

# Measles Global Situation Update

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May 2026

## Disclaimer

Please note that all data contained within is provisional. The number of cases of measles and rubella officially reported by a member state is only available by July of each year (through the joint WHO UNICEF annual data collection exercise). If any numbers from this provisional data are quoted, they should be properly sourced with a date (i.e. "provisional data based on monthly data reported to WHO (Geneva) as of May 2026"). For official data from 1980–2024, please visit our website.

# Number of reported measles cases by WHO Region

## 2026

Region	Member States*	Suspected MR cases	Measles cases	Clin	Epi	Lab	Date Received
AFR	37/47	34,154	19,290	4,631	8,911	5,748	2026-05
AMR	28/35	37,543	18,858	0	281	18,577	2026-05
EMR	20/21	34,675	21,532	10,791	4,037	6,704	2026-05
EUR	35/53	9,867	6,976	484	295	6,197	2026-05
SEAR	10/10	56,900	29,461	12,482	2,377	14,602	2026-05
WPR	25/28	11,350	4,122	1,273	1,504	1,345	2026-05
Total	155/194	184,489	100,239	29,661	17,405	53,173	

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
AFR	6,217	6,774	4,740	1,559	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AMR	3,495	5,772	7,079	2,506	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMR	5,813	5,134	5,365	5,220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EUR	2,722	2,742	1,512	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEAR	3,988	4,574	8,329	12,570	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WPR	1,571	1,534	997	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23,806	26,530	28,022	21,875	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## 2025

Region	Member States*	Suspected MR cases	Measles cases	Clin	Epi	Lab	Date Received
AFR	43/47	114,292	66,334	31,458	14,662	20,214	2026-05
AMR	35/35	42,716	14,656	2	3,004	11,650	2026-05
EMR	20/21	131,952	75,772	32,517	12,093	31,162	2026-05
EUR	47/53	50,333	34,022	4,876	5,509	23,637	2026-05
SEAR	10/10	110,150	19,912	3,994	4,402	11,516	2026-05
WPR	28/28	135,224	44,155	3,845	12,703	27,607	2026-05
Total	183/194	584,667	254,851	76,692	52,373	125,786	

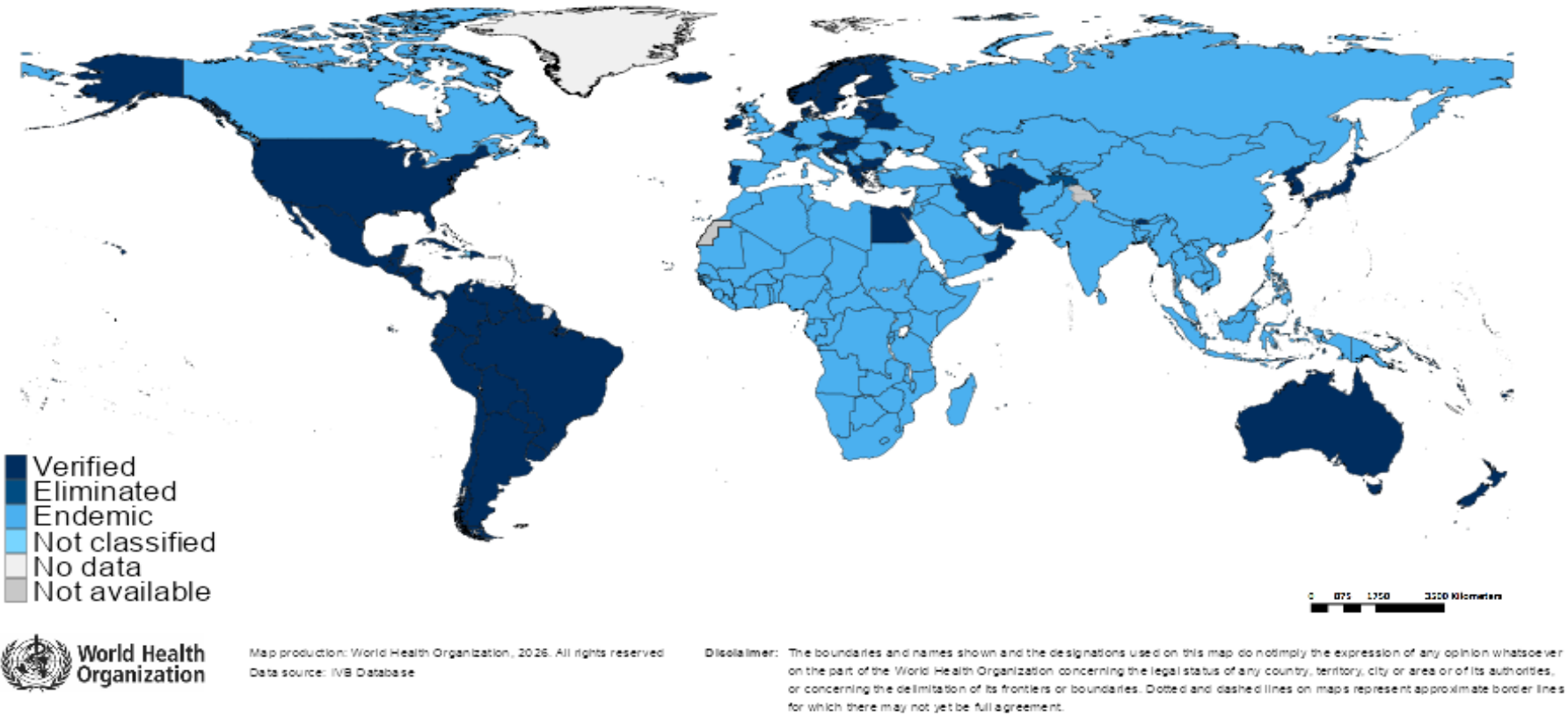
Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
AFR	6,569	7,567	9,775	6,602	7,279	5,760	4,524	4,671	3,978	4,224	3,221	2,164
AMR	73	440	1,230	2,531	2,198	1,915	1,691	902	768	654	781	1,473
EMR	6,981	7,763	9,633	9,528	9,044	6,287	6,142	4,579	3,962	4,006	3,803	4,044
EUR	4,905	4,463	4,526	5,283	5,243	3,872	1,763	824	506	482	699	1,456
SEAR	1,377	1,562	2,035	2,103	1,632	1,179	1,221	899	1,238	1,711	2,089	2,866
WPR	2,618	2,711	2,372	2,341	5,761	8,169	4,855	4,594	4,211	3,711	1,873	939
Total	22,523	24,506	29,571	28,388	31,157	27,182	20,196	16,469	14,663	14,788	12,466	12,942

Notes: Based on data received 2026-05 – This is surveillance data, hence for the last month, the data may be incomplete. \* Member States Reporting / Total Member States in Region

# Measles/rubella verification of elimination

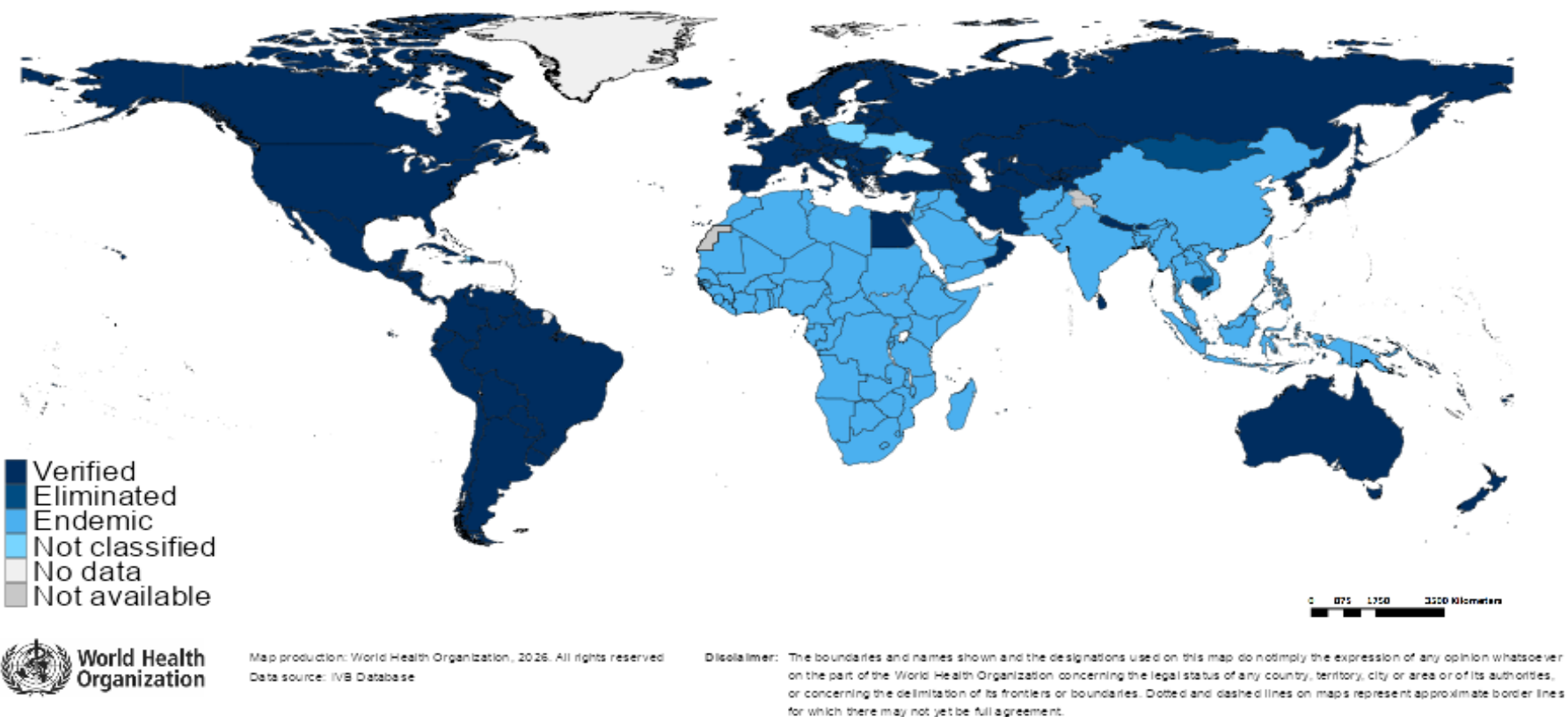
## Measles

Region	Member States	Verified	% Verified	Eliminated	Endemic*	Not classified
AFR	47	3	6	0	44	0
AMR	35	33	94	0	1	1
EMR	21	4	19	2	15	0
EUR	53	32	60	1	19	1
SEAR	10	4	40	0	6	0
WPR	28	19	68	0	9	0
GLOBAL	194	95	49	3	94	2



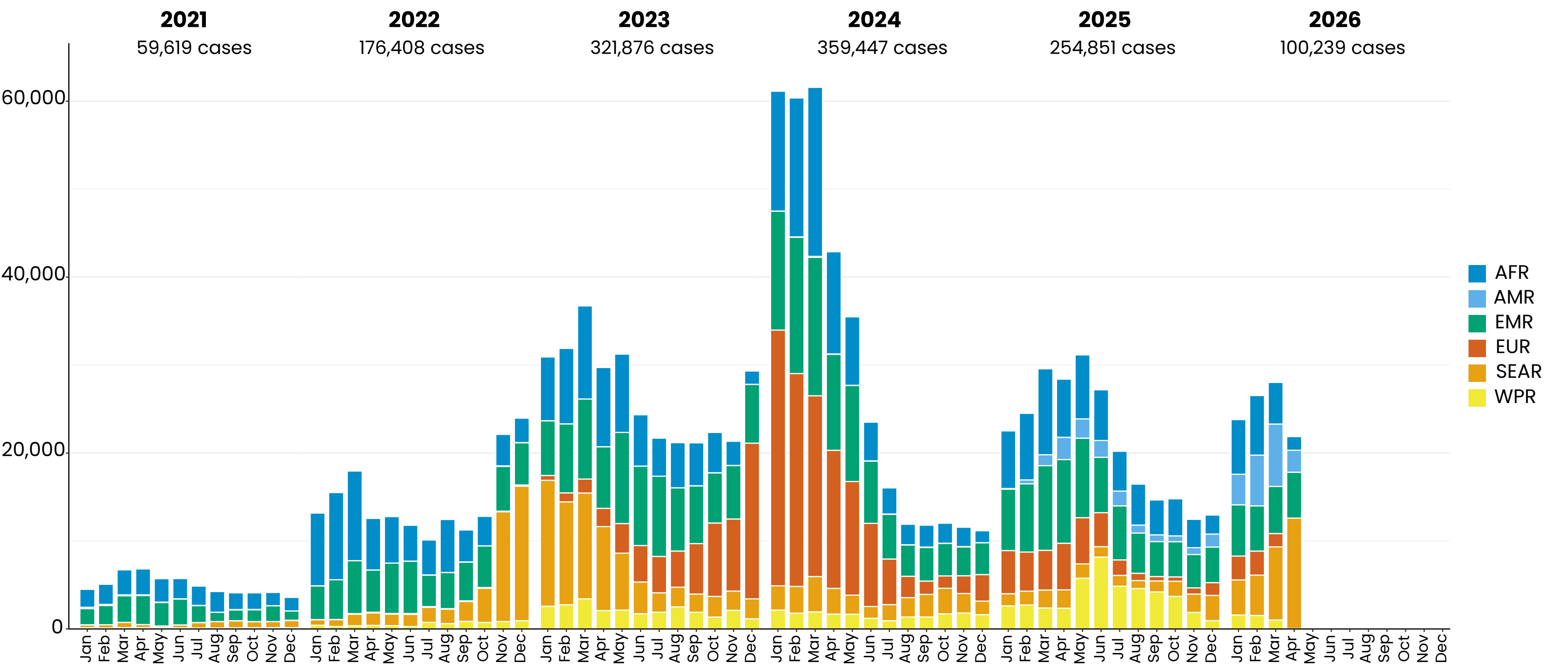
## Rubella

Region	Member States	Verified	% Verified	Eliminated	Endemic*	Not classified
AFR	47	3	6	0	44	0
AMR	35	34	97	0	0	1
EMR	21	4	19	2	15	0
EUR	53	49	92	0	0	4
SEAR	10	6	60	0	4	0
WPR	28	19	68	2	7	0
GLOBAL	194	115	59	4	70	5



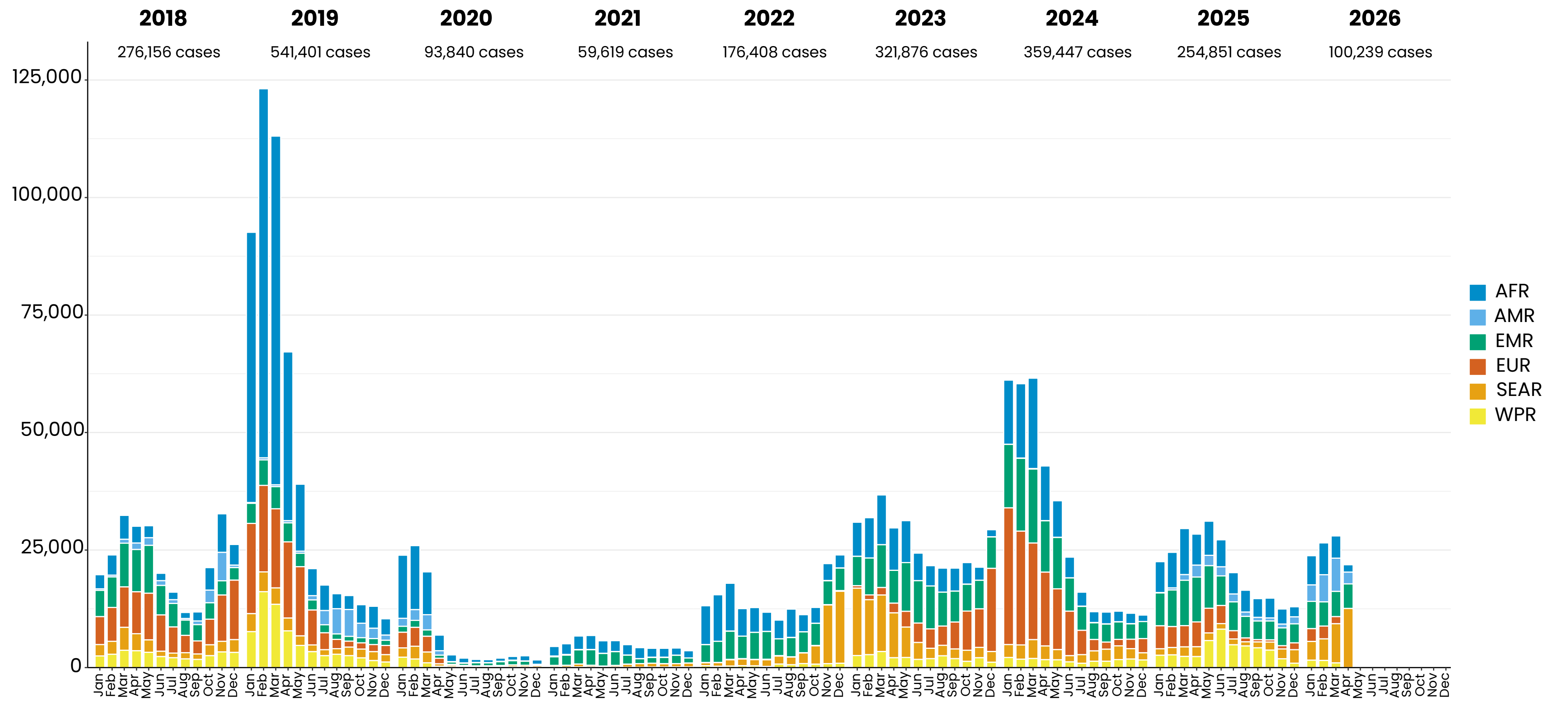
Notes: Based on data available at WHO HQ as of 2026-05-13 . Terms used on this slide refer to the global framework for the verification of measles and rubella elimination. These terms might differ from those used by WHO Regional Offices. Verified = Elimination verified by Regional Verification Commission (RVC); Eliminated = Eliminated transmission but no RVC verification yet; \*The endemic category on this slide also includes countries where transmission was reestablished.

# Measles case distribution by month and WHO Region (2021-2026)



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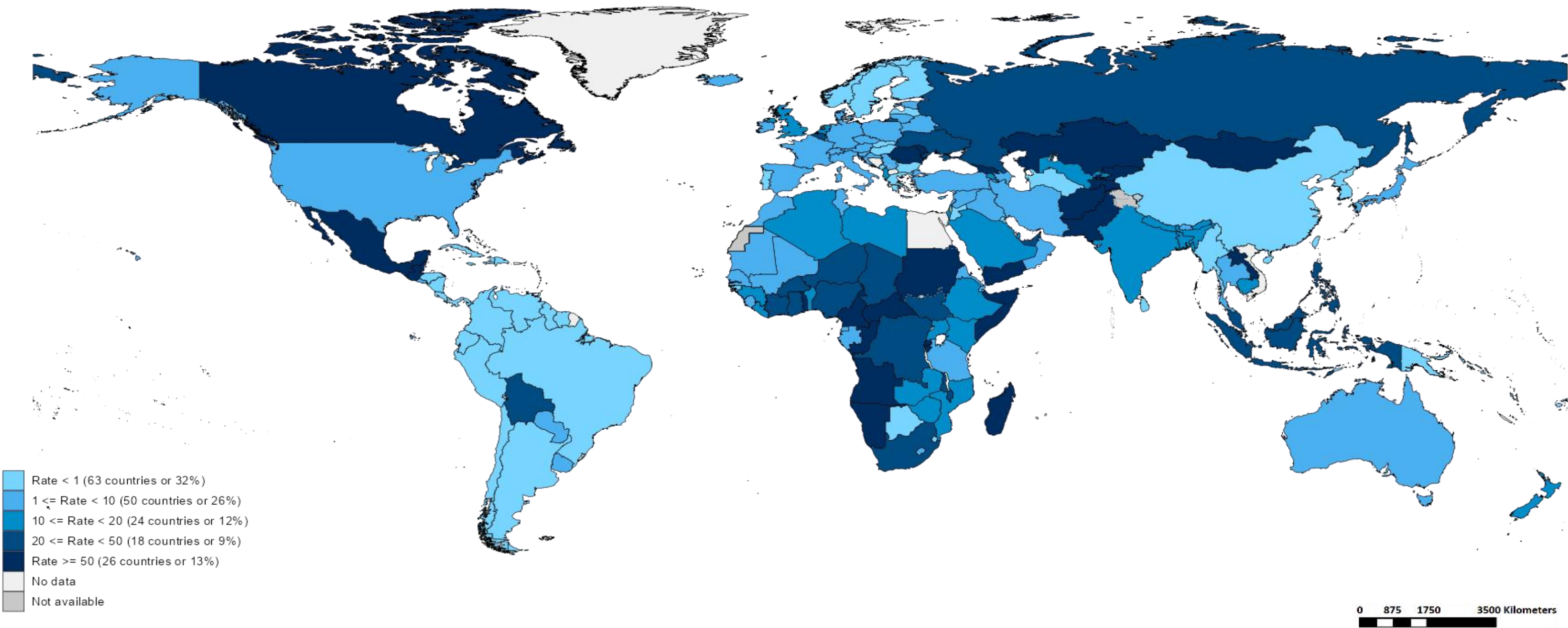
# Measles case distribution by month and WHO Region (2018–2026)



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# Measles Incidence Rate per Million (12M period)



## Highest incidence rates

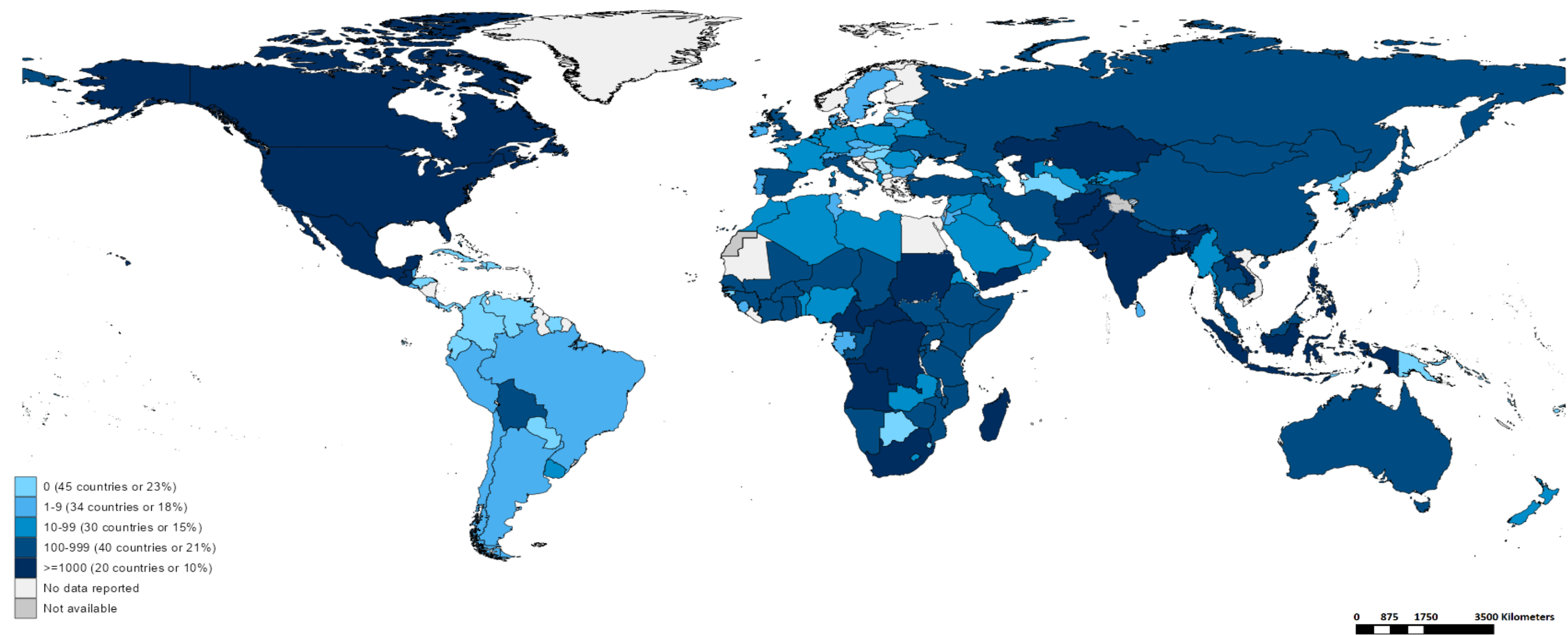
Country	Cases	Rate
Mongolia	13335	3,791.48
Yemen	28925	692.42
Lao People's Democratic Republic	5223	663.40
Kyrgyzstan	3766	516.24
Kazakhstan	8728	418.73
Angola	13419	343.72
Cameroon	8720	291.84
Central African Republic	1505	272.98
Guatemala	4802	256.96
Tajikistan	1783	165.30



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# Number of Reported Measles Cases (Last 6 months)



Country	Cases*
India**	19,705
Yemen	11,354
Mexico	10,678
Pakistan	9,671
Angola	6,958
Kazakhstan	6,856
Cameroon	6,751
Sudan	4,880
Guatemala	4,802
Bangladesh	3,276



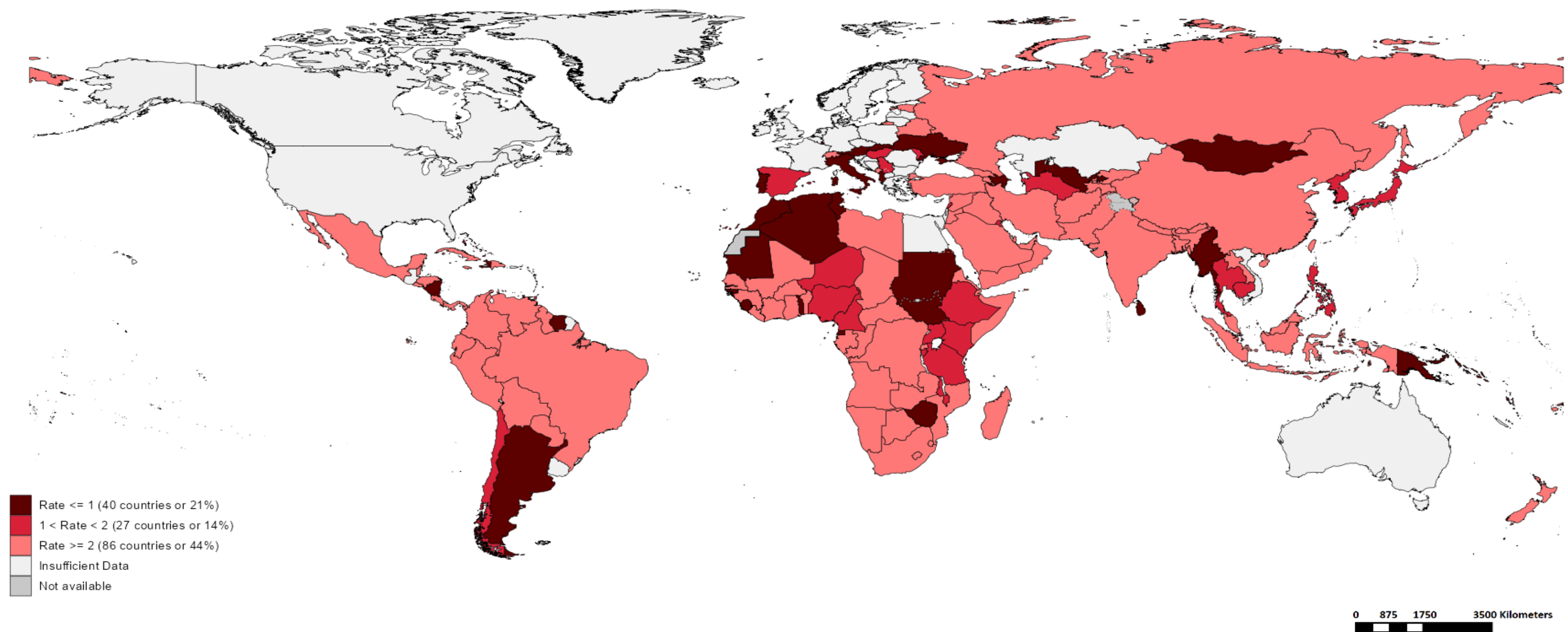
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Notes: Based on data received 2026-05 – Surveillance data from 2025-10 to 2026-03 – \* Countries with highest number of cases for the period – \*\*WHO classifies all suspected measles cases reported from India as measles clinically compatible if a specimen was not collected as per the algorithm for classification of suspected measles in the WHO VPD Surveillance Standards. Thus numbers might be different between what WHO reports and what India reports.



