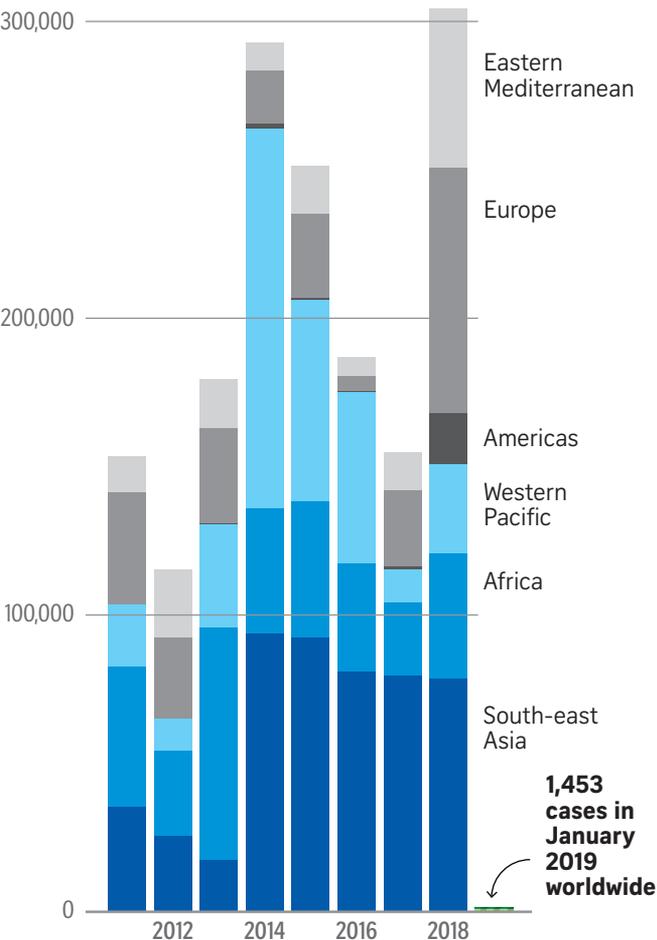


# Surge in cases worldwide

## CASES BY REGION

Number of reported cases annually



## MEASLES EXPLAINED

Measles is a preventable, highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus.



### Infection

- Virus spreads through the air through coughing and sneezing
- The virus remains active and contagious in the air or on infected surfaces for up to two hours



### Symptoms

- Infection starts with a fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat
- These are followed by a rash that spreads all over the body

# 136,000 deaths

reported worldwide in 2018, a 50 per cent increase from 2017

Before the introduction of vaccine in 1963, an estimated **2.6 million** people a year died of measles