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CHOLERA, DIARRHEA AND DYSENTERY UPDATE 2010 (25)

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[1] Cholera - Nigeria
 Date: Mon 25 Oct 2010
 Source: The Washington Post, Associated Press (AP) report [edited]
 <<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/25/AR2010102500657.html>>

UN officials say Nigeria has seen more than 1500 deaths from cholera in 2010, doubling the government's most recent fatality count.

Geneva-based UNICEF spokeswoman Marixie Mercado said Monday [25 Oct 2010] that as of 20 Oct 2010, there were 1555 deaths in Nigeria from the waterborne disease, with 38 173 cases recorded in 2010 alone.

According to the WHO, the current outbreak is the worst in Nigeria since 1991, when 7654 people died.

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 <<http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/nigeria.pdf>>
 and the HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map at
 <http://healthmap.org/r/007*>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[2] Cholera - Benin
 Date: Thu 21 Oct 2010
 Source: AllAfrica, RFI report [edited]
 <<http://allafrica.com/stories/201010211031.html>>

Two thirds of the African nation of Benin is underwater, with at least 43 people killed and nearly 100 000 made homeless.

Heavy rain began falling at the start of October 2010, and the Oueme and Mono rivers soon overflowed. Thousands of hectares of land, mostly used for growing rice and other vegetables are now underwater.

The UN's children's fund, UNICEF, reports 800 cases of cholera and warns of the risk of other waterborne diseases.

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[Maps of Benin are available at
<<http://www.izf.net/upload/Documentation/Cartes/supercartes/benin.png>>
and the HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map at
<<http://healthmap.org/r/016k>>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[3] Cholera - Uganda (Nakapiripirit)
Date: Wed 20 Oct 2010
Source: The Daily Monitor (Uganda) [edited]
<<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/-/688334/1036248/-/cme3sfz/-/index.html>>

To date, 7 people have died and about 20 others are admitted at Bokora Health Centre IV and Nakapiripirit Health Centre II following an outbreak of cholera. According to the District health officer, Dr John Anguzo, the disease broke out in Nakapiripirit Town Council, Nabunet, Lobulyo, Katanga, and Nangoronit parish 5 days ago.

In 2008, cholera hit districts of eastern Uganda killing about 33.

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and the HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map at
<<http://healthmap.org/r/0ect>>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[4] Cholera - Cameroon (Douala)
Date: Mon 18 Oct 2010
Source: La Nouvelle Expression [in French, machine trans., & summ., edited]
<http://www.lanouvelleexpression.info/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1953>

Cholera in epidemic proportions has been reported in the coastal region. Health and administrative authorities have received reports that 16 people have been found to be positive for cholera in the area of New Bell Douala 2.

There are also 145 cases suspected in the district of Douala.

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<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/africa/cameroon_pol98.jpg>
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<<http://healthmap.org/r/0ecu>>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[5] Cholera - Nigeria (Sokoto) 

Date: Thu 21 Oct 2010

Source: Nigerian Tribune [edited]

<<http://www.tribune.com.ng/index.php/news/12422-cholera-claims-9-in-sokoto>>

An outbreak of cholera at Lugu village, in Wurno Local Government Area of Sokoto State, has claimed 9 lives from 7 Oct 2010. Nigerian Tribune reported on Wednesday [20 Oct 2010] that the deceased included children and adults.

It was also confirmed that the victims were from the isolation camp set up in the village by the Medicines Sans Frontiers and assisted by health officials from the Wurno Local Government Area. A local government health official overseeing the operations of the camp, Mallam Sambo Idris, said so far 1185 cases had been recorded at the camp.

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<<http://healthmap.org/r/0ecv>>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[6] Cholera - Central Africa: WHO

Date: Fri 8 Oct 2010

Source: WHO Global Alert and Response (GAR) Disease Outbreak News [edited]

<http://www.who.int/csr/don/2010_10_08/en/index.html>

The current wave of cholera outbreaks affecting Central Africa started a few months ago. As of 3 Oct 2010, 40 468 cases and 1879 deaths have been reported in 4 countries (Cameroon, Chad, Niger, and Nigeria). Seasonal factors, such as the rainy season with flooding, as well as poor hygiene conditions and population movements in the area contribute to this unusually high incidence of cholera. Nevertheless this area known to be endemic for cholera is regularly affected by small outbreaks.

Breakdown by country

Cameroon

7869 cases including 515 deaths (case fatality rate CFR 6.5 percent) have been reported in 6 regions (Centre, Extreme Nord, Littoral, Nord, Ouest, Sud Ouest) between 6 May and 3 Oct 2010. The majority of cases (97 percent) are reported from the Extreme Nord region. Preventive and control measures are ongoing. A Cholera Command and Control Centre has been set up in Maroua in the Extreme Nord region by the Ministry of Health with the support from WHO as health cluster lead and in close collaboration with other health and water and sanitation partners.