# Surveillance sensitivity reporting rate of measles and rubella (12 months, discarded cases\* per 100,000 population)

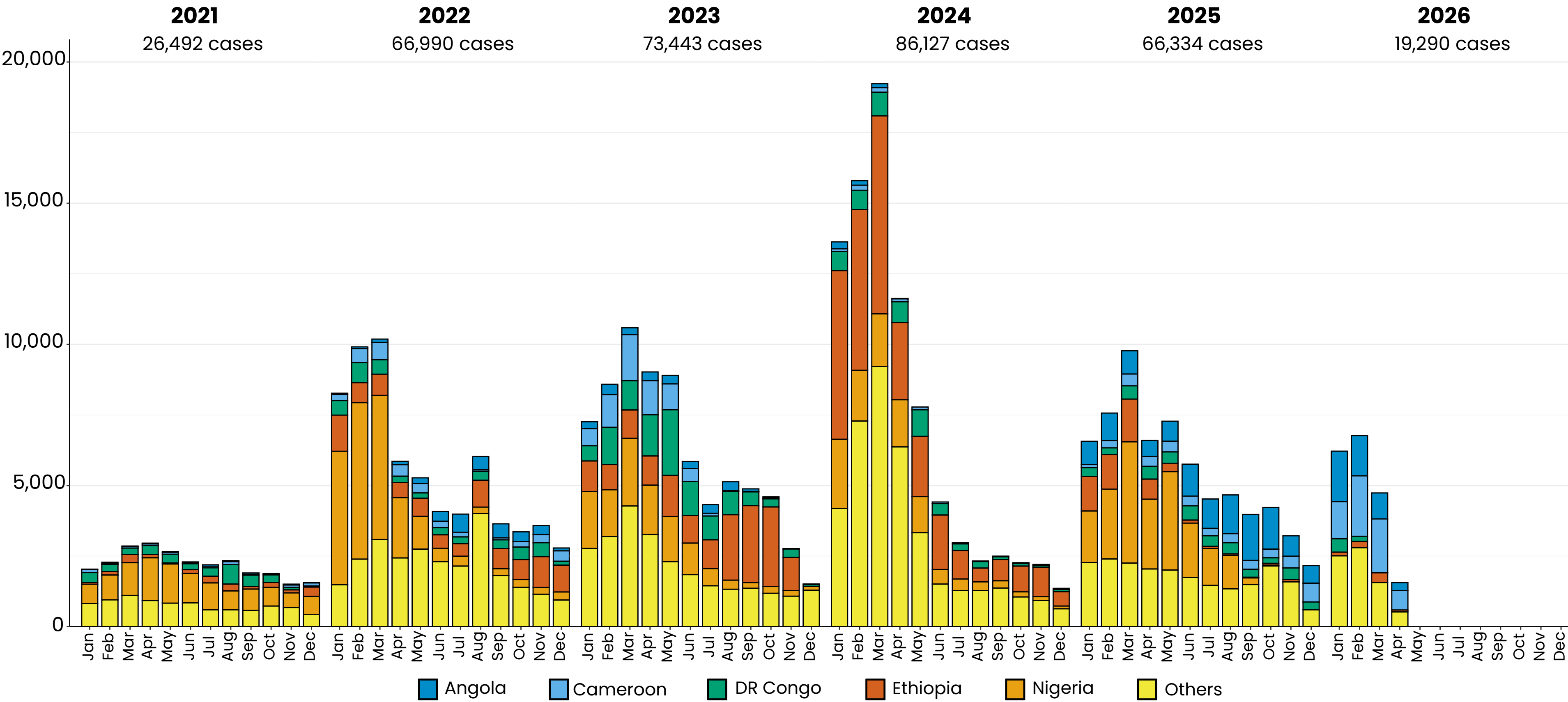


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Notes: Based on data received 2026-05 – Surveillance data from 2025-04 to 2026-03 – Target:  $\geq 2$  discarded cases\* / 100,000 population\*\* – \* Suspected cases investigated and discarded as non-measles non-rubella using laboratory testing and/or epidemiological linkage to another etiology \*\* World population prospects, 2024 revision

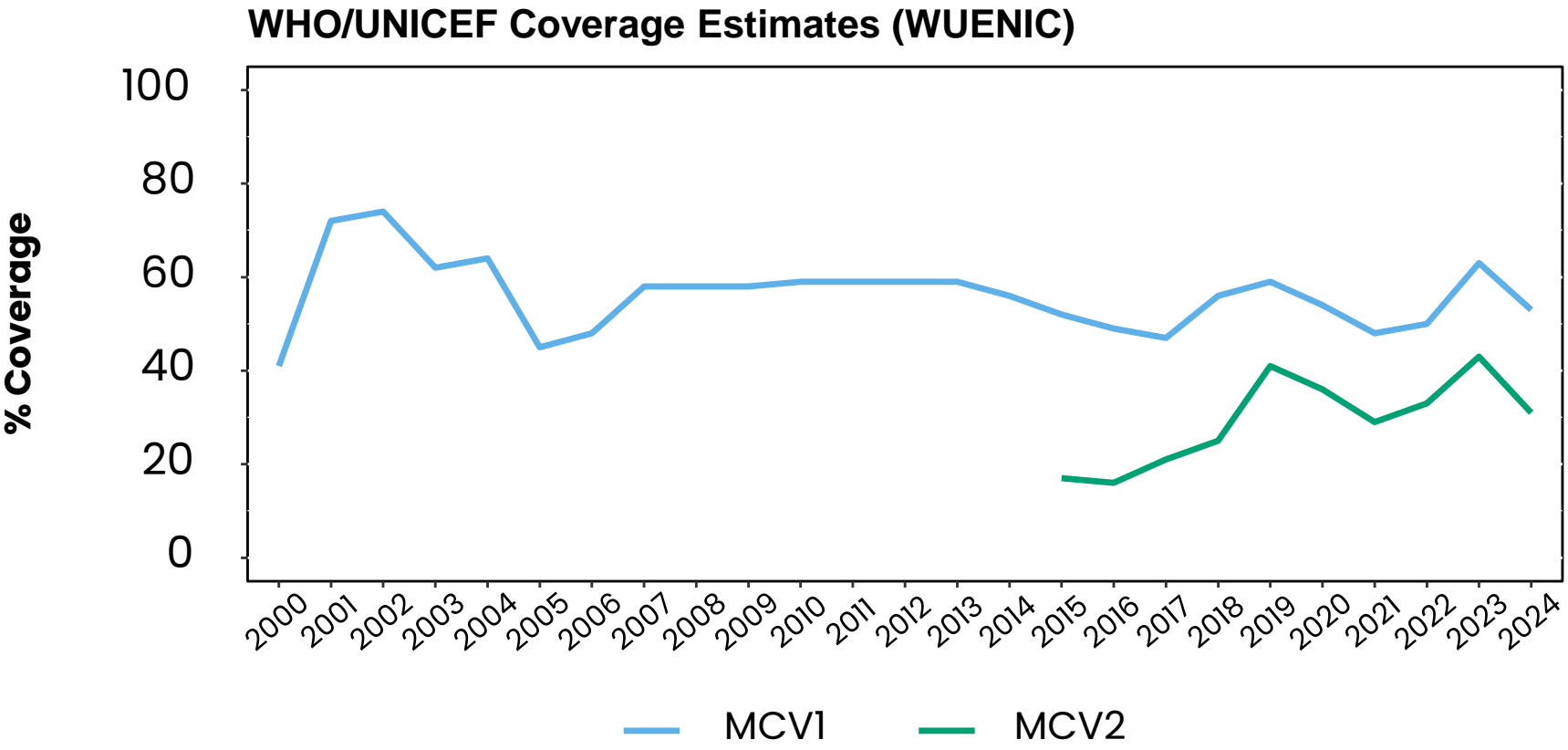
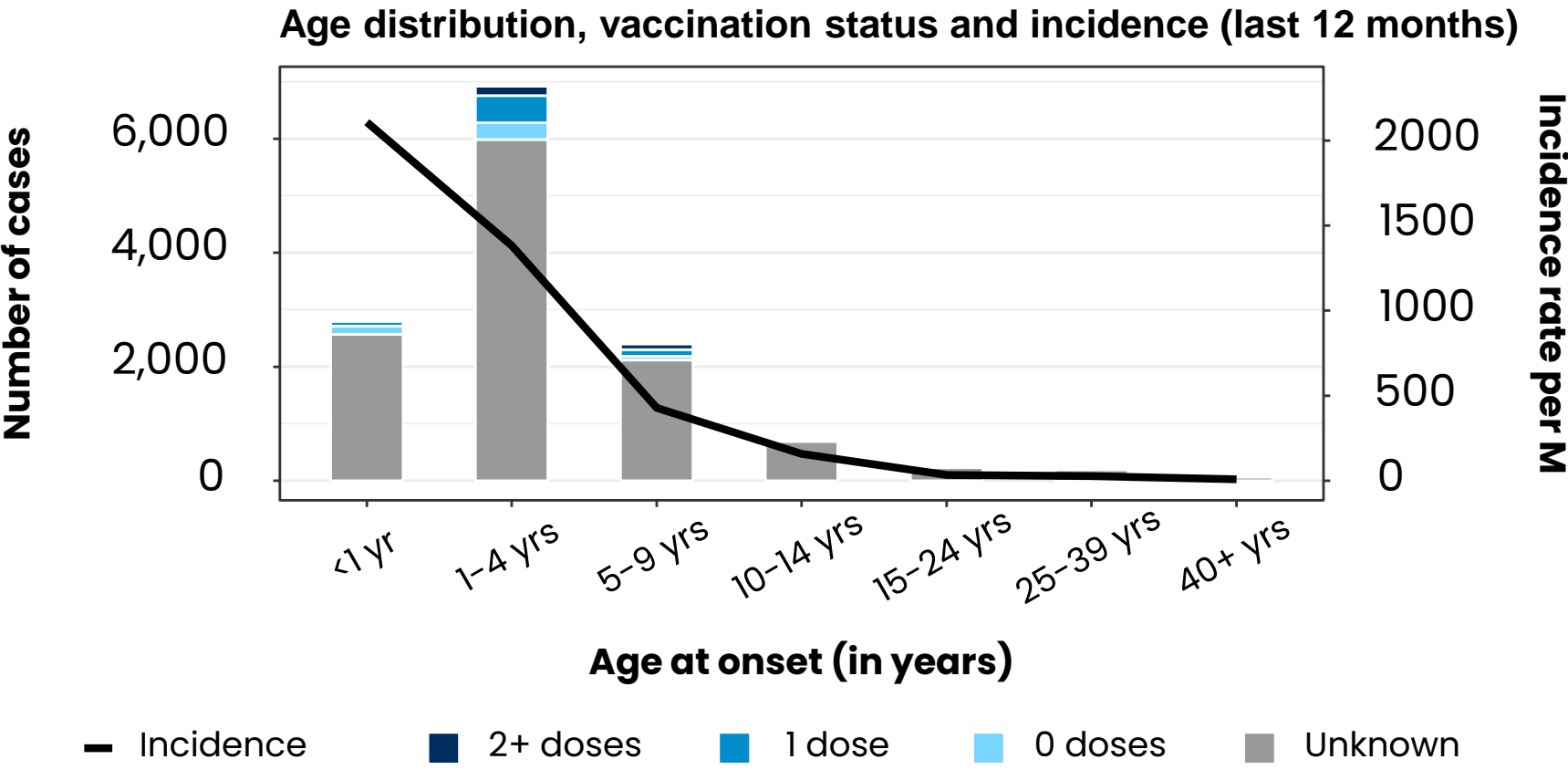
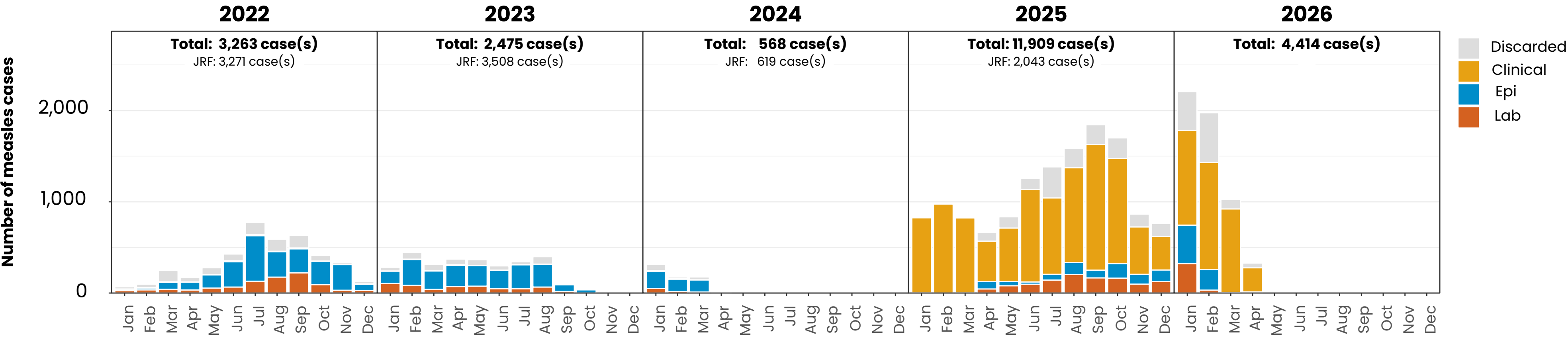
# Measles case distribution (AFR), 2021-2026



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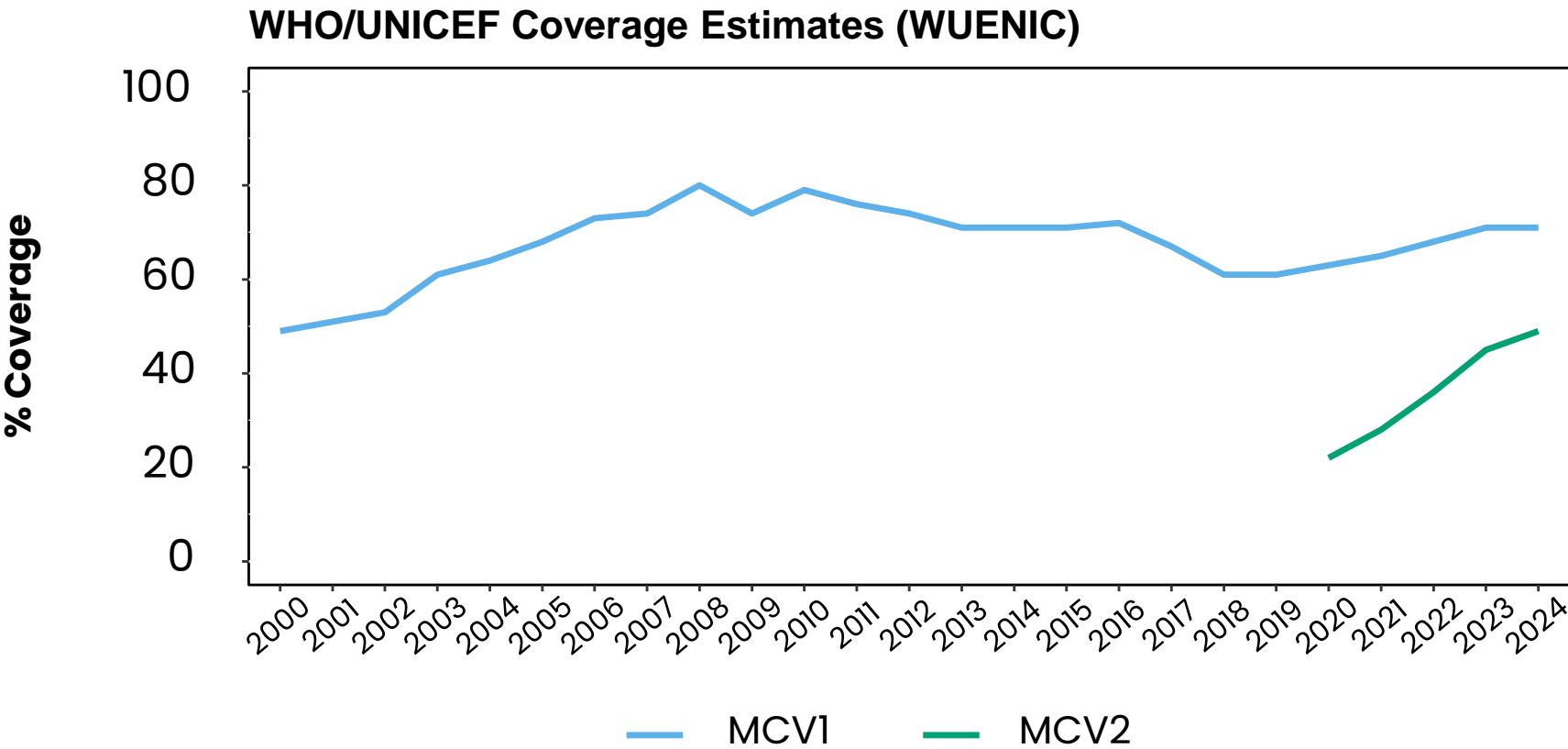
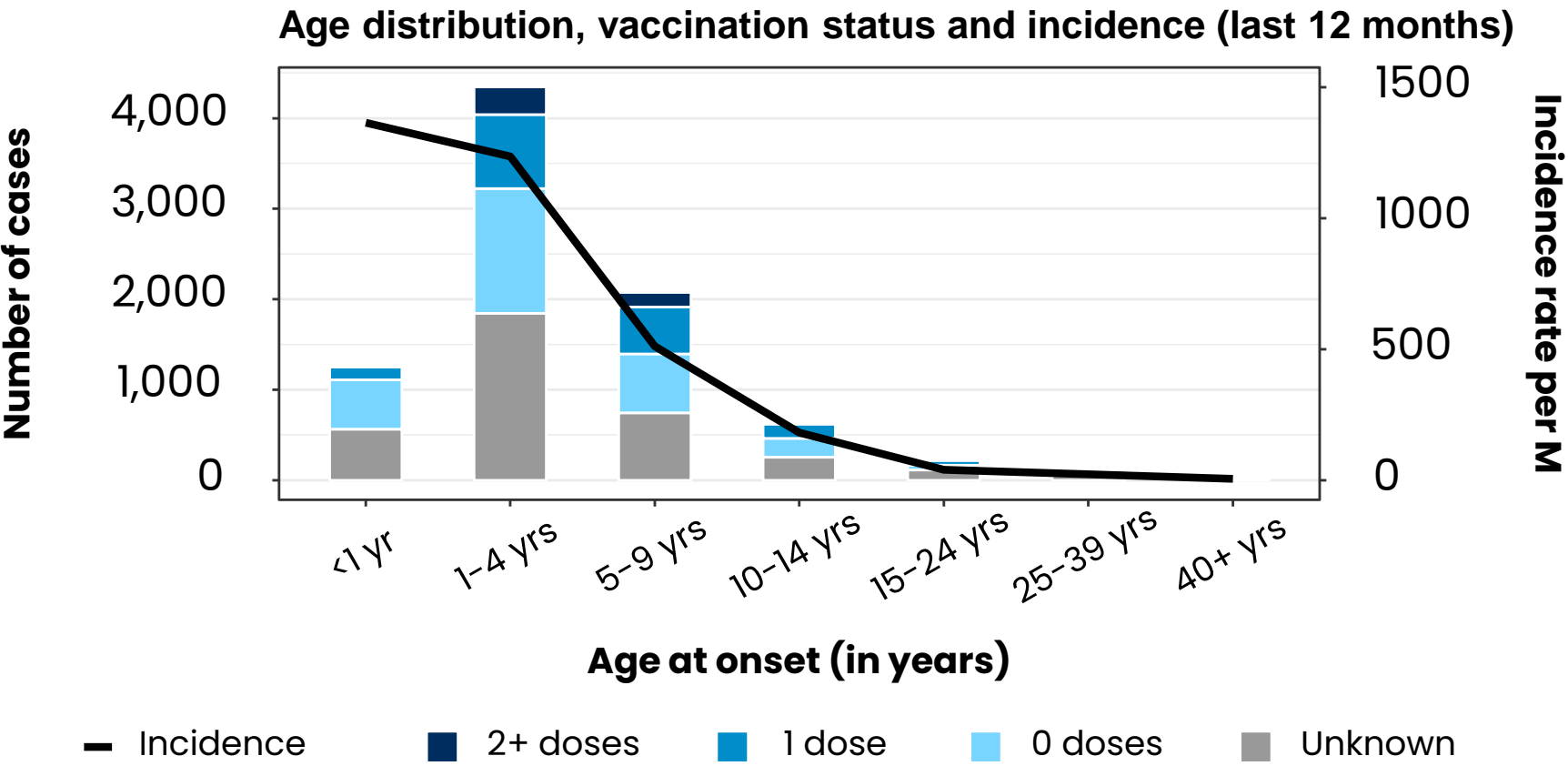
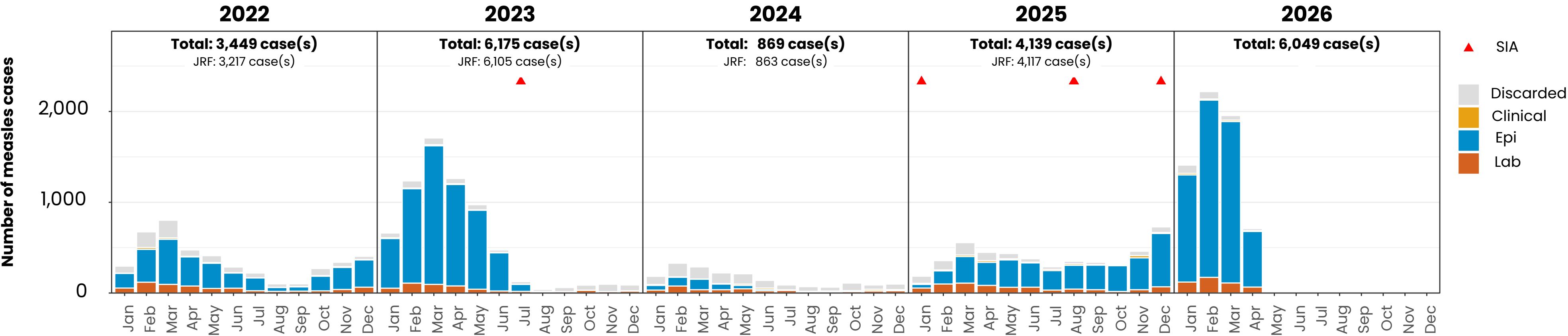
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Measles cases: Cameroon

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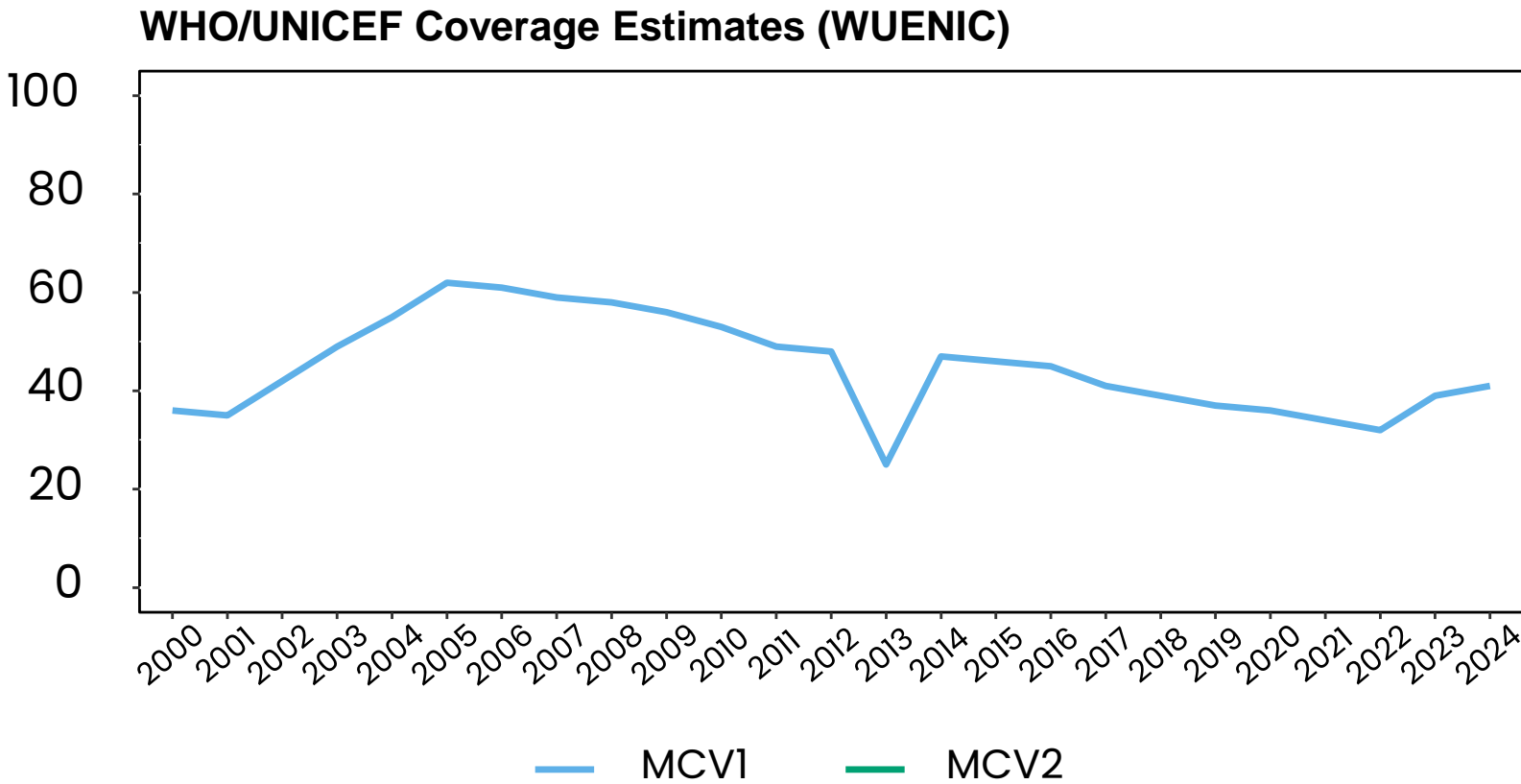
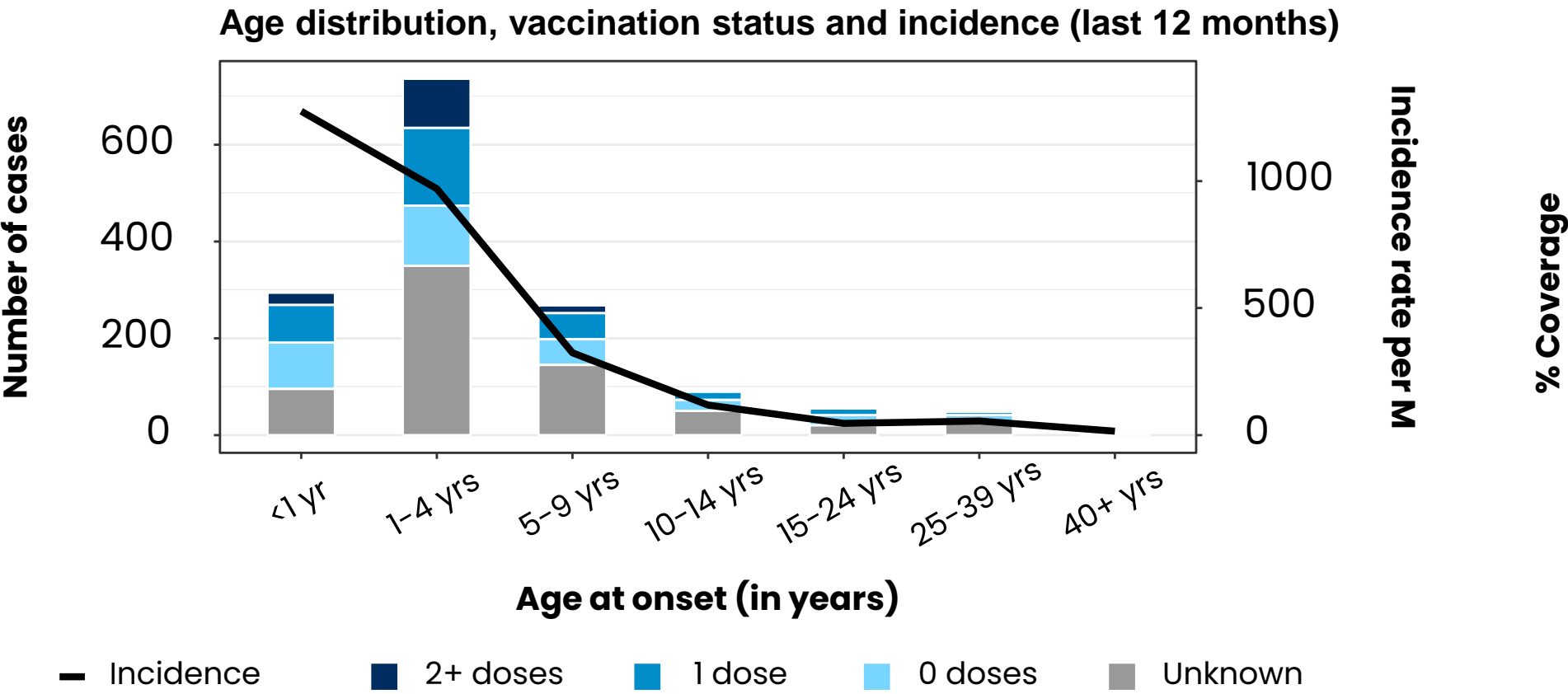
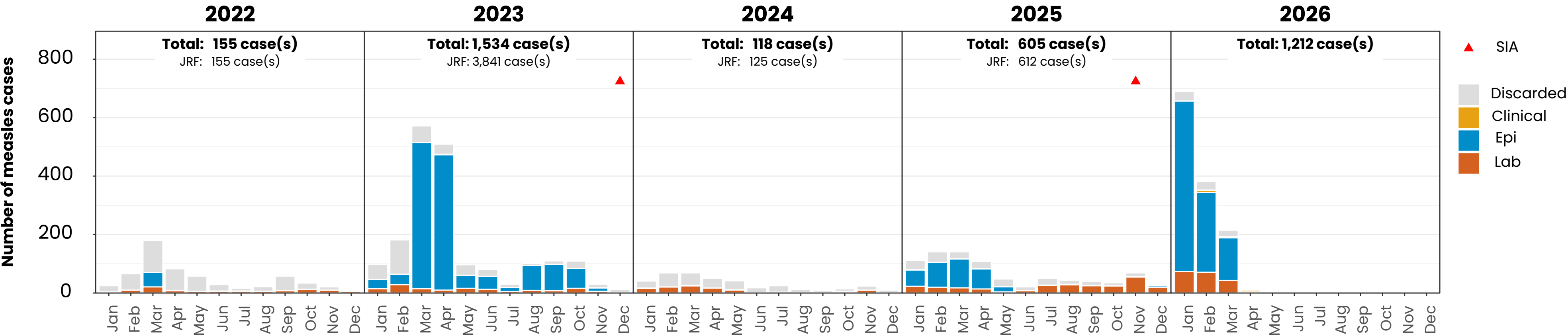


