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CHOLERA, DIARRHEA AND DYSENTERY UPDATE (05): AFRICA

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Source: Angola Press [edited]

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Cholera cases have been increasing in Northern Uije province over the past days, which worries the local authorities, said the head of the department of control of endemic illnesses, Santos Covi, adding that last week the cases had been falling, with a record of 5 against the current 45 recorded throughout last week. He said that this is due to heavy rains hitting the region, and advised the population to take preventive measures.

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[2] Cholera - Ghana (Ashanti Region)

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<http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=261600>

Medical and environmental officials in the Obuasi municipality are battling to control a cholera outbreak that has claimed one life and left more than 50 people hospitalized. The disease broke out last Monday with patients reporting with symptoms at medical establishments in the municipality. Doctors at 5 local hospitals -- Anglo Gold Ashanti, SDA, Obuasi Municipal, St. Jude, and the Bryant Mission hospitals -- where the patients are receiving treatment have been working hard to prevent more deaths.

The Obuasi Municipal Disease Control Officer, Mr Philip Aboagye, told the Daily Graphic yesterday [8 Jan 2013] that a team of health officials from Kumasi had been at Obuasi to assess the situation to find the way forward. "We have just completed a meeting with the Kumasi team and visited patients in hospitals trying to assess the situation and see what to do next," he said.

Obuasi, a major mining community, is currently suffering from sanitation inadequacies resulting from the breakdown of some of the municipal assembly's skip loaders. The municipal environmental officer, Mr Sampson Owusu-Ansah, confirmed the sanitation challenge, saying that there had been spillovers at some refuse collection

points since the weekend because 2 of the assembly's 4 skip loaders were not functioning.

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