

Arboviral Surveillance and Response Capacity Survey 2021

Section I: Respondent details

1. Country

Philippines

2. Respondent/person to be contacted for clarification, if needed (last name, first name, e-mail address)

3. Professional title and affiliation

4. Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

17/8/2021

Section II: Arboviral disease surveillance system

5. Which arboviruses have circulated in your country at any time since the year 2000? This refers only to arboviruses with autochthonous i.e., local mosquito-borne transmission.

Chikungunya	Yes
Dengue	Yes
Yellow fever	Not selected
Zika	Yes

6. Do you have any written arbovirus surveillance and control plan(s) and/or guideline(s) for your country?

Yes. We do not have arbovirus-specific guidelines, but arboviruses are included within general surveillance guidelines.

6b. For which of the following arboviruses do you have written surveillance and control plans for your country? Please choose all that apply.

Chikungunya	Yes
Dengue	Yes
Yellow fever	Yes
Zika	Yes
Other	Japanese encephalitis

6c. Please upload surveillance and control plan(s) or protocol(s), or guideline(s)

1 file(s) submitted

7. Is there a specific national programme for arboviral diseases surveillance or is it integrated in another programme? Please select the appropriate answer:

Specific programme

7b. Please specify the programme into which arboviral diseases is integrated

8. For which level of the health structure are individual and aggregated data available? (Select all relevant levels)

	Individual level	Aggregated
Primary health care level	Yes	Not selected
District level	Yes	Not selected
Regional level	Not selected	Yes
National level	Not selected	Yes

9. What are the tools used for recording case data for surveillance purposes? Select all that apply

National	Mixed methods
State/provincial	Mixed methods
District	Mixed methods

10. Which training has been provided to the staff working on arboviral disease surveillance data?

One-time basic training on data capture and analysis (MS Excel, MS Access, EpiInfo) and/or geographic information systems (GIS)	Not selected
Repeated/continuing basic training on data capture, analysis, and/or GIS	Yes
One-time advanced training on statistical software for data analysis (e.g. STATA, R, SAS, Tableau, etc)) and GIS	Not selected
Repeated/continuing training on advance statistical software for data analysis (eg STATA, R, SAS, etc) and GIS	Yes
No training	Not selected

11. Is reporting mandatory for any arboviral disease cases in your country?

Yes

11b. For which of the following arboviral disease cases is reporting mandatory in your country?

Chikungunya	Mandatory reporting of all suspect cases
Dengue	Mandatory reporting of all suspect cases
Yellow fever	Mandatory reporting of all suspect cases
Zika (non-congenital)	Mandatory reporting of all suspect cases
Zika (congenital)	Mandatory reporting of all suspect cases
Other	Mandatory reporting of all suspect cases

11c. For which other arboviral diseases is reporting mandatory?

1	Japanese encephalitis	Both suspect and confirmed
2	West Nile fever	Both suspect and confirmed

11d. Please upload document(s) containing surveillance case definitions used for reporting of arboviral diseases

1 file(s) submitted

12. In the last 2 years, did your country conduct national epidemiological surveillance for human cases of arboviral disease?

Yes

12b. How frequently are surveillance data reported to the national level?

Weekly

12c. What type of national epidemiological surveillance was conducted?

Primarily passive

For reference, here are the relevant definitions:

Active surveillance is defined as having dedicated systems and staff that routinely and with effort survey for cases of disease or detection of vectors and associated pathogens by the public health department.

Passive surveillance is defined as having a reporting system where physicians, laboratories, mosquito control districts, academic institutions or others routinely report cases of disease or detection of vectors and associated pathogens to the public health department.

12d. If available, please upload the most recent report(s) on arboviral surveillance in humans

2 file(s) submitted

13. Does your country provide regular training sessions for healthcare workers on notification of *Aedes*-borne arboviral diseases?

Yes : Frequency is dependent per assessment and request of regions.

14. What do the arboviral disease surveillance staff perceive as factors contributing to the a) success and b) barriers/challenges to arboviral disease surveillance in humans?