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# Measles cases: Central African Republic

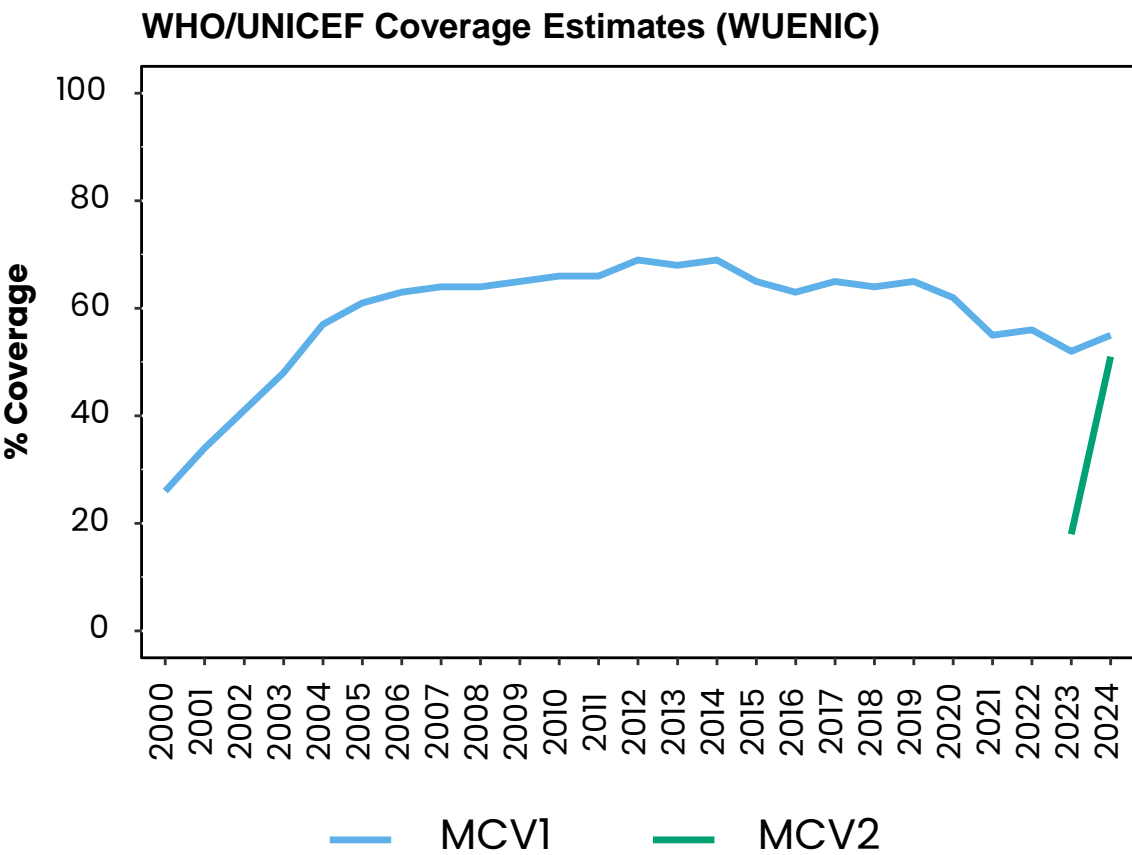
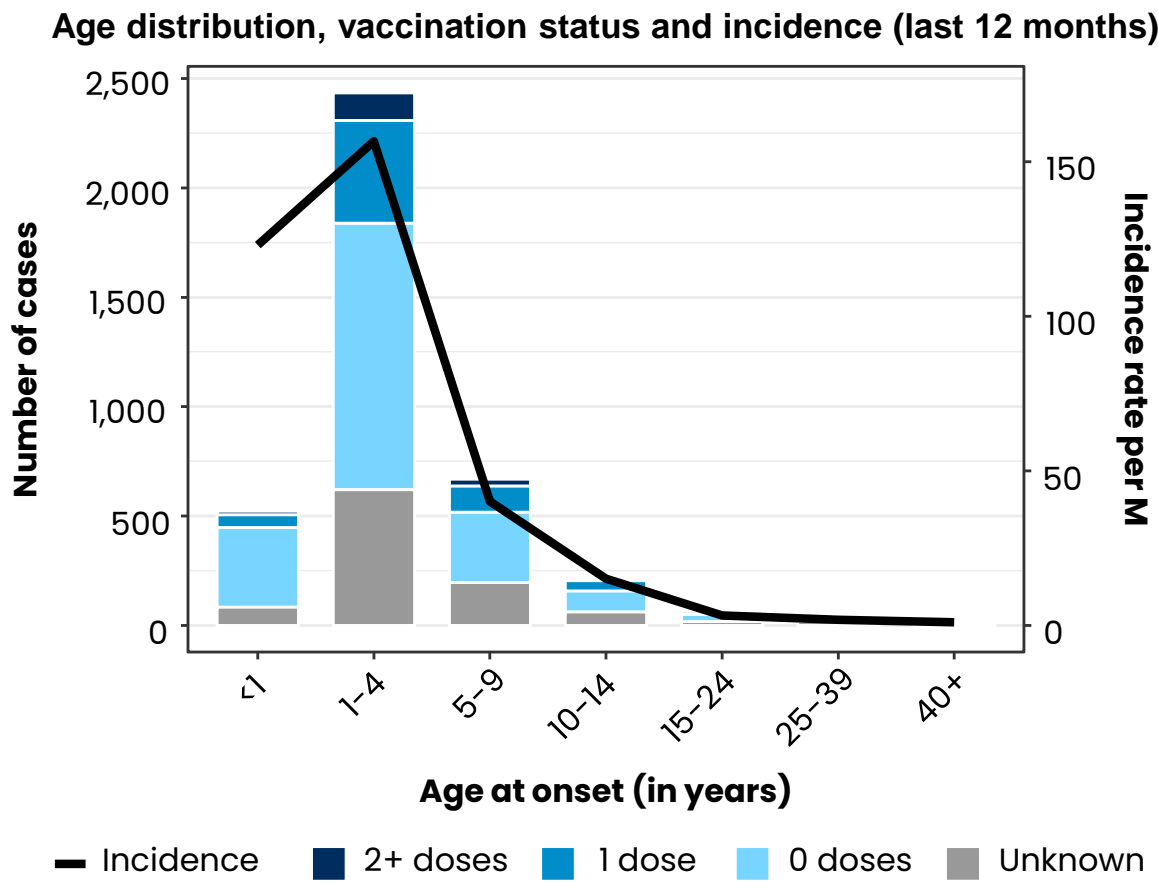
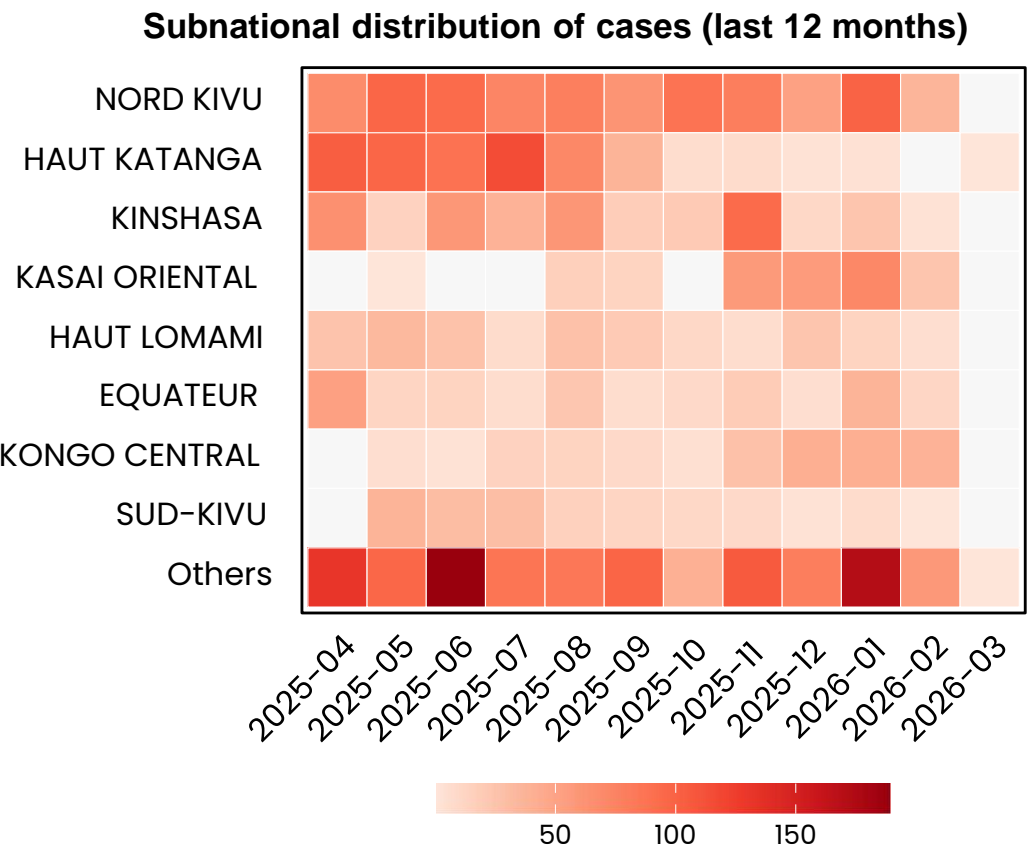
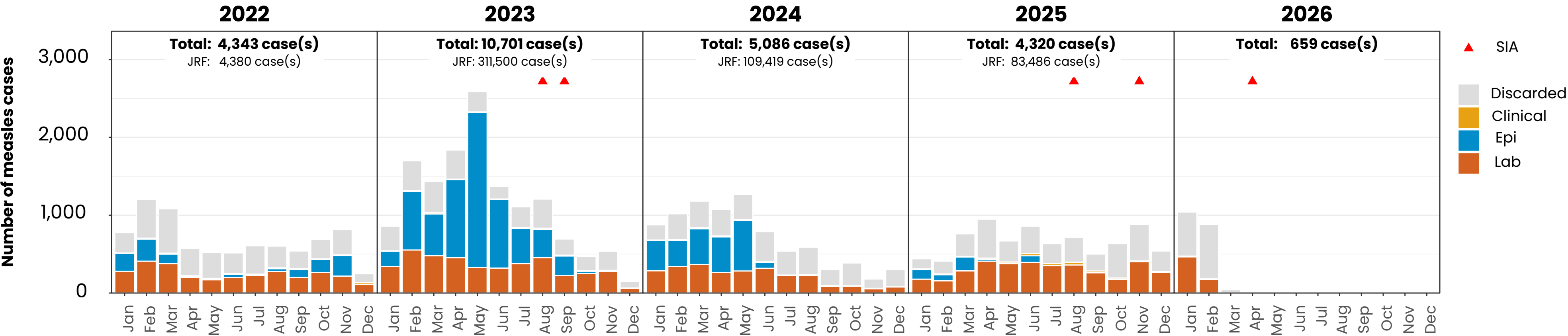
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Measles cases: Democratic Republic of the Congo

