

# EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE NETWORK SYSTEM

Version 1.0

**USERS' MANUAL** 

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# 1. Login in

To access the system, go to your browser and enter the following URL: <a href="http://ewarn.emro.who.int/SOM/">http://ewarn.emro.who.int/SOM/</a>. You will be directed to the login page of the EWARN system as seen in the image below.



Figure 1: The EWARN system login page

# 2. Dashboard

Once you enter the correct credentials for access, the system will redirect you to the dashboard, see figure 2 below, where you will be presented with a summarized statistics of the data captured in the system based on your user profile.

The dashboard will have a summary of reports and statistical information including:

- Alerts map for the previous week
- Total reported alerts cases for each disease for the previous week
- Percentage of cases by age for the previous week
- Percentage of cases by sex for the previous week
- Weekly disease cases for the previous 10 weeks in table and bar graph format
- Total consultations and number of reporting sites by the previous 10 EPI weeks
- Proportion of cases by EPI week

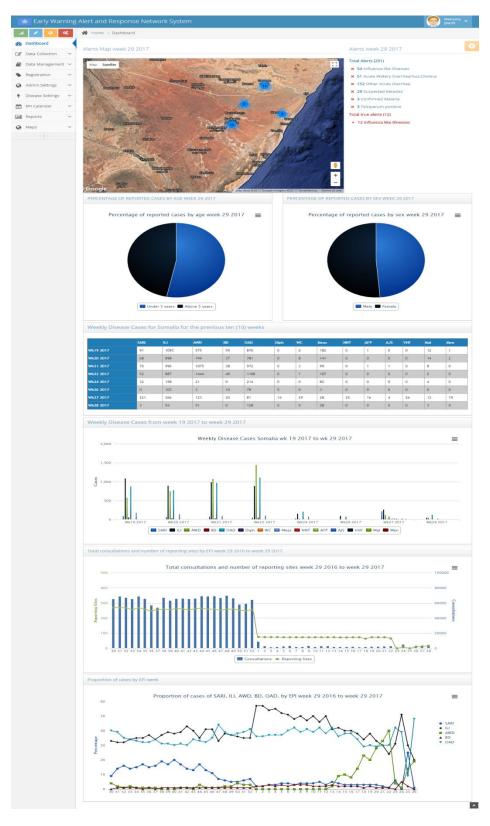


Figure 2: The system dashboard

### 3. Data collection

# 3.1 Add new form

To capture data in the weekly reporting form, go to the left menu and click on the data collection menu, see figure 3 below.

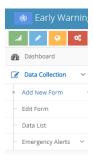


Figure 3: Data collection component menu

Under this menu, click on the add form and you will be directed to the weekly reporting form page. The system has 3 reporting levels based on the countries administrative levels (for example Somalia has Zone as the highest level, region as the second level and district as the third level) and health facility at the lowest reporting level. Data entry is allowed only at the second, third and fourth level of access.

Depending on your access credentials, you should be able to enter the health facility data, see figure 4 (a) to figure 4 (c) below.

# a) Second level health facility access

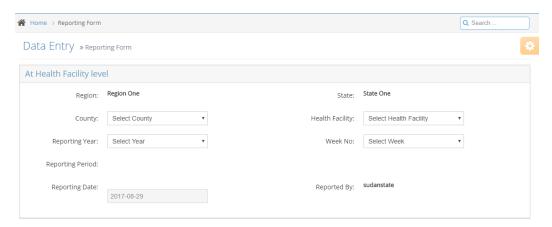


Figure 4 (a): Second level health facility access

From figure 4 (a) above, the user is able to select the third administrative level which will give a list of all the health facilities under the selected administrative level from which they can select one health facility that they are reporting for.

# b) Third level health facility access

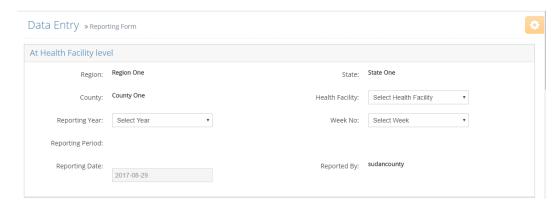


Figure 4 (b): Third level health facility access

From figure 4 (b) above, the user is able to select a health facility from a prefilled list of health facilities under their administrative level and enter the disease data.

