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[1] Cholera - Haiti

Date: Fri 28 Jan 2011

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

<<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/01/28/3123904.htm?section=justin>>

The death toll from Haiti's cholera epidemic has risen to at least 4030 more than 3 months after the disease broke out in the country's Artibonite Valley, the health ministry said. The number of cholera cases in Haiti totalled 209 034 as of 24 Jan 2011, the ministry said.

The severity of the epidemic has diminished over time, but the ministry's figures show that Haitians are still dying from the bacterial infection, which can strike swiftly with intense diarrhea and vomiting leading to dehydration and sometimes death.

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[2] Cholera - Dominican Republic

Date: Mon 24 Jan 2011

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

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hEpp5UnWVsPNiZDn_tAPFEHJ-8g?docId=CNG.4f8b988b9ebd1a5c9a9eba1574013bc8.1101>

The Dominican Republic announced the country's 1st recorded death from the disease on Mon 24 Jan 2011.

The health ministry said the total number of infections has risen from 152 to 238 since early January 2011, compared to an average of 30 new cases a week in December 2010.

The ministry said the 53-year-old victim had not seen a doctor, despite suffering from vomiting and diarrhea for several days.

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[This case seems imported from Haiti but most of the Dominican Republic cases were acquired in the Dominican Republic. - Mod.LL]

[3] Cholera - Haiti, Dominican Republic: PAHO

Date: Wed 26 Jan 2011

Source: PAHO [edited]

<http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4648&Itemid=2206>

In Haiti, during the 2nd epidemiological week (EW) of 2011 and for the 3rd consecutive week, Haiti has registered a decrease in the weekly incidence rate at the national level. It decreased from 24.1 to 12.7 and to currently 10.1 cholera cases per 10 000 inhabitants. A total of 3 departments located in the north of the country increased their weekly incidence rate (Nord, Nord Est, and Artibonite). At the national level, the in-hospital case fatality rate for week 2 of 2011 stayed at 1.3 percent, very similar to the previous week which was 1.2 percent.

While in the Dominican Republic, the Ministry of Public Health reported the 1st death caused by cholera in the province of Altagracia. The outbreak began in EW 45 of 2010 and as of EW 2 of 2011 there were 244 laboratory confirmed cases.

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[4] Cholera - Zimbabwe 2010

Date: Sat 22 Jan 2011

Source: ZimOnline [edited]

<<http://www.zimonline.co.za/Article.aspx?ArticleId=6532>>

At least 21 people died from cholera in 2010 while nearly 1000 others were affected by an outbreak of the disease that started last February 2010, the WHO said this week. According to the UN agency, the deaths were part of the 951 cumulative cholera cases recorded between 4 Feb and 19 Dec 2010.

"(Some) 951 cumulative cholera cases consisting of 835 suspect cases, 116 laboratory confirmed cases and 21 deaths had been reported by 19 Dec 2010 to the WHO through the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare's National Health Information Unit," the WHO said in its latest Epidemiological Bulletin.

The recorded cases and deaths were, however, a far cry from the 98 522 cumulative incidents and 4 282 fatalities that had been reported during the comparative period in 2009.

Cholera has become a perennial disease in Zimbabwe where the water and sanitation infrastructure has collapsed due to lack of maintenance.

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[5] Cholera - Zimbabwe (Masvingo)

Date: Thu 20 Jan 2011

Source: The Zimbabwean [edited]

<http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=36904:fresh-cholera-outbreak-in-bikita&catid=69:sunday-top-stories&Itemid=30>

A fresh cholera outbreak which has seen 60 people infected with the disease and 4 people dead has been reported in Bikita. Masvingo Provincial Medical Director Dr Robert Mudyiradima said tests had confirmed that the deaths of 2 children, a man and a woman from Nyika Growth Point were caused by cholera.

"We have dispatched our health teams to assess the situation and raise more awareness on the disease," Dr Mudyiradima said. He said the recent rains and a recent meeting of the Apostolic Faith members could have contributed to the resurgent outbreak. "I am told there was an apostolic sect meeting held near Nyika growth point. The church gathering went for 3 days. The people there had no toilets and [no] clean source of water."