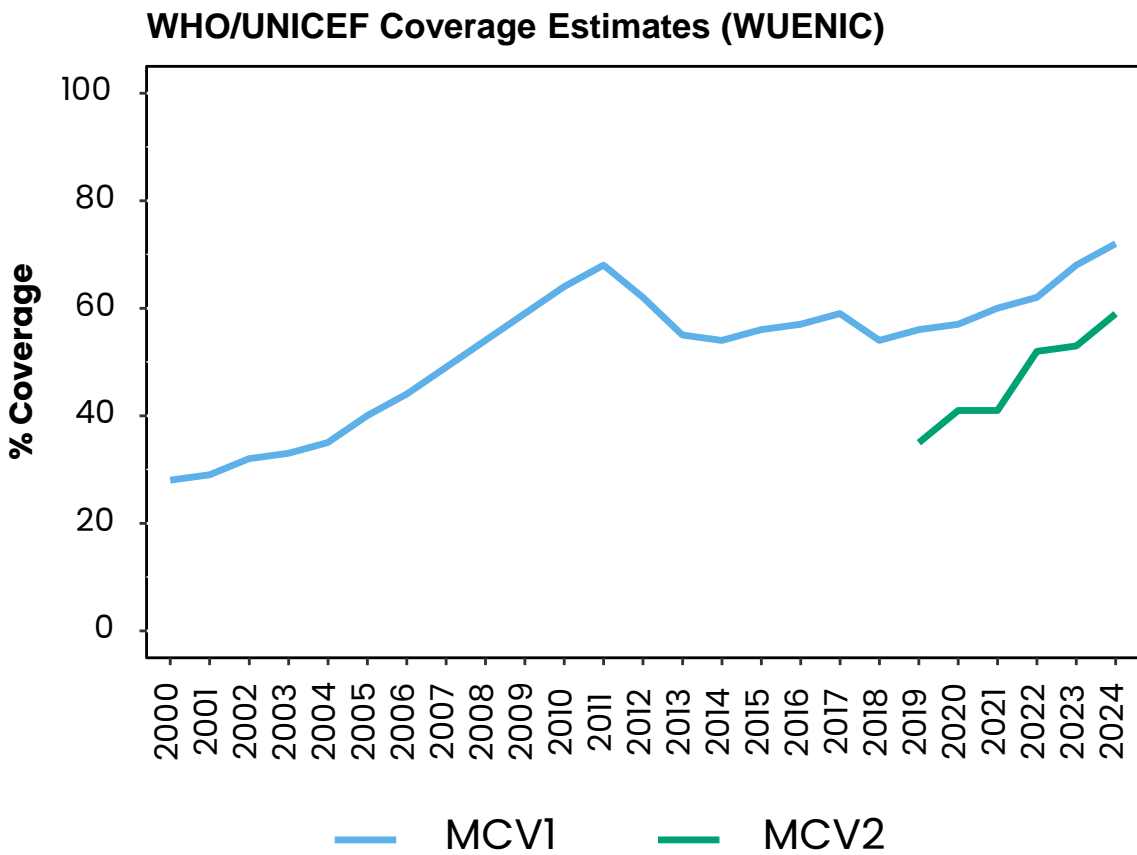
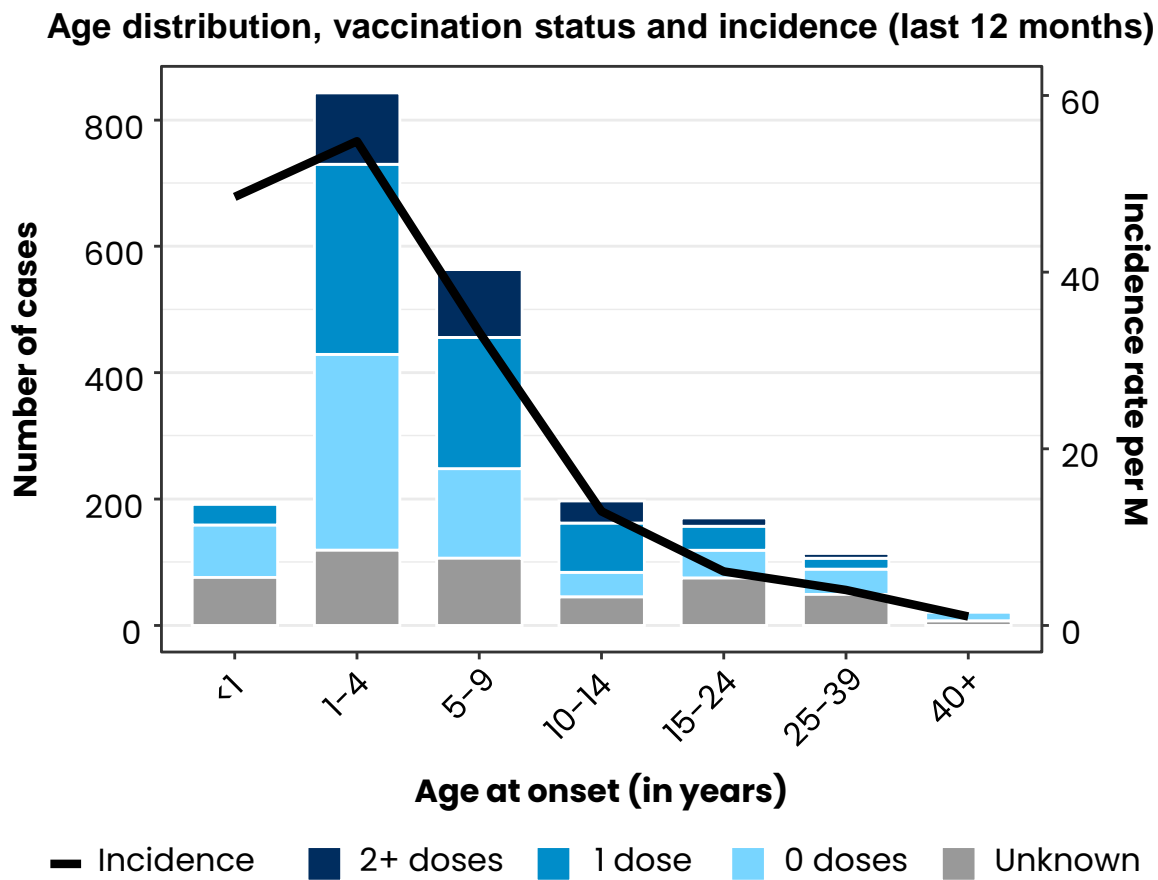
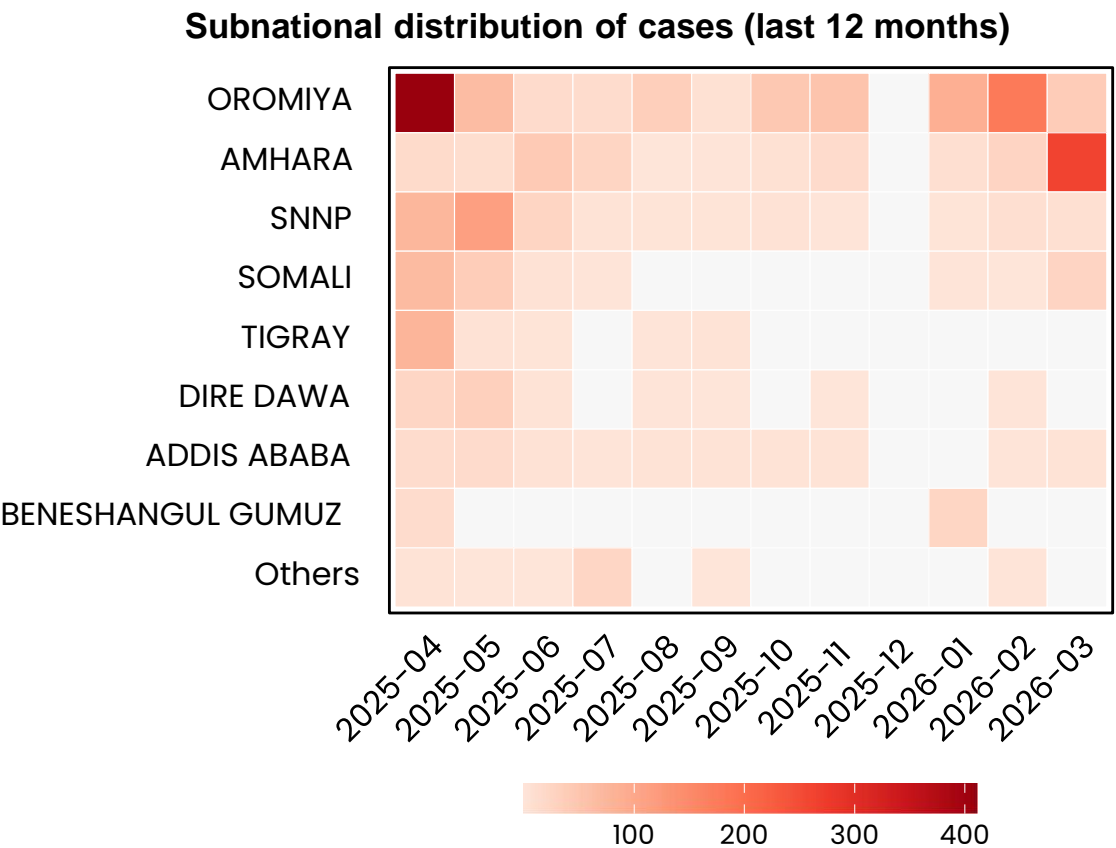
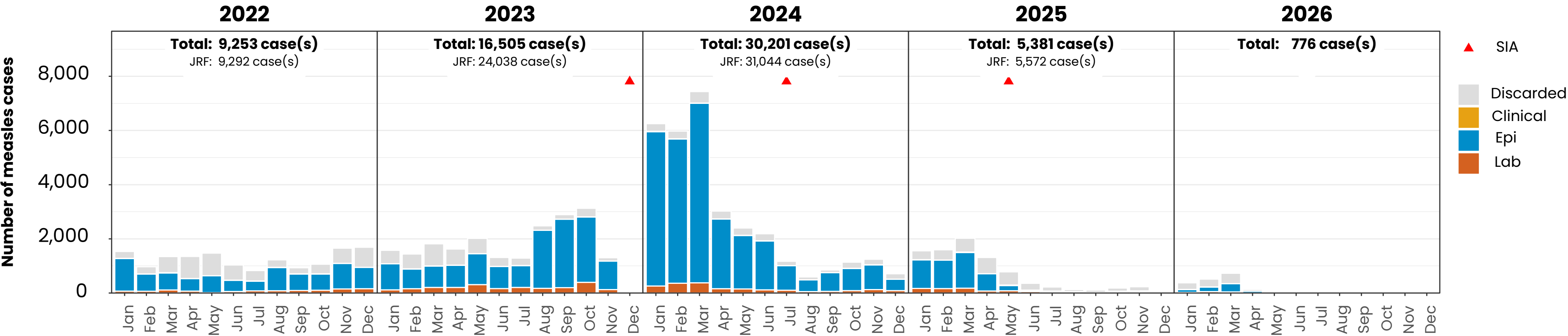
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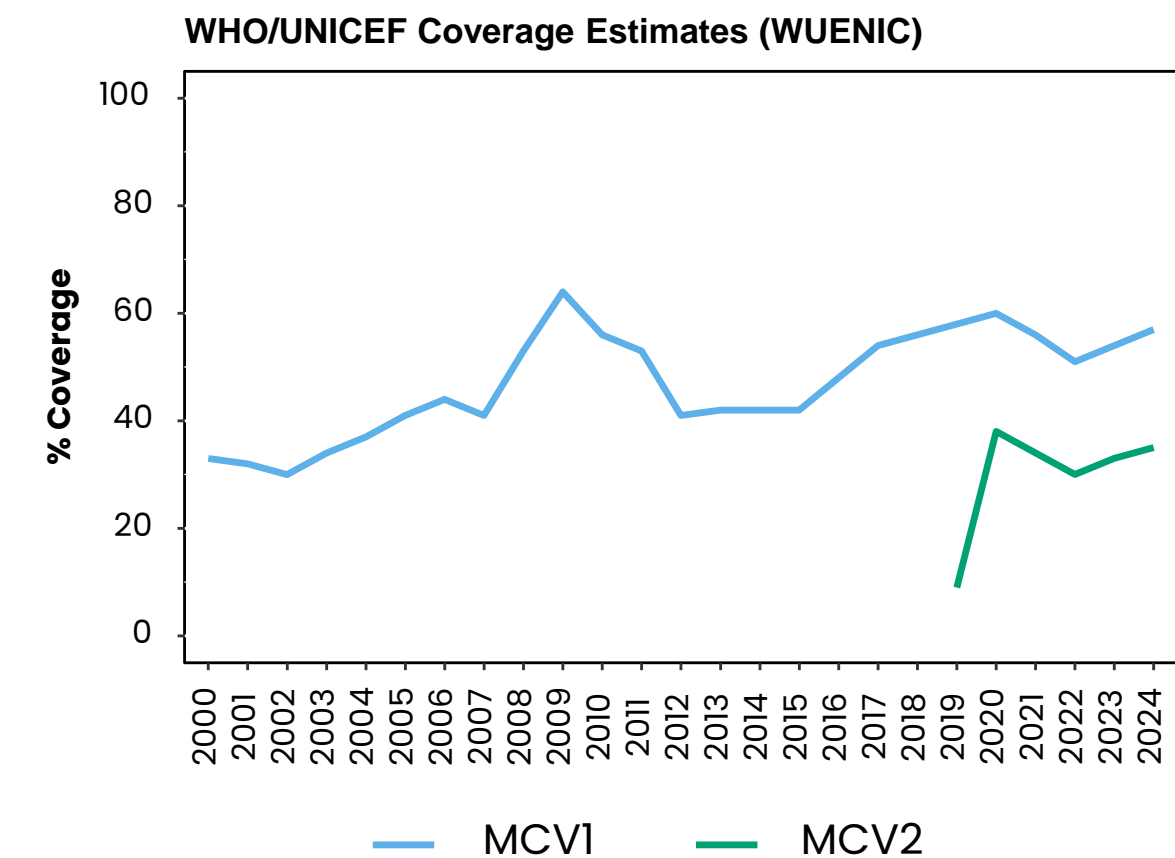
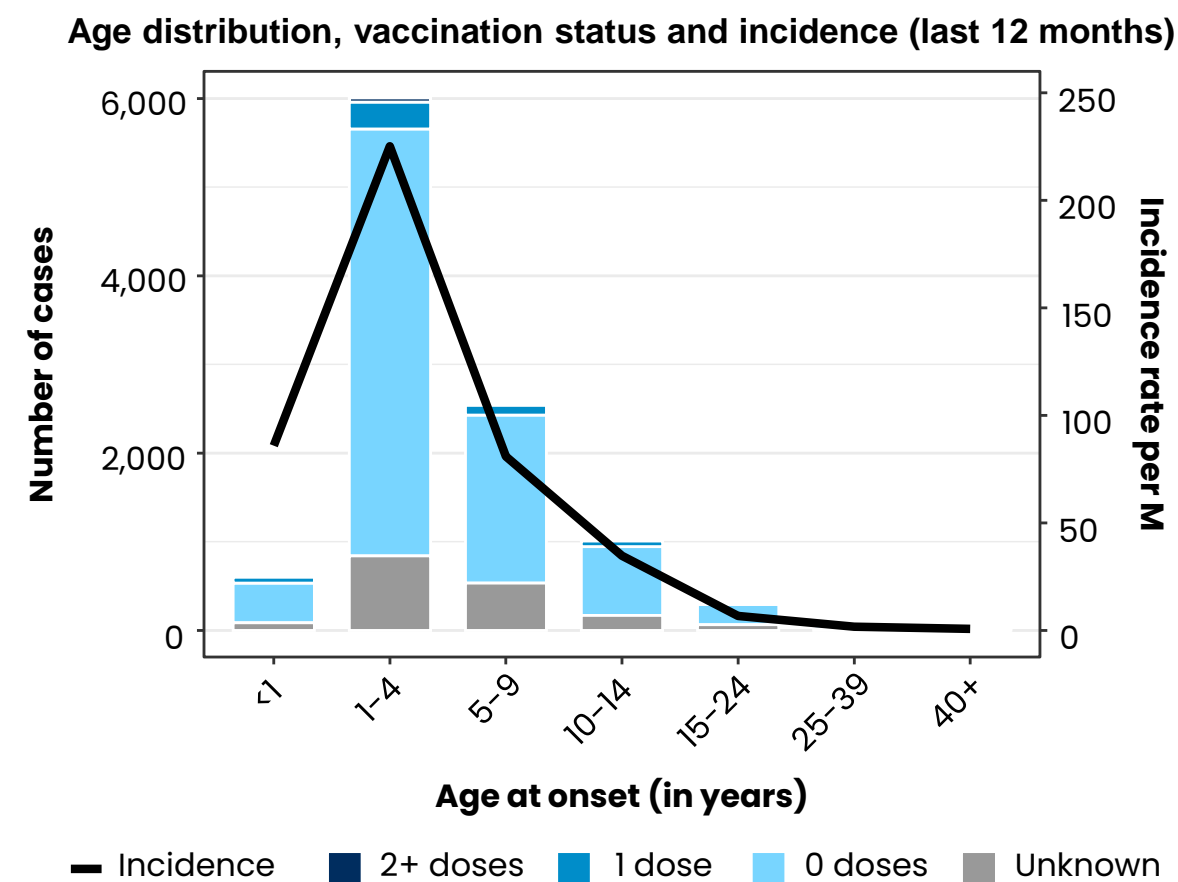
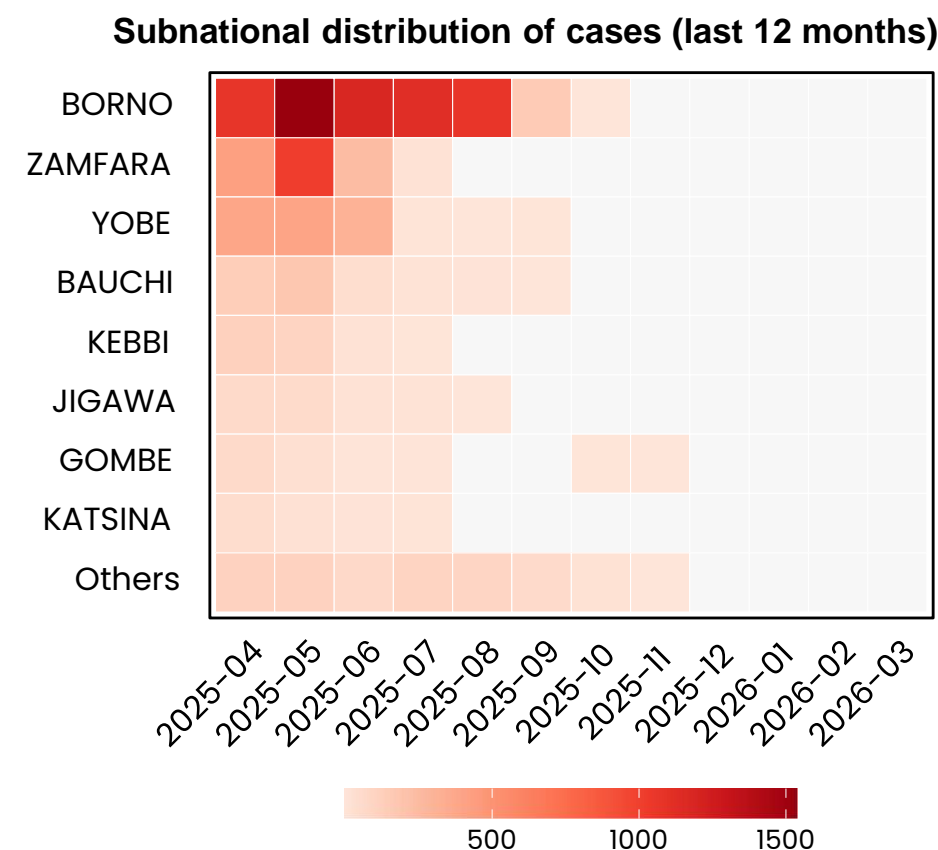
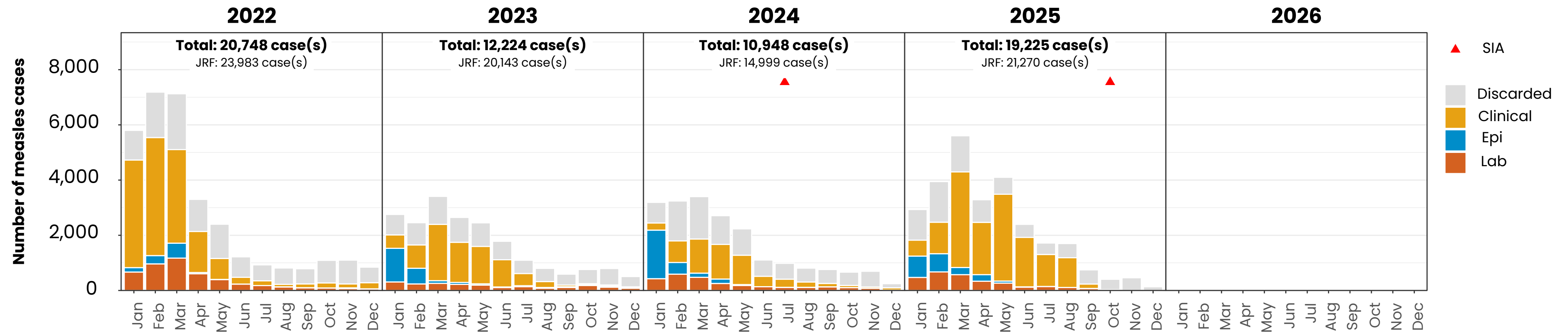
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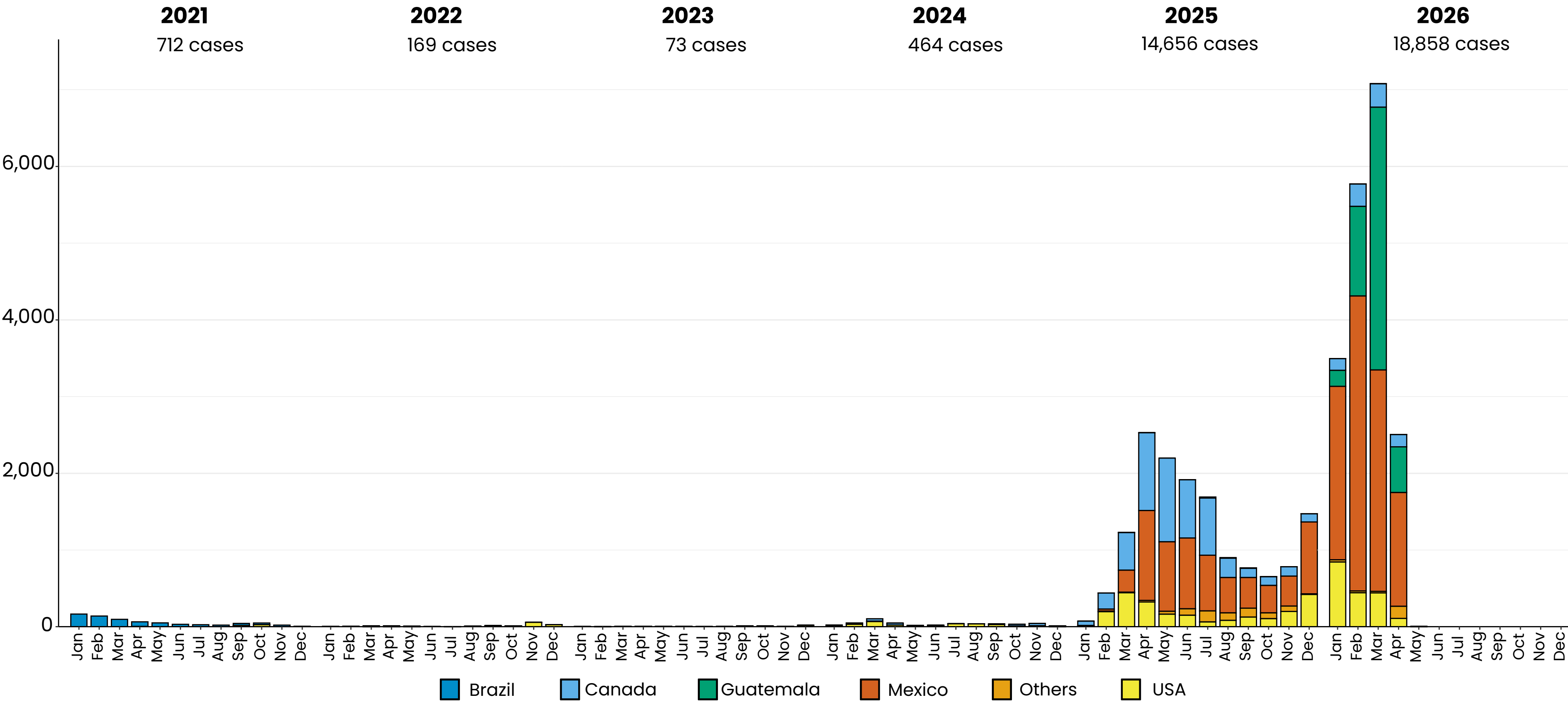
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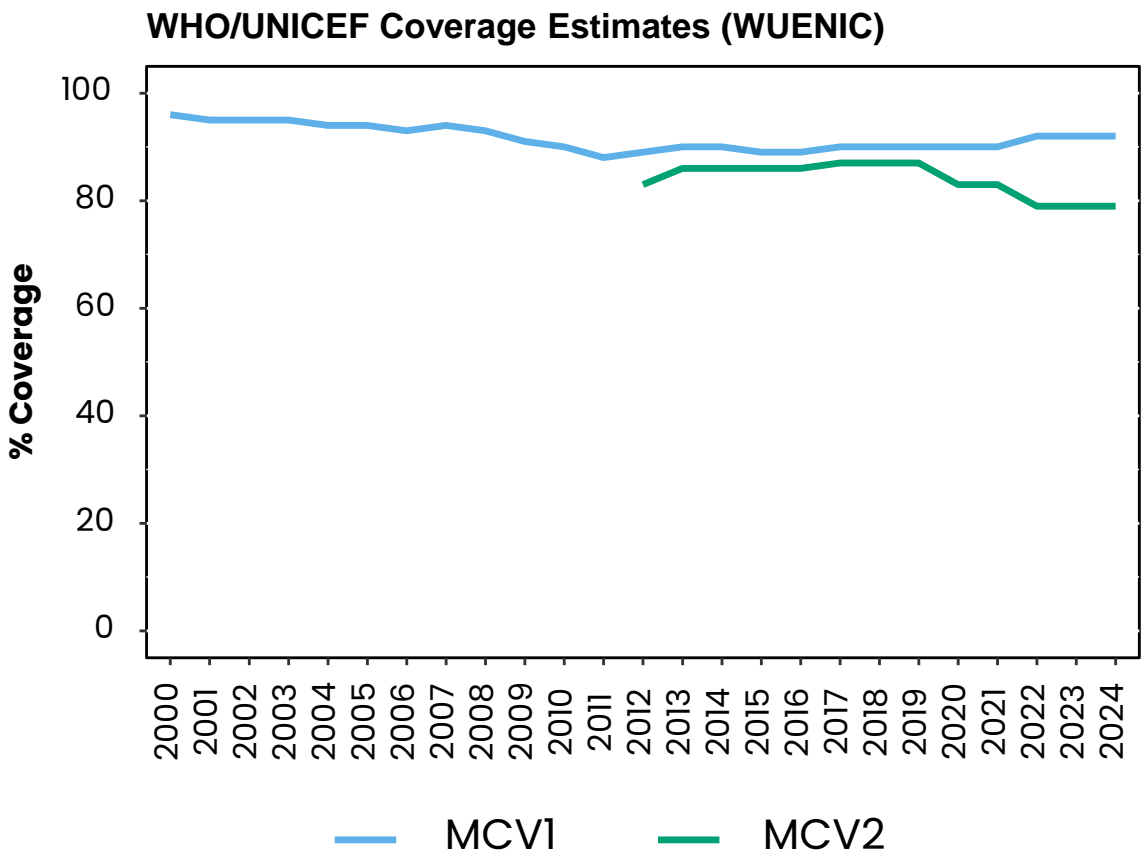
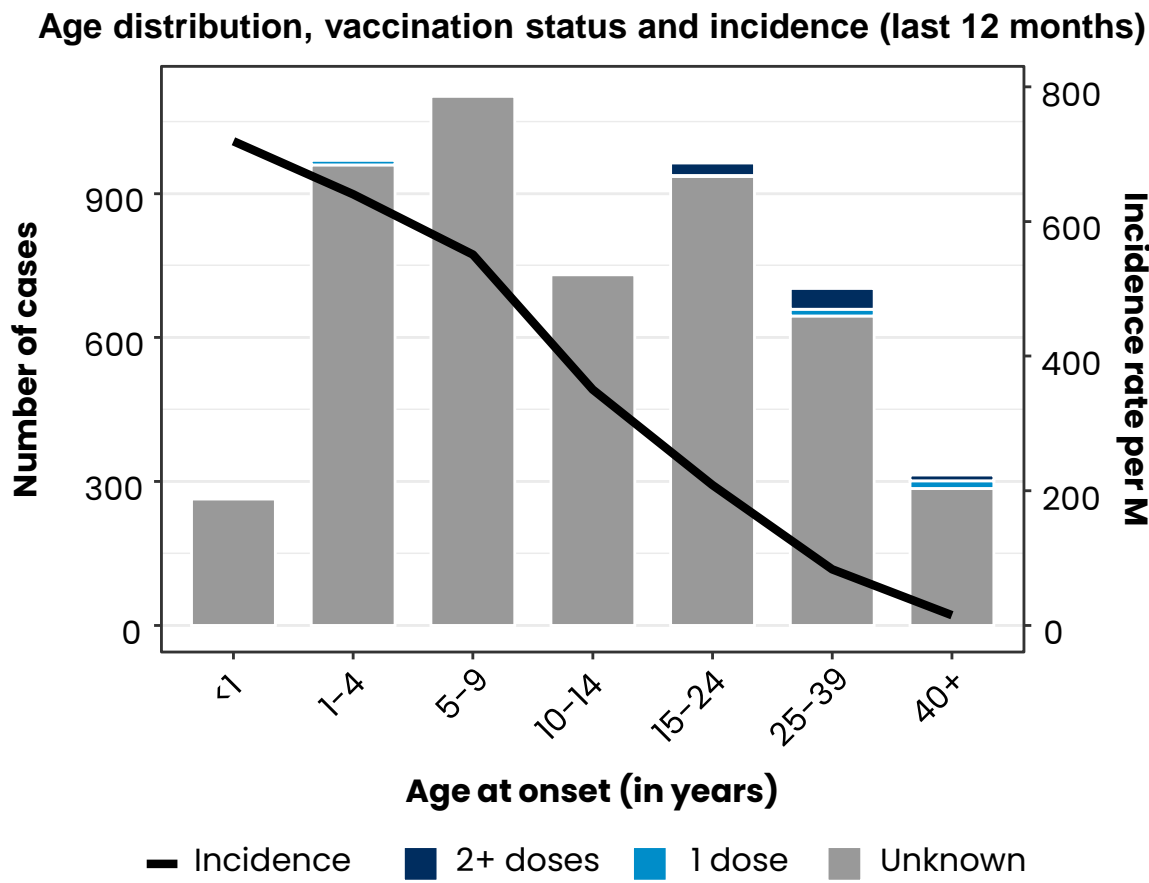
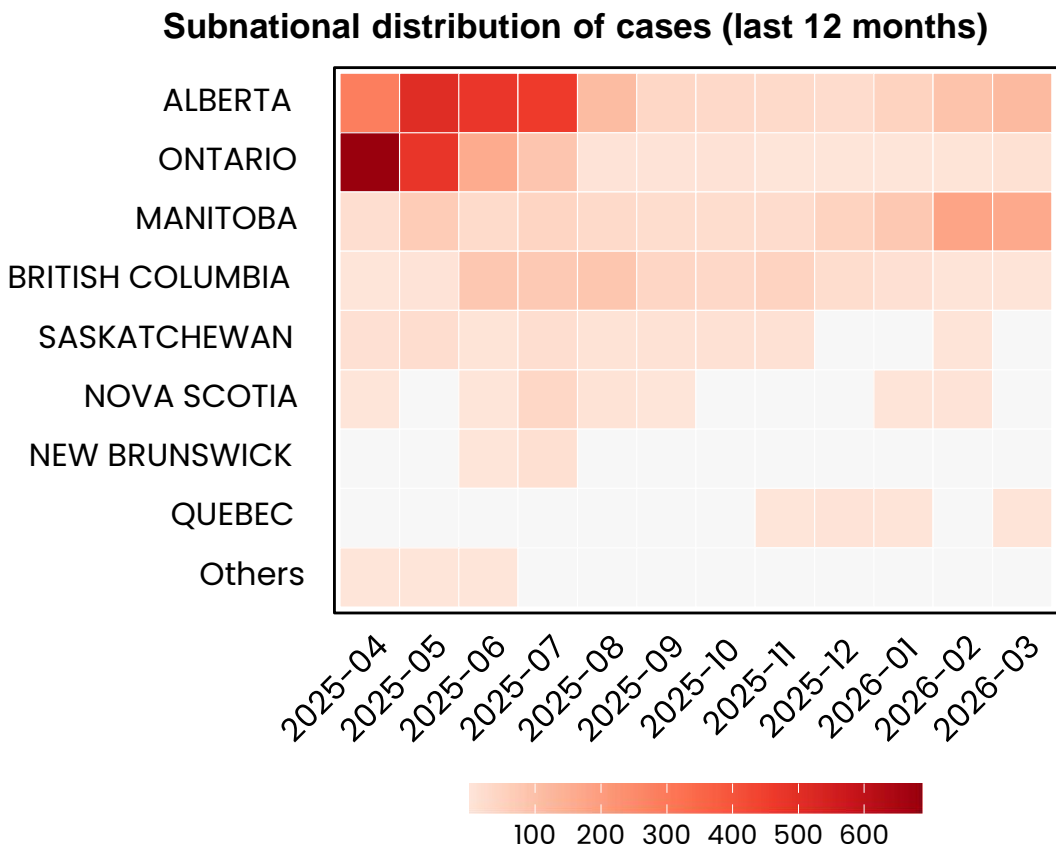
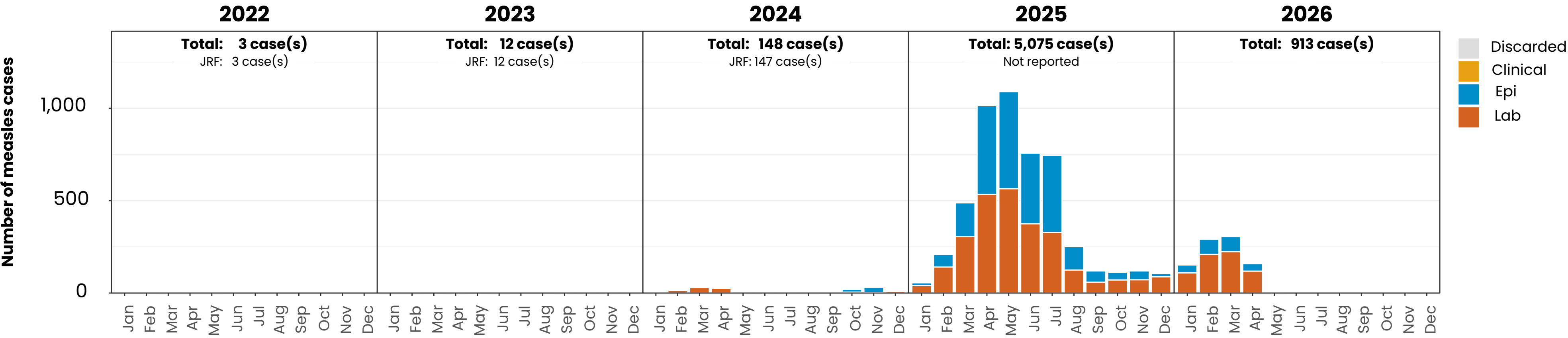


# Measles case distribution (AMR), 2021-2026



# Measles cases: Canada

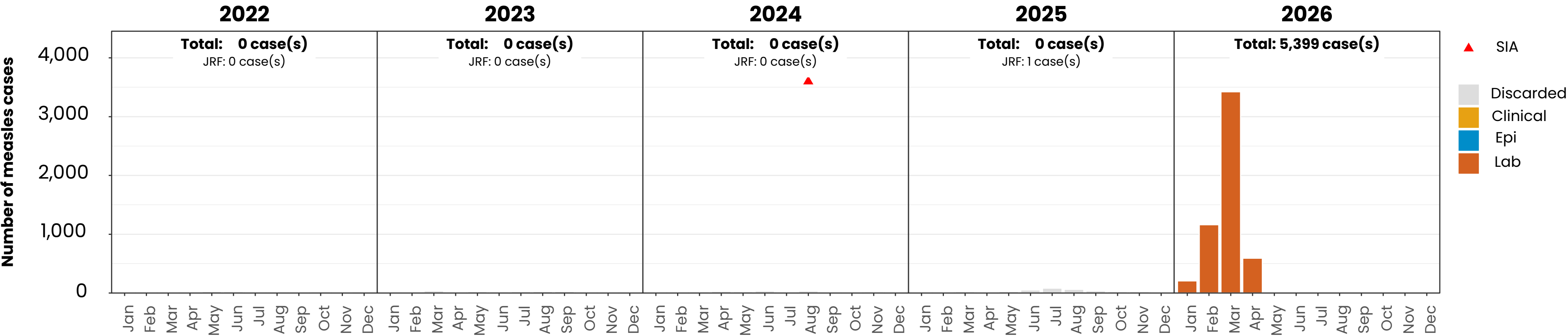
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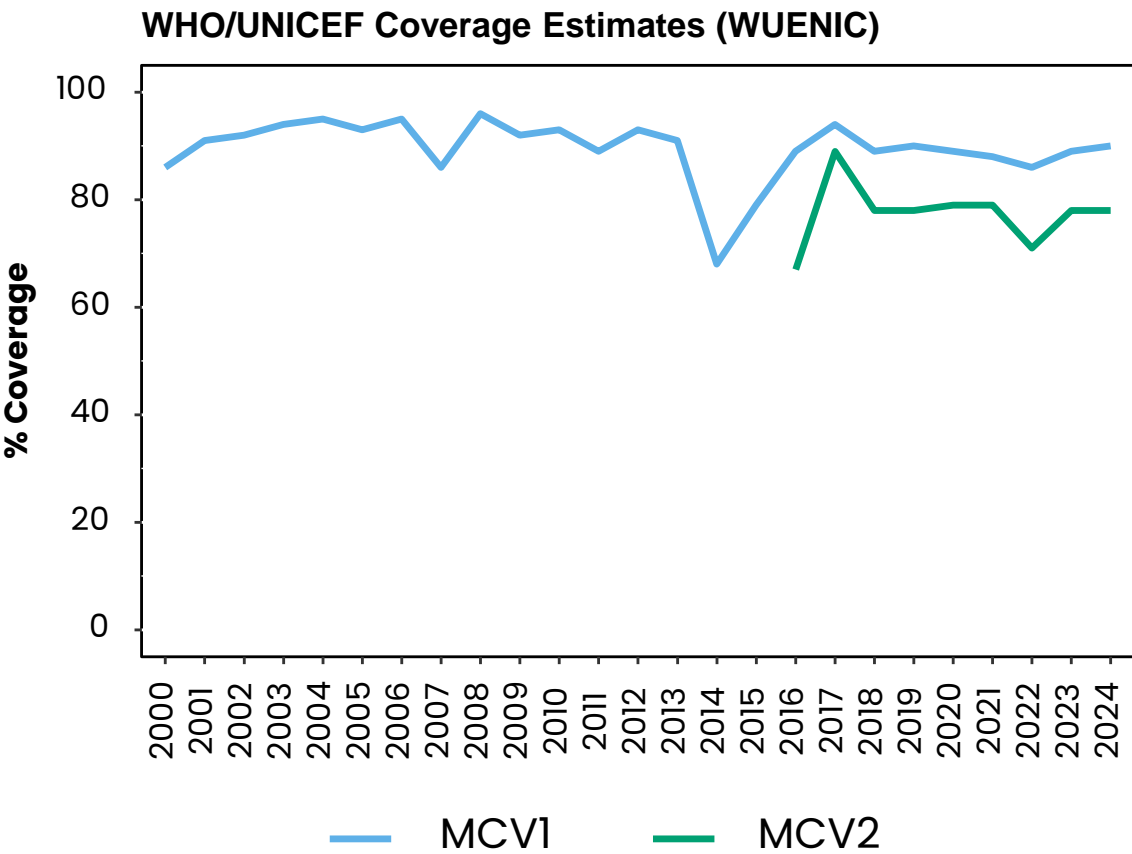
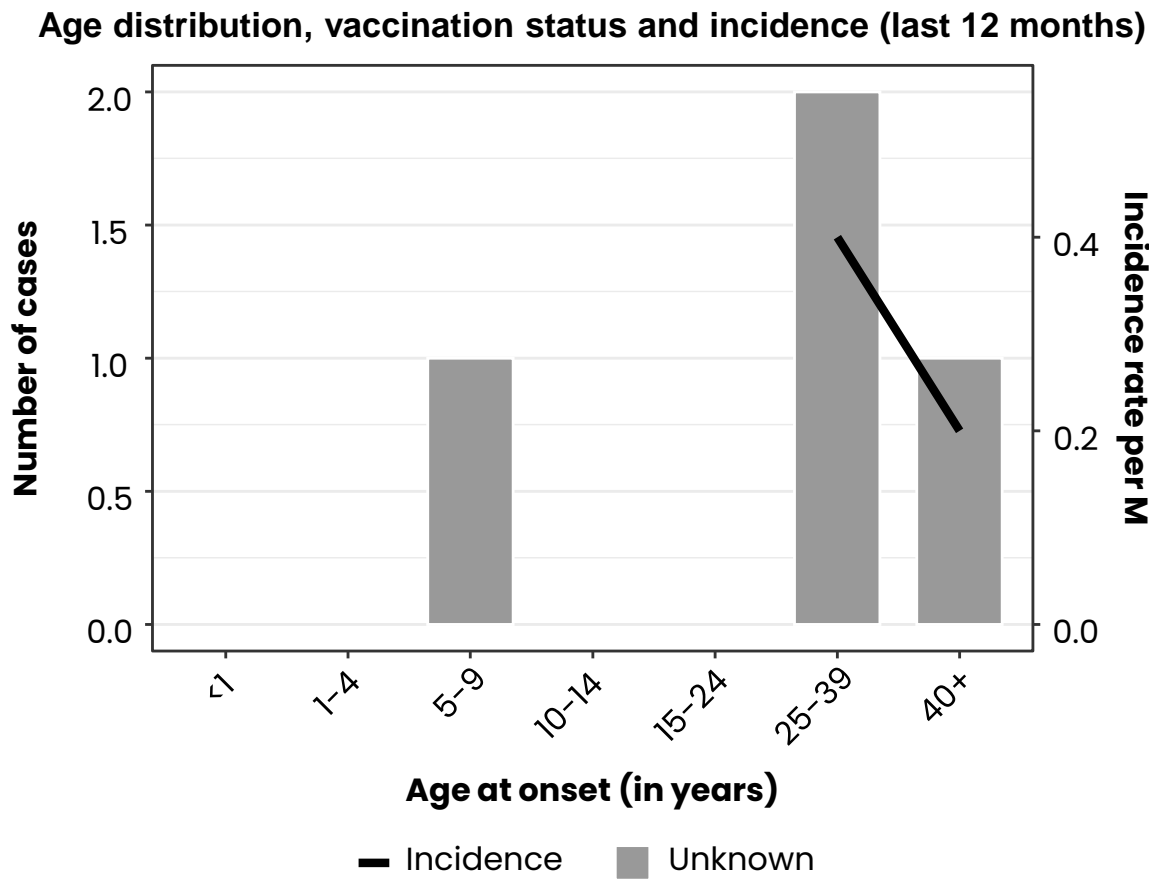
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# Measles cases: Guatemala

