

# DYNAMICS OF DENGUE HEMORRHAGIC FEVER INCIDENCE WITH SPATIO-TEMPORAL APPROACH IN MARITENGGAE SUBDISTRICT, SIDENRENG RAPPANG DISTRICT, SULAWESI SELATAN PROVINCE, IN 2008-2009

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## ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) causes 40% of world population at risk for infection, and 50 million people get infection with as many as 24,000 die every year. Incidence rate in Indonesia, particularly in Maritengngae Subdistrict, Sidenreng Rappang District, is increasing and needed to be controlled. Disease distribution has not been documented regionally. The dynamics of the incidence, that comprises the characteristics of the patient, environmental conditions, susceptibility of mosquitoes resulted from insecticide use, transovarial infectivity, and the incidence pattern were unknown.

**Objectives:** To identify the dynamics of DHF incidence with spatio-temporal approach, includes gender, age, the habit of cleaning the water containers, house density, the density of water containers within the radius of 100 meters from the house of the patient, resistance of the mosquito, and transovarial transmission of Dengue virus.

**Methods:** Subjects were DHF patients in Maritengngae Subdistrict. It was an epidemiological observational study with cross-sectional design and spatio-temporal approach to variables of the study, which included the patient characteristics (age, gender, habit of cleaning the water containers), environmental conditions (house density, water container density within 100 meter radius around the patient's house), and vector conditions (resistance status to organophosphate insecticide, and transovarial transmission of Dengue virus).

**Results:** Cases of DHF in Maritengngae Sub district, Sidenreng Rappang District, South Sulawesi decreased from 95 cases in 2008 to 38 cases in 2009, except in *Kelurahan* Majeling. Incidence distribution of DHF in 2008-2009 based on gender were not different ( $p=1.000$ ), patients with age <15 years old were different from age  $\geq 15$  years ( $P=0.016$  and  $p = 0.013$ ), house density and density of water containers around the patient's house were not different ( $p=0.829$  and  $p = 0.538$ ). The habit of cleaning water containers at the house was 43.84%. There were 1.94% of *Aedes aegypti* samples showed medium resistance (tolerance) status against organophosphat insecticide and 33.33% of samples showed transovarial transmission of Dengue virus. The highest of transovarial transmission occurred in *Kelurahan* Majeling with transovarial transmission index of 100%.

**Conclusion:** The transmission dynamic of DHF in Maritengngae sub district is not influenced by gender, house densities, water container densities, and the frequency of source reduction, but influenced by ages. Most of *Ae. aegypti* mosquitoes are still susceptible against organophosphate insecticides. The highest of transovarial transmission of dengue virus in *Ae. aegypti* in *Kelurahan* Majeling with Transovarial transmission index of 100% may contribute in the increasing of DHF cases in the *Kelurahan* Majeling in 2009.

**Key words:** dynamics, dengue, spatio-temporal, *Ae. aegypti*, Maritengngae.

## INTISARI

**Pendahuluan:** Demam Berdarah Dengue (DBD) beresiko menyebabkan 40% dari populasi dunia terinfeksi dan dari 50 juta orang yang terinfeksi, sebanyak 24.000 meninggal setiap tahunnya. Angka kejadian DBD di Indonesia, khususnya di Maritengngae Subdistrict, Sidenreng Rappang District, bertambah dan perlu dikendalikan. Distribusi penyakit belum didokumentasikan regional. Dinamika kejadian, yang terdiri dari karakteristik pasien, kondisi lingkungan, kerentanan nyamuk dihasilkan dari penggunaan insektisida, infektivitas transovarial, dan pola kejadian tidak diketahui.

**Tujuan:** Untuk mengidentifikasi dinamika kejadian DBD dengan pendekatan spatio-temporal, termasuk jenis kelamin, usia, kebiasaan membersihkan wadah air, kepadatan hunian, kepadatan wadah air dalam radius 100 meter dari rumah pasien, resistensi nyamuk, dan transmisi transovarial virus Dengue.

**Metode:** Subyek adalah penderita DBD di Kecamatan Maritengngae. penelitian ini merupakan penelitian epidemiologi observasional dengan desain cross-sectional dan pendekatan spatio-temporal. Variabel yang diteliti mencakup karakteristik pasien (umur, jenis kelamin, kebiasaan membersihkan wadah air), kondisi lingkungan (kepadatan hunian, kepadatan wadah air dalam radius 100 meter sekitar rumah pasien), dan kondisi vektor (status resistensi terhadap insektisida organofosfat, dan transmisi transovarial virus Dengue).

**Hasil:** Kasus DBD di Kecamatan Maritengngae, Sidenreng Rappang Kabupaten, Sulawesi Selatan menurun dari 95 kasus di tahun 2008 menjadi 38 kasus pada tahun 2009, kecuali di Kelurahan Majelling. Distribusi kejadian DBD pada tahun 2008-2009 berdasarkan jenis kelamin tidak ada perbedaan bermakna ( $p = 1.000$ ), demikian pula kepadatan hunian dan kepadatan wadah air di sekitar rumah pasien ( $p = 0,829$  dan  $p = 0,538$ ). Perbedaan distribusi bermakna pada pasien dengan usia  $<15$  tahun yang berbeda dari usia  $\geq 15$  tahun ( $P = 0,016$  dan  $p = 0,013$ ). Kebiasaan membersihkan wadah air di rumah adalah 43.84%. Sebanyak 1,94% sampel *Ae. aegypti* menunjukkan status resistensi menengah (toleransi) terhadap insektisida organophosphat dan 33,33% dari sampel menunjukkan terjadinya transmisi transovarial virus Dengue. Penularan transovarial tertinggi terjadi di Kelurahan Majelling dengan indeks transmisi transovarial 100%.

**Simpulan:** Dinamika transmisi DBD di Kecamatan Maritengngae tidak dipengaruhi oleh jenis kelamin, kepadatan rumah, kepadatan wadah air, dan frekuensi pengurangan sumber, namun dipengaruhi oleh usia. Sebagian dari *Ae. aegypti* masih rentan terhadap insektisida organofosfat. Penularan transovarial virus dengue pada *Ae. aegypti* di Kelurahan Majelling dengan indeks transmisi transovarial 100% dapat berkontribusi dalam peningkatan kasus DBD di Kelurahan Majelling tahun 2009.