Successes: Established reporting system and centralized reports

Barriers/challenges: Access to updated technology High turn-over rate of HRH in-charge

Section III: Arbovirus laboratory capacity

15. Is arbovirus diagnostic laboratory testing performed for confirmation of suspected cases in your country? (Please select the applicable option during outbreak periods and during non-outbreak periods, respectively)

Outbreak periods	Subset of suspect cases tested
Non-outbreak periods	Subset of suspect cases tested

15b. On average, for what percentage of suspected arboviral disease cases your country is laboratory confirmatory testing performed? Please indicate for outbreak and non-outbreak periods, respectively

Non-outbreak (routine) percentage in a year	58
During outbreaks percentage per identified cluster	50

16. In the last two years, were the positive cases of arboviruses confirmed by a national reference laboratory?

Yes, but only for some arboviral infections. Please specify them:

Subset of Dengue and Chikungunya

For confirmatory of Zika, JE, and West Nile if detected

16b. If your country does not have capacity to type and serotype arboviruses, do you send samples for typing to other countries?

I don't know

17. Overall, what arboviral testing capacity(ies) is(are) available in your country? Please check all applicable boxes

	Antigen testing	IgM antibody testing	IgG antibody testing	Neutralizing antibody testing	Virus isolation	RT-PCR or other nucleic acid amplification test	Viral gene/genome Sequencing
Chikungunya		Yes				Yes	
Dengue	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Yellow fever						Yes	
Zika						Yes	
Other						Yes	

18. Which additional resources are most needed for your country to perform adequate testing for arboviral diseases? Please describe what would be needed for each checked resource in the adjacent comment field

Additional personnel: Yes

Estimate of number of full-time staff: At the very least 3 dedicated personnel in charge per laboratory testing (independent of administrative work)

Additional training of personnel: Laboratory diagnostic confirmatory training (RT-PCR, virus isolation, NAAT) for concerned personnel at the sub-national and regional

Additional laboratory equipment, reagents, etc.: Additional confirmatory equipment (diagnostic kit and equipments) at the sub-national and regional levels.

19. Do you perform virological surveillance on humans, ie, tracking of prevailing genotypes/serotypes? Please select all that apply

Yes, using RT-PCR: Tracking of genotypes serotypes

I don't know: Unsure if other methods are used

19b. Which samples do you use for virological surveillance?

19c. For which viruses do you perform virological surveillance? (check all that apply)

19d. Does your country provide regular training sessions for healthcare workers on arboviruses virological surveillance?

20. What do the arboviral diagnostic laboratory staff perceive as factors contributing to the a) success and b) barriers/challenges with respect to laboratory testing for arboviral infections?

Successes: Compliance to submission of samples

Barriers and challenges High volume of cases for Dengue with limited staff and limited reagents

Section IV: Management of arboviral disease cases

21. Does your country have clinical guidelines for healthcare workers on diagnosis and clinical management of cases and severe cases of *Aedes*-borne arboviral diseases?

Yes

21b. Please upload the clinical guideline(s) for arboviral disease management

2 file(s) submitted

22. Are severe cases of arboviral diseases managed in a special area (part of the hospital, isolation beds)?

No. If so, where are patients with severe disease treated? Please specify in comments field.

Not all hospitals have a special area. Some are treated in ICU while Dengue Centers of Excellence must have Dengue Specialized Units, while some have dengue wards set up during outbreaks.

23. How many hospital beds are available per 100,000 population?

24. Does your country provide regular training sessions for healthcare workers on clinical diagnosis and management of *Aedes*-borne arboviral diseases?

Yes, specific training is provided. If so, please specify:

Clinical Case Management for Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika are provided as requested by regions.

25. What do the arboviral disease surveillance/clinical staff perceive as factors contributing to the a) success and b) barriers/challenges with respect to case management?

Barriers and challenges: 1) Low HRH complement 2) Poor health seeking behavior (usually severe cases) 3) Need to update clinical case management 4) Need for training of trainors

Section V: Routine vector surveillance and control

26. Is there a disease programme, agency, or service in charge of arbovirus vector surveillance in your country?

Yes. If so, please specify in the comment field.

National *Aedes*-borne Viral Diseases Program - Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika National Immunization Program - Japanese Encephalitis Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases - West Nile, Yellow Fever

27. Which institution/department is in charge of reporting entomologic surveillance data to the national ministry of health/health department? (Check all that apply)

State/provincial health agencies	Yes
Other national agency	Not selected
City/country health departments	Yes
Local mosquito control districts or similar organisations	Not selected
Universities or academic institutions	Not selected
Private companies	Not selected

28. For the last 2 years, did your country conduct entomologic surveillance for arboviral infections in mosquito vectors?