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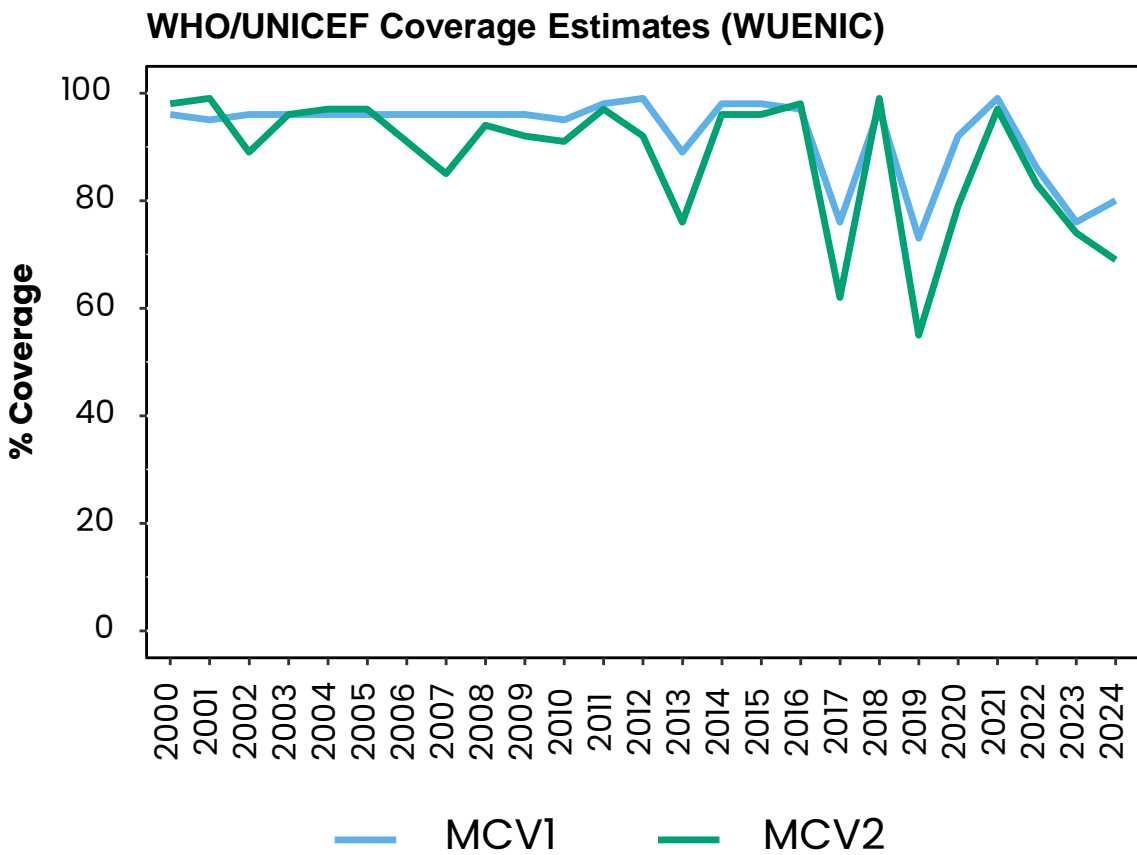
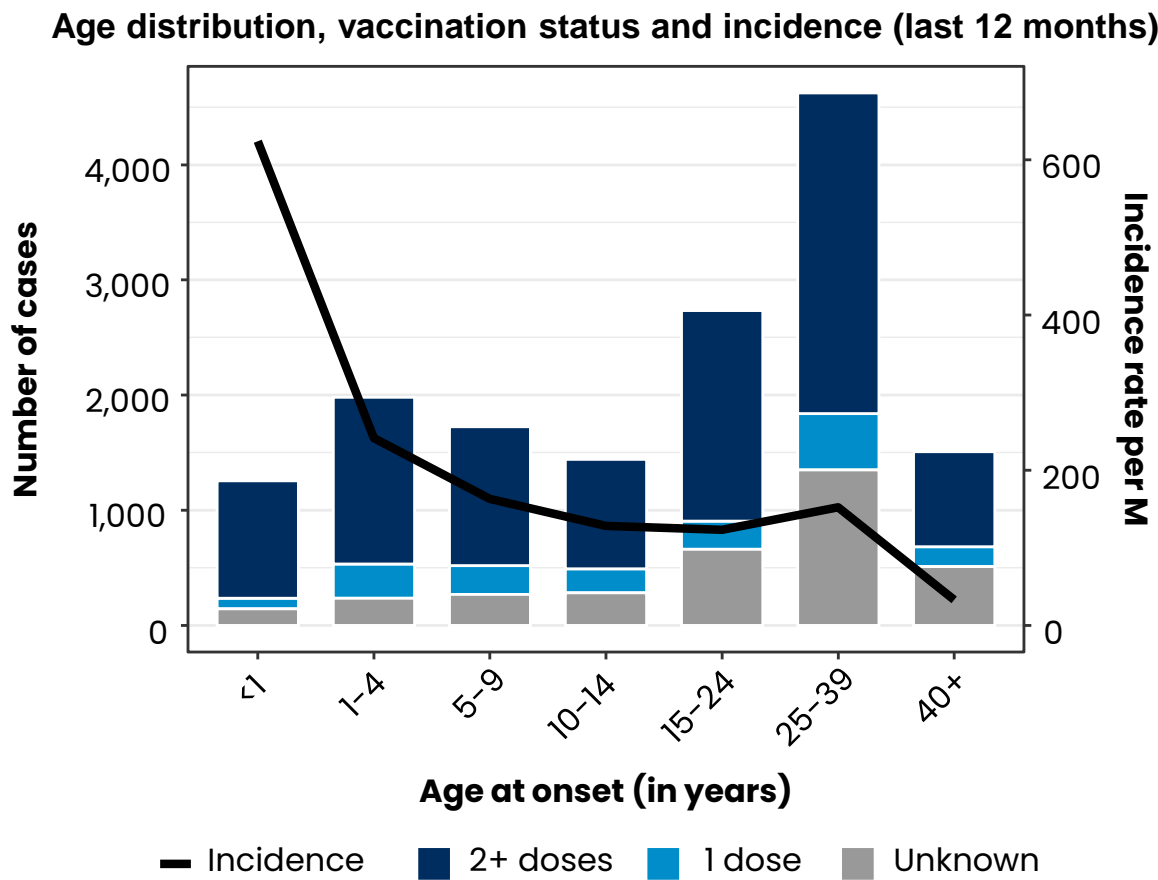
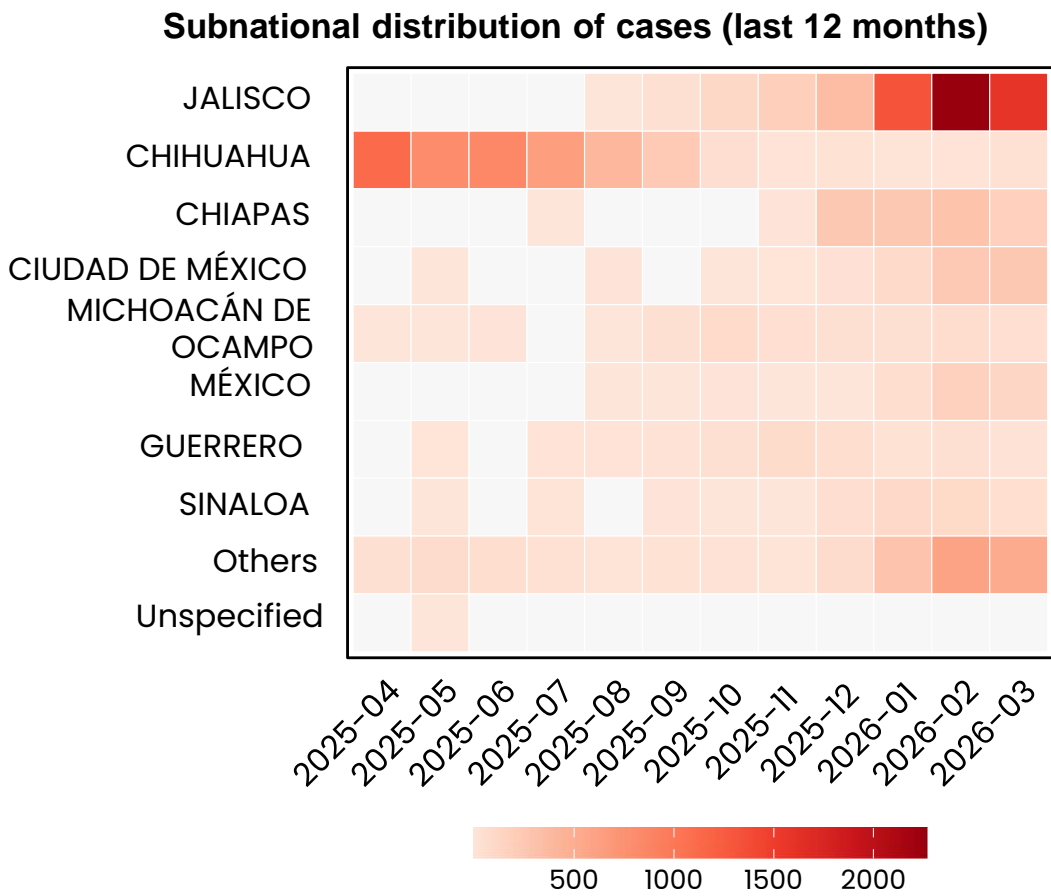
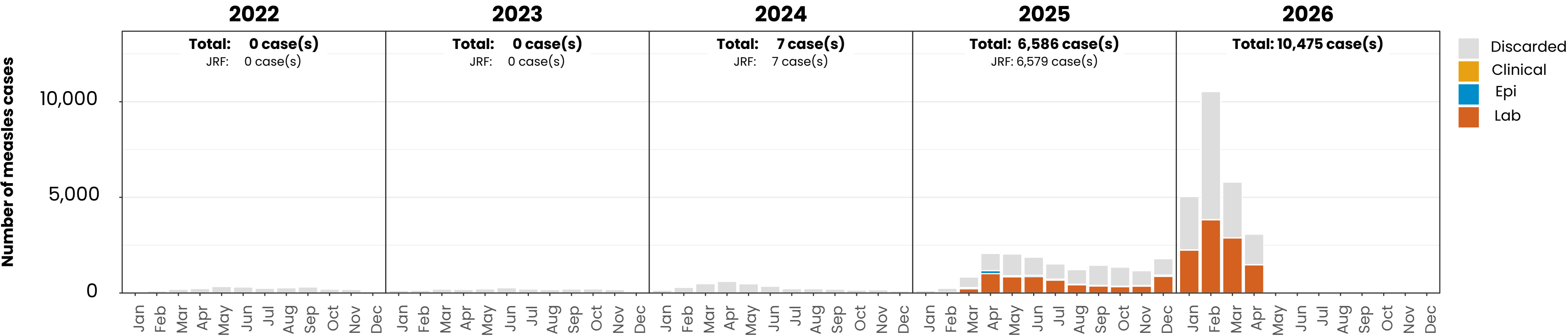
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Measles cases: Mexico

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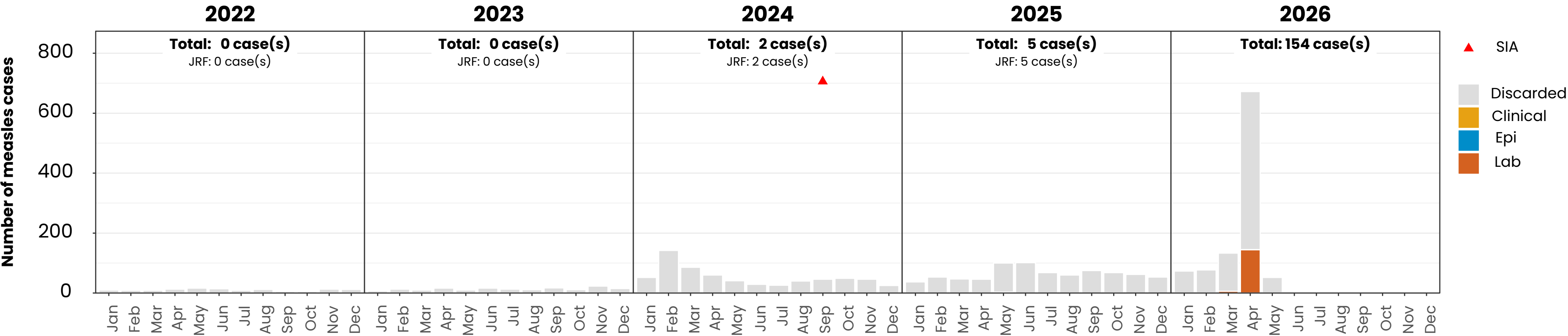


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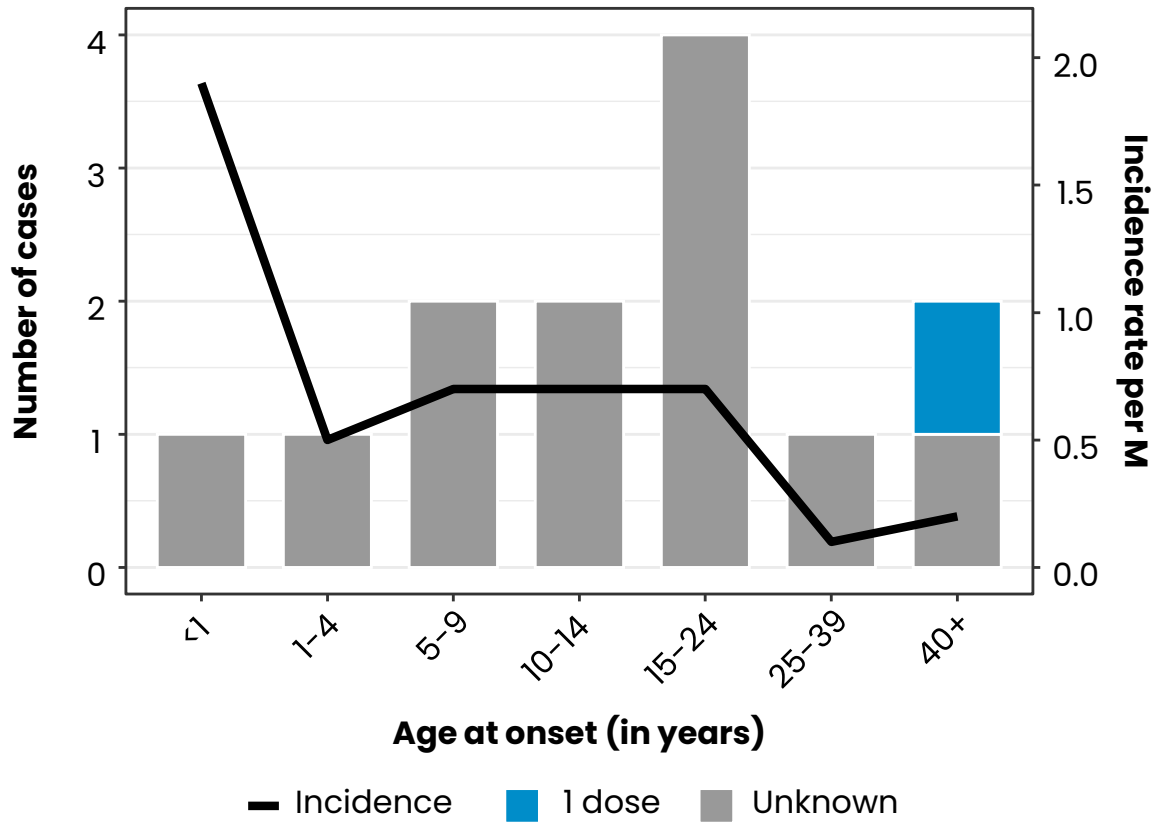
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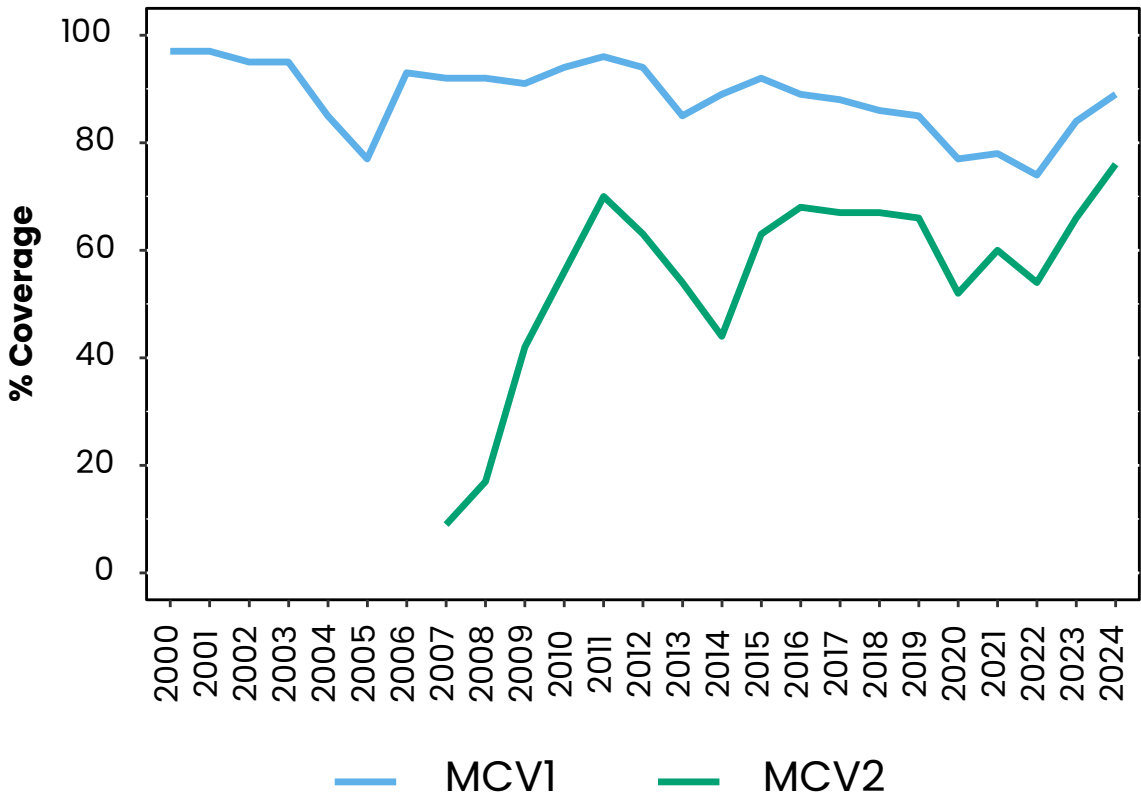


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Age distribution, vaccination status and incidence (last 12 months)



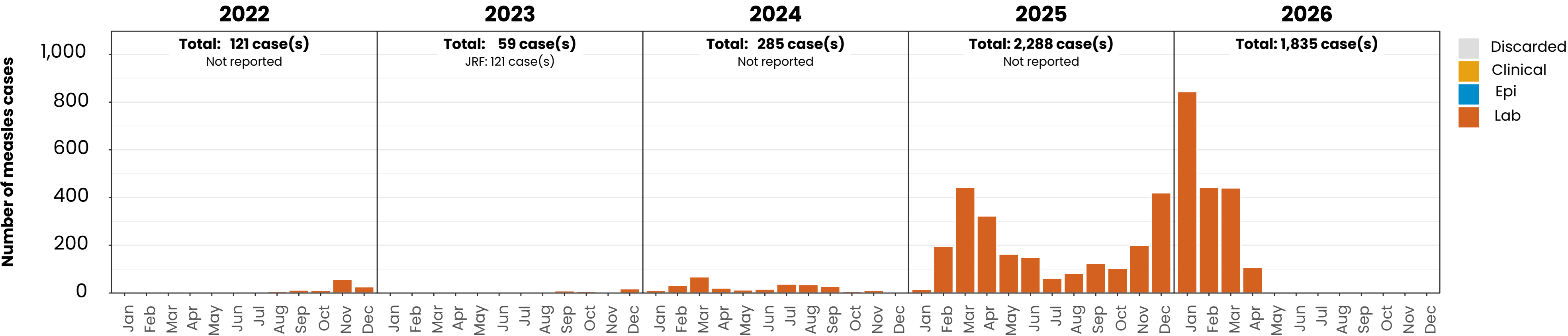
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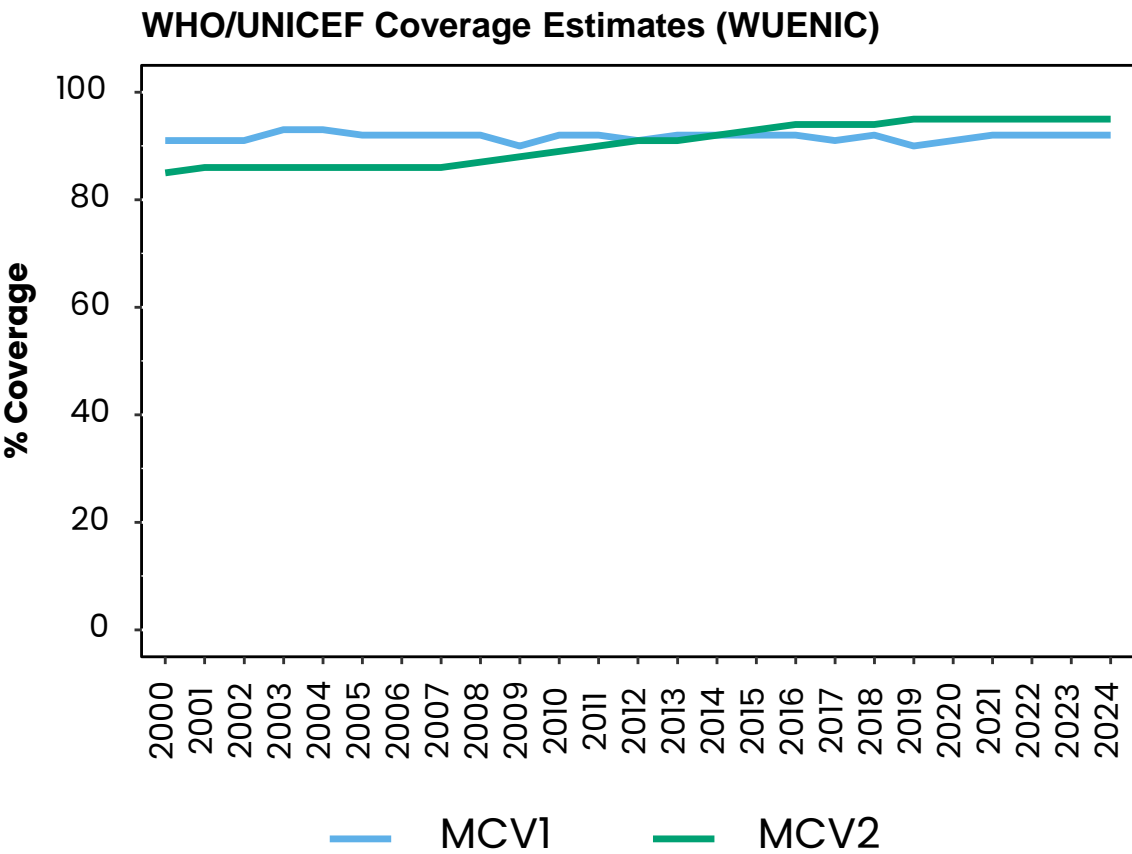
# Measles cases: United States of America

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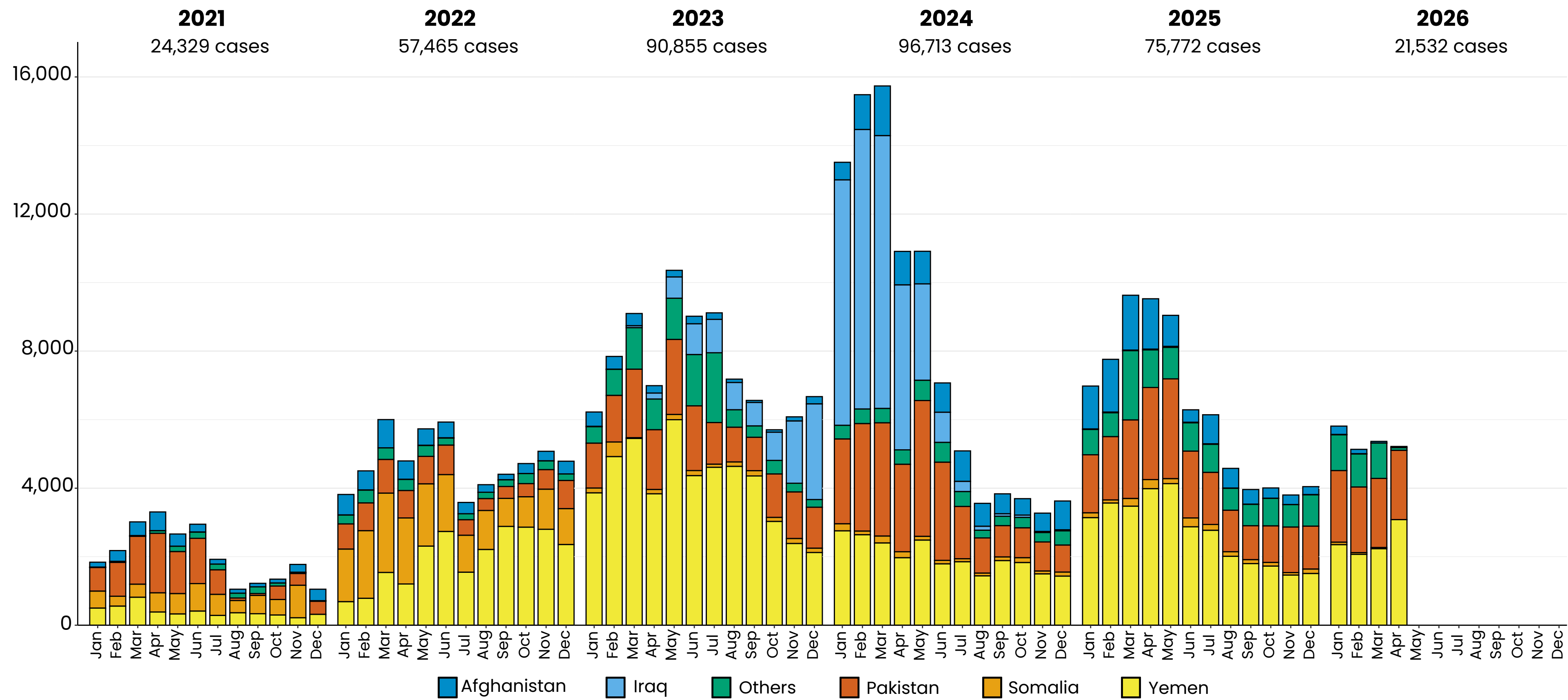
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No age distribution data available for the past 12 months