**Kata kunci:** dinamika, demam berdarah, spatio-temporal, *Ae. aegypti*, Maritengngae.

## INTRODUCTION

Dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) is distributed found in 107 countries, and until year 2000 there were 40% of world populations were at risk of DHF. Each year, 50 million people is infected, and 24,000 are died. Indonesia is the second most endemic country in Southeast Asia in morbidity and mortality rate, after Thailand<sup>2</sup>. Incidence rate (IR, cases/10,000 populations) in 2003 was increased until 2007, with case peak in January-February<sup>3</sup>. Control has been conducted with success indicator of maximum IR 2/10,000, case fatality rate (CFR)  $<1\%$ , and larva-free

rate 95%<sup>4,5</sup>. However, the incidence has been expanded to the areas previously free from DHF. There were 330 cities/districts infected in 2006 and it have been increased to 355 cities/districts in 2007<sup>3</sup>.

All cities/districts in Sulawesi Selatan Province have reported DHF in 2007<sup>6</sup>. Endemic districts were Sidenreng Rappang (Sidrap), which had increased patients in 2006-2007 (IR from 3.6/10,000 to 5/10,000)<sup>7</sup>. Each year DHF cases were found in Maritengngae Subdistrict, Sidrap District which had the largest population (47,578) and had most density (725/km<sup>2</sup>) compared with other subdistrict. The strategic location

has facilitated the transmission. DHF patients reported in 2007 were 27 (IR 5.7/10,000), and increased in 2008 to 85 patients (IR 17.9/10,000).

DHF in Maritengngae Subdistrict has been the priority health problem which needs more intensive control. The obstacles in disease control are the susceptibility of population at risk, density and mobility, good transportation, seasonal change influenced by world climate, environmental conditions, viral virulence, health behavior<sup>8,9</sup>, the unavailability of antiviral agent and vaccine to prevent the disease<sup>10</sup>, and unintegrated mosquito eradication of mosquito nest. Chemical eradication with insecticide has been conducted, but the result has not been documented and mosquito resistance was unknown. Development and dissemination of the disease has not been documented by regional analysis.

Pattern of DHF incidence in 2008 was unknown, and the comparison with that in 2009 was also unknown. The research problems were: what are the dynamics of DHF incidence, which consist of the patient characteristics (gender, age, and habit of cleaning the water containers), specific environmental conditions (house density, density of water containers around the patient's house), mosquito resistance to insecticide, and transovarial mosquito infectivity. Epidemiological analysis with spatial and temporal approach is needed to be conducted to understand the factors which had role in the transmission of DHF in Maritengngae Subdistrict, and to identify the dynamics of DHF incidence with spatio-temporal approach, includes gender, age, the habit of cleaning the water containers, house density, the density of water containers within the radius of 100 meters from the house of the patient, resistance of the mosquito, and transovarial transmission of Dengue virus.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Subjects were DHF patients in Maritengngae subdistrict, Sidenreng Rappang District, South Sulawesi Province. It was an epidemiological observational study with cross-sectional design and spatio-temporal approach to variables of the study, which included the patient characteristics (age, gender, habit of cleaning the water containers), environmental conditions (house density, water container density within 100 meter radius around the patient's house), and vector conditions (resistance to organophosphate insecticide, and transovarial transmission of Dengue virus).

Mean and deviation standard of absorbance value (AV) was measured at 450 nm to figure out susceptibility status of *Ae. aegypti* mosquitoes against organophosphate insecticide based on the determination of non-specific esterase activities toward  $\alpha$ -naphthyl acetate. The presence of dengue antigen on head squashes of unbloodfed *Ae. aegypti* mosquitoes from ovitrap placed in Maritengngae subdistrict were detected using monoclonal antibody against dengue (DSSC7) based on immunohistochemical assays to measure the transovarial transmission Index (TTI) on the F1 generation of *Ae. aegypti* mosquitoes.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

### 1. Location of the study

Maritengngae Subdistrict is located at 3°56,357'-3°57,899'SL and 119°47,971'-119°49,927'EL, in the 50° zone at the South of Equator<sup>11</sup>, and consists of 7 *Kelurahan* and 5 Village. Total area is 6,590 hectare<sup>12</sup> with population of 40,945, and ratio of male and female is 1.05:113. The age compositions are mostly in 15-44 years old (28.81%) and 45-64 years old age group (25.9%).

**2. DHF incidence in 2008-2009**

Confirmed DHF patients were 127, consisted of 89 patients in 2008 and 38 patients in 2009, scattered in 11 Village/Kelurahan. Most patients in 2008 were found in Kelurahan Pangkajene, Rijang Pittu, and Lautang Benteng, while in 2009 they were found in Kelurahan Majjeliing and Pangkajene.

DHF incidence in 2009 was mostly decreased in each Village/Kelurahan, compared with that in 2008. However, it was increased in Kelurahan Majjeliing, Takkalasi Village, and Sereang Village, where there were no previous infections. Thematic visualization of DHF incidence based on Village/Kelurahan in 2008 and 2009 is shown in Figure 2.

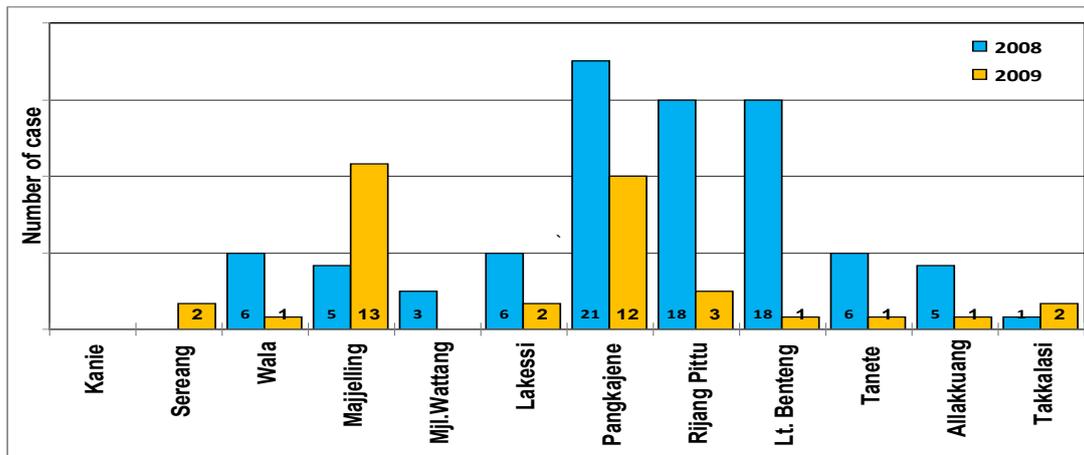


Figure 1. Distribution of DHF patients based on Village/Kelurahan in Maritengngae Subdistrict in 2008 and 2009