Don't know

28b. Please upload the most recent national vector surveillance report

28c. Did the entomologic surveillance entail country wide programmes or was it restricted to specific locations?

28d. How many sentinel surveillance sites do you have?

28e. How often was the surveillance conducted? Please choose one of the following:

29. Do you conduct adult mosquito surveillance?

Yes

30. Do you conduct larval/pupal mosquito surveillance?

Yes

31. Are trapped mosquitoes identified to species?

Yes

32. Does your country either calculate minimum infection rates (MIR) for any *Aedes*-borne arboviruses with your mosquito data or receive such data from other agencies? Please choose only one of the following:

Don't know

33. Which laboratories performed testing for arboviruses on mosquito pools collected in your country in the last two years? (check all that apply)

National public health laboratory	Yes
State/provincial/regional public health laboratory	Yes
Local health department laboratory	Yes
University or academic institution	Not selected
Local MCD (if different from county health dep't)	Not selected
Mosquito surveillance done, but no testing done on mosquito pools	Not selected
Not applicable (no mosquito surveillance done)	Not selected

34. Is there a record of *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* being found in your country in the past 5 years? Please choose only one of the following

Yes, both *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*

34b. Please describe the potential public health threat from *Aedes aegypti* in your country

Aedes aegypti populations are abundant and arbovirus(es) is (are) circulating

34c. Please describe the potential public health threat from *Aedes albopictus* in your country

Aedes albopictus mosquitoes are only occasionally found and do not pose a significant public health threat

35. Over the past two years, did your country use any of the following vector control methods in local jurisdictions (either using government staff and resources, or subcontracting to a different entity to do so)? Please select all that apply

Adulticiding (insecticide application against adult mosquitoes)	Yes
Larviciding	Yes
Insect growth regulators (eg , pyriproxyfen)	Yes
Wolbachia method	Not selected
Sterile insect release	Not selected
None	Not selected

35b. Would your country have conducted or financially supported adulticiding/larviciding or source reduction activities in the last two years if sufficient funding were available?

35c. Which adulticides and/or larvicides (brand and product name) were used?

Differentiating per year due to conduct of bidding as per RA. 9184. (Cannot buy directly from supplier) However active ingredients that were procured are as follows: 1) Bifenthrin 2) Deltamethrin 3) Metofluthrin 4) Pyriproxifen 5) Temephos 6) Novaluron

36. Does your country provide regular training sessions for staff in charge of vector control and vector surveillance?

Yes, for both

37. For the last two years, did your country have a plan for mosquito-borne disease control that includes a threshold (eg, level of vector mosquito abundance or minimum infection rate) that would result in a recommendation for mosquito adulticiding/other mosquito reduction measures?)

Yes, have a threshold that does not require concurrent human cases

37b. Which indicator(s) is(are) used as threshold(s)?

Concurrent human cases	Yes
Minimum infection rate	Not selected
Vector density	Yes
Breteau Index	Yes
House Index	Yes
Container Index	Not selected

38. Overall, are data on any of the following arboviral outbreak risk factors routinely collected and analysed? (Select all that apply)

House Index	Not selected
Breteau Index	Not selected
Container Index	Not selected
Temperatures	Not selected
Rainfall	Not selected
Migration of a non-immune population	Not selected
None	Not selected
Other	Depending on regions but not all conduct the same indices

39. Is there a surveillance system in place for monitoring *Aedes* resistance to the insecticide(s) used?

Yes

40. What do the vector surveillance staff perceive as factors contributing to the a) success and b) barriers/challenges with respect to vector surveillance and control in the country?

Successes Centralized procurement of commodities ensure that all regions are provided with vector control

Barriers and challenges: Not all regions conduct the same vector surveillance measures Delayed procurement and dissemination of commodities

Section VI: Animal surveillance

41. During the last 2 years, did your country conduct national epidemiological surveillance for arboviral disease in animals (eg, epizootic surveillance for yellow fever in endemic areas)?

I don't know

41b. How often was the animal surveillance conducted?