# c) Fourth level health facility access

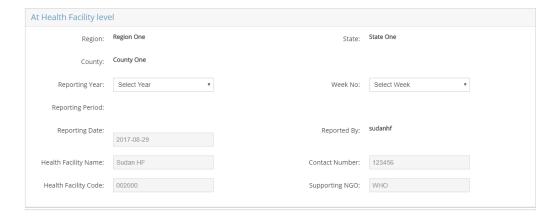


Figure 4 (c): Fourth level access

From figure four (c) above, the user is limited to their health facility and all the other administrative fields are prefilled and they can only enter reporting year and week information and all the other information is submitted automatically by the system.

# d) Capturing health events under surveillance

Once the health facility and EPI calendar information has been captured, you can proceed to enter the health facility events under surveillance. Scroll down to the form and enter the data as shown in figure 5 below.

### 3.2 Edit form

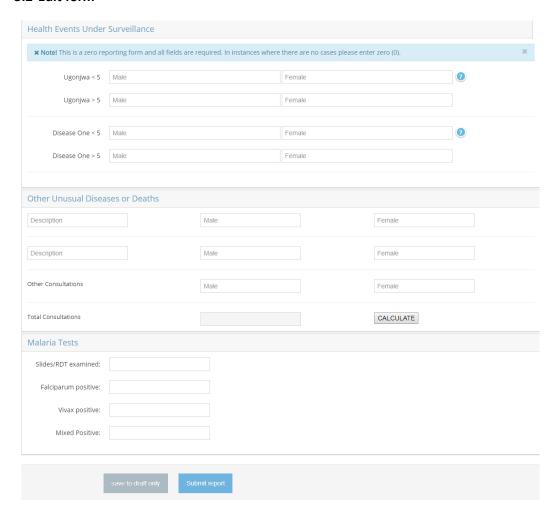


Figure 5: Capturing health events under surveillance

The reporting for is a zero reporting form meaning all the fields are required. For health events that do not have any data, enter zero. Make sure that you click on the "Calculate" button in order to calculate the total consultations.

The system gives you two options for submissions, you can either save the form as draft and submit it at a later time or submit report and it will be submitted and pushed to the next level for validation. Depending on the alert thresholds reached for each disease, the system will pop up alerts (for diseases that have exceeded the threshold) prompting the user to confirm that the information they entered is correct after which the form will be submitted to the second level of administration for validation.

To access the edit form, go to the data collection menu and select the edit form menu, see figure 3 above. You will be directed to the edit form as shown in figure 6 below.

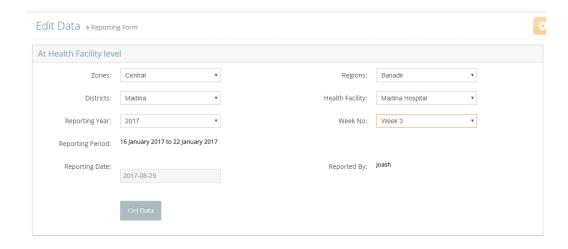


Figure 6: Edit data entry form

You will be able to select the administrative levels and health facility based on your access level. Enter the reporting year and week and click on the "Get Data" button to get the disease data entered for the health facility for the reporting period.

If the health facility has data submitted for the reporting period, the disease data will be presented as shown in figure 7 below:

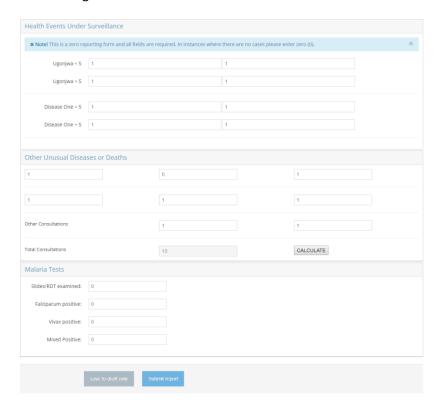


Figure 7: Editing health events under surveillance

The system only allows for edit of form data that has been submitted as draft or has been submitted but not validated at the third level of administration. If the data has not been validated, you can proceed to edit and save as a draft or submit the form for validation.

If the form has been validated at the second level of administration, the form will not have the "submit as draft" or "submit" button and an alert will be displayed on the form as shown in figure 8 below.



Figure 8: Validation alert notification on edit form

### 3.3 Data list

You can access all the records that have been submitted from the data list panel. You will only be able to access the forms submitted under your administrative location, levels of administrations under your level of administration, health facilities under them or your health facility if your access is at health facility level.

Go to the data collection menu and click the data list link under it and you will be directed to the data list panel, see figure 9 below.

