



## **Risk Watch Bulletin 002 – Marburg Virus Disease, Ethiopia**

**Status:** Active Emerging Threat

**Tracking Frequency:** Daily

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

### **Overview:**

Ethiopia is currently experiencing an outbreak of Marburg Virus Disease, primarily affecting areas within the South Ethiopia Regional State. Human cases and associated fatalities have been confirmed following field investigations and laboratory testing. The Ministry of Health has publicly communicated the situation, and response efforts, including surveillance and risk messaging, are ongoing. The current confirmed deaths stand at eight, based on public communication from the Ministry of Health. At the time of reporting, no real-time public dashboard for continuous case tracking has been confirmed.

### **Risk Trajectory:**

Marburg remains an active emerging threat with potential for regional concern. Movement restrictions and heightened surveillance have been reported in affected areas. Authorities have deployed mobile laboratories and reinforced monitoring efforts.

### **Institutional Readiness:**

Public risk communication is active, using structured health messaging in local languages. Case updates are communicated episodically, and future communication intervals remain subject to change as response develops.

### **Public Health Implications:**

- Confirmed presence of human-to-human transmission
- Potential for regional spread without appropriate containment
- Heightened need for readiness in neighboring countries

### **Current Monitoring Focus:**

- Geographical spread and new case detection's
- Public health messaging and communication clarity
- International preparedness signaling
- Surveillance capacity indicators

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**Tracking Cycle:** Daily