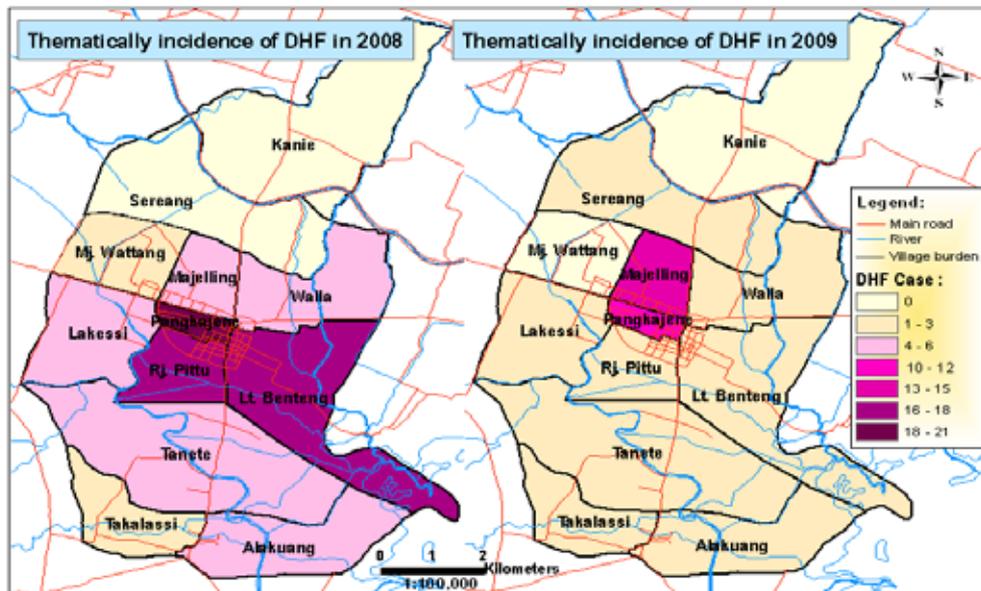


Figure 2. Thematic DHF incidence based on Village/Kelurahan in Maritengngae Subdistrict in 2008 and 2009



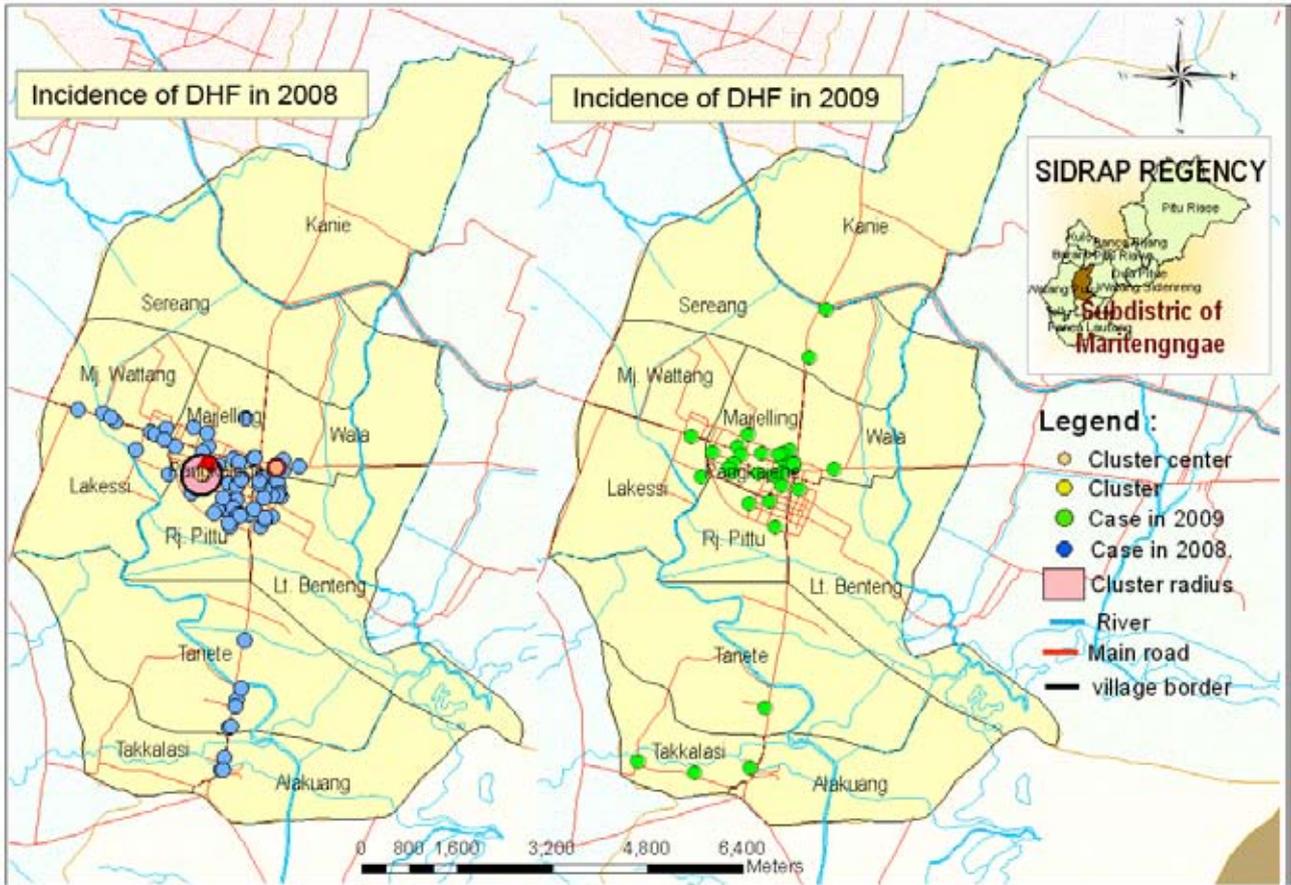


Figure 4. DHF incidence and clusters formed in Maritengngae Subdistrict in 2008 and 2009