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[6] Cholera - Cote d'Ivoire (Lagunes)

Date: Thu 27 Jan 2011

Source: Canadian Press [edited]

<<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5iHufGzzsp7PiCQapWiJnQ3-YlcdA?docId=5780623>>

The head of UNICEF in Cote d'Ivoire says that a cholera outbreak in a neighborhood of Abidjan killed at least 7 people and sickened 35 others. UNICEF country chief Sylvie Dossou says the fatality rate of 20 percent in the Adjame neighborhood is "unacceptably high."

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[7] Cholera - Zambia (Southern province)

Date: 25 Jan 2011

Source: Lusaks Times [edited]

<<http://www.lusakatimes.com/2011/01/25/cholera-kills-3-sinazongwe/>>

More than 40 people have been admitted to Sinamalima clinic in

Sinazongwe district in Southern Province after suffering from cholera in the past week. Sinazongwe District Health Medical Officer Elias Chipandwe said 3 people out of the 44 that have suffered from cholera in the past 8 days have since died.

Dr. Chipandwe told the District Epidemic Preparedness Committee yesterday, 24 Jan 2011, that currently 20 people were still admitted to Sinamalima clinic, which has been turned into a cholera center.

Dr. Chipandwe disclosed that 10 villages were affected in Malima.

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[8] Cholera - Mozambique (Nampula)
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Source: AllAfrica.com [edited]
<<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101210155.html>>

A cholera outbreak in Monapo district, in the northern Mozambican province of Nampula, has claimed 4 lives over the past week, according to a report in Thursday's [20 Jan 2011] issue of the Maputo daily "Noticias."

There have been 176 diagnosed cases of the disease which, according to Lidia Chongo, the Deputy National Director of Health, is particularly severe in the communities of Nacuca and Carapira. The main reasons for the spread of the disease in Monapo, she said, are the habit of defecating in the open, and contamination of traditional, unprotected wells used by the population.

Since Monapo lies on the Nacala rail corridor, there are fears that the disease will spread to other parts of the province including the 2 main cities, Nampula and Nacala port. Cases of severe diarrhea have been reported from Nampula, Mozambique Island and Ribaue and Murrupula districts, but these have not yet been confirmed as cholera.

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[9] Cholera - Nigeria (Jigawa)
Date: Wed 19 Jan 2011
Source: AllAfrica.com [edited]
<<http://allafrica.com/stories/201101190595.html>>

No fewer than 194 people were confirmed infected by cholera following the outbreak of the disease in Hadejia, Jigawa State. A report from the affected areas revealed that the outbreak of the disease started last week and within a few days, spread all over the city, affecting hundreds of people. No deaths have been recorded in the epidemic.

Confirming the outbreak of the disease, the Director State Primary Health Care, Dr. Aminu Danmalam said as of yesterday, 18 Jan 2011, reports have shown that 117 females and 77 males were infected by the cholera disease in Hadejia.

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[10] Cholera - Ghana (Greater Accra)
Date: Tue 25 Jan 2011
Source: XinhuaNet [edited]
<<http://english.cri.cn/6966/2011/01/25/2722s617261.htm>>

2 deaths were recorded on Mon 24 Jan 2011, and more than 45 people hospitalized after a cholera outbreak hit southern Ghana, officials of the Ghana Health Service (GHS) told Xinhua.

The patients are receiving treatment in a number of health centers in the capital Accra and other parts of the central region.

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[11] Cholera - India (Maharashtra)
Date: Wed 26 Jan 2011
Source: Mid-day.com [edited]
<<http://www.mid-day.com/news/2011/jan/260111-cholera-Sassoon-General-Hospital-Pune.htm#>>

Cholera has arrived in Pune [formerly called Poona - Mod.LL]. 2 persons have tested positive for cholera after their stool samples were sent to the Sassoon General Hospital. Officials at the hospital confirmed that the culture tests at the microbiology lab have indicated *Vibrio cholerae* of the El Tor type, which doctors said is generally a milder form of the infectious bacterial disease.

Dr Anju Kagal, head of the microbiology department, said the 1st sample was of a 16-year-old girl, who was traveling to Jharkand with friends. "She developed severe diarrhea and dehydration and had to stop in Pune. She was admitted to Sassoon hospital and was treated here after her sample tested positive for cholera.

The 2nd person's stool sample was sent to Aditya Birla Memorial Hospital for confirmation of cholera," said Kagal. Kagal said the patient was a 65-year-old and refused to divulge further details citing patient confidentiality.

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