# Leishmaniasis country profile — 2015 (Published Apr. 2018)

# Syrian Arab Republic



## **COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION (WHO, 2015)**

Total population:	18,502,000
Gender F /M (%):	49.1 / 50.9
Population, age group <15/≥15 years (%):	35 / 65
Life expectancy at birth (F/M, years) (2015):	70 / 60
GDP (PPP int \$):	Not available
Income status:	Lower middle
Number of 1st sub-national administrative level divisions, name:	14, Governorate

EPIDEMIOLOGY	VL	ACL	ZCL	MCL
Endemicity status:	Endemic	Endemic	Endemic	Non endemic
Number of new cases (incidence):	20	39,800	11,172	N/A
Number of relapses <sup>1</sup> :	No data	No data	No data	N/A
Total number of cases:	20	39,800	11,172	N/A
Imported cases (#, %):	No data	No data	No data	No data
Gender distribution (% F):	30%	48%	48%	N/A
Age group distribution (%, < 5/5-14/>14):	(55/25/20)	(21/31/48)	(24/26/50)	N/A
Incidence rate (cases/10,000 population in endemic areas):	0.02	18.86	13.90	N/A
Number of endemic 1 <sup>st</sup> sub-national administrative level divisions:	6	12	5	N/A
Population at risk <sup>2</sup> (%, # at risk/total population):	68% <sup>12,530,000</sup> / <sub>18,502,000</sub>	100% 18,502,000/	43% 8,036,000/ 18,502,000	N/A
Was there any outbreak?	No data	No data	No data	N/A
Number of new <sup>3</sup> foci:	1	No data	No data	N/A
Gender distribution (% F):  Age group distribution (%, < 5/5-14/>14): Incidence rate (cases/10,000 population in endemic areas): Number of endemic 1 <sup>st</sup> sub-national administrative level divisions: Population at risk² (%, # at risk/total population): Was there any outbreak?	30% (55/25/20) 0.02 6 68% 12,530,000/ 18,502,000	48% (21/31/48) 18.86 12 100% 18,502,000/ 18,502,000 No data	48% (24/26/50) 13.90 5 43% 8.036,000/ 18,502,000 No data	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A

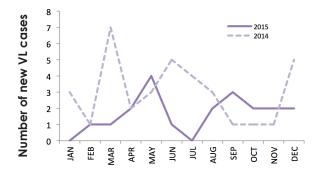
N/A = Not applicable; Relapse in this country is defined as: No definition available; Defined as "Number of people living in 1st sub-national administrative level endemic areas"; Defined as "In this reporting period, an area at the 1st sub-national administrative level reporting cases for the first time ever".

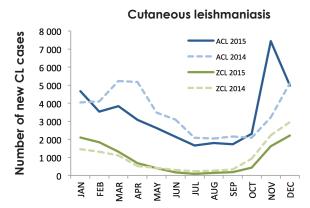
#### Monthly distribution of new cases (January-December)

2015	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
VL	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	2	3	2	2	2
ACL	4,669	3,535	3,837	3,073	2,629	2,135	1,657	1,797	1,734	2,313	7,439	4,987
ZCL	2,104	1,838	1,308	677	405	170	85	143	189	430	1,618	2,205

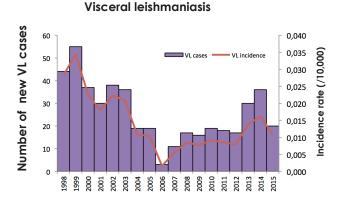
VL = visceral leishmaniasis; ACL = Anthroponotic cutaneous leishmaniasis; ZCL= Zoological cutaneous leishmaniasis; MCL = mucocutaneous leishmaniasis

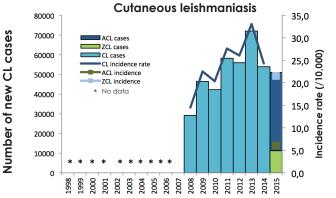
#### Visceral leishmaniasis





# Incidence rate/10,000 (at the national level) and number of new cases from 1998 to 2015

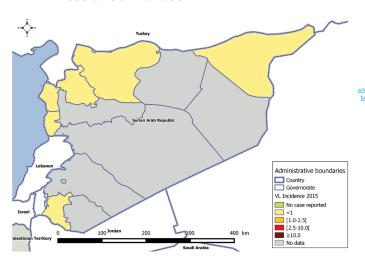


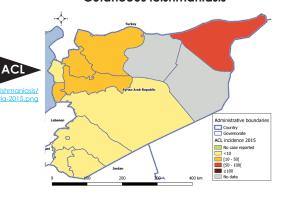


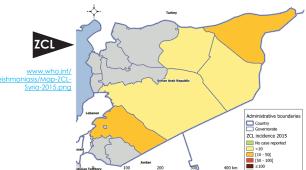
## Disease distribution of new VL and CL cases at governorate level per 10,000 population (2015)

#### Visceral leishmaniasis

#### Cutaneous leishmaniasis







#### www.who.int/leishmaniasis/Map-VL-Syria-2015.png

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Map production: WHO/HTM/NTD/IDM

#### **CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE**

Year Leishmaniasis National Control Programme (LNCP) was established: Not available Type of surveillance: Integrated Is there a vector control programme? Type of insecticide used for Indoor residual Spraying (IRS): Pyrethroids, WP & SC Year latest national guidelines: 2010 Is leishmaniasis notifiable (mandatory report)? Yes Is there a reservoir host control programme? Yes Number of leishmaniasis health facilities: 220

DIAGNOSIS	VL	ACL	ZCL	MCL
Number of people screened actively for:	No data	No data	No data	N/A
Number of people screened passively for:	No data	No data	No data	N/A
VL cases diagnosed by RDT* (%, # RDT+/ total VL cases):	50% (10/20)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Proportion of positive RDT* (%, # RDT+/total RDT):	91% (10/11)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cases diagnosed by direct exam* (parasitology) (%, # slides + / total cases):	90% (18/20)	No data	No data	N/A
Proportion of positive slides* (%, # slides + / total slides):	89% (16/18)	No data	No data	N/A
Cases diagnosed clinically* (%, # clinical cases/ total cases):	No data	No data	No data	N/A
Proportion of CL cases with lesions equal to or greater than 4 cm*:	N/A	No data	No data	N/A
Proportion of CL cases with 4 or more lesions* (%, # CL cases/ total CL cases):	N/A	No data	No data	N/A
Percentage of cases with HIV coinfection*:	No data	N/A	N/A	N/A

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#### TREATMENT AND MEDICINES

Is treatment provided for free in the public sector?

Antileishmanial medicines included in the National Medicine List: Sodium stibogluconate (SSG), Meglumine antimoniate, cryotherapy

TREATMENT OUTCOME	VL	ACL	ZCL
Proportion of cases treated (%, # treated cases/ total cases):	100%, (20/20)	No data	100%, (11,172/11,172)
Initial cure rate (%, # cases initially cured /total cases):	100%, (20/20)	No data	No data)
Failure rate <sup>4</sup> (%, # patients with treatment failure /total cases):	0%, (0/20)	No data	No data
Case fatality rate (%, # patients who died/ total cases):	0%, (0/20)	No data	No data

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>text{4}}$  Failure in this country is defined as: No definition available

<sup>\*</sup> These indicators only apply for new cases