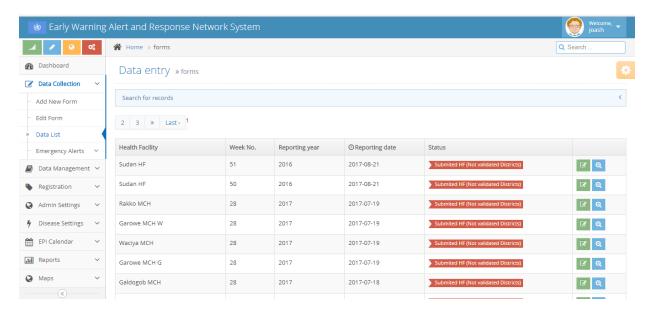


Figure 9: Data list panel

The panel contains a list of submitted form and the status of validation. You can also be able to edit forms that have not been validated and also view forms that have been validated.

### a) Searching for forms

To search and find forms that have been submitted, click on the search for records link on the top section of the panel and you will access the search module as shown in figure 10 below.

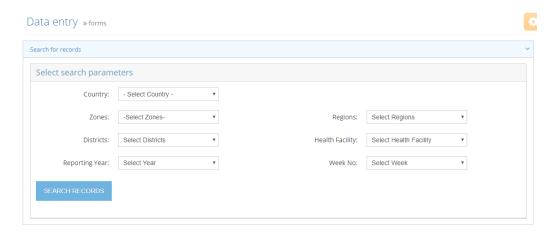


Figure 10: Data list search module

Once you enter the search parameters, click on the "search records" button and the data list will be filtered based on the search parameters entered.

# b) View and/or edit form

To view or edit the form, click on the edit icon (for edit) or view button (for view) and you will access the edit form, see figure 11 below.

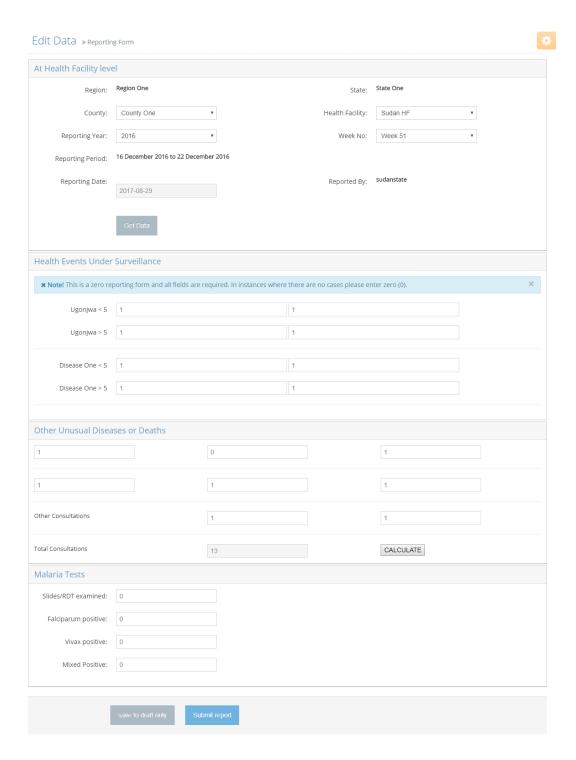


Figure 11: Edit form

You can edit the information accordingly and submit as a draft or submit the form for validation at the next level of administration.

# 3.4 Daily/Emergency alerts

# a) Adding emergency alerts

The system allows you to enter disease data on a daily basis if there is an emergency or if you want to capture the diseases on surveillance on a daily basis. To do this, go to the data collection menu and click on the emergency alerts link then click on the "add new" link. You will be directed to the daily/emergency alerts module as shown in figure 12 below.

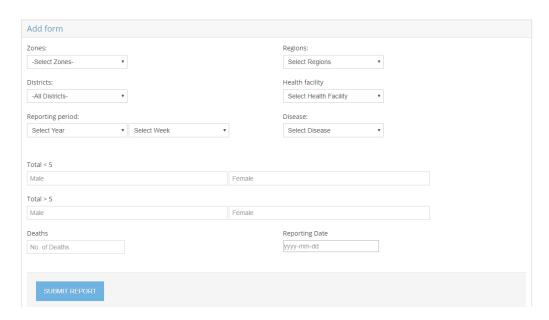


Figure 12: Emergency/Daily alerts form

Enter the administrative locations based on your access credentials; select the reporting week, the disease you are reporting for, the number of alerts, deaths and the date for the entry. Once you are done, click on the submit report and the form will be submitted.

# b) Verifying emergency alerts

To verify emergency alerts that have been captured in the system, go to the data collection menu and click on emergency alerts and then list emergencies. From the emergency alerts validation panel, select the year and week no you want to list the emergency alerts from and click on the "list" button and the daily/emergency alerts in that week will be listed as shown in figure 13 below.