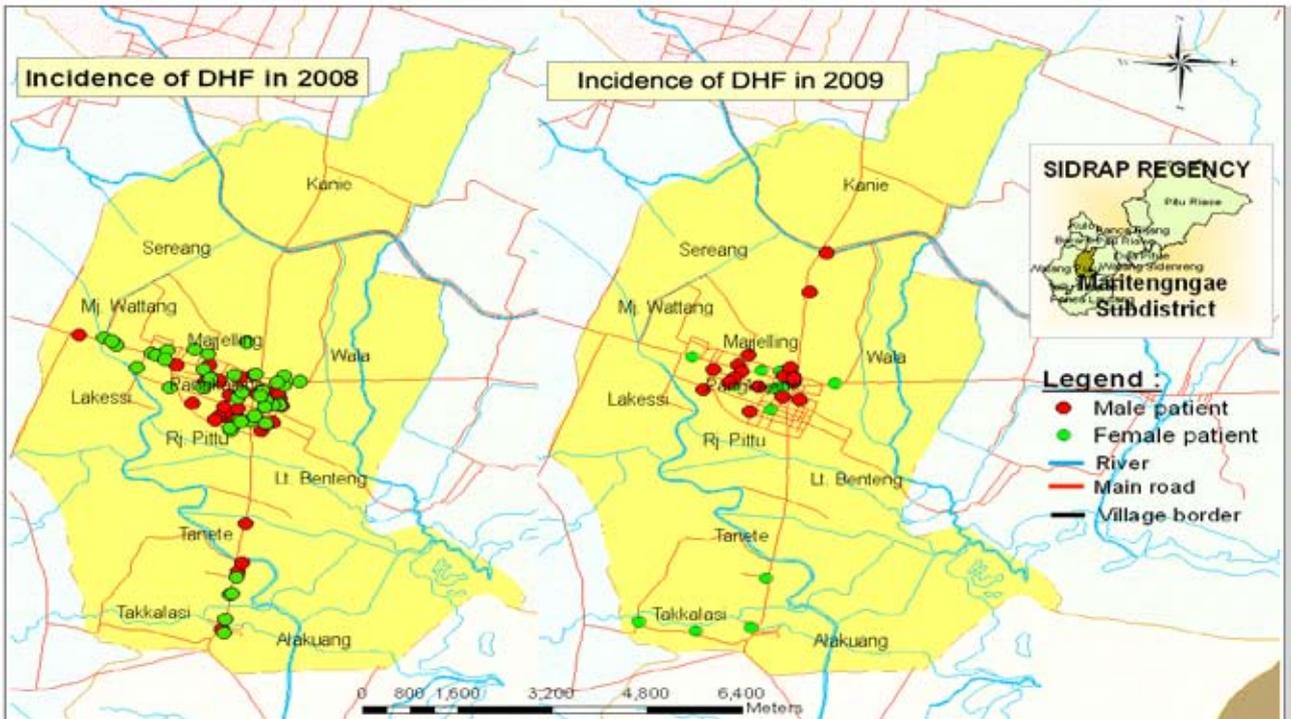


Figure 5. Distribution of DHF patients based on gender in Maritengngae Subdistrict in 2008 and 2009

Table 1. Distribution of DHF patients based on gender and incidence year in Maritengngae Subdistrict in 2008 and 2009

Gender	Year incidence				Total		p-value
	2008		2009		Total	%	
	n	%	N	%			
Male	41	32.29	18	14.17	59	46.46	1.000
Female	48	37.79	20	15.75	68	53.54	
Total	89	70.08	38	29.92	127	100	

Table 2. Distribution of DHF patients based on age group in Maritengngae Subdistrict in 2008 and 2009

Age group	Year incidence				Total		p-value
	2008		2009		Total	%	
	n	%	N	%			
<15 years old	83	65.35	29	22.83	112	88.19	0.016
≥15 years old	6	4.72	9	7.09	15	11.81	
Total	89	70.08	38	29.92	127	100	

### 3. DHF incidence based on characteristics of the subjects

#### a. DHF incidence based on gender

DHF patients consisted of female (53.54%) and males (46.46%). Analysis with chi-square showed no significant difference in patient distribution in 2008 and 2009 based on gender ( $p=1.000$ ). Retrospective space-time analysis on patient dwellings in 2008 based on gender gave p-value of 0.058 (males) and 0.362 (females). Similar analysis for incidence in 2009 gave p value of 0.720 (males) and 0.121 (females). Analysis showed no significant cluster based on gender, thus, the difference in distribution was not significant.

Proportion of female patients was higher than male patients, but the difference was not significant<sup>15</sup>. However, the total number of male cases was higher than female cases in Singapore, with the ratio of 1.9:116. Particular disease are found more in one gender, but it does not mean

that the particular gender has higher risk<sup>17</sup>. Gender was part of epidemiologic triad of disease need to be calculated<sup>18</sup> and DHF endemicity is affected by its epidemiological component, such as gender<sup>19</sup>. Females mostly stay at home, giving them more exposure and more infection while stay inside the house<sup>20</sup>, parallel with behavior of *Ae. Aegypti* who has activities inside the house. On the other hand, immune responses of females increased faster compared with males<sup>20</sup>, so that they develop immunity faster, but this is needed to be studied further.

#### b. DHF incidence based on age

Most patients were distributed in <15 years old age group (88.19%) compared with ≥15 years old age group (11.81%). Analysis with chi-square showed a significant difference in distribution between patients in 2008 and 2009 based on age group ( $p=0.016$ ).

Most patients <15 years old in 2008 lived closely, gave a cluster ( $p=0.013$ ) with 10 meter radius in Wala and 530 meter in Pangkajene, but there were no clusters for patients  $\geq 15$  years old ( $p=0.85$ ). Dwellings of patients in 2009 did not form any significant clusters for <15 years old ( $p=0.184$ ) and  $\geq 15$  years old ( $p=0.722$ ). Cluster in Wala was formed by patient group with adjacent houses, with patients in the age between 3-8 years old, and mostly ill in February. Age affects susceptibility. Children are commonly susceptible to DHF<sup>1</sup>. Under-five-years-olds mostly stay at home, sleep in the morning and afternoon, which is

the optimum activity time of *Aedes*<sup>10,21</sup>. Mosquito activity is increased around two hours after the sun rises and several hours before the sun sets<sup>22</sup>. School children (5-14 years old) are commonly susceptible to DHF<sup>23,13</sup>. However, the proportion of patient  $\geq 15$  years old in 2009 was higher than in 2008, which showed a shift of proportion to adults. The highest proportion of patients in 1994-1995 was in school children, but in 1996-1998 it was shifted to  $\geq 15$  years old<sup>24</sup>, which may be associated with the interaction of various serotypes of Dengue virus, particularly in the endemic area.

