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CHOLERA, DIARRHEA AND DYSENTERY UPDATE 2012 (21): AFRICA, ASIA

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[1] Cholera - Sierra Leone (Northern Province)

Date: Tue 19 Jun 2012

Source: Sierra Express Media [edited]

<http://www.sierraexpressmedia.com/archives/42917>

It has been reported that there is an outbreak of cholera in Yealie Boyah, Kambia town, and some other parts of the district. It was reported that over 15 people died within the past 3 days including women and children due to mainly the lack of toilets, water facilities, and limited drugs in the health centres.

A boat captain who plied that routine disclosed to this reporter that toilets and protected water wells are only available at the Community Health Centre and the Church of God of Prophecy Primary School, Yealie Boyah. He reiterated that several people had died during the past weeks due to limited drugs and people excrete in the open or on the sea because the township is an island and the water wells are not chlorinated and protected.

This reporter spoke with several people from Yealie Boyah and its environs who disclosed that several of the cholera cases were referred to Lungi and the families depend on hammock as there is no ambulance to convey patients.

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[A HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map of Sierra Leone can be seen at <http://healthmap.org/r/2BYz>. Kambia District ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kambia\\_District](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kambia_District)) is a district in the Northern Province of Sierra Leone. Its capital and largest city is Kambia. The other major towns include Morebaya, Kasirie, Kamassassa, Kukuna, and Mange. Kambia District borders the Republic of Guinea to the north, Port Loko District to the south, and Bombali District to the east. - Mod.LL]

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[2] Cholera - Philippines (Catanduanes Province)

Date: Tue 19 Jun 2012

Source: Philippine Star [edited]

<http://www.philstar.com/nation/article.aspx?publicationsubcategoryid=200&articleid=818850>

The Department of Health (DOH) on Tue 19 Jun 2012, declared a cholera outbreak in Catanduanes due to the alarming rise of cases of the disease in the province from 1 Jan 2012 to 13 Jun 2012. DOH Undersecretary Ted Herbosa said that at least 8 people out of the 1370 total cases have reportedly died in the province. He said that a total of 748 with 6 deaths have been recorded in Virac town.

DOH Assistant Secretary Eric Tayag said a team from the department's central office in Manila has been dispatched to Catanduanes to assist the local health personnel.

Health Secretary Enrique Ona, meanwhile, said one cause of cholera outbreak in the area is drinking of water from the rivers contaminated with cholera bacteria. "They drink water from the river and that's dangerous," Ona said.

The spread of cholera can also be prevented by boiling of water before drinking, proper hand washing and by avoiding contaminated foods.

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[A HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map of the Philippines can be seen at <http://healthmap.org/r/2BYy>. Catanduanes (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catanduanes>) an island province of the Philippines located in the Bicol Region in Luzon. Its capital is Virac and the province lies to the east of Camarines Sur across Maqueda Channel. - Mod.LL]

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[3] Cholera - India (Rajasthan State)

Date: Sun 17 Jun 2012

Source: The Times of India, Times News Network (TNN) [edited]

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-06-17/jaipur/32281338\\_1\\_cholera-cases-door-to-door-survey-poor-quality-drinking-water](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-06-17/jaipur/32281338_1_cholera-cases-door-to-door-survey-poor-quality-drinking-water)

One more case of cholera was detected in the city of Jaipur on Sat 16 Jun 2012, taking the total number of cases to 4 in the past 20 days.

3 of the cases have been confirmed by the medical, health and family welfare department, while 1 case of cholera was admitted to the LK Lon hospital, and discharged after treatment on Fri 15 Jun 2012.

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[Jaipur, also popularly known as the 'Pink City', is the capital and largest city of the Indian state of Rajasthan. It can be located on the HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map at <http://healthmap.org/r/1pX1>. - Mod.LL]

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[4] Shigellosis - China (Hong Kong SAR)

Date: Mon 18 Jun 2012

Source: 7th Space, Hong Kong Government report [edited]

[http://7thspace.com/headlines/414964/more\\_bacillary\\_dysentery\\_cases\\_in\\_tuen\\_mun.html](http://7thspace.com/headlines/414964/more_bacillary_dysentery_cases_in_tuen_mun.html)

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health investigated 3 more cases of bacillary dysentery infection upon receipt of notification from Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) today, 18 Jun 2012.

The cases involved 3 females aged between 3 and 29. They developed symptoms of fever, diarrhea, and vomiting from 10 Jun 2012 to 12 Jun 2012. All of them consulted the Accident and Emergency Department of TMH and did not require hospitalization. The patients all lived in Tuen Mun.

Preliminary investigation revealed that their stool specimens all grew *\_Shigella sonnei\_*.

The investigation is continuing. The notification brings the cumulative number of bacillary dysentery cases to 9 in June 2012 so far.

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[Tuen Mun is a town near the mouth of Tuen Mun River and Castle Peak Bay in the New Territories, Hong Kong. It can be located on the HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map at <http://healthmap.org/r/2BYA>. - Sr.Tech.Ed.MJ]

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[5] Cholera - China  
Date: Tue 12 Jun 2012  
Source: Xinhua News Agency [edited]  
[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/12/c\\_131648374.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/china/2012-06/12/c_131648374.htm)

More than 982 932 cases of infectious diseases were reported on the Chinese mainland in May 2012, resulting in 1575 deaths, the Ministry of Health said Tue 12 Jun 2012.

7 cases of cholera, a Category A infectious disease, were reported, but none were fatal, according to the statement.

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[No other information is available regarding the cholera cases in China. - Mod.LL]

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