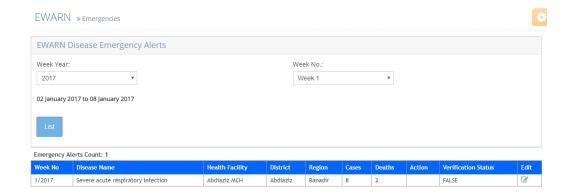


Figure 13: Emergency alerts list

Click on the edit button to view the alert and you will be directed to the emergency alert edit and validation panel as shown in figure 14 below.

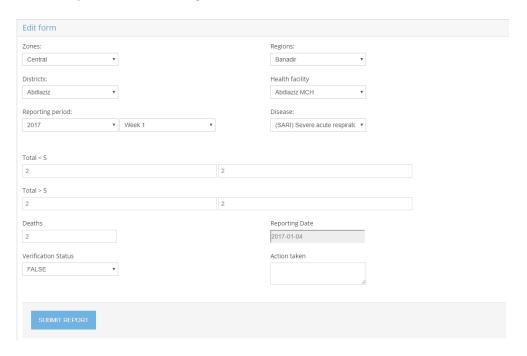


Figure 14: Edit and validate daily/emergency alert

You can edit the data and/or validate by selecting the validation status (true or false) and also entering the action taken. When done, click on "submit report" button to update the alert.

# 4. Data management

The data management modules are not accessible to health facility users. They are accessible to users at the third level of administration up to the national level.

### 4.1 Validate data

All the data entered in the system has to be validated at different administrative level. Once the user submits the form, it goes to the first validation level where the focal point at the third administrative level validates the data and it moves to the second administrative level. The user at the second administrative level will validate the data and it will move to the first administrative level for validation. The focal point at the first administrative level will validate the data and it will move to the national level for final validation.

To validate the data go to the data management menu and click on the validate data link and you will be directed to the data validation panel as shown in figure 15 below.

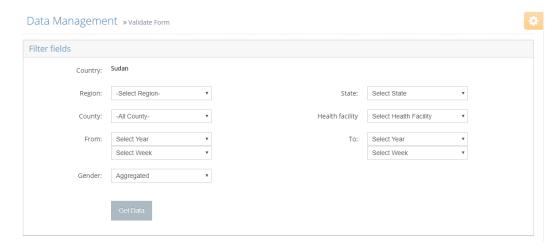


Figure 15: Data validation panel

You will be able select the search parameters based on your access credentials and level of administration access. Once you have selected all the required parameters, click on the "get data" button and you will get a list of all the submitted forms based on your search criteria, see figure 16 below.

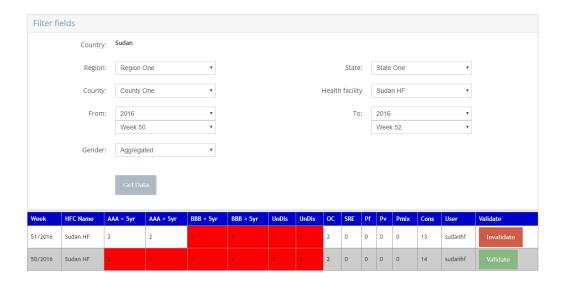


Figure 16: Validating data entered

The data is listed based on weeks as per your search parameters as shown in figure 16 above. If there are any alerts for a particular disease, the numbers entered will appear on a red background. All the data that has been validated will have the "invalidate" button in red and the ones that have not been validated will have the "validate" button in green. To validate a record, click on the validate button and it will be validated. To invalidate a record, click on the "invalidate" button and the record will be invalidated and will be accessible for validation at the immediate lower level of administration.

### 4.2 Validate data

To export records from the database, go to the data management menu and under it, click on the export data link and you will be directed to the export data panel as shown in figure 17 below.

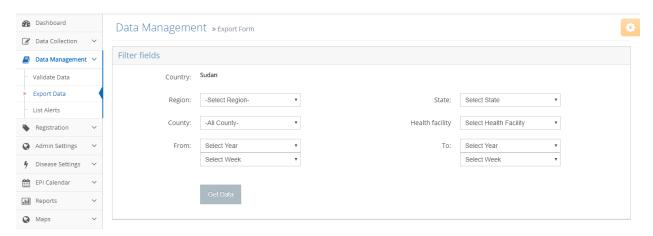


Figure 17: Export data panel

Based on your access credentials, you will have access to various options. Select your export options including administrative regions, health facility and reporting periods and click on the "Get data" button.

