



IEDCR investigated 29 outbreaks in 2008. Among the 29 outbreaks, three were Nipah outbreaks and there were four outbreaks of Puffer fish poisoning. We also investigated five outbreaks of Mass Psychogenic Illness and four outbreaks of Viral Encephalitis of unknown origin. In 2008, the first Human case of Avian Influenza (AI) was reported and investigated by IEDCR. In May, we also conducted surveillance in different parts of Dhaka City affected by Diarrhea to understand the cultural sensitivity pattern of the causative organisms. We investigated three different isolated clusters of Influenza like Illness (ILI) and one event of Food Poisoning. In September, IEDCR investigated two suspected outbreaks or pneumonia among children of Shatkhira District and in Chittagong Hill Tracts. A cholera outbreak was investigated in Moulavibazaar District in October. We also conducted event based surveillance of poisoning from consumption of rectified spirit in different parts of Dhaka and Rajshahi Division in

November. Lastly the first identified outbreak of Chikungunya fever was investigated in December in Rajshahi and Chapainawabgonj Districts of the country.