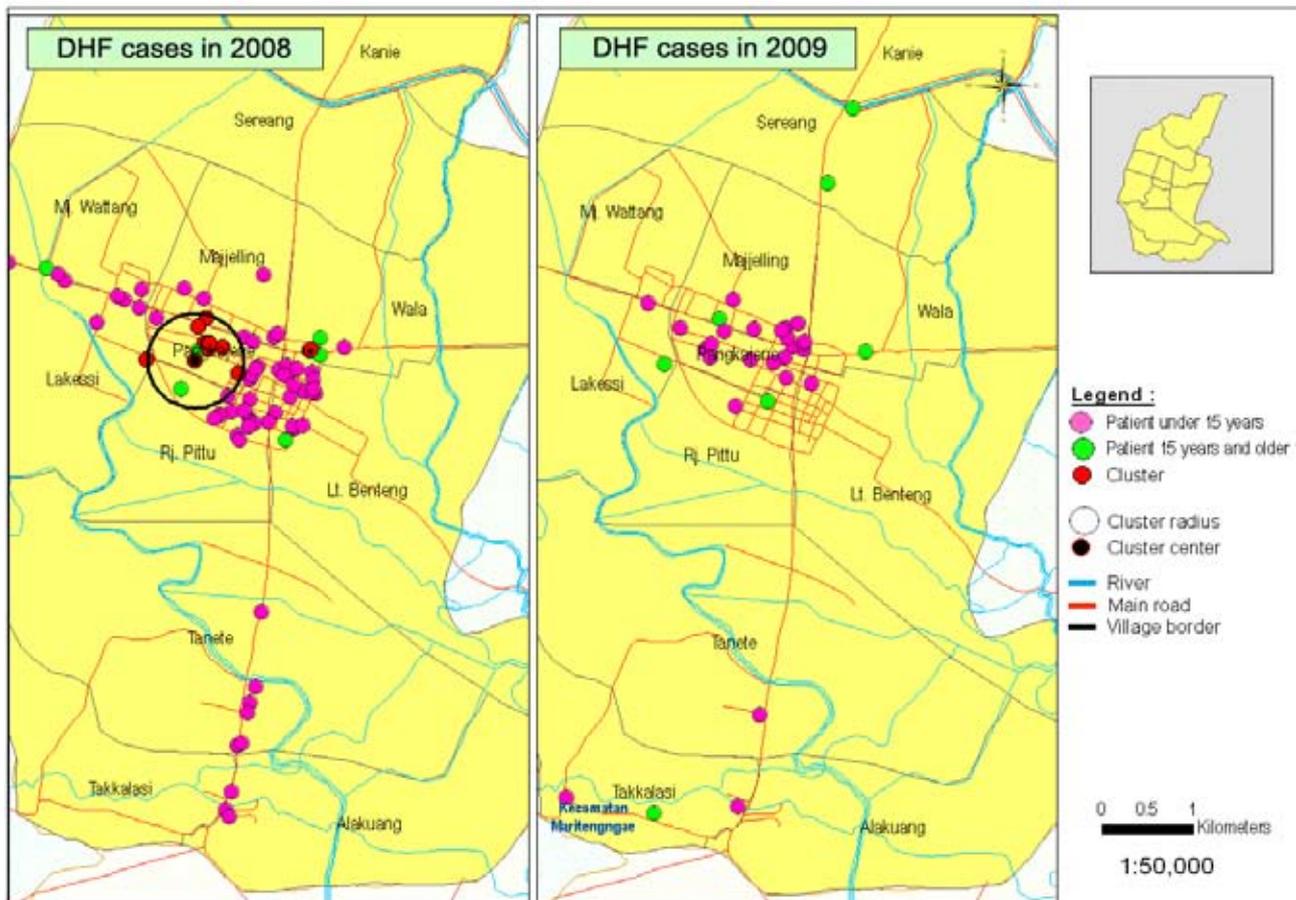


Figure 6. DHF patients based on age group and clusters formed in Maritengngae Subdistrict in 2008 and 2009

c. Habit of cleaning the water containers  
Water containers in 127 patient's houses consisted of closed water tanks in 10 houses, water buckets in 114 houses, and *bak mandi* (cuboid/rectangular water container in the bath room) water tubs in 73 houses. The habit of cleaning the water buckets was found in almost all houses (110 houses, 96.49%). Most people even clean them every day (87.77%), therefore, possibility of *Ae. Aegypti* hatching eggs in the water containers were decreased. However, the habit of cleaning the *bak mandi* for a minimum of once a week was only occurred in 32 houses (43.84%). The availability of water containers in the patient's house showed the habit to save the water. This is similar with the result of the study in Sangata Utara (Kutai Timur) which indicated that the people had habit of saving water for household<sup>25</sup>. The more the water containers represent

the more available locations for the breeding of mosquitoes<sup>23</sup>. There was a significant association between the activity of draining the water containers and population of *Aedes* mosquitoes. Risk of DHF transmission will still exist when the transmission vector is still breeding<sup>25</sup>. Irregular cleaning of the *bak mandi* provides a place for *Ae. Aegypti* to breed. Cleaning the water container in household for a minimum of once a week may break the mosquito life cycle, which corresponds with the duration of egg, larva, and pupa growth<sup>27</sup>. Generally, the growth from *Ae. Aegypti* egg to adult mosquito needs 9-10 days<sup>28,29,30</sup>. Most houses with frequency of cleaning the *bak mandi* minimum once a week formed cluster with radius of 540 meter ( $p = 0.026$ ). The breeding of mosquitoes in that cluster area was supposed to be low.