Once you click on this, the system will generate an excel sheet with all the exported data as shown in figure 18 below.

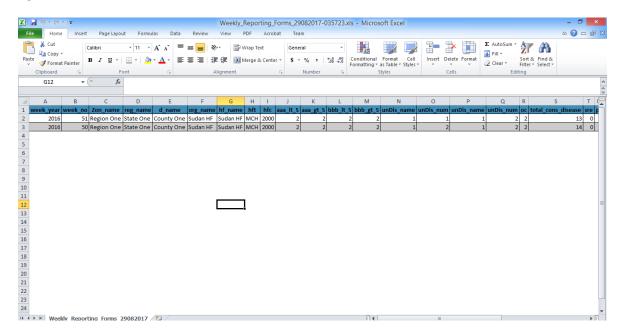


Figure 18: Excel sheet of exported records

### 4.3 List alerts

To access a list of alerts that have been entered in the system for validation, go to the data management menu and click on the list alerts link and you will access the alerts module as shown in figure 19 below.

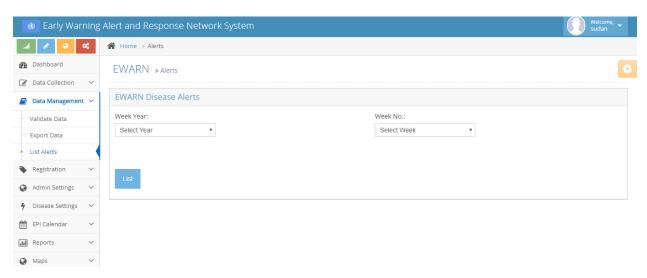


Figure 19: Alerts module

To get alerts within a specific reporting period, select the year and week number and click on the "list" button and all the alerts in that period will be listed as shown in figure 20 below.

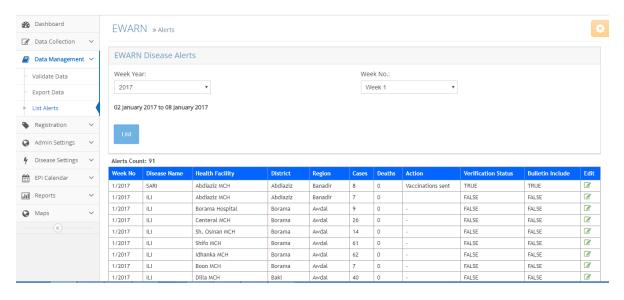


Figure 20: Weekly alerts week

From the list, click on the edit icon to edit and validate a specific alert and you will be directed to the alerts validation page as shown in figure 20 below.

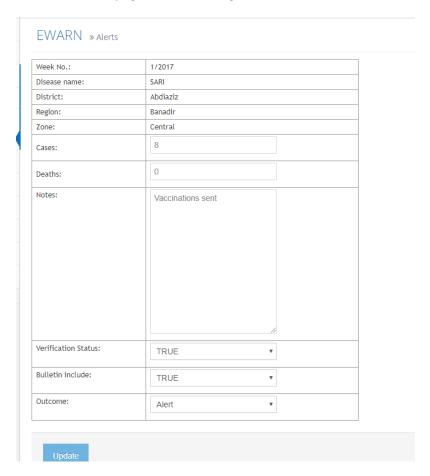


Figure 20: Validating an alert

The form has data that can be used for verification and include:

- Cases: Number of cases reported
- Deaths: Number of deaths reported
- Notes: Any notes on the action taken
- Verification status: Select whether or not the alert is true
- Bulletin include: Select whether or not the alert is to be included in weekly bulletin
- Outcome: The outcome of the alert

Once you are done validating the data, click on the update button and the validation information will be updated on the database.

# 5. Reports

# 5.1 Information resources

Information resources are documents that you can upload in the system. To add a new document, go to the reports menu and click on the information resources link and you will be directed to the information resources panel with all the documents accessible to yourself based on your access credentials as shown in figure 21 below.

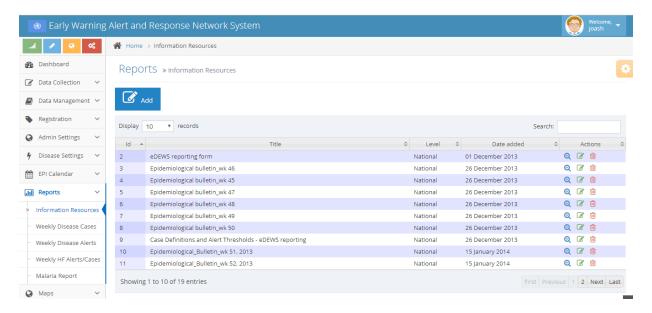


Figure 21: Information resources panel

# a) Adding an information resource

To add an information resource, click on the add button and you will be directed to the information resources addition page, see figure 22 below. From this page, you can add, view (download), edit or delete the information resources.

