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Kabwe, Kapiri Mposhi record 45 cholera cases

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(<https://nsomsmediahouse.wordpress.com/2012/10/19/kabwe-kapiri-mposhi-record-45-cholera-cases/colera-tent-300x201/>) FORTY-FIVE cases of cholera have been recorded in Kapiri Mposhi and Kabwe since the water-borne disease broke out in September.

Central Province medical officer Dickson Suya said in an interview in Kabwe that by Wednesday, Kapiri Mposhi had recorded 28 cases of cholera while Kabwe had 17.

“Central Province has recorded 45 cases of cholera in Kapiri Mposhi and Kabwe. Seven patients are under treatment,” Dr Suya said.

Dr Suya said medical personnel from his office and that of the Kapiri Mposhi medical officer have been conducting regular visits and inspections in the Lukanga Swamps to assess the cholera situation.

He also said essential medical supplies and logistics for containing cholera in the two districts have been sent to communities at Waya and Ngweni fishing camps as well as Makululu where there is cholera.

“The distribution of chlorine to the affected areas has been done. Door-to-door health education is also being conducted among communities in affected areas,” Dr Suya said.

He said the distribution of liquid chlorine and disinfection of affected households have also been intensified.

Dr Suya said environmental health officers are sensitising people in affected areas to avoid drinking water from sources which could be contaminated.

He, however, said the lack of a speed boat to access some areas in the swamps is negatively affecting

medical officers' efforts to control the further spread of cholera.

Dr Suya also said health personal in Central Province have continued to distribute chlorine to households and are encouraging people to drink treated water and observing basic hygiene practices.

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