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[1] Cholera - Nigeria (Federal Capital Territory)

Date: Mon 24 May 2010

Source: AllAfrica, Daily Trust report [edited]

<<http://allafrica.com/stories/201005240982.html>>

Last Wednesday, 19 May 2010, 4 persons lost their lives following an outbreak of cholera at Ibwa community in Gwagwalada Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory. Council Chairman, Alhaji Zakari Angulu Dobi, said 2 persons died on the 1st day of the outbreak of the epidemic last week, while another 2 died the following day at the community's health centre.

According to him, on receiving information on the outbreak, the council authority immediately sent additional drugs to the affected community in order to control the epidemic. He said the report he received indicated that 118 people were affected by the epidemic, including children, who were treated.

The council boss urged residents of the community to report cases of such diseases on time rather than engage in self medication, adding that the council will refurbish the community's bore-hole in order to support the existing water sources.

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[2] Cholera - Uganda (Tororo)

Date: Sun 23 May 2010

Source: Xinhua News Agency [edited]

<[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/health/2010-05/23/c\\_13310549.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/health/2010-05/23/c_13310549.htm)>

An outbreak of cholera following frequent floods in eastern Uganda has left 6 people dead and dozens more admitted in hospital, local authorities said on [Sat 22 May 2010].

"Since the outbreak of the deadly disease early this week, cholera has now killed 6 people in 2 sub counties of Mulanda and Kirewa," Emmanuel Osuna, the district local council chairman told Xinhua on the phone.

The outbreak in Tororo district, eastern Uganda, was a result of recent flash floods that ravaged parts of the mountainous area following torrential rains, local officials said.

"We have so far received about 50 cases in the main hospital. It has forced the district authorities to set up reception centers that will handle emergencies as the medics struggle to treat them amidst scarcity of the drugs in the hospital," said Osuna.

The floods destroyed the latrine facilities, contaminating drinking water and posing a grave health threat to the local communities.

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[3] Cholera - Uganda (Moroto)

Date: Sat 22 May 2010

Source: Daily Monitor (Uganda) [edited]

<<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/-/688334/923152/-/x06191/-/>>

The cholera epidemic in Moroto District has spread out to 40 villages, authorities have said. About 220 cases and 5 deaths have reported since the outbreak was detected on 16 Apr 2010.

According to the World Health Organization's 'health action in crisis' officer in charge, Mr Innocent Komakech, 20 to 25 cases of cholera are diagnosed each day at the treatment unit in Moroto District.

"About 48 patients are admitted in the wards. The treatment units are congested and we are preparing to create new units across the district," Mr Komakech told Saturday Monitor on [Thu 20 May 2010].

He said the sub-counties of Nadunget, Rupa, and North, East and South divisions in Moroto municipality have been hit the hardest by the outbreak.

"There a risk of the epidemic spreading out to other parts of Karamoja region if not checked properly," he said.

Martin Eyura, the district health officer said, "Latrine coverage in Moroto is still very low at 10 per cent with most of the latrines not utilized.

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[4] Diarrhea - Angola (Luanda)  
Date: Tue 18 May 2010  
Source: Angola Press Agency (Angop) [in Portuguese, machine trans., edited]  
<[http://www.portalangop.co.ao/motix/pt\\_pt/noticias/saude/2010/4/20/Centro-Saude-Rangel-atende-mais-mil-casos-diarreias-agudas,df945c2c-57ef-4ec5-a77b-c9e828829e21.html](http://www.portalangop.co.ao/motix/pt_pt/noticias/saude/2010/4/20/Centro-Saude-Rangel-atende-mais-mil-casos-diarreias-agudas,df945c2c-57ef-4ec5-a77b-c9e828829e21.html)>

During the 1st 4 months of the year [2010], 1101 cases of acute diarrhea were treated at the Rangel Health Center, in the municipality of the same name, in Luanda province, 100 more than during the same period of 2009. According to Adelaide Auguste Paulo, nurse supervisor of the Rangel Health Center, in January [2010], 268 people consulted the center, 400 in February, 184 in March, and 250 in April. In her opinion the picture is preoccupying, since 9 cases are taken care of daily, but she hopes to see a reduction in the number of cases because of the dry period, when there are no floods or stagnant water accumulating on the streets.

She emphasized that the lack of the sanitation of the environment and the lack of attention of some parents to the medical advice are the base of the frequent epidemic. The municipality of Rangel has an estimated population of 700 000 inhabitants distributed in the communes of the Marcal, Nelito Soares, and Rangel.

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[5] Cholera - Sudan (Northern Bahr el Ghazal)  
Date: Sun 16 May 2010  
Source: Sudan Tribune [edited]  
<<http://www.sudantribune.com/spip.php?article35087>>

Peth Lou, one of the local administrative units situated east of Wanyjok, headquarters of Aweil East County, Northern Bahr el Ghazal State, may be again on the verge of a severe cholera outbreak. Peth is to the south of Malual Baai Payam where there is a health center reportedly run by International Rescue Committee, it is also to the East of Madhol and west of Tokyep village from where 10 people mostly children are reportedly caught by watery diarrhea.

The outbreak is entering its 2nd week and shows little sign of slowing down. It has quickly spread into surrounding villages of

Mabil, Dhok, Rumrit, and Baai chok, Wunyiik, Maluil, Majak, Warkou, Halkou, and Riangkou, Marial Ngap, killing 2 people and infecting the entire village.

The village, located 20 miles [32 km] from the main Aweil Civil Hospital, is home to over 10 000 residents. Health authorities say the disease first struck towards the end of April 2009, killing 3 people before its confirmation by the local ministry of health.

It is believed another 21 villages surrounding Ameth Lou, east of Malual Baai Payam, have also registered cholera cases in the last week with records showing that 12 suspected patients were admitted at Malual health center before being discharged.

Some of the villages that are worst hit in Ameth include; Wunyor, Warapac, Mayom, Akong, Akuac, and Majak Paluiel. Mathiangdit and Areng have also been reported to have the highest number of infections.

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[6] Cholera - Kenya (Rift Valley, Coast)

Date: Mon 10 May 2010

Source: Eat Drink and Be [edited]

<[http://eatdrinkandbe.org/article/index.0510\\_africa\\_cholera](http://eatdrinkandbe.org/article/index.0510_africa_cholera)>

A fast-spreading outbreak of cholera has killed at least 10 people in West Pokot [Rift Valley province] and Kilifi [Coast province] districts, in what the government said on 10 May 2010 was the worst epidemic since the onset of the current rains.

Public Health Minister Beth Mugo confirmed that 8 people had died in West Pokot and that her ministry had dispatched officers to flood-prone regions to sensitize residents on ways to prevent the scourge.

Elsewhere, 2 children from Matsangoni village, Kilifi are feared to have died of the water-borne disease while 4 people had been admitted to health centers there.

"For almost a year, we have not had any cholera outbreak in Kisumu, Nyanza which is the traditional area of cholera. That shows that we are really controlling the disease," Mrs Mugo observed.

In 2009, Kenya faced one of the worst cholera outbreaks in a decade and at least 122 people died as a result of the epidemic sweeping across the country. A total of 10 940 cases were reported from the outbreak, which began in December 2008.

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