continues to urge members of the public to learn about dengue fever, take precautions to prevent infection, and present early to a medical facility should symptoms develop.

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