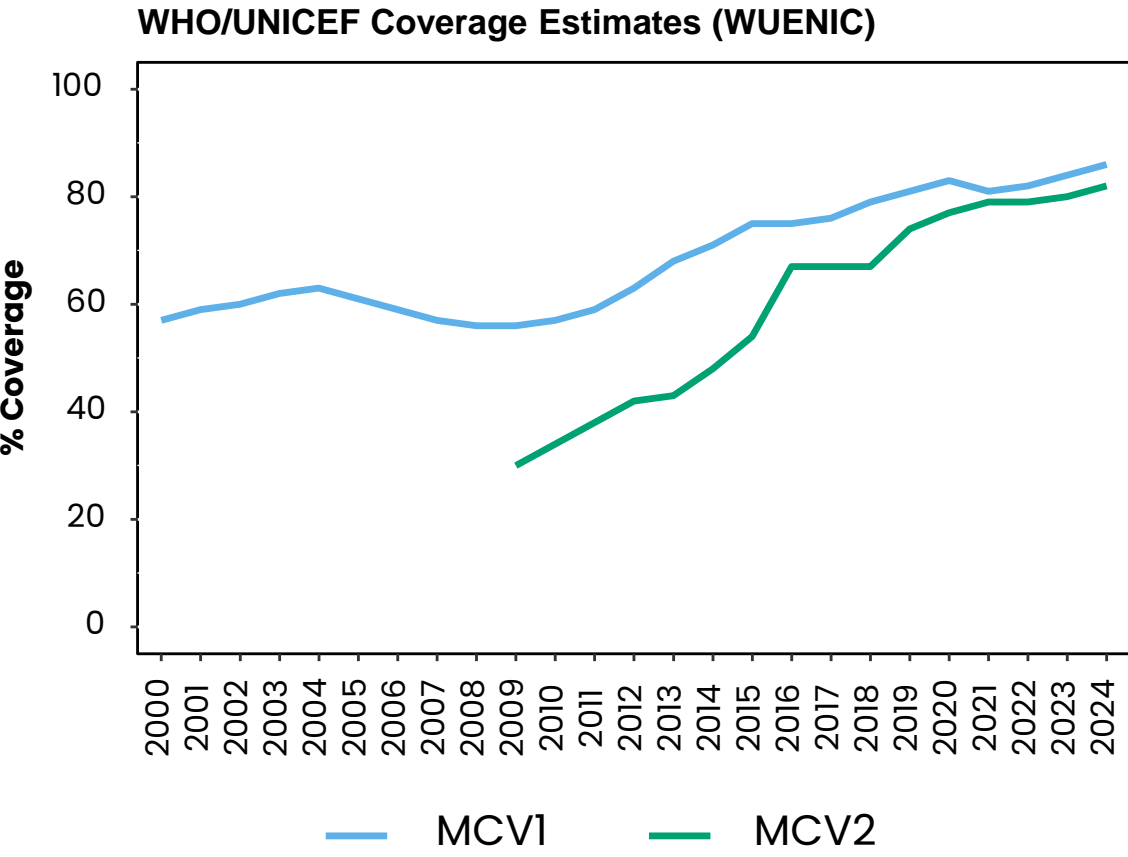
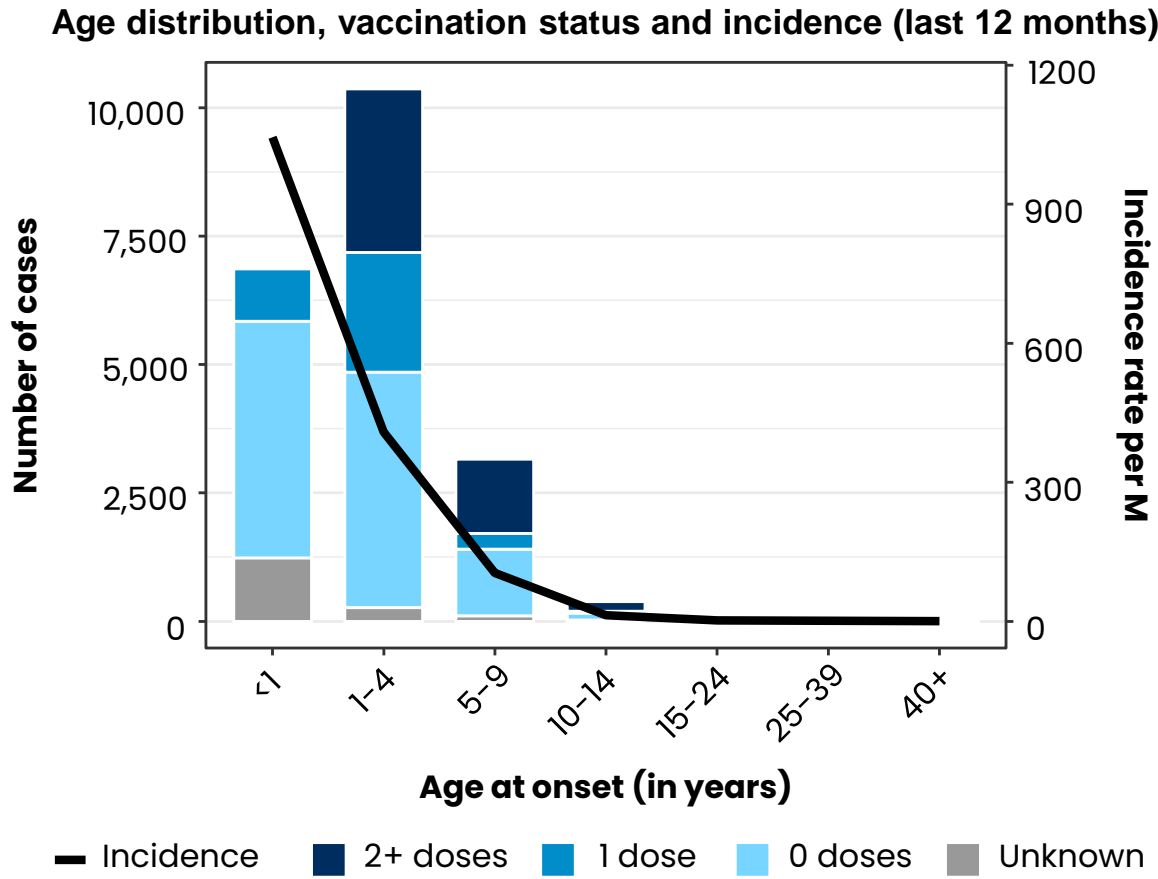
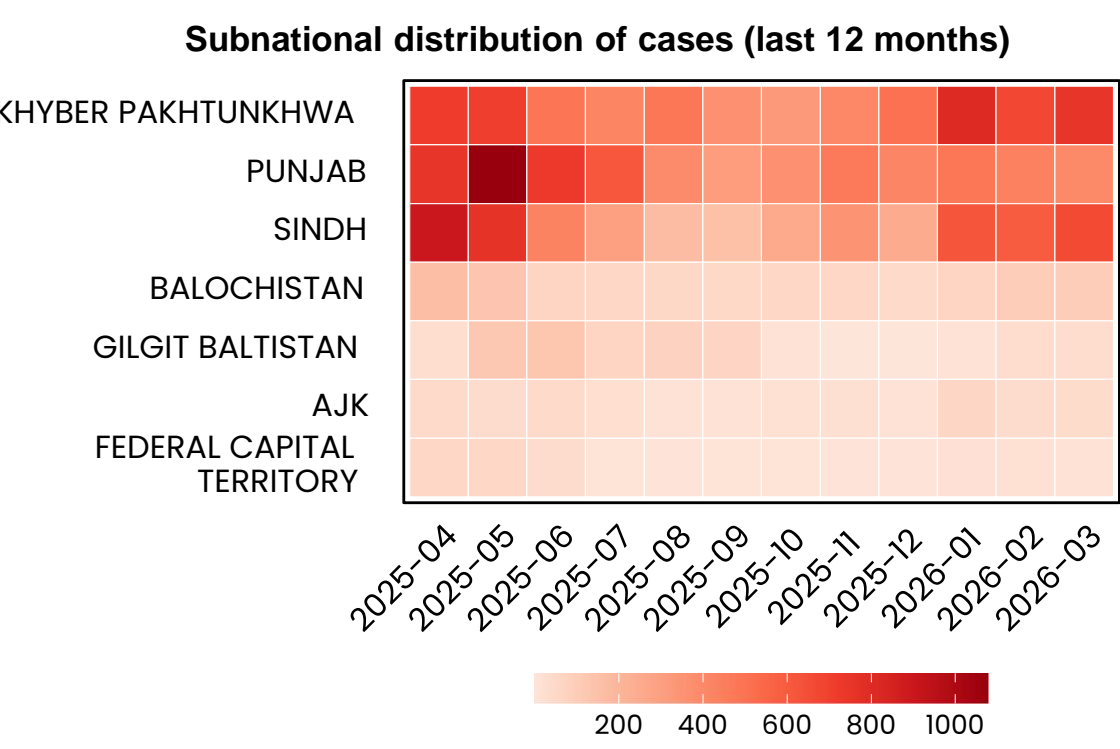
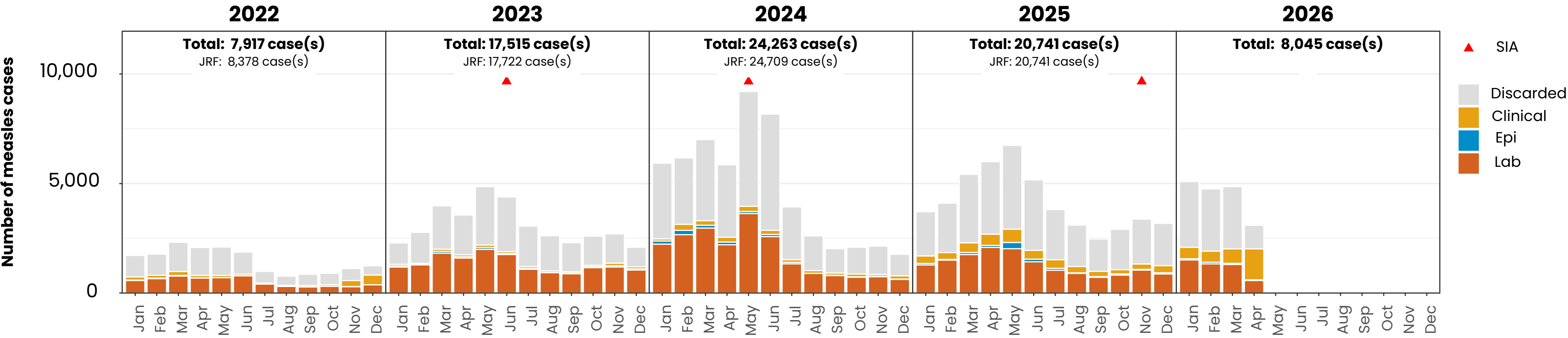
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# Measles case distribution (EMR), 2021-2026



Measles cases: Pakistan

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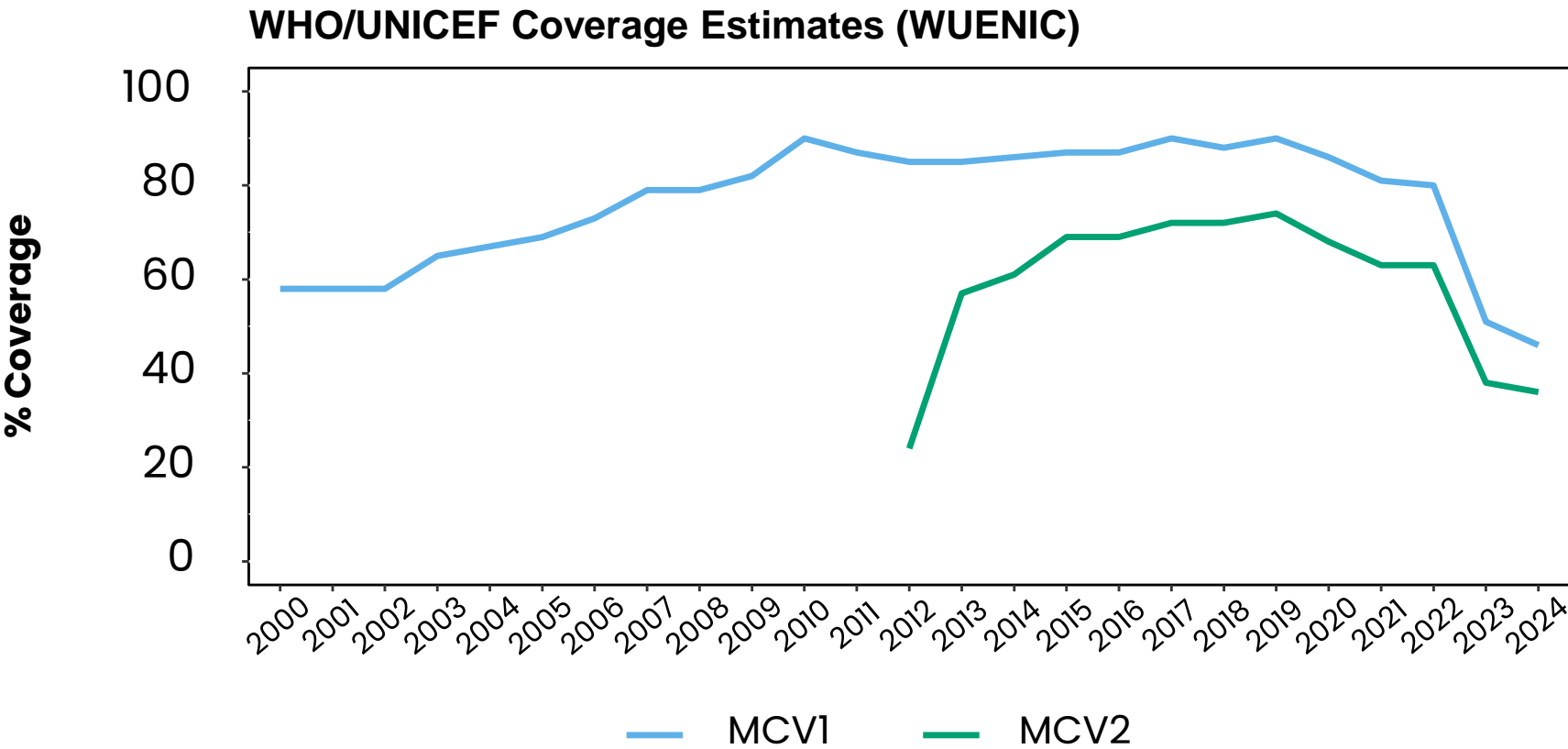
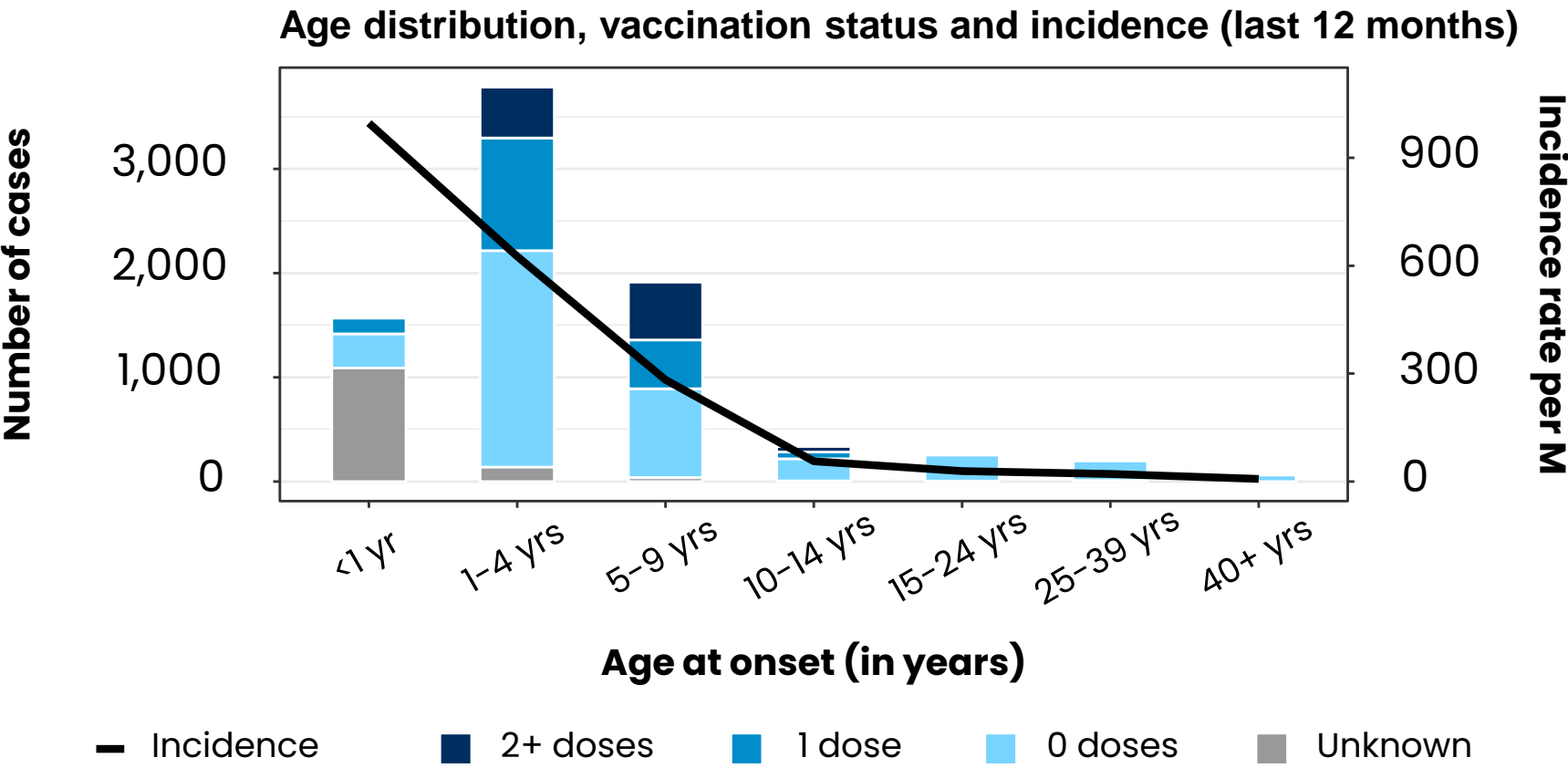
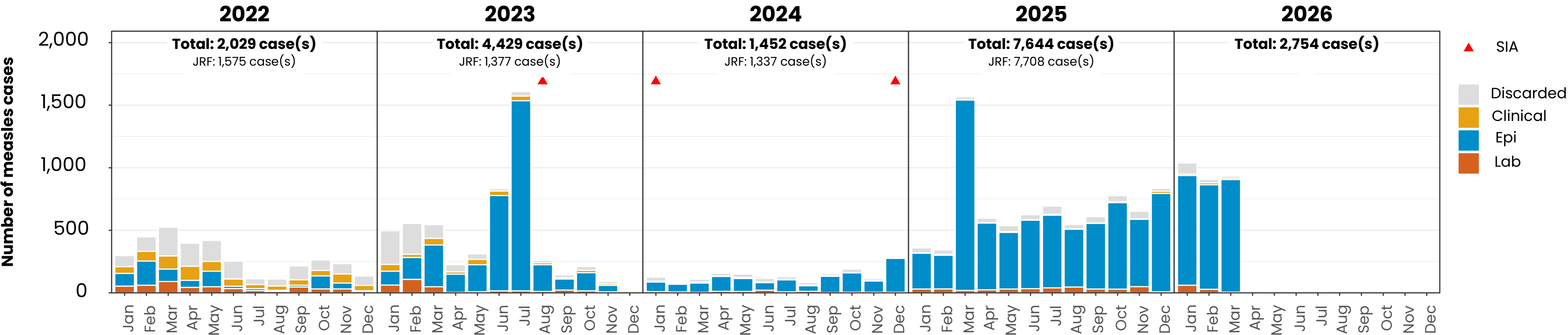


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Measles cases: Sudan

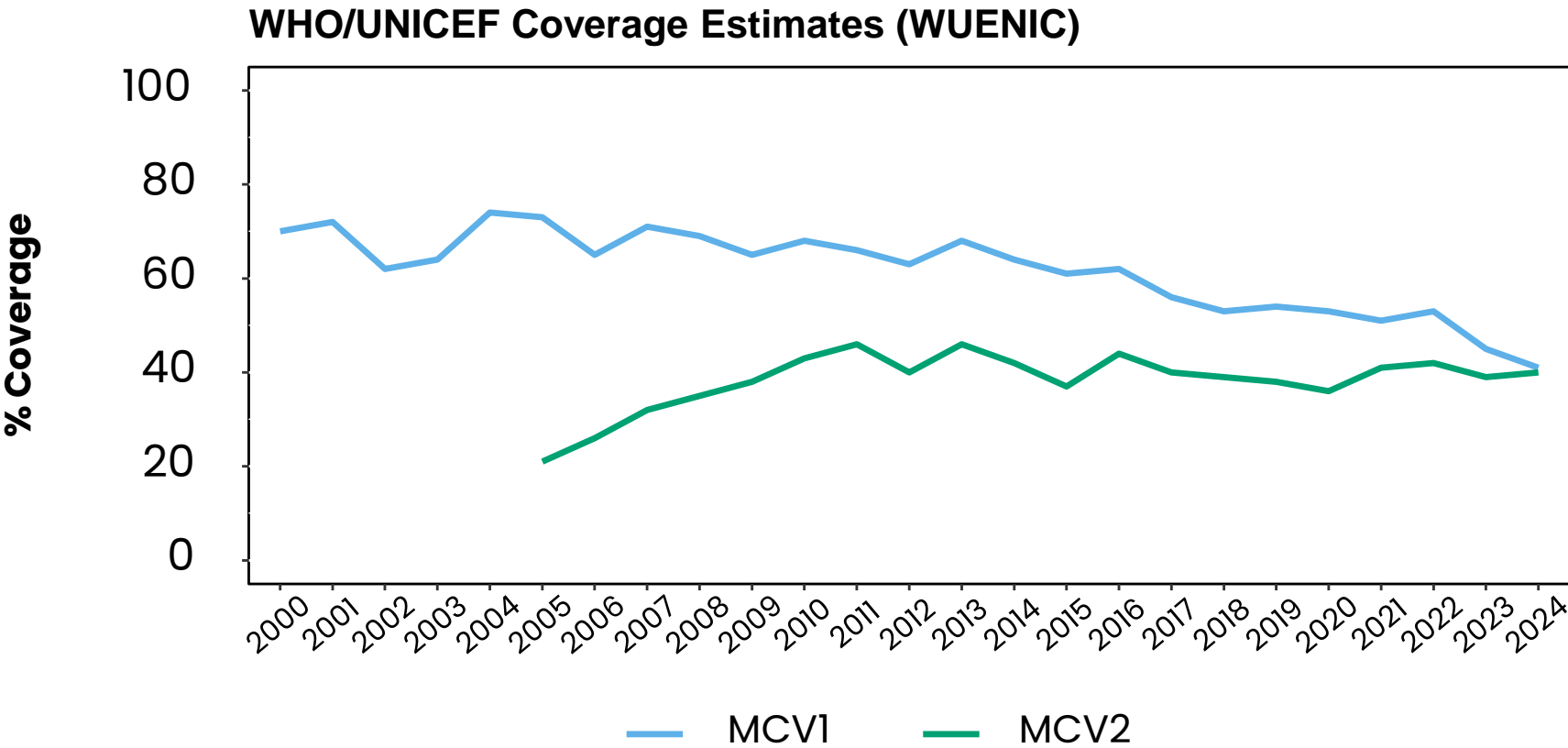
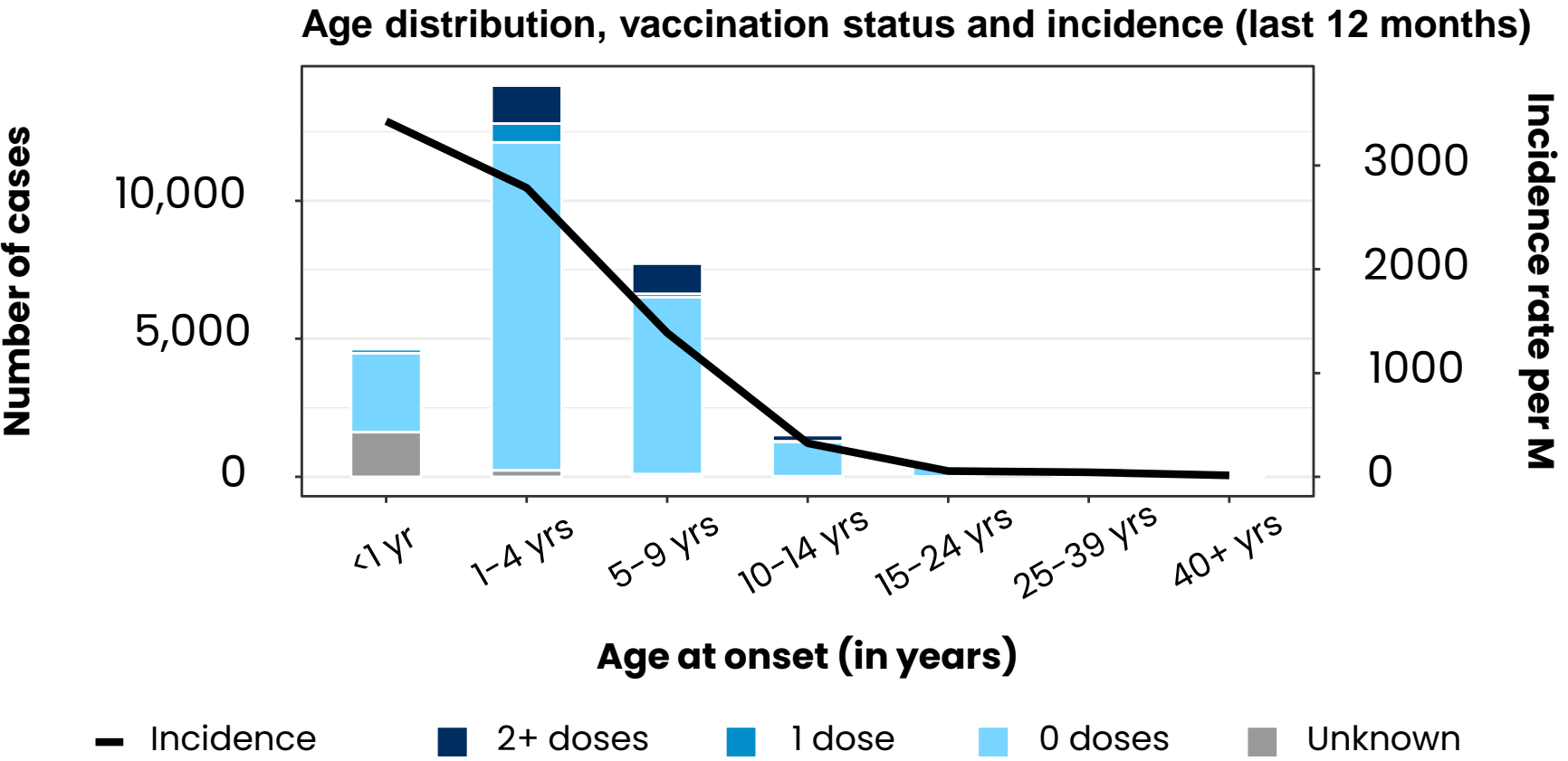
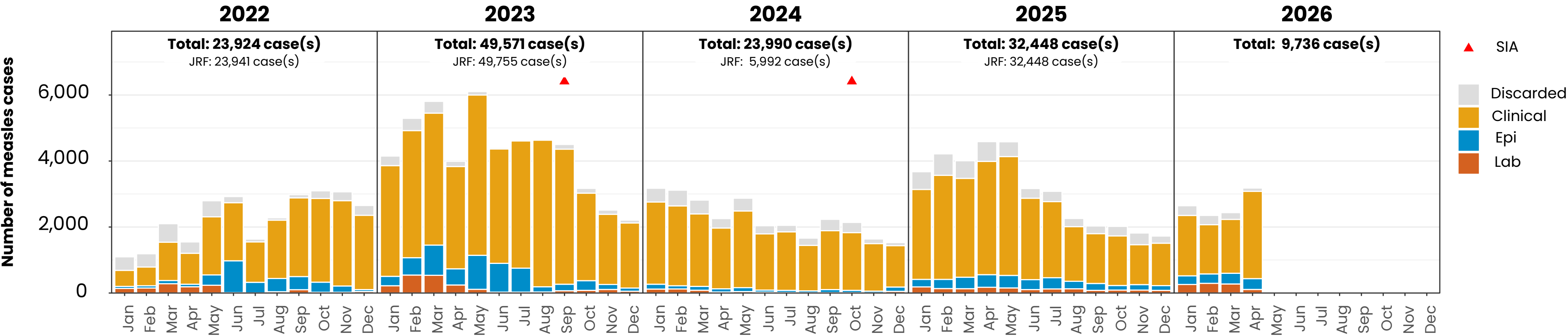
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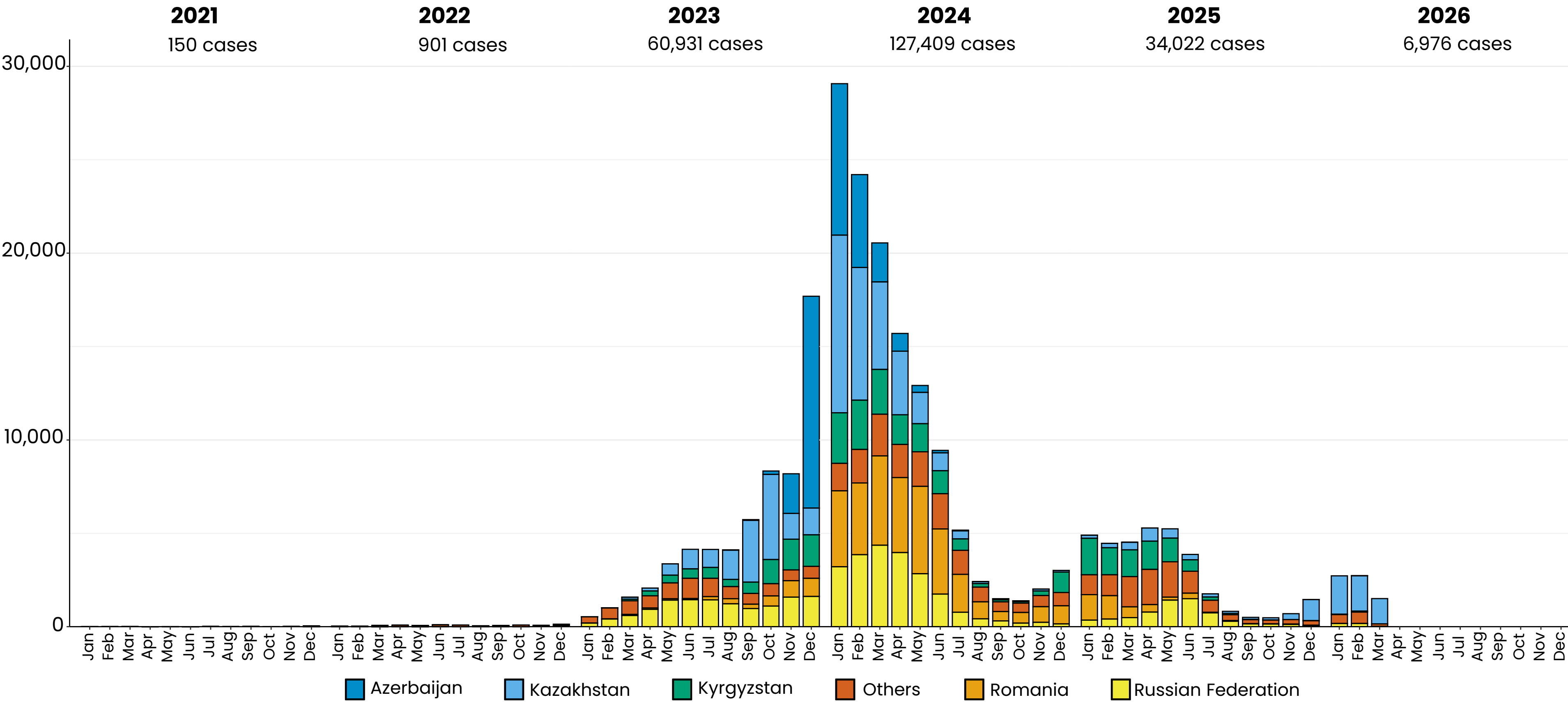
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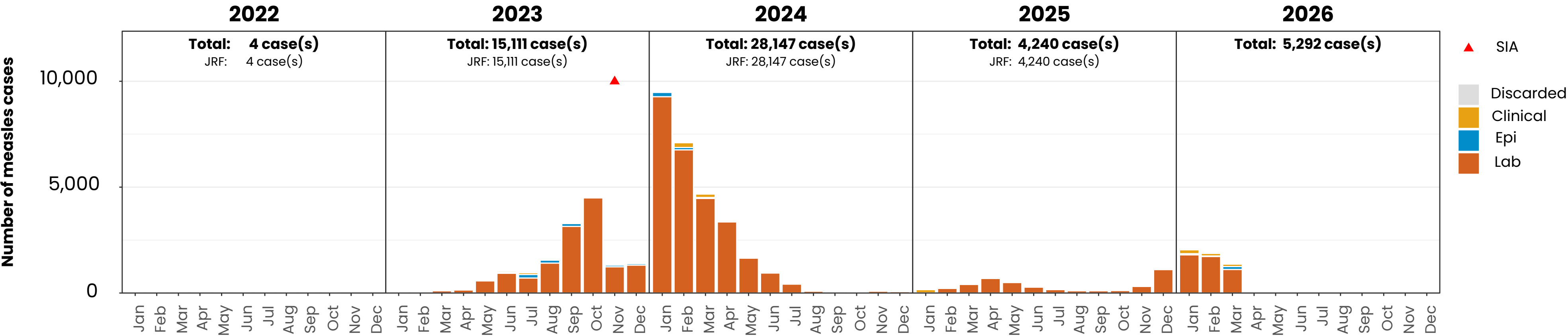
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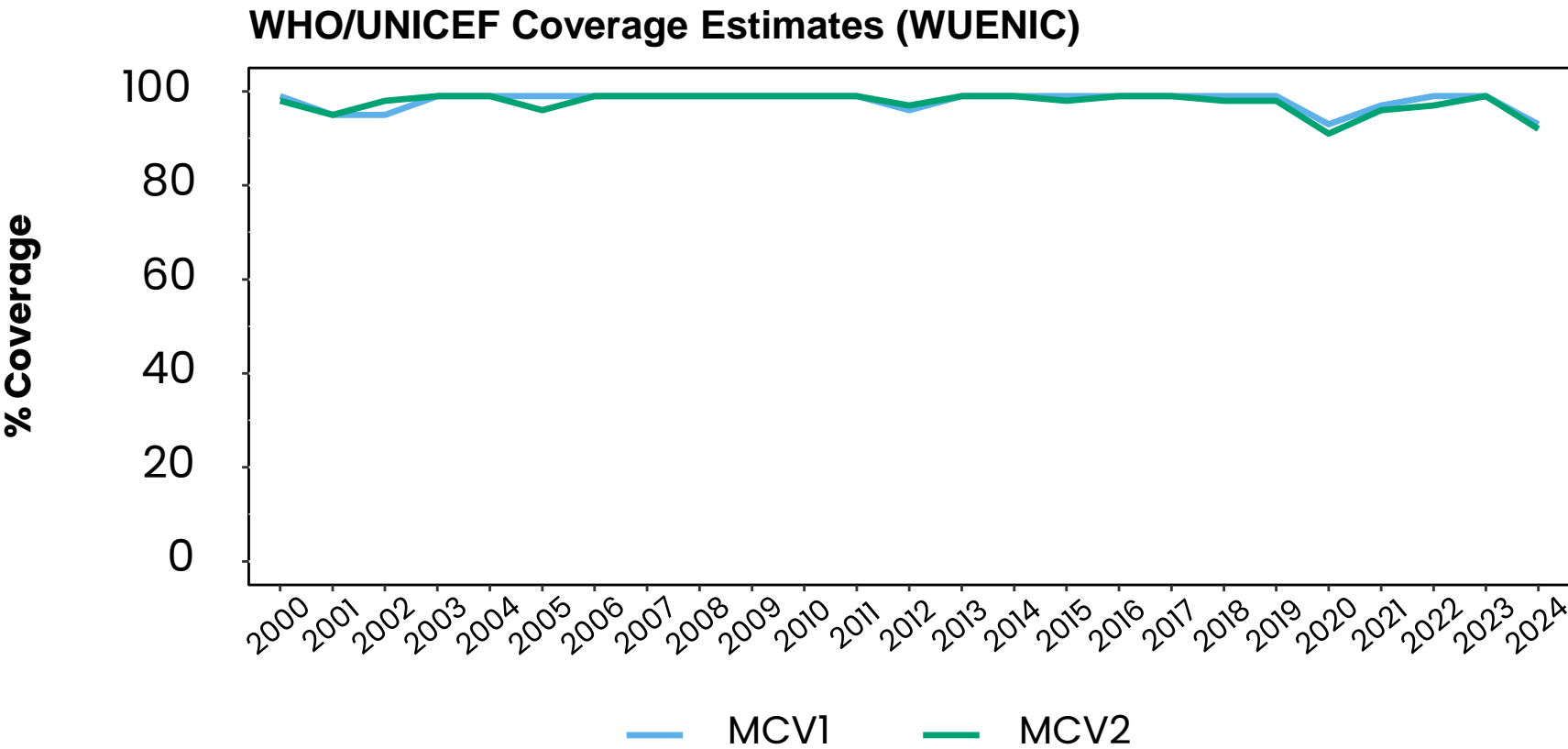