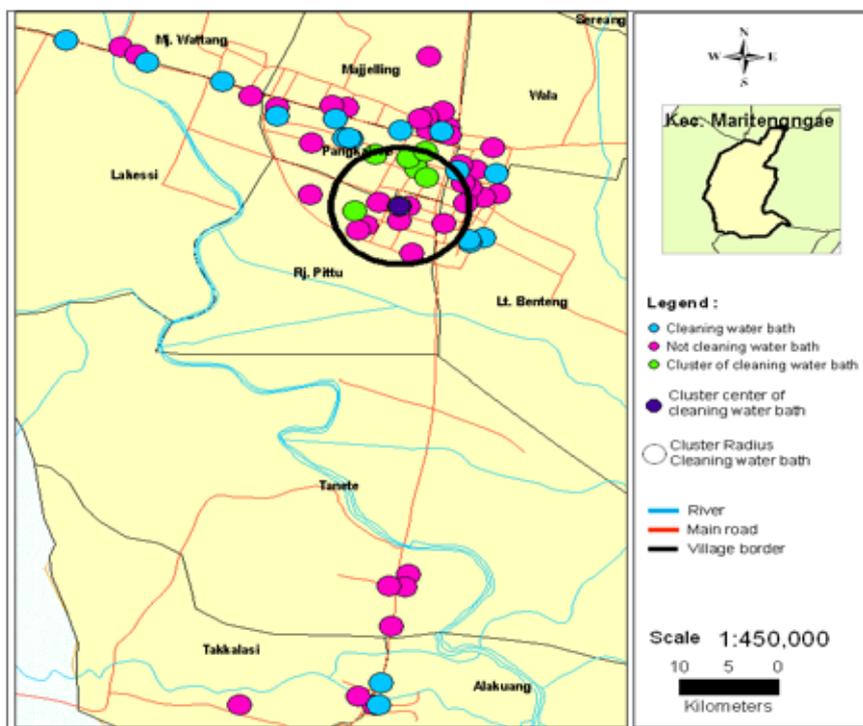


Figure 7. Cluster of DHF patients' houses with the habit of cleaning the *bak mandi*

#### 4. DHF incidence based on environmental conditions

Environmental conditions around the DHF patient's houses consist of house density, and the density of water containers within the radius of 100 meter, which is the flying distance of *Aedes mosquito*<sup>27,36</sup>, as the buffer area of Dengue virus transmission. Buffer area is also determined internationally to prevent the transmission of Yellow Fever (radius 400 meter) from airports and harbors<sup>31</sup>.

Epidemiological investigation, focus management, and focus fogging use 200 meter radius from patient's house<sup>32</sup>. House density and density of water containers around the patient's house is part of potential environmental conditions in DHF transmission. Each house forms buffer area which coincident and intersects with each other, so that the flying distance and transmission area of the mosquito

are wider. Most houses of patients in 2009 were in the same location with those in 2008, so that the transmission buffer area formed was overlapped. It showed the similarity of pattern of DHF incidence which concentrated in similar places, although the total number of patients in 2009 was smaller. Based on the pattern, DHF incidence in previous and subsequent years would probably concentrated in the similar locations.

- a. DHF incidence based on house density
  - Each transmission buffer area was situated between 5-93 houses. The similarity of house density around the houses of DHF patients in 2008 and 2009 was that the distribution was bigger in the interval of 30-39 houses than in the other intervals, although the proportion in 2008 was bigger (23.6%) than in 2009 (18.42%). Total number of houses in each

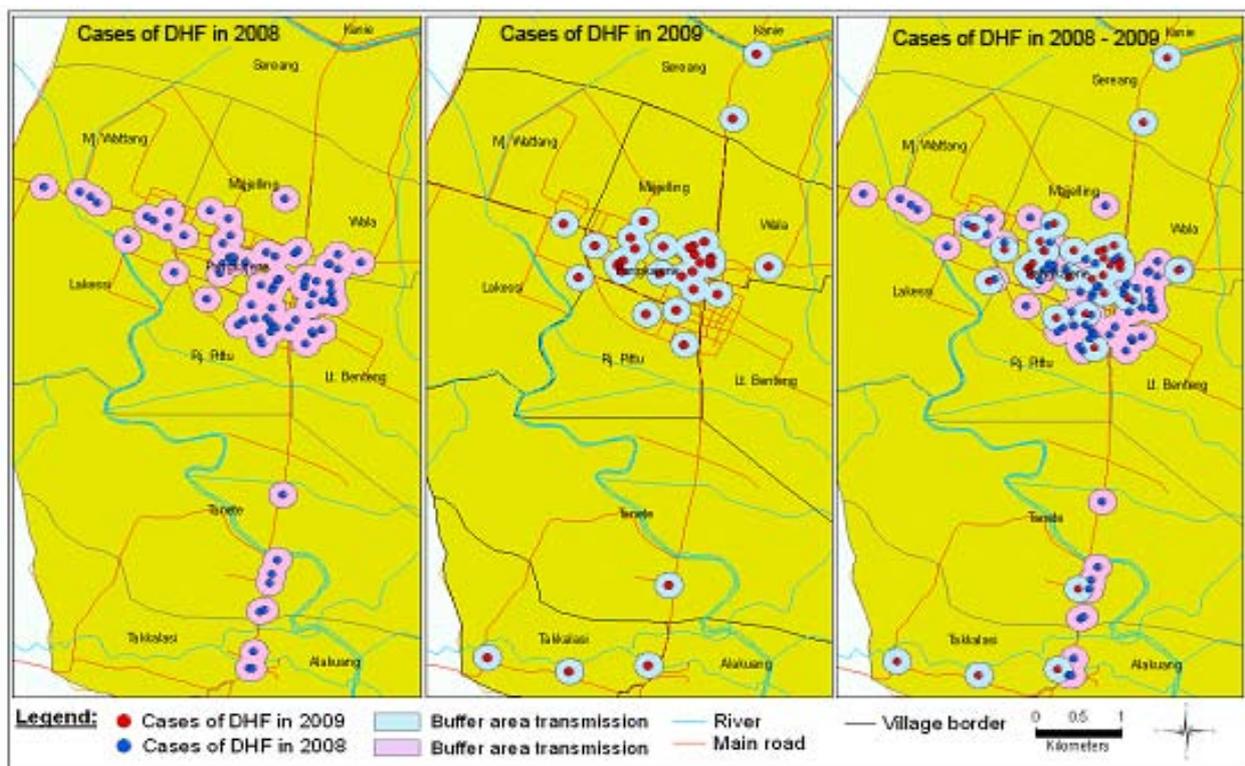


Figure 8. DHF patients and transmission buffer area formed in MaritengngaeSubdistrictin 2008 and 2009

transmission buffer area gave different risk in DHF transmission by *Aedes aegypti*. Analysis with independent t-test showed no difference in average houses in transmission buffer area in 2008 and 2009 ( $p = 0.829$ ), therefore, the house density 100 meter from patient's house was not significantly different. The recurrent DHF incidence in the same area caused no significant difference in house density in transmission buffer area in 2008 and 2009.

