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has reported a daily average of about 100 new cases over the past days, while a total of 1,500 new suspected cases of cholera were reported in Zimbabwe.

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A healthcare worker attending to patients at a cholera treatment centre in Lusaka, Zambia.

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According to a recent health ministry memorandum, no case of cholera has been reported in Namibia, but the outbreaks in neighbouring countries made it necessary to strengthen surveillance and implement precautionary measures at all levels. Health districts are, therefore, requested to step up preparedness and to share vital information with all stakeholders and to mobilize the communities.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), thirteen countries in Eastern and Southern Africa have been battling one of the worst cholera outbreaks to hit the region in years. More than 200,000 cases and over 3,000 deaths have been reported.

Cholera is an acute diarrheal disease that can kill within hours if left untreated.

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