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[1] Cholera, diarrhea - Pakistan (Balochistan)

Date: Wed 25 Aug 2010

Source: Daily Times [edited]

<http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2010%5C08%5C25%5Cstory_25-8-2010_pg7_6>

At least 12 more people including 8 children lost their lives on Tuesday [24 Aug 2010] due to gastroenteritis and/or cholera and other infections in flood affected-areas of Balochistan.

A report said that 3 children had died in district headquarters hospital in Dera Murad Jamali where hundreds of affected people had been admitted. In a relief camp at a bypass in Quetta, 2 children who were suffering from gastroenteritis had died.

Another child was also died in gastroenteritis in Khuzdar. Official sources said that several people were suffering from gastroenteritis and other diseases in the affected areas. At least 8 persons, including 2 children, died of cholera and other epidemics in Jaffarabad.

The level of the floodwater in Dera Allah Yar is constantly rising, and The district has been disconnected from other parts of country for the last 11 days, while abject scarcity of drinking water and shortages of food and medicines have let situation go from bad to worse.

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[2] Cholera - India (Punjab)

Date: Fri 20 Aug 2010

Source: The Tribune, Tribune News Service (TNS) [edited]

<<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2010/20100821/jal.htm#3>>

Detection of cases of cholera in the Chandan Nagar locality of Kartarpur has put the health authorities on alert again. Earlier, the death of a person near Nurmahal due to cholera had put the health authorities in a spot. Stool samples of the diarrhoea patients, collected by the health authorities after finding more than 20 cases of severe diarrhoea in Kartarpur on Tuesday, 17 Aug 2010, were found to test positive for *Vibrio cholerae*.

Although restricted to a single locality, the magnitude of the outbreak was severe. Suspecting cholera behind the incident, the stool samples of patients were sent to Government Medical College for a microbiological examination.

Confirming the report, Dr RL Wassan, DHO [district health officer], Jalandhar, said out of the total of 4 stool samples taken by the department on Tuesday [17 Aug 2010], 2 tested positive for cholera. Additionally, 3 water samples, out of the total 4 taken from the locality, were also declared unfit for drinking after laboratory examination, he confirmed.

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[3] Diarrhea - Nepal (Midwestern region)

Date: Thu 26 Aug 2010

Source: Himalayan Times [edited]

<[http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?](http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?headline=One+dead%2C+200+others+take+ill+due+to+diarrhea&NewsID=255267)[headline=One+dead%2C+200+others+take+ill+due+to+diarrhea&NewsID=255267](http://www.thehimalayantimes.com/fullNews.php?headline=One+dead%2C+200+others+take+ill+due+to+diarrhea&NewsID=255267)>

At least one person was killed and more than 200 others have badly been affected by diarrhea in Banke district on Thursday, 26 Aug 2010. The disease, which has been spreading in the district over the past 3 days, claimed the life of a 25-year-old local resident of Udarpur VDC [village development committee] of the district.

More than 100 people are suffering from the disease in Ward No. 8 and 9 of Udarpur VDC and at least 150 people, in Sonpur VDC.

Diarrhea has so far claimed 9 lives in the district.

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[4] Cholera - China (Hong Kong), locally acquired

Date: Wed 25 Aug 2010

Source: 7th Space, Government of Hong Kong SAR report [edited]

<http://7thspace.com/headlines/354967/two_confirmed_cholera_cases_under_investigation.html>

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (25 Aug 2010) is investigating another confirmed cases of cholera and reminds people to observe good personal, food, and environmental hygiene, whether in Hong Kong or traveling abroad.

The case involved another 30-year-old woman who developed diarrhea and vomiting on 22 Aug 2010. The patient lives in Tsing Yi and did not have history of recent travel. Her home contact has no symptoms of cholera.

The patient has been admitted to Princess Margaret Hospital and is in stable condition. Laboratory tests showed that stool specimens yielded positive result for *Vibrio cholerae*_ O1 Ogawa.

This is the 8th case of cholera reported in 2010. There were 7 cholera cases in 2008, 3 cholera cases in 2007, 1 in 2006, and 5 in 2005.

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[5] Cholera - Nigeria

Date: Wed 25 Aug 2010

Source: Google news, Agence France-Presse (AFP) report [edited]

<<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hCmwHWk16JhPpEQouofmqb2FalTxA>>

A cholera epidemic that has killed more than 350 people in Nigeria since the start of the year [2010] now poses a threat to the entire country, the health ministry said on Wednesday, 25 Aug 2010.

"Epidemiological evidence indicates that the entire country is at risk," the ministry said in a statement.

"Reports received so far from 11 states show we have recorded 6437 cases with 352 deaths from cholera in 2010. Most of the outbreaks occurred in the northwest and northeast zones" of the country, it stated.

Surveys carried out by the ministry showed that less than 40 percent of the population in the affected states have access to adequate toilet facilities, the statement said.

In addition, World Health Organisation figures indicate that 42 people have died in northeastern Yobe State in the past week from a form of gastroenteritis, characterised by vomiting and diarrhea, which are also cholera symptoms.

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[6] Cholera - Cameroon (northern states)

Date: Thu 26 Aug 2010

Source: CNN [edited]

<<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/africa/08/25/cameroon.cholera/?hpt=Sbin>>

Cholera has killed 297 people in the west African nation of Cameroon, health officials said Wednesday, 26 Aug 2010.

The outbreak, which began in May 2010, has exceeded 3000 cases, said Dr Eric Mintz, the leader of the [US] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's global water sanitation and hygiene epidemiology team. The agency has an office in Cameroon. "It's a lot of cases and a lot of deaths," he said in a telephone interview. "More deaths than should be expected under the best of conditions."

The country's northern region has been particularly hard hit. 3 of 10 prisoners diagnosed with cholera at Maroua Central Prison in the far north were among the dead, the officials said.

CDC's Mintz said the rugged and remote region has been affected repeatedly by cholera epidemics, most recently in 2009.

About 70 percent of people living in the country's far north, bordering Nigeria and Chad and the Central African Republic, do not have access to potable water, according to a Ministry of Water and Energy official. Sanitation is also limited in the area and recent flooding has aggravated the situation. The affected area is home to some 5 million people, according to UNICEF.

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[7] Cholera - Chad

Date: Tue 24 Aug 2010

Source: UN ReliefWeb, Int Fed of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) report [edited]

<<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VVOS-88ML7M?OpenDocument>>

Torrential rains that continue to pour down in the southern and northern parts of Chad have led to flooding with harmful consequences to the local population. The neighboring countries such as Cameroon, Nigeria, and Niger have already experienced cases of cholera.

In Chad, cases of cholera have been confirmed by the Ministry of health in the region of Lac and Mayo Kebbi East. 3 deaths were registered so far. Those regions are disaster prone areas and are badly affected by the continuation of rains. The Chadian Health Ministry organized an emergency meeting with the humanitarian partners and an evaluation mission has been set up to carry out an assessment in the disaster areas. The aim of this mission is to conduct a rapid evaluation of the outbreak and take some actions regarding the immediate assistance to provide.

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