Houses around the patient's house were mostly grouped in Kelurahan Pangkajene, Majjelling, Lautang Benteng, and Rijjang Pittu. The area was the center of the city and the center of government in Sidrap District. Therefore, the population was heavier and become the gathering place for people from other Village and Subdistrict. The growth of *Ae. aegypti* population is faster in the urban area, results in more contact with human, particularly in areas close to household water containers<sup>1</sup>. One of the causes of the increased DHF cases are the

population density, house density, and other complex causes<sup>9</sup>.

b. DHF incidence based on the density of water containers

Total number of water containers in each transmission buffer area was 12-267, with the highest distribution in the interval of 90-199 (28.35%). The more the water containers, the faster the mosquito population increased<sup>27</sup>. The similarity of distribution of water containers in each transmission buffer area for DHF incidence in 2008 and 2009 was that the highest number was found in the interval of 90-119, although each proportion was different (28.09% and 28.95%). Analysis with independent t-test showed insignificant difference ( $p=0.538$ ) in the average of total number of water containers in transmission buffer area in 2008 (125.79) and 2009 (118.39). It meant that the density of water containers in the radius of 100 meter from patient's house in 2008 and 2009 was not different.

Table 3. House distribution in each transmission buffer area in DHF incidence in Maritengngae Subdistrict in 2008 and 2009

Year incidence	Min	Max	Average	SD	SE	p-value	N
2008	8	93	43.99	18.873	2.001	0.829	89
2009	5	91	44.82	21.747	3.528		38

Note: Min=minimum; Max=maximum; SD=standard deviation; SE=standard error; N= total subject

Table 4. Distribution of water containers in each transmission buffer area in DHF incidence in Subdistrict Maritengngae in 2008 and 2009

Incidence year	Min	Max	Average	SD	SE	p-value	N
2008	19	267	125.79	59.357	6.292	0.538	89
2009	2	255	118.39	66.984	10.866		38

Note: Min=minimum; Max=maximum; SD=standard deviation; SE=standard error; N= total subject

*Aedes* mosquito hatches eggs in clean water containers, such as (bak mandi), buckets, and others<sup>26</sup>. They only put their eggs in clean water<sup>29</sup>. Eggs are hatched in the house and around it, or in public places and particular locations which drowned by water, until radius of 500 meter from surrounding buildings<sup>27</sup>.

**5. Resistance to insecticide and transovarial transmission**

*Ae. Aegypti* mosquitoes for dengue virus examination were obtained from 6 Villages/*Kelurahan*, and those for resistance examination were obtained from 4 Villages/*Kelurahan*.

a. Resistance to insecticide

Resistance to organophosphate insecticide examination with non-specific esterase<sup>33</sup> technique showed absorbance value (AV) of 0.342-0.857. Average AV of mosquitoes from 4 Villages/*Kelurahan* was higher than the average AV of negative control mosquitoes, which meant that there was esterase enzyme activity in the body of mosquito to metabolize insecticide. Resistance status using average AV limit of control mosquito+2SD showed that there were mosquitoes with moderate resistance in Majeling (4.44%), and in Lautang Benteng, Rijang Pittu, and Takalasi (1.11%).

Table 5. Distribution of susceptibility status of *Ae. aegypti* based on Village/*Kelurahan* in 2010

<i>Kelurahan</i>	Susceptibility status				Total	
	Total					
	Sensitive (AV<0.753)		Moderately resistant (0.753 ≤AV<1.236)		N	%
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Majjelling	86	95.56	4	4.44	90	100
L. Benteng	89	98.89	1	1.11	90	100
RijangPittu	89	98.89	1	1.11	90	100
Takkalasi	89	98.89	1	1.11	90	100
Total	353	98.06	7	1.94	360	100

Table 6. Distribution of result examination of transovarial transmission in *Aedes aegypti* based on the origin of mosquito in 2010

No	Origin of mosquito	Result			TTI (%)
		Negative	Positive	Total	
1	Majjeling	0	8	8	100.00
2	Lautang Benteng	7	1	8	12.50
3	Rijang Pittu	7	1	8	12.50
4	Lakessi	7	1	8	12.50
5	Tanete	4	4	8	50.00
6	Takkalasi	7	1	8	12.50
	Total	32	16	48	33.33

Most *A. aegypti* mosquitoes examined were sensitive to organophosphate insecticide. The presence of moderately resistant mosquitoes prompts a consideration of changing the type of insecticide used. *Ae. Aegypti* studied in Cimahi District also showed a decrease in susceptibility to organophosphate insecticide<sup>34</sup>, while in Yogyakarta they tended to be resistant to similar insecticide<sup>35</sup>. Active substance of insecticide is related to resistance of mosquitoes, which effect still present in the environment after being used for more than 6 years, and the resistance process may occurred between one to several decades<sup>36</sup>. Each year, DHF incidence is followed by continued insecticide use. Mosquito coil (*obat nyamuk bakar*) has been used daily in more than 85% of patient's houses. Mosquito repellent used continuously in the household may affect the susceptibility of the mosquitoes. The susceptibility of *Aedes* mosquito to organophosphate and pyrethroid insecticides in Cimahi city was decrease<sup>34</sup>. In Takalasi, Majjelling, and Lautang Benteng Village, most area is used for agriculture and cattle centre. Continuous pesticide use for agriculture and livestock may affect susceptibility status of *Aedes* mosquito in the area. However, various types of insecticides used is not documented, so that it is difficult to predict the exposure to *A. aegypti* based on area and time.

The District of Health Office have to conduct diversification of insecticides in managing DHF focus to decrease the resistance of the mosquitoes. Observation and prevention is needed to be increased, particularly more

accurate patient recording, counselling on mosquito repellent use to school children, and controlling the habit of population in cleaning their water containers by periodic larva survey. Local government (District, Subdistrict, Village/*Kelurahan*), The District of Health Office, and Public Health Center (Puskesmas) have to cooperate in increasing the community participation to be more active in source reduction by conducting 3M+ (*menguras/drainage, menutup/covering, mengubur/burying, and memberi/applying larvicide*). Enhancing role of cadres in each Village/*Kelurahan* to monitor the area to prevent the transmission of DHF.