Chad


2508 cases including 111 deaths (CFR 4.4 percent) are reported in 12 health districts in 6 regions between 13 Jul and 3 Oct 2010. Prevention and control measures are being implemented by national authorities with support from several partners (Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), National Red Cross, Oxfam, The International Rescue Committee (IRC), International Medical Corps (IMC), UNICEF, WHO).

Niger 

976 cases including 62 deaths (CFR 6.4 percent) have been reported in Diffa, Maradi, Tahoua, and Zinder regions between 3 Jul and 1 Oct

2010. Preventive and control measures are ongoing.

Nigeria

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 29 115 cases including 1191 deaths (CFR 4.1 percent) have been reported between 4 Jan and 3 Oct 2010, in 144 LGAs [local government areas] in 15 states including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). The outbreak is still ongoing and spreading to new geographical areas. Severe flooding and displacement of large numbers of people have occurred, aggravating the situation.

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[The countries mentioned can be seen on the map at
 <<http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/africa.pdf>>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[7] Diarrhea - South Africa (Free State)
 Date: Thu 21 Oct 2010
 Source: Times Live, South African Press Association (SAPA) report [edited]
 <<http://www.timeslive.co.za/local/article720890.ece/300-diarrhoea-cases-in-Kroonstad>>

The Free State health department expressed concern over the high number of diarrhea cases experienced in the Moqhaka Local Municipality. Provincial health spokesman Jabu Mbalula said a task team was formed with the district municipality to address the situation of water safety, which focused on the Kroonstad region.

"We got concerned after people complained and found as a result that the municipality's water, which people are using, is not purified." Mbalula said more than 300 diarrhea cases were recorded recently in the Kroonstad, Steynsrus, and Viljoenskroon areas.


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[The etiology or etiologies of the increased number of cases of diarrhea related to contaminated water is not stated. - Mod.LL]

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 <<http://www.sa-venues.com/maps/south-africa-provinces.htm>>
 and the HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map at
 <<http://healthmap.org/r/0ecw>>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[8] Cholera - Papua New Guinea (Central)
 Date: Mon 4 Oct 2010
 Source: The National [edited]
 <<http://www.thenational.com.pg/?q=node/13008>>


 Central's West Hiri district is beginning to record a high number of suspected cholera cases, according to Central health authorities. Hiri district health coordinator, Michael Masket said yesterday [3 Oct 2010] when arriving back from the affected area that 8 patients from Papa in severe conditions were admitted to the cholera treatment centre (CTC) at the Papa clinic while only 3 came from Lealea.

He said the situation was getting worse with people coming to the CTC in severe conditions. "It's not over yet, when it (cholera) comes, it spreads fast. Every day the CTC is seeing 5 to 6 severe cases," Masket said.

Another problem that Masket pointed out was the capacity to house the patients.

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and the HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map at
<<http://healthmap.org/r/0ecx>>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[9] Cholera - India (Kashmir)
Date: Sat 25 Sep 2010
Source: The Daily Rising Kashmir [edited]
<<http://www.risingkashmir.com/news/cholera-outbreak-claims-one-life-in-isl%E2%80%99bad-1760.aspx>>

One person died and 15 others were hospitalized after an outbreak of cholera in the remote village of Hallan in Verinag of south Kashmir's Islamabad district on Sat 25 Sep 2010.

Locals said that the disease occurred 2 days ago after consuming tap-water from a tank constructed by the Public Health Engineering [PHE] Department. However, PHE officials denied the sayings of public. "The locals are using water from a nearby spring whose water got contaminated by the recent heavy downpour in the hills, while the water supplied by PHE from the tank reservoir is completely safe. The entire reservoir is closed from all sides, so there is no question of water getting contaminated in it," said assistant executive engineer, PHE sub-division Dooru-Verinag.

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<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/middle_east_and_asia/india_pol01.jpg>
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<<http://healthmap.org/r/0ecy>>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

[10] Cholera, fatal - Germany (Hesse Land) ex Pakistan
Date: Fri 24 Sep 2010
Source: Monsters and Critics, Deutsche Presse-Agentur (DPA) report [edited]
<http://www.monstersandcritics.com/news/health/news/article_1586750.php/Baby-dies-in-Germany-of-cholera-caught-in-Pakistan>

A baby has died in Germany, apparently of cholera he caught during his family's stay in Pakistan, health authorities said Fri 24 Sep 2010.

Since cholera epidemics in Germany a century ago, the disease has practically disappeared from the country, with the annual case rate varying up to 3.

6 people who had been in contact with the 9-month-old boy, who died in a Frankfurt hospital, have been put under quarantine, but have shown no signs of the disease

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[Imported cases of cholera rarely cause outbreaks in countries with functional sanitation and real potable water systems. - Mod.LL]

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See Also

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