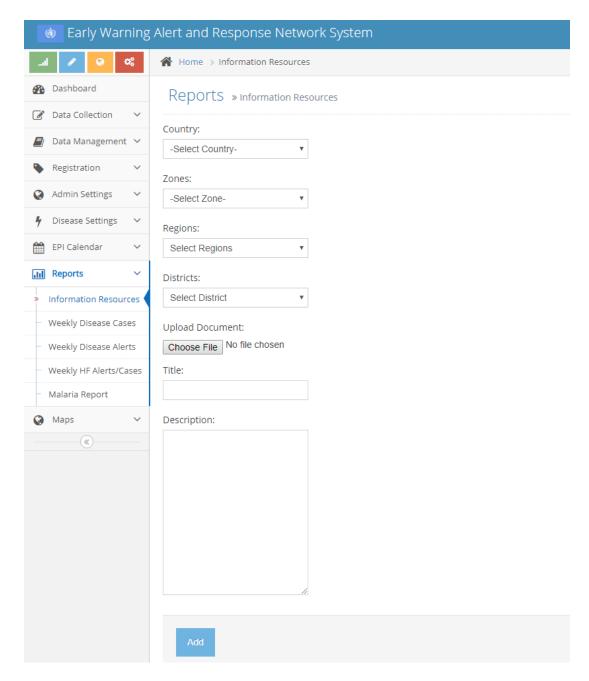


Figure 22: Adding information resources

Based on your access level, you will select the administrative regions, attach the document you want to upload, enter the document title and description and click on the add button. The document will be uploaded and saved in the information resources database.

# b) Editing information resources

To edit an information resource, go to the information resources panel and click on the edit button next to the resource you intend to edit and you will access the edit panel as shown in figure 23 below.

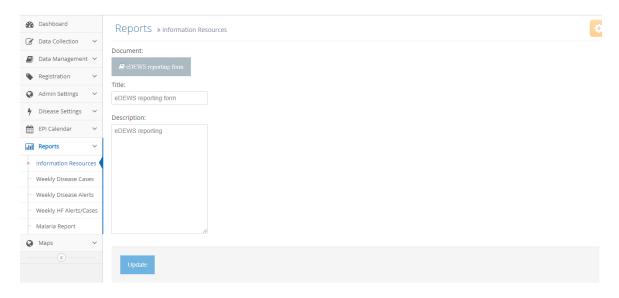


Figure 23: Editing an information resource

You can edit the title and description and click on the update button to update the information resources record.

# 5.2 Weekly disease cases

To generate reports on the weekly disease cases, go to the reports menu and under it click the "weekly disease cases" link and you will access the reports generation panel as shown in figure 24 below.

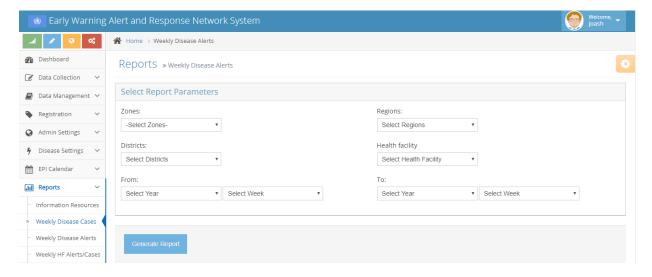


Figure 24: Generating weekly disease cases report

From this page, select the report parameters and click on the generate report button and the report will be generated as shown below.

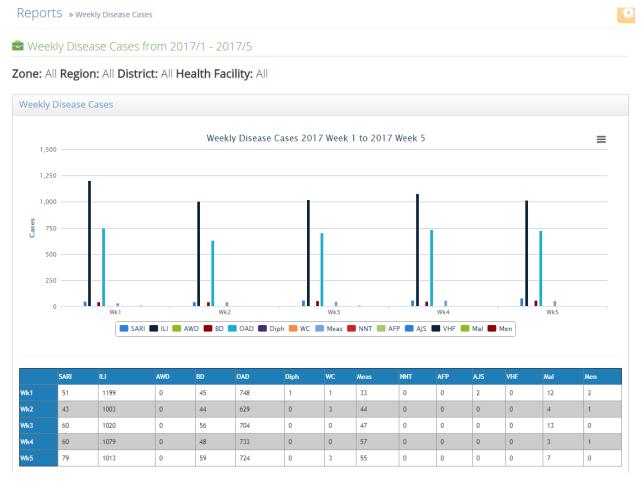


Figure 25: Weekly disease cases report

# 5.3 Weekly disease alerts

To generate reports on the weekly disease alerts, go to the reports menu and under it click the "weekly disease alerts" link and you will access the reports generation panel as shown in figure 26 below.