- b. Transovarial transmission of Dengue virus  
Dengue virus was examined with immunohistochemistry-immuperoxidase streptavidin biotin complex (IISBC)<sup>37</sup>, which showed the transovarial Dengue virus transmission, which proportion is determined by transovarial transmission index (TTI).

Dengue virus-positive mosquitoes were obtained from *Kelurahan* Majeling (TTI=100%) and Tanete Village (TTI=50%), while the others (TTI=12.5%) came from Lautang Benteng, Takkalasi, Lakessi, and Rijang Pittu. A study in Pontianak also found transovarial viral transmission in *A. aegypti*<sup>38</sup>. The viral transmission is probably occurred through DHF transmission process every year. The decrease in Dengue virus in *A. aegypti* in Selangor (Malaysia) was occurred for the subsequent five generations<sup>39</sup>. It was suggested that there was a double shift of virus from mosquitoes who were anthropophilic and multiple biters<sup>16</sup>, that is, firstly, from mosquito to its offspring, and secondly, new mosquito

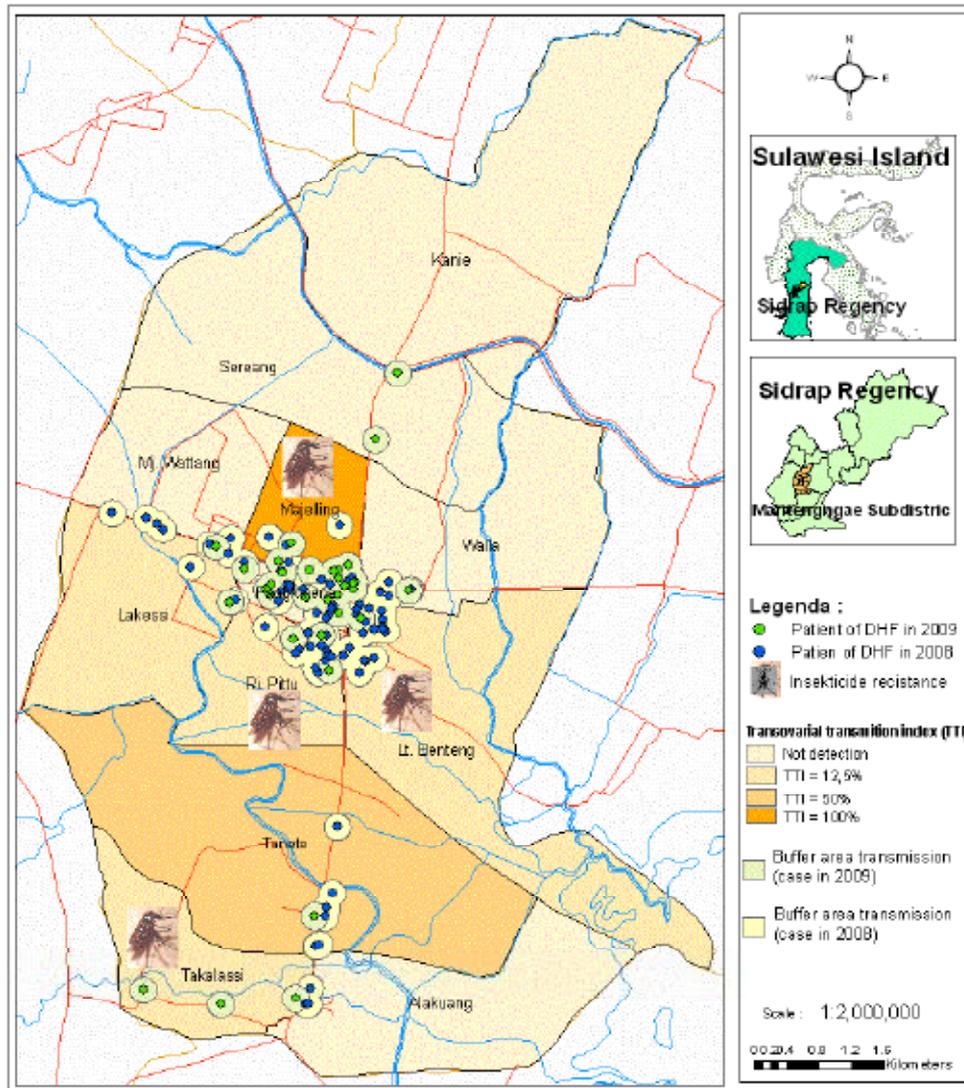


Figure 9. Transovarial transmission, resistance to insecticide, and transmission buffer area in Maritengngae Subdistrict in 2010

obtain Dengue virus from patients with viremia. However, transovarial Dengue virus transmission in Maritengngae Subdistrict is still needed to be studied further. Visualization of resistance and transovarial transmission of Dengue virus in *A. aegypti* is shown in Figure 9.

Other researchers is suggested to study further about spatio-temporal approach on the resistance of *A. aegypti* to insecticide and transovarial viral transmission in endemic and sporadic areas of DHF.

## CONCLUSION

Cases of DHF in Maritengngae Sub district, Sidenreng Rappang District, South Sulawesi decreased from 95 cases in 2008 to 38 cases in 2009, except in *Kelurahan* Majelling increased from 5cases in 2008 to 13 cases in 2009. Most patients in 2008 lived in groups to form cluster with epicentrum cluster of patients on January-March at coordinate of 3.92688° SL (P=0.01), and epicentrum cluster on April-June at coordinate of 119.79292°EL (P=0.017). The epicentrum is in *Kelurahan* Pangkajene, a city area, and the capital

of sub district and district. However, the dwellings of patients in April-June 2008 and October-December 2009 were adjacent, but did not form significant cluster. DHF incidence in 2009 did not form any clusters ( $p=0.085$ ), although the houses were adjacent. This transmission dynamic is not influenced by gender, house densities, water container densities, and the frequency of source reduction, but influenced by ages. Most of *Ae. aegypti* mosquitoes are still susceptible against organophosphate insecticide. The highest of transovarial transmission of dengue virus in *Ae. aegypti* in Kelurahan Majelling with TII of 100% may contribute in the increasing of DHF cases in the Kelurahan Majeling in 2009.

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