41c. What type of surveillance was conducted in animals?

41d. Please upload a report on the animal surveillance

42. Does your country (or local jurisdictions within the country) perform sentinel animal surveillance or epizootic surveillance, eg, for yellow fever in nonhuman primates in endemic regions?

I don't know

42b. For which viruses is sentinel surveillance conducted and in which animal species?

42c. Please upload the most recent report(s) on sentinel animal surveillance

Section VII: Community sensitization and participation

43. Does your country have a community outreach program that also covers arboviral diseases?

Yes

43b. What entity(ies) is(are) in charge of the outreach program in your country?

National public health agency and its regional offices.

43c. What is the geographical coverage of the outreach program in your country?

Countrywide

43d. Is the community outreach/social mobilization program sufficiently funded to cover staff time, prevention and outreach activities as needed?

No

43e. Which resources would help ensure adequate capacity?

Educational materials for the public	Yes
Educational and reference materials for providers	Yes
Educational and reference materials for local health departments	Yes
Additional staff	Yes
Staff training	Yes

44. Did your national arboviral disease program issue notifications to the public about local transmission risk and/or possible vector-control activities (eg larviciding, adulticiding, community mobilization and participation, etc) as a prevention message for arboviral diseases within last 2 years? (Check all that apply)

	During outbreaks	During non-outbreak periods
Issued by national public health agency	Yes	Yes
Issued by state/local health agencies	Yes	Yes
No risk in the past two years	Not selected	Not selected
No notifications even though risk was present	Not selected	Not selected

44b. Which means does your program use for community sensitization, mobilization and acceptance of interventions in your country? (Check all that apply)

Press releases to electronic and printed media	Yes
Public service announcements on television or radio	Yes
Passive distribution of informational brochures	Yes
Active distribution of informational brochures	Yes
Town, community, or neighborhood meetings	Yes
Posting information on the home page of your agency's website	Yes
Social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, etc)	Yes
Door-to-door outreach in selected locations	Yes
Participation in community clean-ups	Yes
Modification of messages for all local languages	Yes

45. Does your country provide regular training sessions for staff in charge of community sensitization, mobilisation and acceptance of interventions dedicated to control arboviral diseases?

Yes. If yes, please describe in comments field:

There are health advocacy and health education promotion trainings provided by the national health office

46. What do the community outreach staff perceive as factors contributing to the a) success and b) barriers/challenges with respect to community participation

Successes: Constant and regular releases of the IEC materials means the masses are informed

Barriers/challenges: Mostly focused content on Dengue (not as focused on other diseases)
Probable desensitizing to similar contents released

Section VIII: Preparedness for arboviral outbreaks/epidemics

47. Is there either a surveillance and outbreak response committee in your country, or a steering committee for that purpose?

Yes

48. Does your country have a contingency plan to organize healthcare services during an outbreak (including outbreaks of arboviral diseases)?

Yes

48b. Please upload the contingency plan

3 file(s) submitted

49. Are there defined or established criteria for declaring an outbreak of arboviral disease outbreak in your country?

Yes. If so, in the comments field, please briefly describe the criteria or reference the document in which those are sta

The surveillance system has its alert and epidemic threshold based on previous 5-year data (excluding epidemic year).

50. Do you have established collaborations with national/regional research institutions / international agencies that are planned to be activated in case of arboviral outbreak?

Yes. If so, please specify institutions/agencies in the comments field:

51. What vector control interventions are deployed in case of an emergency?

Space spraying and targeted residual spraying.

52. For the last 2 years, which of the following government levels had an emergency fund or a specified emergency funding mechanism for arbovirus outbreak response?

National level	Yes
State/local level	Yes
None	Not selected

53. Does your country provide regular training sessions for staff/committee in charge of preparedness for arboviral outbreaks/epidemics?

No

54. What do the arboviral disease surveillance staff perceive as factors contributing to the a) success and b) barriers/challenges with respect to preparedness of arboviral diseases epidemics in your country?

Successes: Guidelines are in place for Dengue

Barriers and Challenges: High turn-over rate of staff Focused on Dengue No regular training for outbreak response (focused on disaster training)

Section IX: Arboviral disease surveillance data

55. Please provide total number of cases and deaths for the following arboviral diseases from 2015 to 2020 (if available).