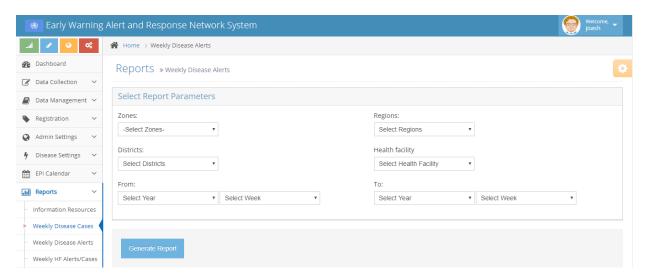


Figure 26: Generating weekly disease alerts report

From this page, select the report parameters and click on the generate report button and the report will be generated as shown below.

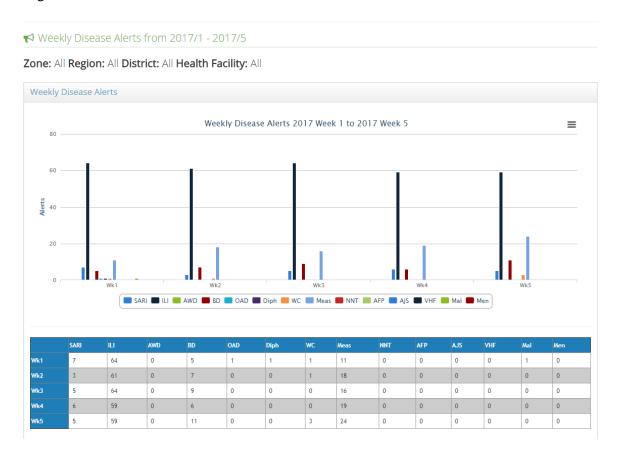


Figure 27: Weekly disease alerts report

# 5.4 Weekly HF alerts/cases

To generate reports on the weekly HF alerts/cases, go to the reports menu and under it click the "weekly HF alerts/cases" link and you will access the reports generation panel as shown in figure 28 below.

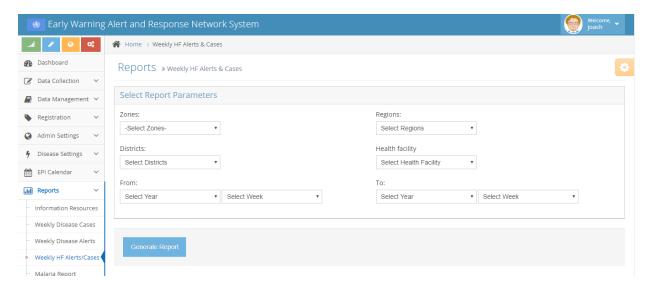


Figure 28: Generating weekly HF alerts/cases

From this page, select the report parameters and click on the generate report button and the report will be generated as shown below.



Figure 29: Weekly HF alerts/cases

# 5.5 Malaria report

To generate malaria reports on, go to the reports menu and under it click the "malaria report" link and you will access the reports generation panel as shown in figure 30 below.

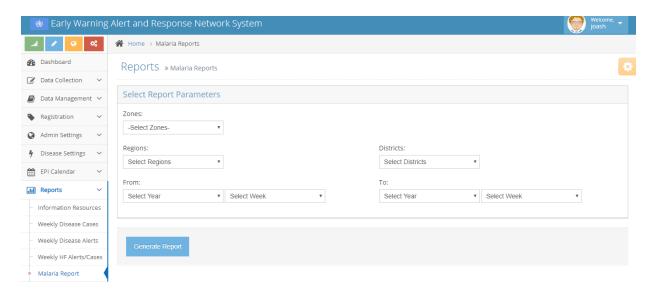


Figure 30: Generating malaria report

From this page, select the report parameters and click on the generate report button and the report will be generated as shown below.



Figure 31: Malaria report

# 6. Maps

# 6.1 Weekly alerts map

To access the weekly alerts map, go to the maps menu and click the "weekly alerts map" link and you will access the weekly alerts map as shown below.