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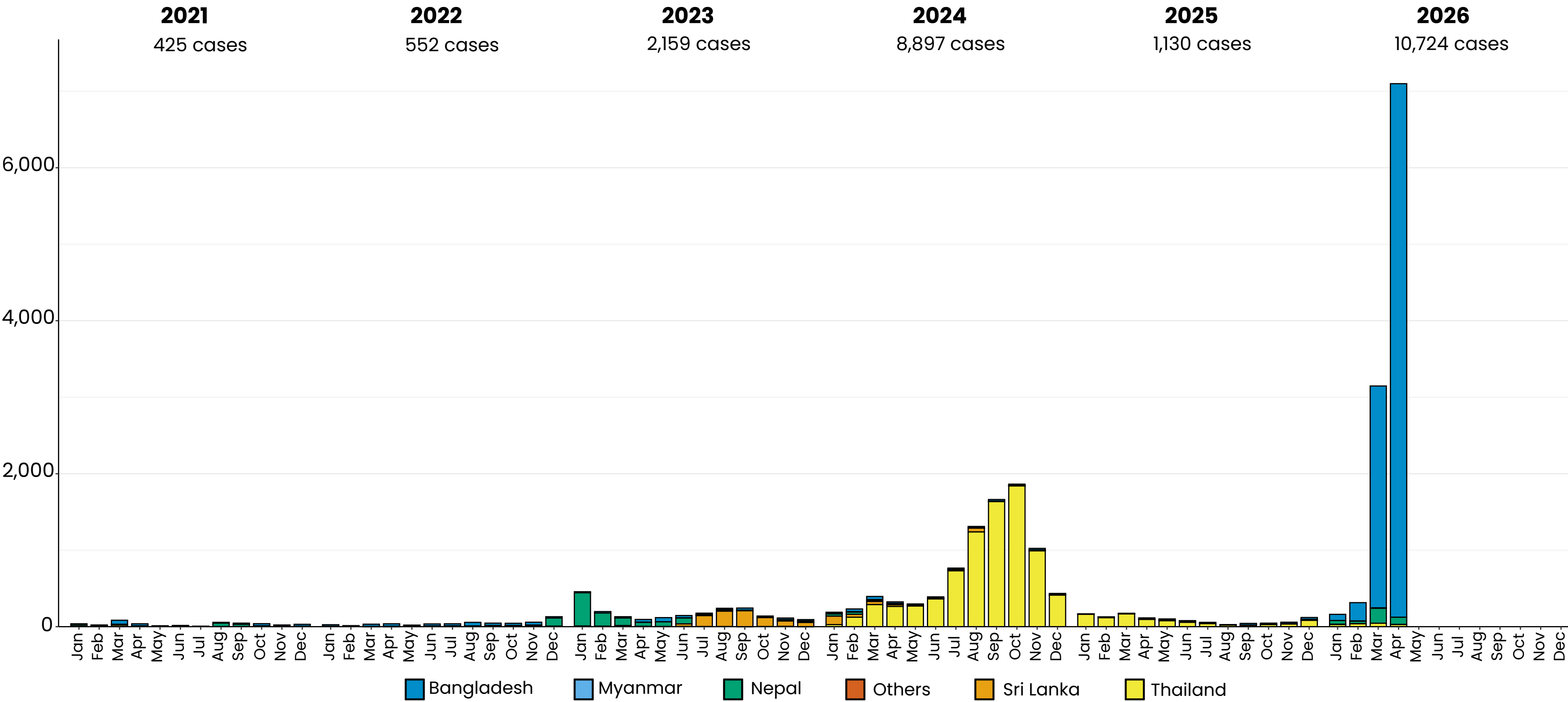
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No data available or no case reported in the last 12 months



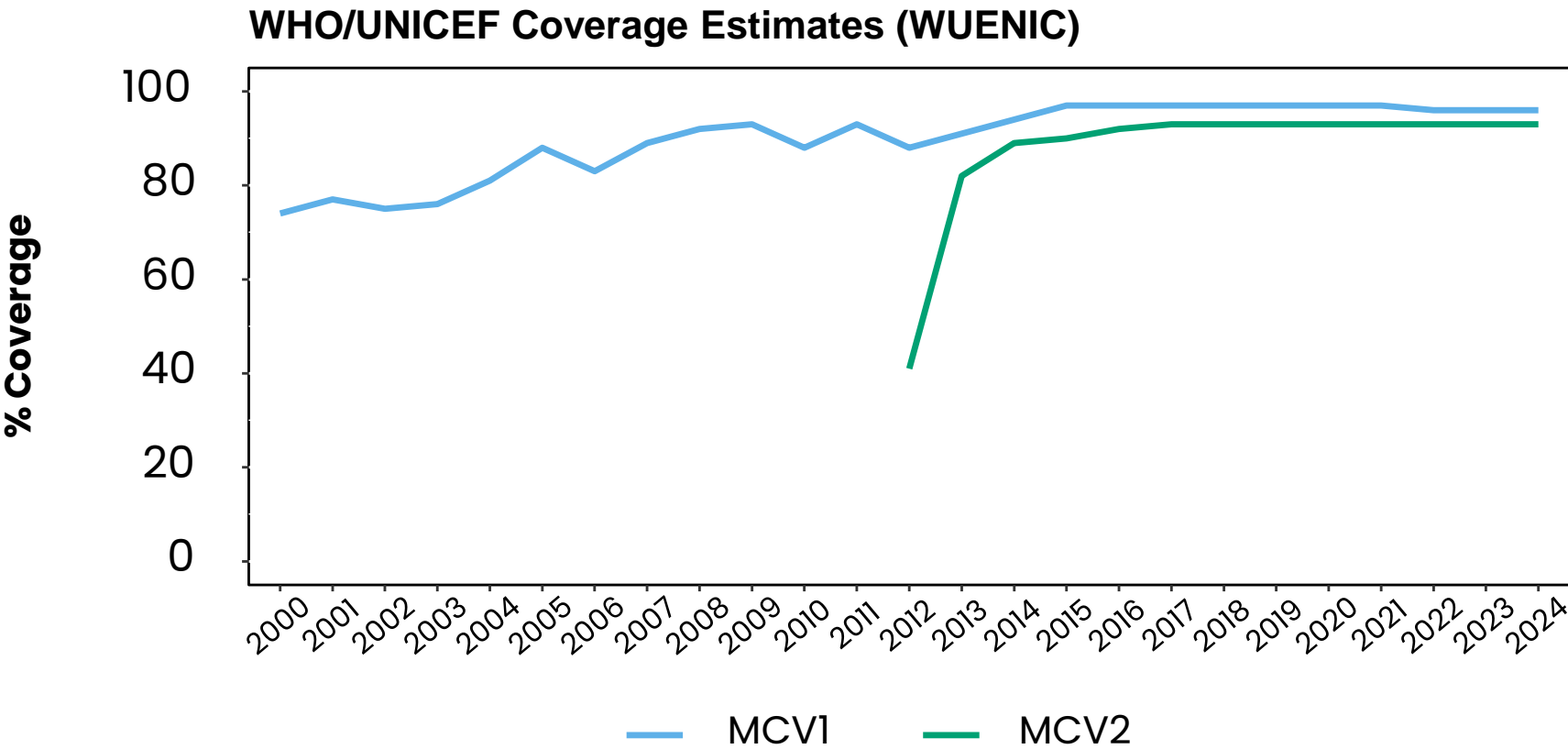
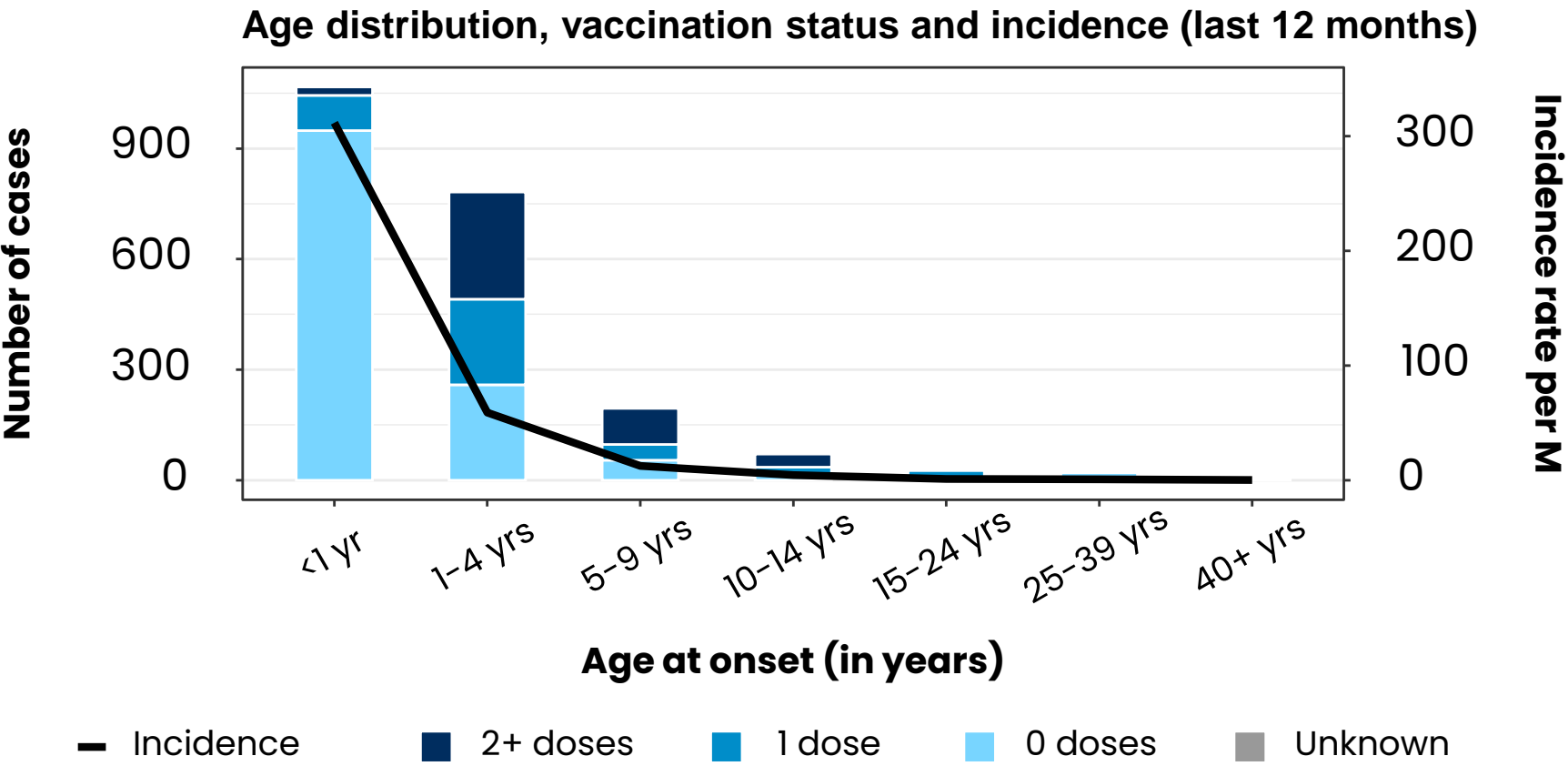
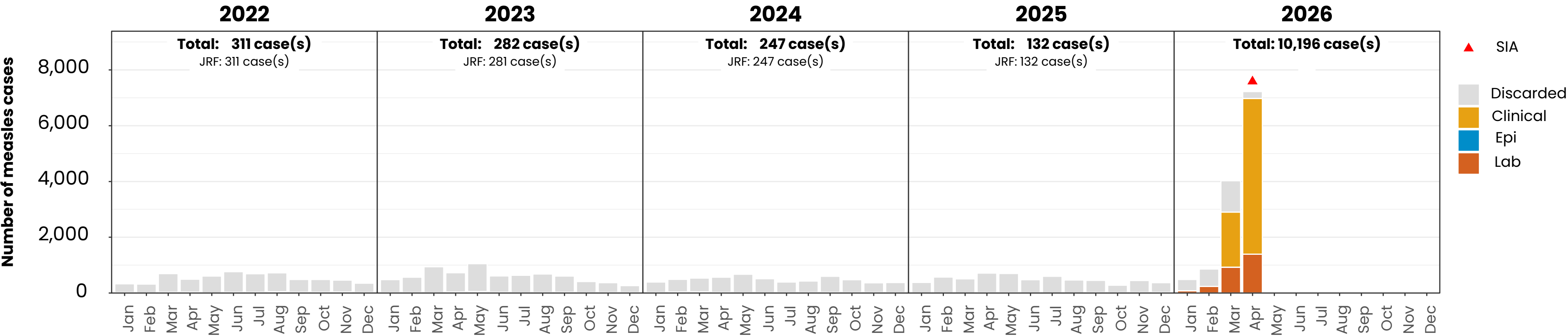
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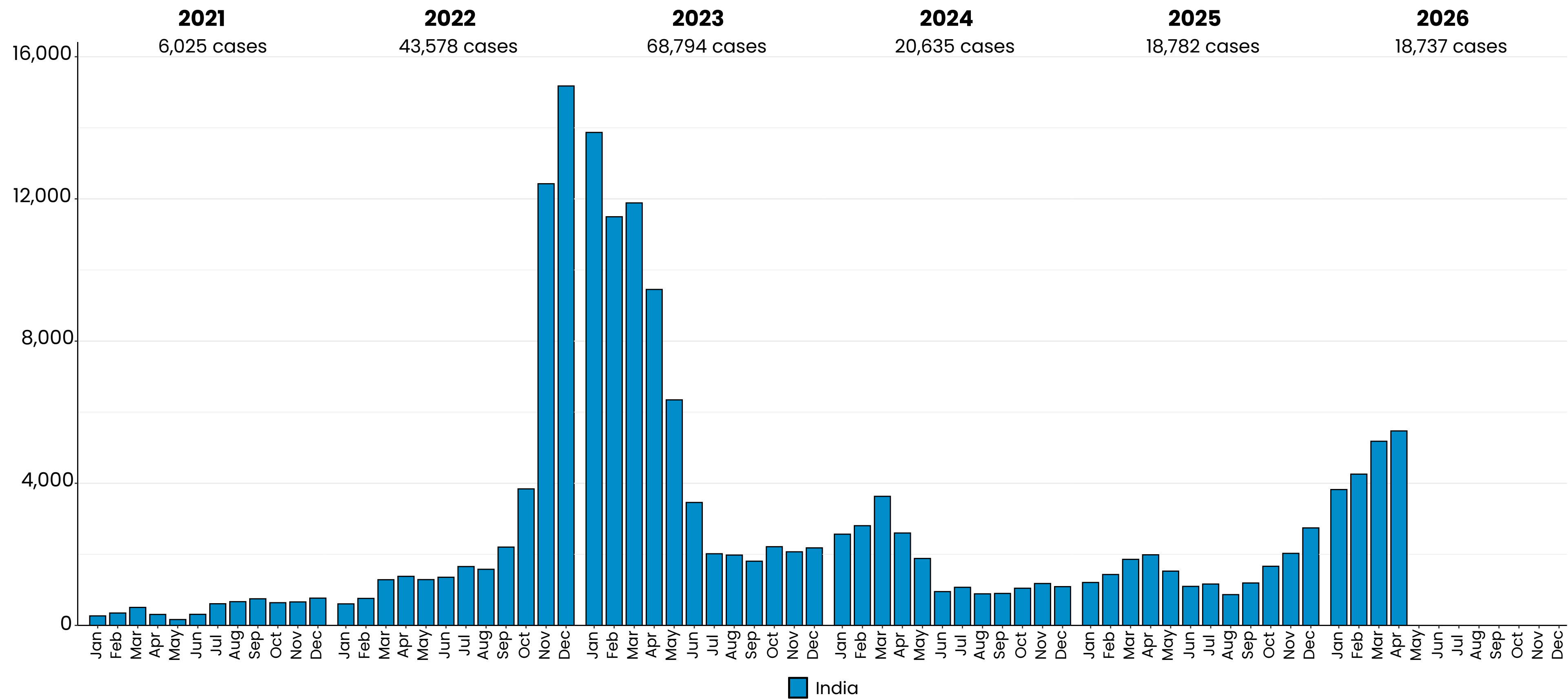
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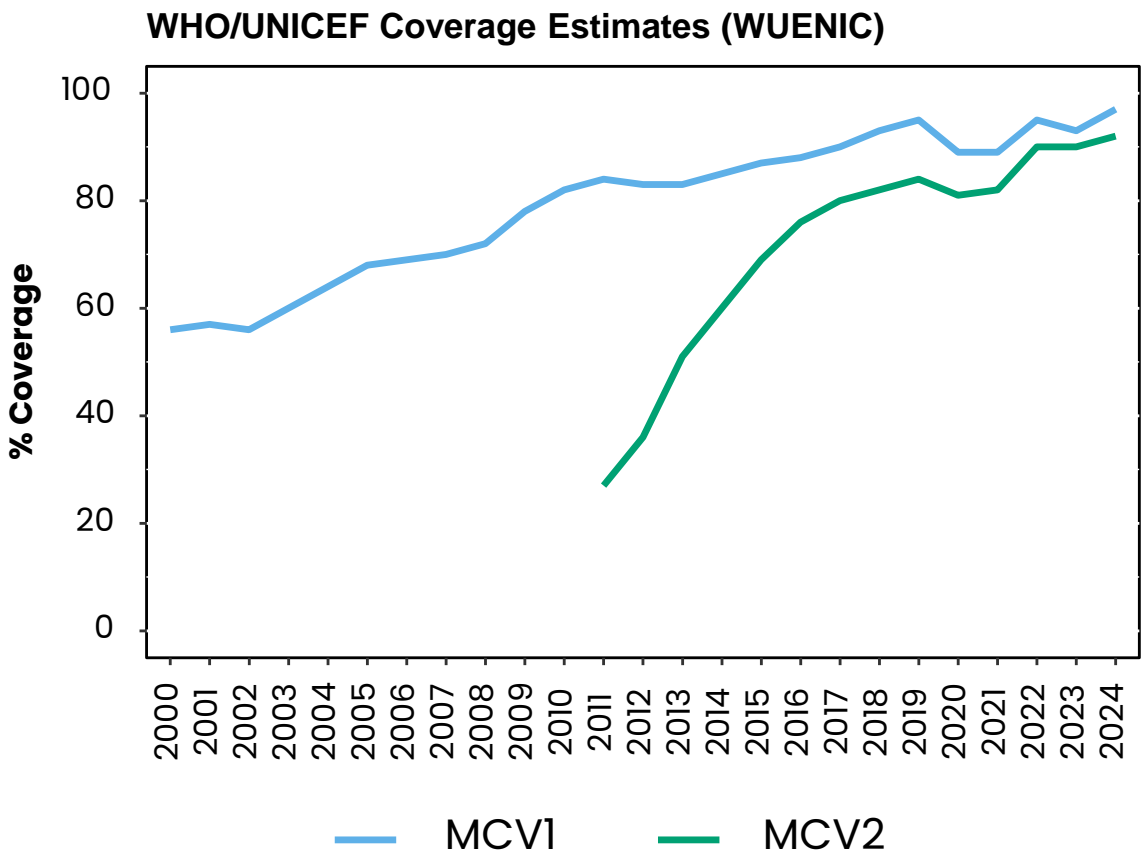
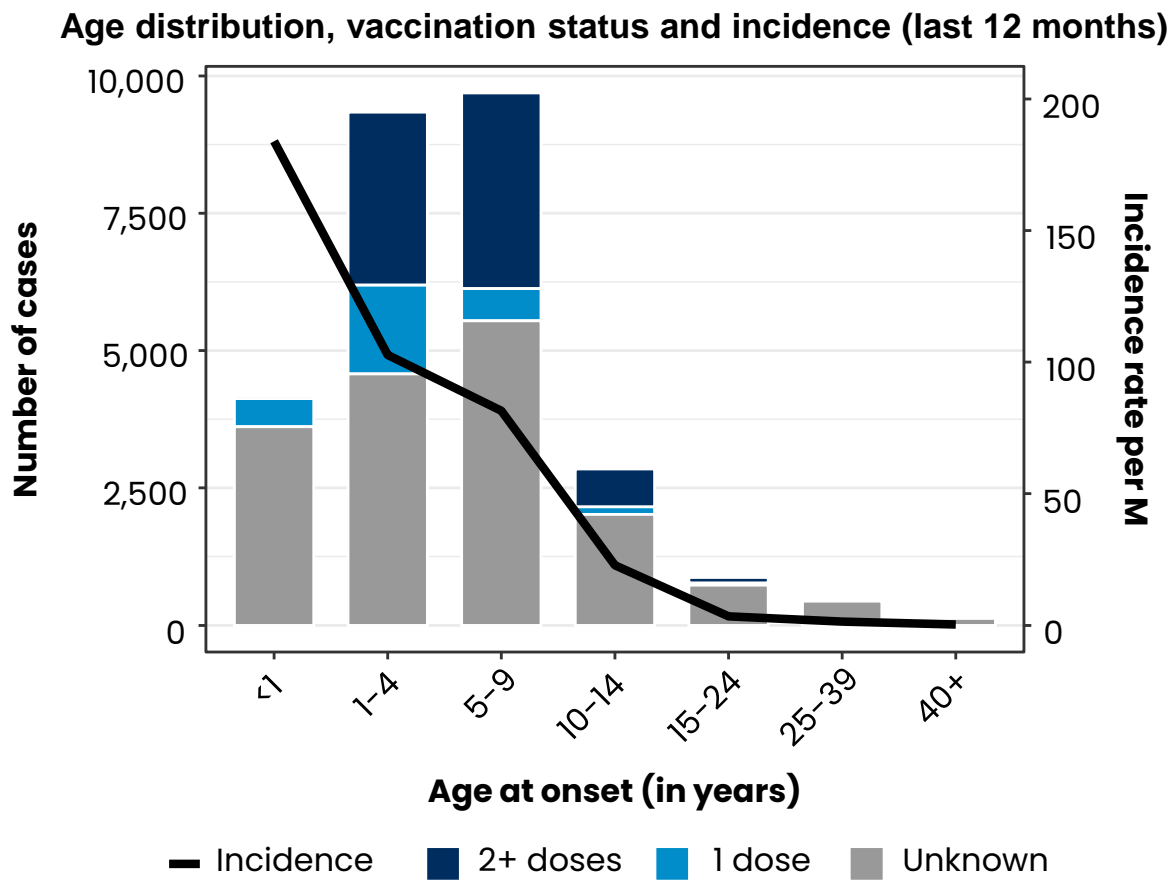
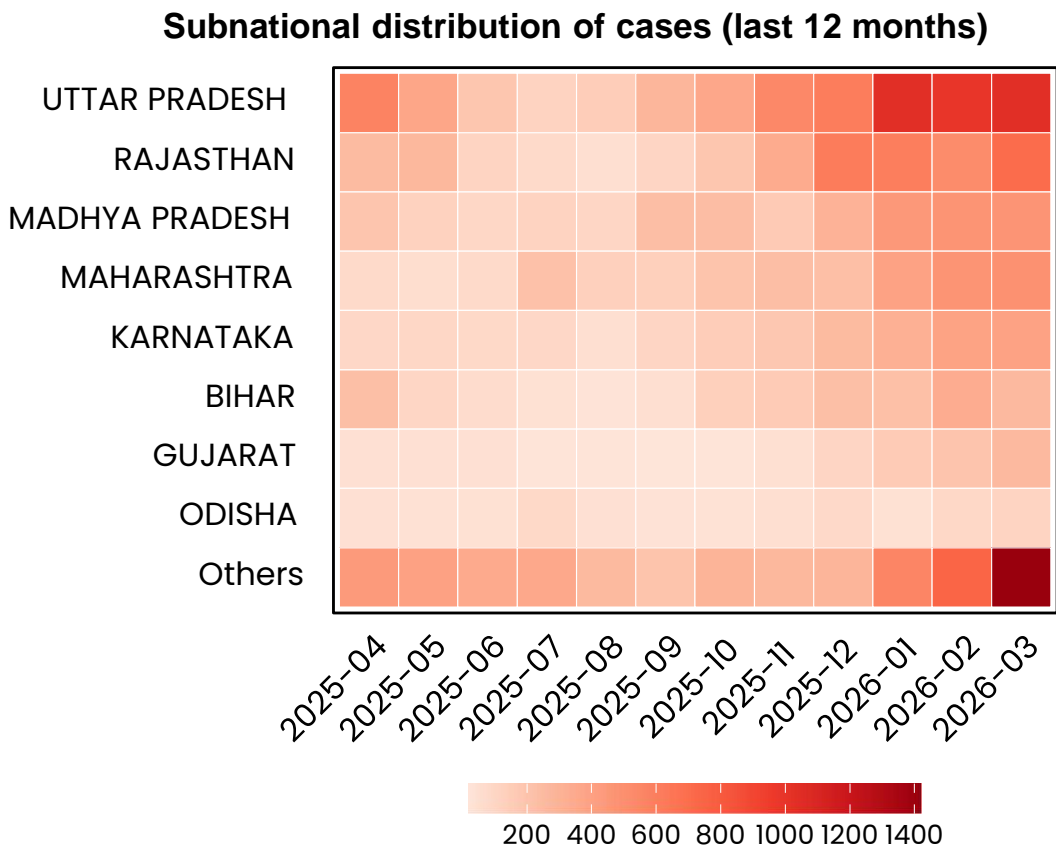
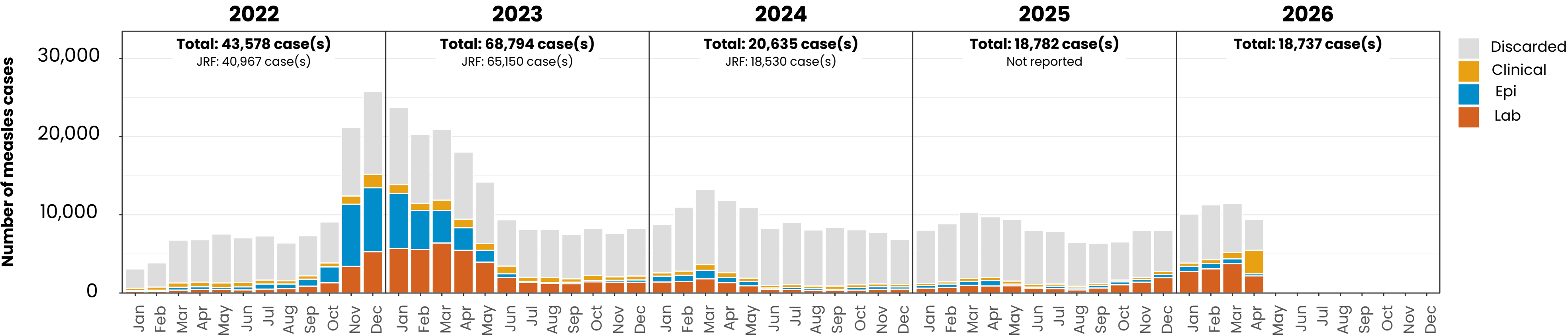
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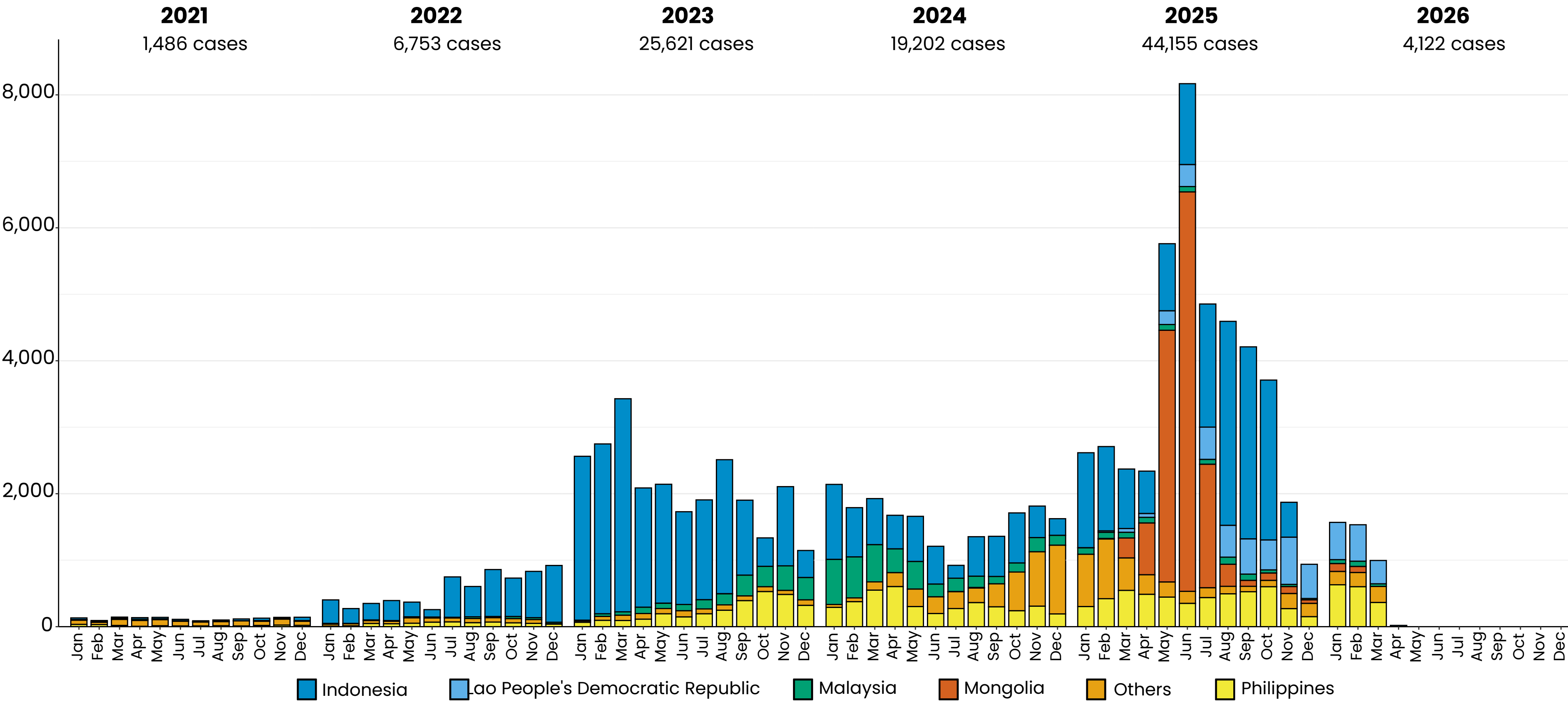
Measles cases: India

