



Introduction

Influenza-like Illness is an acute viral disease of the respiratory tract characterized by fever, headache, myalgia, prostration, coryza, sore throat and even cough. The incubation period is usually 1-3 days.

Influenza-like Illness may be clinically indistinguishable from disease caused by acute respiratory viruses, such as common cold, croup, bronchiolitis, viral pneumonia and undifferentiated acute respiratory disease.

Disease transmission is through airborne spread among crowded populations in enclosed spaces wherein the influenza virus may persist for hours, particularly in the cold and in low humidity.

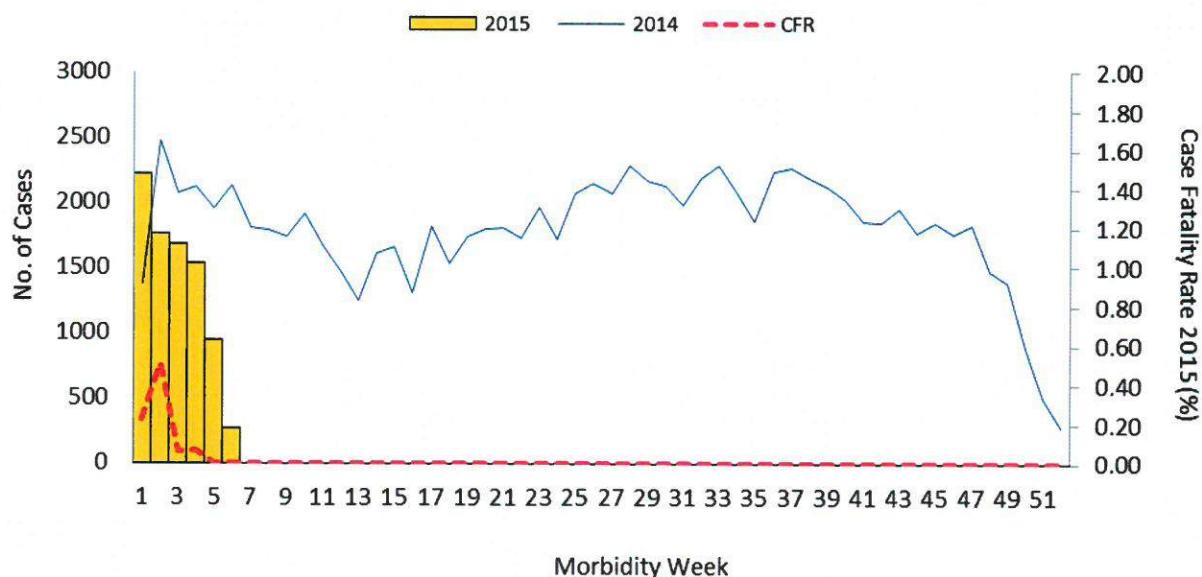
Trend in the Philippines

A total of **8,420** suspect influenza-like illness cases was reported nationwide from January 1 to February 14, 2015. This is **30.6%** lower compared to the same time period last year (**12,128**).

Geographic Distribution

Most of the cases were from the following regions: **Region X** (21%), **Region IV-A** (18.3%), **Region XII** (16.7%), **Region XI** (14.9%) and **CAR** (8.4%).

**Fig. 1 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Cases by Morbidity Week, Philippines, as of February 14, 2015
2015* vs 2014 (N=8,420)**



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Profile of Cases

Ages of cases ranged from less than 1 month to 96 years old (median = 5 years). Majority of cases were male (51.8%). Most of the cases belonged to the 1 to 4 years age group (32.1%) (Fig. 2). There were 16 deaths (CFR=0.19%).