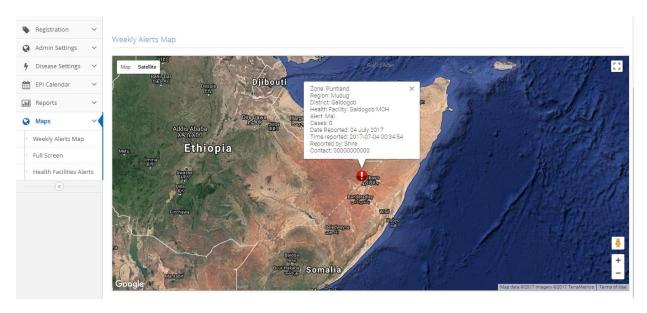


Figure 32: Weekly alerts map

The map is dynamic and allows you to search based on your defined criteria. To search the map, click on the dynamic map search above the map and you will be presented with a search panel as shown in figure 33 below.

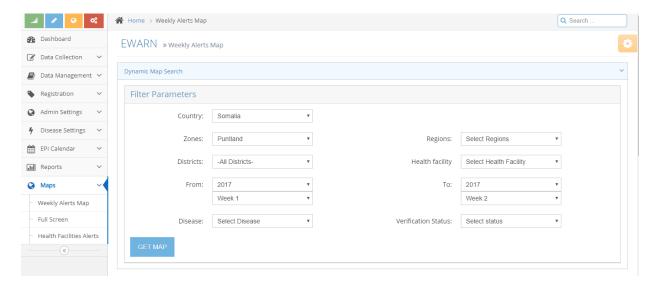


Figure 33: Dynamic map search

Enter the map search criteria and the map will be generated and displayed in a similar fashion as shown in figure 32 above.

# 6.2 Full screen

You can access the full screen map by clicking the full screen link under the maps menu and you will access the full screen map as shown in figure 34 below.

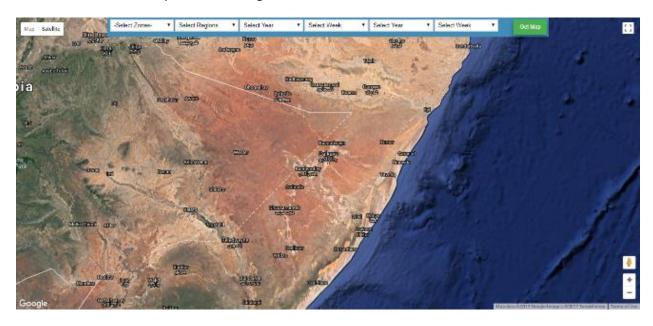


Figure 34: Full screen map

You can search the map by selecting the parameters on the top bar of the map and clicking the get map button and the map will generate alert data based on the selected criteria as shown in figure 35 below.

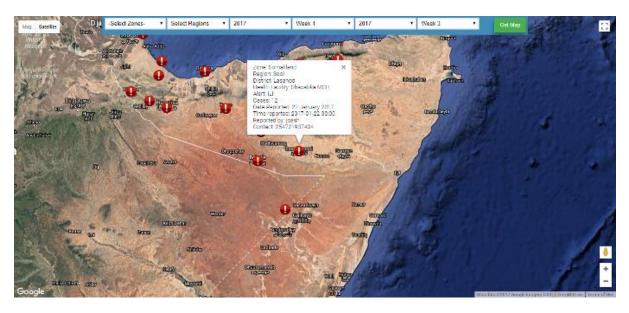


Figure 35: Alert Map generated from search

# 6.3 Health facilities alerts

To get alerts submitted by health facilities, go to the health facilities alerts link under the maps menu and you will access a full page render of the health facility alerts, see figure 36 below.



Figure 36: Health facility alerts map

The map has a legend on the bottom right corner that provides a description for each icon on the map and a guide on the bottom left on what the EWARN system is all about. You can also dynamically search the map based on your defined criteria from select options in the top panel of the map and it will generate a map as shown in figure 37 below.

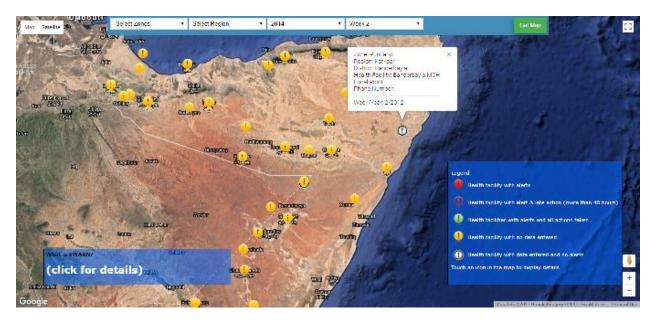


Figure 37: Dynamically generated health facility alerts map