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CHOLERA, DIARRHEA AND DYSENTERY UPDATE 2011 (33): AFRICA

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[1] Cholera - Central African Republic

Date: Sat 1 Oct 2011

Source: France 24, Agence France-Presse (AFP) report [edited]

<http://www.france24.com/en/20111001-cholera-epidemic-hits-central-african-republic-minister>

A new cholera epidemic has hit the Central African Republic and has already claimed at least 10 victims in the south, health minister Jean-Michel Mandaba said Fri 30 Sep 2011. His comments came the day after a health services source sounded the alarm that cholera had killed 6 people in the Limbo region, 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the capital Bangui.

"The government of the Central African Republic would like to officially declare that there is a cholera epidemic in the (southern) health zones of Ombella-Mpoko and Lobaye, leaving at least 10 people dead," Mandaba said. The minister called for calm and urged the local population to go about their usual business while "scrupulously respecting basic hygiene and cleansing measures."

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[Maps of the Central African Republic can be seen at

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/africa/cen_african_rep_pol01.jpg and

<http://healthmap.org/r/1iZ4>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[2] Cholera - Somalia (Mogadishu)

Date: Sat 1 Oct 2011

Source: Press TV [edited]

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/202244.html>

Cholera has killed 50 more children in the Somali capital Mogadishu, where cases of waterborne diseases have increased due to unhygienic living conditions, Press TV reports. Doctor Ali Hashi Yusuf told the Press TV correspondent in Mogadishu that the victims died on Saturday evening, 1 Oct 2011 in Mogadishu's southern districts of Hawlwadig and Hodan.

More than 330 people suffering from cholera and waterborne diseases also flocked hospitals in southern Mogadishu to get medication. A combination of poor sanitation conditions, scarcity of safe and clean drinking water, and overcrowding has led to the spread of waterborne diseases in Mogadishu.

According to the World Health Organization, 75 percent of all cases of highly infectious diarrhea in Somalia are among children under the age of 5.

Cholera is confirmed in the Banadir, Bay, Mudug, and Lower Shabelle regions of Somalia, and the number of acute diarrhea cases has increased dramatically over the past few months.

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[Maps of Somalia can be seen at
<http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/somalia.pdf> and
<http://healthmap.org/r/1gIF>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[3] Ethiopia (Somali Regional State)
Date: Fri 30 Sep 2011
Source: Ogaden Online [edited]
<http://www.ogaden.com/hornnews/ogaden/1316-cholera-outbreak-reported-in-qabridahare.html>

Reports reaching Ogaden Online service desk from the town of Qabridahare [Kebri Dahar, Somali Regional State] confirm the outbreak of cholera in the area. Many people have died as a result of this outbreak of cholera. The signs of cholera were evident in the city for the past couple of days, however locals, due to their limited health knowledge and lack of presence of medical personnel in the city, thought the symptoms were not cholera.

It is reported that civilians numbering between 10 and 15 have so far died due to the cholera outbreak. There are hundreds of civilians still down with early signs of cholera. So far there are no reports of aid either from the Ethiopian government or military stationed in and around the city.

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[Maps of Ethiopia can be seen at
<http://www.weltkarte.com/typo3temp/pics/e4ef760cae.jpg> and
<http://healthmap.org/r/1iZ6>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[4] Cholera - Nigeria (Kebbi)
Date: Sat 24 Sep 2011
Source: Heal Blog [edited]
<http://www.healblog.net/health-news/cholera-outbreak-in-nigeria-six-more-victims/>

Cholera claimed another 6 lives in northern Nigeria, after killing 200 people in the past few months. Health commissioner Shehu Sambawa announced that 6 deaths from cholera in Koko [Kebbi state] in the past 2 weeks that infected 182 people.

Local media reports 234 deaths occurred in 15 Nigerian states in 2011. Rainy seasons are generally responsible for the occurrence of the disease in Nigeria. The country's senate started an investigation to determine what causes the repeated outbreaks of cholera.

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[Maps of Nigeria can be seen at
<http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/nigeria.pdf> and
<http://healthmap.org/r/1iZ7>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[Cholera continues to spread in Africa in areas of flooding and in areas of drought with the common thread being the absence of clean water. - Mod.LL]

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