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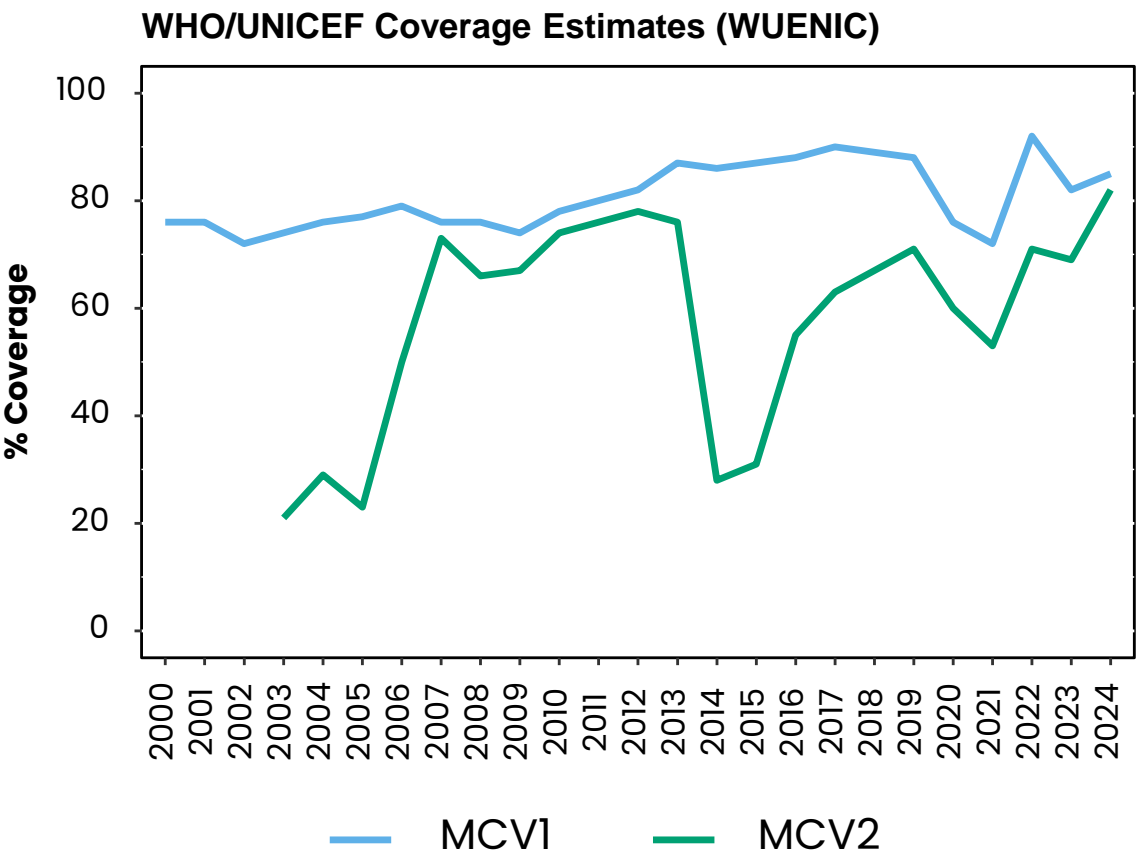
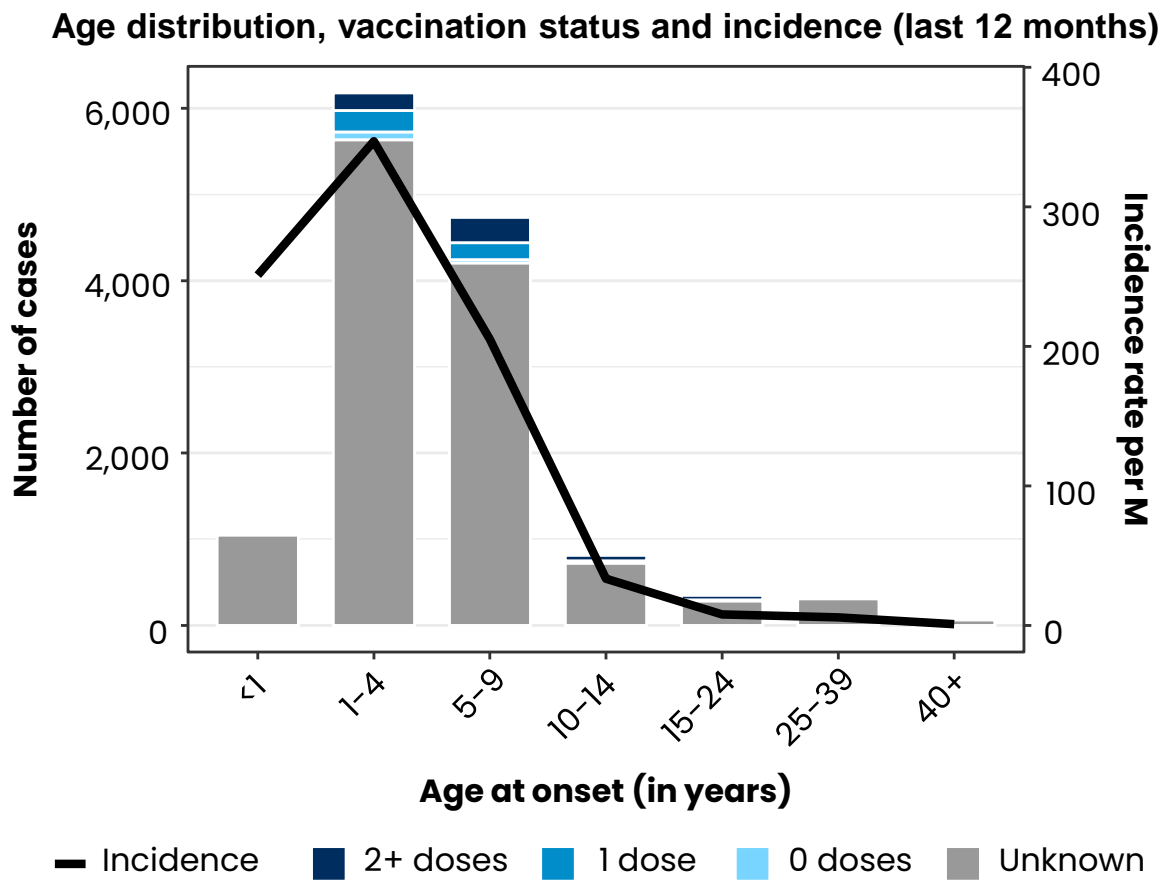
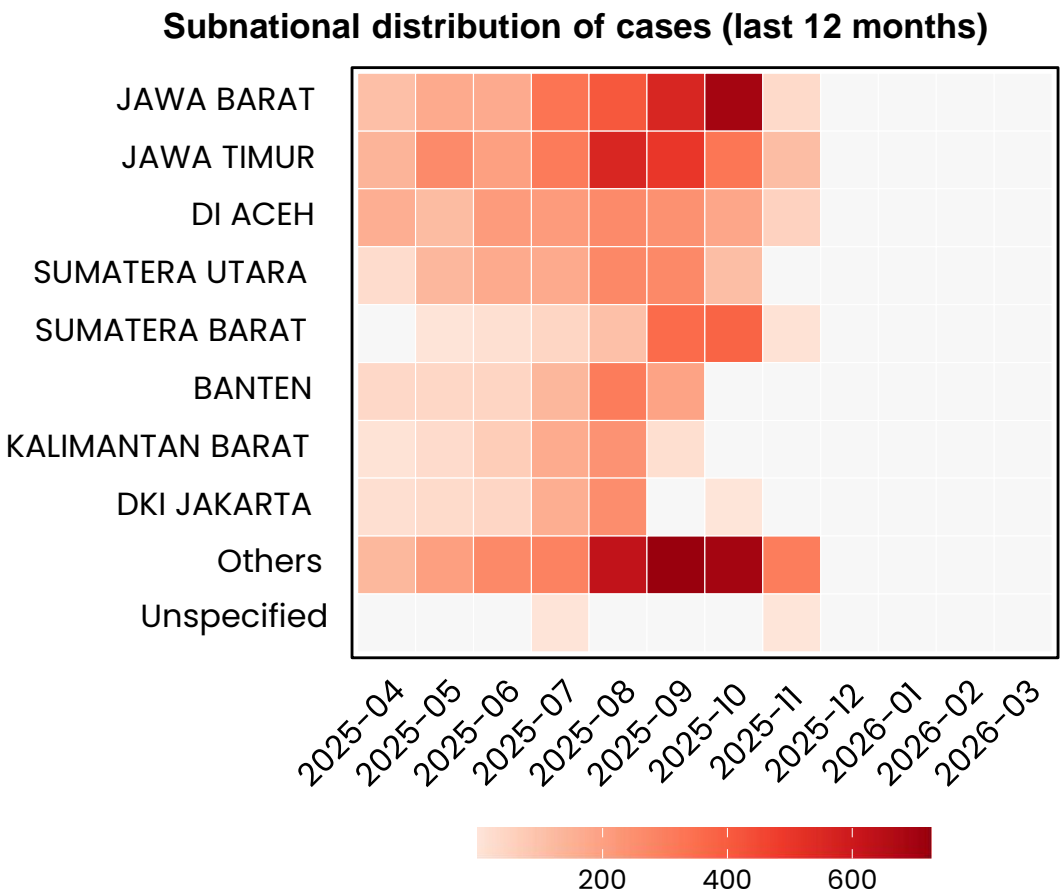
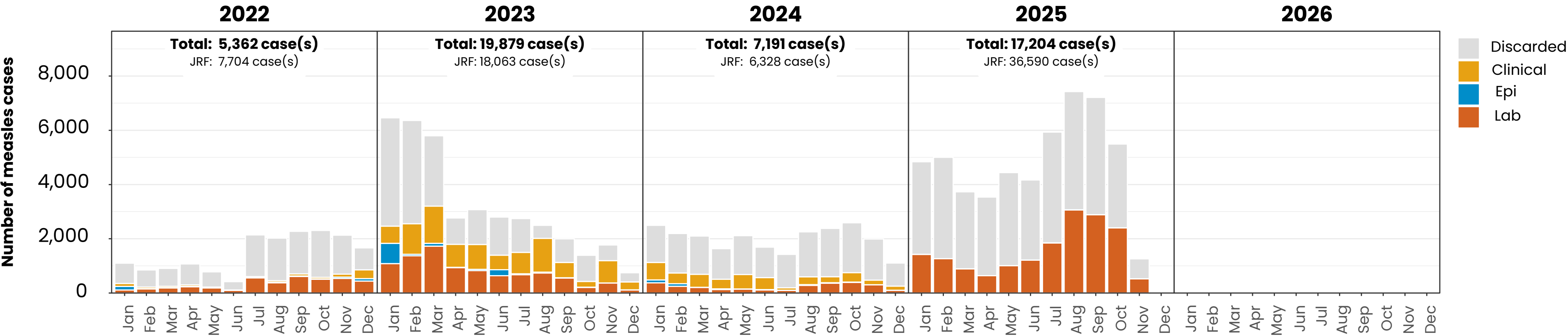
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# Measles case distribution (WPR), 2021-2026



Measles cases: Indonesia

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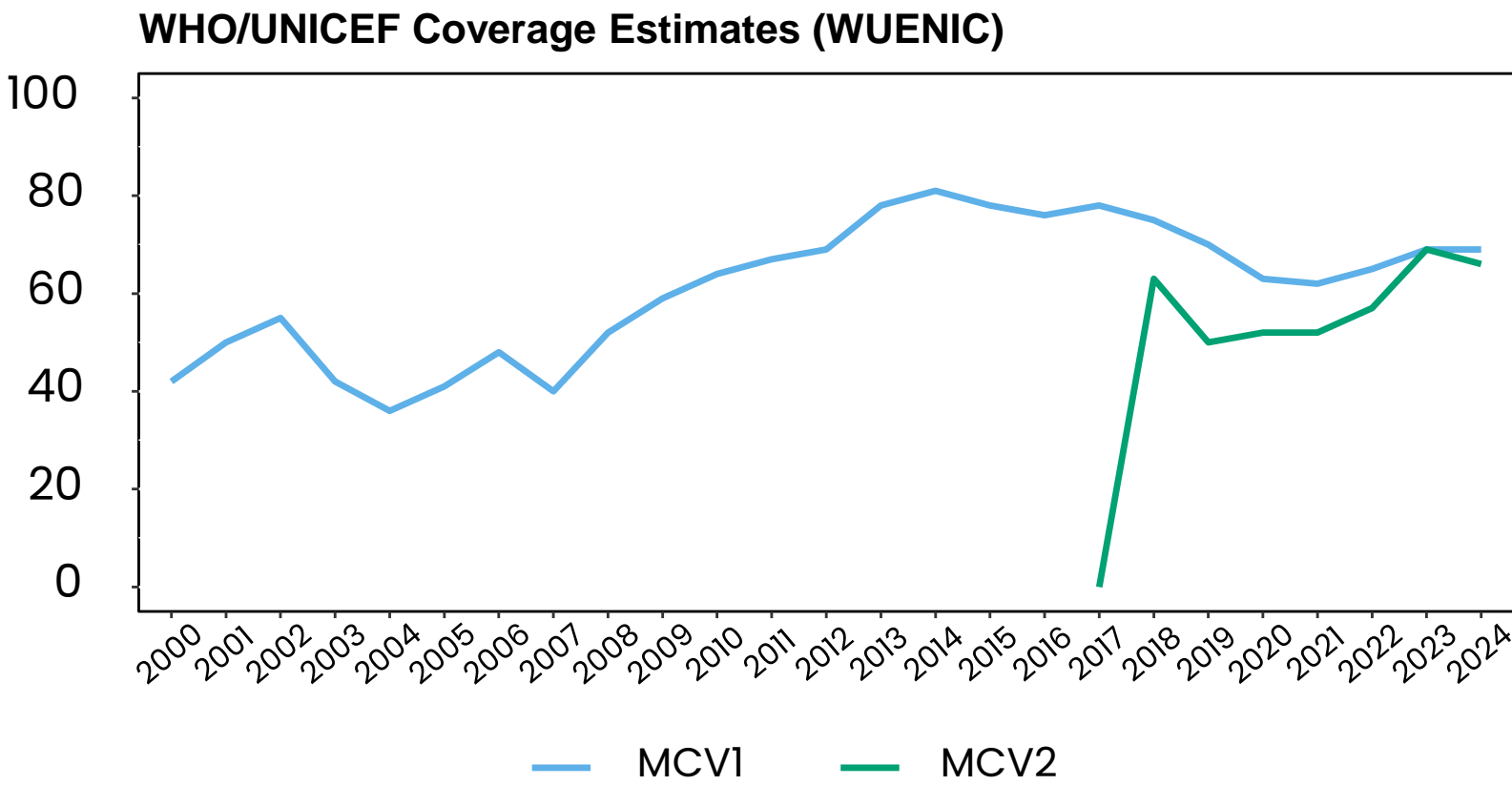
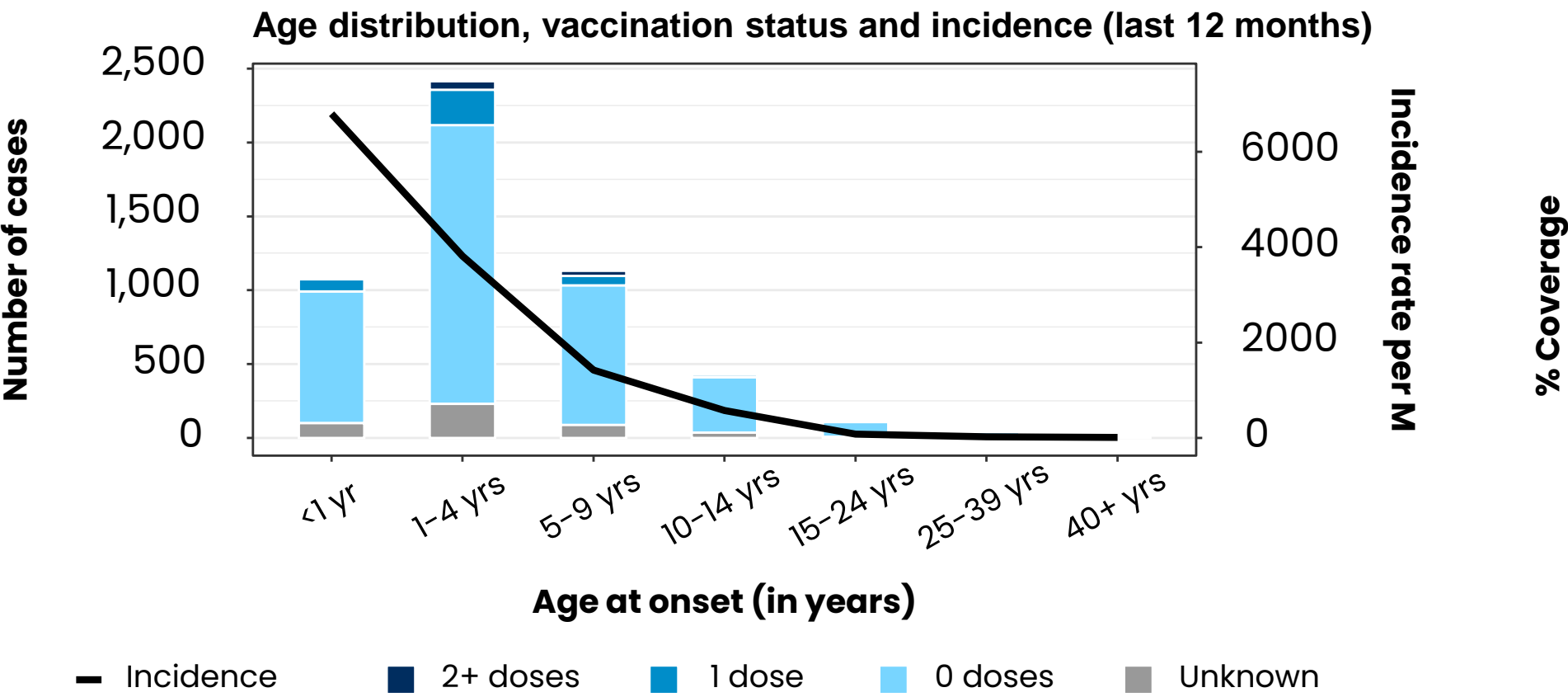
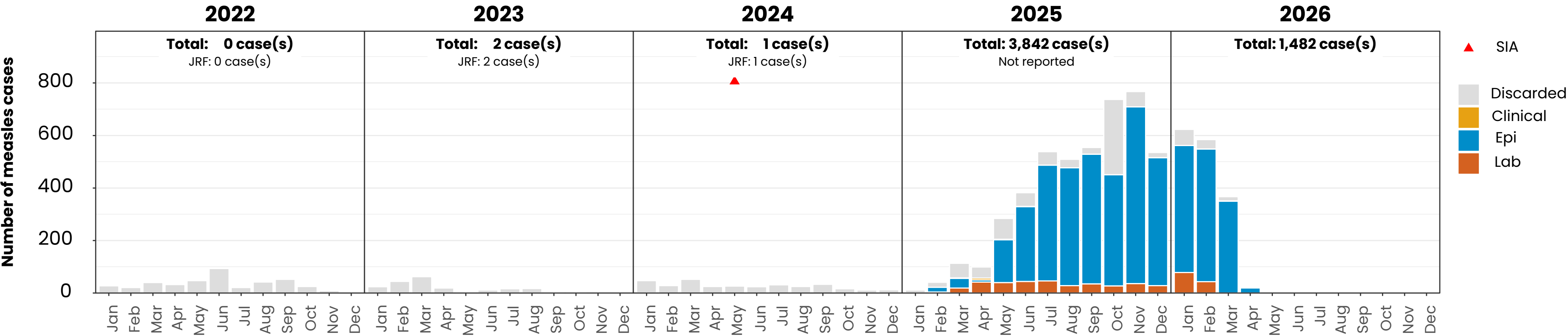


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Measles cases: Lao People's Democratic Republic

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