	Dengue	Chikungunya	Yellow fever	Zika
2015 Cases	213930	NA	NA	NA
2015 Deaths	647	NA	NA	NA
2016 Cases	220518	NA	NA	NA
2016 Deaths	1092	NA	NA	NA
2017 Cases	152224	NA	NA	57
2017 Deaths	811	NA	NA	0
2018 Cases	216190	2900	NA	NA
2018 Deaths	1083	1	NA	NA
2019 Cases	437563	1138	NA	NA
2019 Deaths	1689	0	NA	NA
2020 Cases	83335	146	NA	NA
2020 Deaths	324	0	NA	NA

(NA = Not Available)

55b. Were cases of other mosquito-borne arboviruses, not listed in the previous question, reported in your country from 2015-2020?

I don't know

55c. Please select any of the following other mosquito-borne viruses that have been reported in your country from 2015-2020

55d. Please provide total number of cases and deaths due to each of the following other arboviruses that you selected from 2015-2020

56. Please provide the number of cases of locally acquired, mosquito-borne *Aedes*-borne arbovirus infections by case classification for 2020 and, if not available, for 2019

57. Do arbovirus surveillance staff have any perceived reasons for increasing trends in arboviral disease incidence? Check all answers that apply.

Climate change (as evidenced by changes in meteorological data)	Yes
Construction activities	Yes
Population migration (within the country or between countries)	Yes
Increased availability of peri-domestic water-bearing containers suitable for mosquito egg deposition	Yes

Section X: Surveillance staffing

58. During 2019 (prior to the Covid-19 pandemic), indicate below the number of arbovirus surveillance staff at the national level.

	Number of personnel
Clinicians	1
Epidemiologists	3
Laboratorians	0
Entomologists/ vector control specialists	0
Support staff (administration; logistics; other)	1

59. Indicate below how many total staff persons are needed at the national level in your country to achieve full epidemiology and laboratory capacity* to conduct arbovirus surveillance.

	Number of personnel
Clinicians	2
Epidemiologists	6
Laboratorians	3
Entomologists/vector control specialists	3
Support staff (administration; logistics; other)	3

60. Optional comments to explain responses to questions 58 and 59 above

- 1) Two clinicians to tackle the wide range of arboviruses (one for control and prevention and the other for control and elimination)
- 2) Considering that there is an Epidemiology Bureau, just additional staffing for a more up to date reports within the 3 groups of island (2 for Luzon, 2 for Visayas, 2 for Mindanao)
- 3) Laboratorians to conduct the research endeavors of the program

- 4) Entomologists to handle the vector control concern per group of island
- 5) Support staff to handle the routing of policy, administrative support for conduct of capacity building, and settling of procurement concerns.

61. The national health authority/ministry of health has access to expertise in clinical management of arboviruses (Check all that apply)

Within the ministry of health (eg, public health medical officers, clinicians in state hospitals)	Yes
Through other national agency with regulatory authority	Yes
Through academic institution(s)	Yes
Private hospitals	Not selected
Does not have access	Not selected

62. The national health authority/ministry of health has access to expertise in arbovirus epidemiology (Check all that apply)

Within the ministry of health	Yes
Through other national agency with regulatory authority	Yes
Through academic institution(s)	Yes
Does not have access	Not selected

63. The national health authority/ministry of health has access to expertise in arbovirus laboratory diagnosis (Check all that apply)

Within the ministry of health (e.g., public health laboratory scientists)	Not selected
Through other national agency with regulatory authority	Yes
Through academic institution(s)	Yes
Does not have access	Not selected

64. The national health authority/ministry of health has access to expertise in entomology (Check all that apply)

Within the ministry of health	Not selected
Through other national agency with regulatory authority	Yes
Through academic institution(s)	Yes
Does not have access	Not selected

65. Optional comments to explain responses to any of Questions 61-64

The Philippine Department of Health has an array of attached agencies which are responsible for the other aspects of arbovirus management that are not available within the ministry itself since the office is mostly concerned with policy making, standard making, and capacity building of regional and local units.

Section XI: Survey conclusion

66. If you have any further comments to add regarding arbovirus surveillance and control in your country, including whether arboviruses other than *Aedes*-borne arboviruses are of higher priority, please do so in the text field below