Fig. 2 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Cases by Agegroup and Sex
Philippines, as of February 14, 2015 (N=8,420)

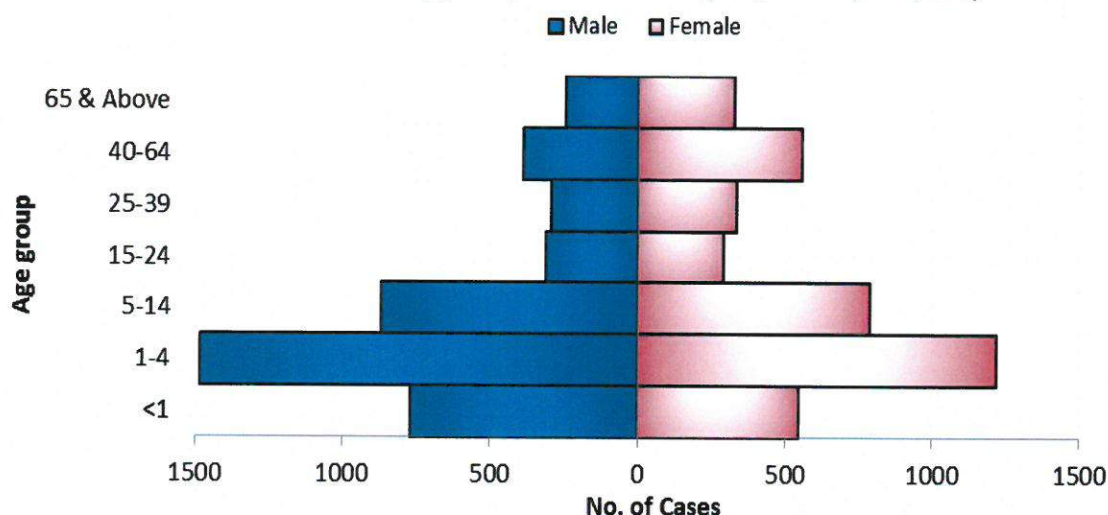
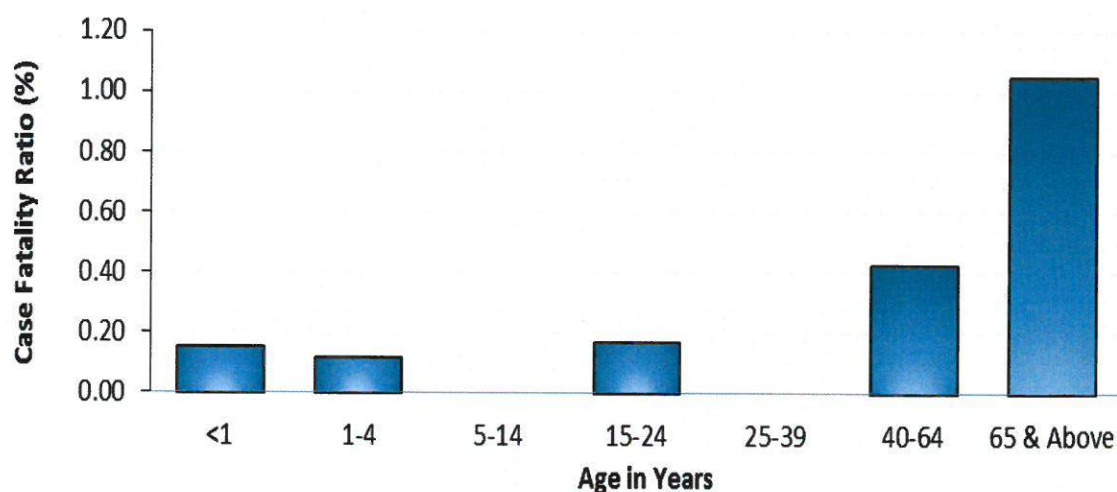


Fig. 3 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Case Fatality Rate (CFR) by Age Group,
Philippines, as of February 14, 2015



