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CHOLERA, DIARRHEA AND DYSENTERY UPDATE (20): AFRICA, ASIA

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[1] Cholera - Angola (Huila Province)

Date: Mon 10 Jun 2013

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), ReliefWeb, Government of Angola report [edited]

<http://reliefweb.int/report/angola/598-cases-cholera-recorded-hu%C3%ADla>

Some 23 people have died in the southern Huila province victims of cholera, from February 2013 to the present day, in a total of 598 cases recorded by the local sanitary authorities.

This was said to Angop [Angola Press Agency] on Sun 9 Jun 2013, by the chief of department for Public Health and Endemic Disease Control, Joao Kiala. He said that most of the deaths were recorded in Lubango district, with 14 cases.

Joao Kiala stated that 6 patients are currently admitted in the Center for Cholera Treatment of Lubango city, all in the favorable recovery phase.

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[Maps of Angola can be seen at <http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/map/profile/angola.pdf> and <http://healthmap.org/r/7dvc>. - Mod.LL]

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[2] Cholera - Ghana (Greater Accra Region)

Date: Fri 31 May 2013

Source: GhanaWeb [edited]

<http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=275633>

Just when it is assumed that cholera outbreak has been brought under check, the Ghana Health Service (GHS) has recorded 2 cases of cholera in the Greater Accra Region for the 1st quarter of 2013.

According to the Regional Health Directorate, as at December 2012, the country had a total of 2487 cholera cases with 26 deaths recorded. This was however an improvement over previous year's [2011] record of 6882 cholera cases with 48 deaths.

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[Maps of Ghana can be seen at [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/africa/ghana\\_pol96.jpg](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/africa/ghana_pol96.jpg) and <http://healthmap.org/r/75XQ>. - Mod.LL]

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[3] Cholera - Philippines (South Cotabato Province)

Date: Tue 4 Jun 2013

Source: Minda News [edited]

<http://www.mindanews.com/top-stories/2013/06/04/diarrhea-outbreak-in-tboli-village-under-control/>

The diarrhea outbreak in an upland community in T'boli town [South Cotabato, Soccsksargen region in Mindanao] that killed 2 children and affected 100 others in the last 2 weeks is now under control, health authorities said.

Dr Rogelio Aturdido, South Cotabato Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) chief, said no new cases of the disease have emerged from the affected areas in Barangay [the smallest administrative division in the Philippines] Basag in T'boli and local health workers are presently working on various interventions to prevent a similar outbreak in the area.

Aturdido said the cases of diarrhea in Barangay Basag were first reported on 24 May 2013 and continued until last week. He said 70 residents, mostly young children, were initially confirmed to have been infected with cholera, which was traced from contaminated water resources in the village. The T'boli Municipal Health Office later listed around 30 more affected residents during an outreach activity in the area, he said.

Aturdido said the IPHO's epidemiology and surveillance unit initially found traces of the cholera bacterium in samples taken from the village's drinking water sources.

He said residents mainly draw water for drinking and other household needs from a reservoir that turned out to have been contaminated due to some leaks on the steel pipes used for its water lines. Some residents also sourced their drinking water from contaminated wells, springs and other available water outlets, he added.

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[Maps of the Philippines can be seen at [http://mapsof.net/uploads/static-maps/philippines\\_regions\\_and\\_provinces.png](http://mapsof.net/uploads/static-maps/philippines_regions_and_provinces.png) and <http://healthmap.org/r/7hUj>. - Mod.LL]

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[4] Cholera - China

Date: Sun 9 Jun 2013

Source: SINA, Xinhua News Agency report [edited]

<http://english.sina.com/china/2013/0609/597813.html>

A total of 1526 people died of infectious diseases in the Chinese mainland in May 2013 and AIDS was the most deadly, revealed the National Health and Family Planning Commission on Sun 9 Jun 2013.

A total of 721 605 infectious disease cases were reported in the Chinese mainland in May 2013, the statement said. Among them, 8 cases of cholera were reported but none of them resulted in death. Plague and cholera are categorized as class A infectious diseases, the most serious bracket.

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[The location of the 8 cases of cholera was not stated nor was whether the infections were acquired in China or were imported.

Maps of China can be seen at <http://www.maps-of-china.net/images/chinamap.gif> and <http://healthmap.org/r/1zaU>. - Mod.LL]

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