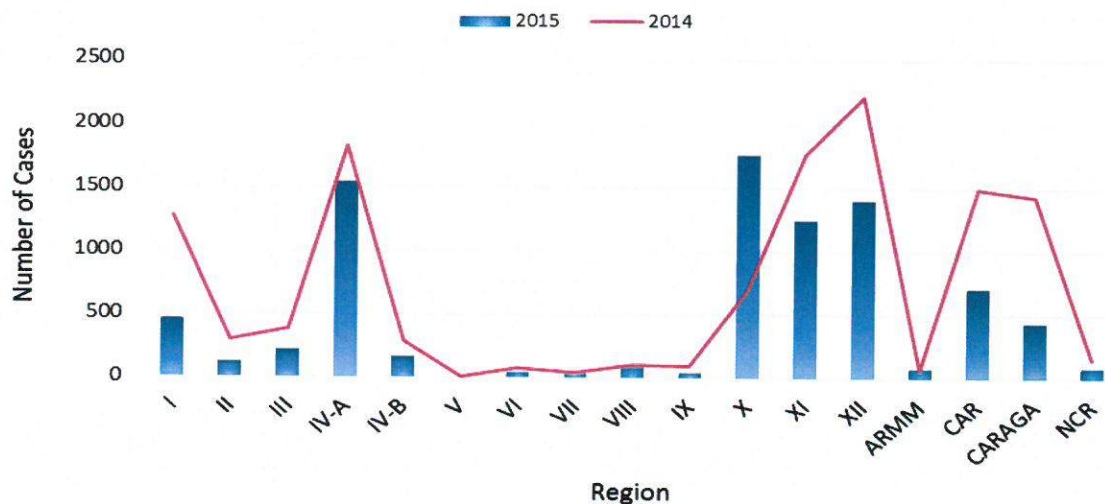
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**Fig. 4 Suspect Influenza-like Illness Cases by Region
Philippines, 2015 vs 2014***



**Table 1. Influenza-like Illness Cases & Deaths by Region
Philippines, 2015* vs 2014**

Region	Cases			Deaths			
	2015	2014	% Change	2015	CFR (%)	2014	CFR (%)
I	460	1271	-63.8	0	0.00	0	0.00
II	117	293	-60.1	0	0.00	0	0.00
III	220	376	-41.5	0	0.00	0	0.00
IV-A	1544	1818	-15.1	0	0.00	0	0.00
IV-B	163	282	-42.2	0	0.00	0	0.00
V	0	3	-100.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
VI	42	69	-39.1	0	0.00	0	0.00
VII	30	39	-23.1	0	0.00	0	0.00
VIII	90	99	-9.1	0	0.00	1	1.01
IX	37	88	-58.0	0	0.00	0	0.00
X	1764	681	159.0	1	0.06	2	0.29
XI	1251	1759	-28.9	13	1.04	11	0.63
XII	1409	2216	-36.4	0	0.00	1	0.05
ARMM	73	66	10.6	0	0.00	0	0.00
CAR	704	1489	-52.7	0	0.00	0	0.00
CARAGA	431	1428	-69.8	2	0.46	5	0.35
NCR	85	151	-43.7	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	8420	12128	-30.6	16	0.19	20	0.16

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Table 2. Weekly Influenza-like Illness Summary Report by Region
Philippines, as of February 14, 2015

Region	Morbidity Week				6th Morbidity Week		Cumulative Total 1st wk to 6th wk	
	2	3	4	5	2015	2014	2015	2014
I	130	94	86	28	0	241	460	1271
II	27	23	14	14	3	41	117	293
III	43	49	46	19	0	64	220	376
IV-A	233	276	334	268	150	272	1544	1818
IV-B	42	22	19	16	0	33	163	282
V	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
VI	9	9	8	5	0	13	42	69
VII	5	6	7	0	0	16	30	39
VIII	25	24	13	0	0	13	90	99
IX	5	7	4	5	2	13	37	88
X	261	401	397	314	97	126	1764	681
XI	283	269	239	202	10	309	1251	1759
XII	364	235	136	20	1	401	1409	2216
ARMM	24	12	6	4	1	10	73	66
CAR	184	148	120	2	0	307	704	1489
CARAGA	120	86	88	33	0	242	431	1428
NCR	8	24	16	16	8	27	85	151
Total	1763	1685	1533	946	272	2128	8420	12128

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