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[1] Cholera - Nigeria (Osun)

Date: Wed 24 Aug 2011

Source: Nigerian Tribune [edited]

<http://www.tribune.com.ng/index.php/news/27124-cholera-outbreak-kills-8-in-osun>

The people of Osun State now live in fear over the outbreak of cholera that has claimed 8 lives in the state. Nigerian Tribune investigations revealed that the epidemic, which has affected some parts of the state in the past few days, has sent dangerous signals to the people, as there are no medical officials that could come to their rescue due to the ongoing strike by medical practitioners in the state.

It was gathered that the epidemic claimed 4 lives in Ede North, 2 in Sogbedere village, Ede South Local Government and 2 in the ancient town of Ede.

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[2] Cholera - Nigeria (Oyo)

Date: Sun 21 Aug 2011

Source: Business Day Online [edited]

<http://www.businessdayonline.com/NG/index.php/news/76-hot-topic/26313-cholera-outbreak-hits-ibadan-four->

[dead-16-hospitalised-](#)

Cases of cholera have been reported in Ibadan North West Local Government Area of Oyo State, which have left 4 dead and 16 hospitalized. Areas affected by the disease are: Ayeye community, Opo-Yeosa, Idi Ikan, Alawo, Abebi, and Ekotedo communities.

Director of environmental services in the council, Olalekan Olatunbosun, who confirmed the incident, added that the worst hit by the epidemic was Ayeye community. Giving the breakdown, Olatunbosun said 3 adults (gender not indicated) and a child were, so far, reported dead.

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[3] Cholera - Somalia (Benadir region)

Date: Thu 18 Aug 2011

Source: Al Jazeera [edited]

<http://english.aljazeera.net//news/africa/2011/08/2011817152828175929.html>

The United Nations has warned that a cholera outbreak linked to dirty water threatens Somali children already weak and on the brink of starvation. At Banadir hospital in Mogadishu, medical staff are struggling to cope with the influx of patients, the Associated Press reported.

Dr Abdalla Abukar said the cholera outbreak began in July 2011, and the hospital admits between 50 and 80 people with the disease per day. One hospital in Mogadishu has had 181 patients die from the disease since January 2011. Half of those were children younger than 2 years old.

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[4] Cholera - Somalia, internally displaced persons

Date: Mon 15 Aug 2011

Source: UN IRIN News [edited]

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=3D93506>

Fears are mounting that a cholera epidemic could spread rapidly among the hundreds of thousands of people living in often unsanitary conditions in Mogadishu after fleeing drought, famine and insecurity.

"The number of cases is 2 or even 3 times what was there in 2010, so we can say that we have an epidemic of cholera going on," said Michel Yao, public health adviser at WHO.

In Mogadishu's largest health facility, Banadir Hospital, 4272 cases of acute watery diarrhea, a symptom of cholera, have been recorded so far in 2011, causing 181 deaths. Children under 5, weakened by malnutrition, make up 3/4ths of the cases. Of the total cases, 1633 were reported in June and July 2011.

WHO spokesman Tarek Jasarevic said: "This sudden increase had various

reasons. 1st, the numerous informal settlements of internally displaced persons with makeshift shelters, poor sanitation and limited access to safe water; 2nd, the limited capacity of existing health partners to access those informal settlements and provide essential health services; and 3rd, the high number of malnourished children due to the ongoing famine has increased the susceptibility to waterborne diseases such as acute watery diarrhea."

An estimated 100 000 people, fleeing drought, famine and conflict, have made their way to Mogadishu over the past 2 months, according to Adrian Edwards, a spokesman for the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR. They joined another 370 000 people who had fled to the capital earlier.

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[5] Cholera - Burundi  
Date: Sun 21 Aug 2011  
Source: Africa News [edited]  
<http://www.afriquejet.com/cholera-burundi-2011082020925.html>

The cholera outbreak in Burundi has claimed 3 lives, out of 100 patients admitted since the end of July 2011 in different health facilities across the country, minister of public health, Sabine Ntakarutimana, announced on Fri 19 Aug 2011.

The minister mentioned Bujumbura city, the nation's capital, as one of the areas worse hit by the disease. The other areas are in the west of the country and along the shores of Lake Tanganyika.

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[6] Cholera - Ghana (northern regions)  
Date: Fri 26 Aug 2011  
Source: Modern Ghana [edited]  
<http://www.modernghana.com/news/347333/1/cholera-alert-in-northern-regions.html>

The Ghana Health Service (GHS) is raising cholera alerts in some parts of the country, especially the 3 northern regions, as the rains continue to fall.

There are already reports of an outbreak of cholera in some parts of the Brong Ahafo region which has claimed one life.

Meanwhile, 25 new cholera cases have been reported at the Kwesimintsim Polyclinic in the Sekondi/Takoradi Metropolis.

Dr Jonathan Mensah, acting medical superintendent of the hospital, told the Ghana News Agency that 2 deaths had so far been recorded.

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[7] Cholera - Ghana (Brong Ahafo Region)

Date: Sun 14 Aug 2011

Source: Ghana News Agency [edited]

<http://www.ghananewsagency.org/details/Health/Cholera-outbreak-suspected-at-Atebubu-Amantin-District-/?ci=1&ai=32379>

The Atebubu-Amantin District Directorate of Ghana Health Service says it suspects an outbreak of cholera in the district following increasing diarrhea cases reported at health facilities. A man believed to be in his 50s recently died of the disease in the area.

Mr Ramseyer Ahmed, Atebubu-Amantin District disease control officer, announced that from January to August 2011, a total number of 814 diarrhea cases had been recorded by the health directorate. The majority of the cases were reported from Atebubu-Zongo and Atebubu-Konkomba Line communities, he added.

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[8] Cholera - Ghana (Western Region)

Date: Fri 12 Aug 2011

Source: Modern Ghana [edited]

<http://www.modernghana.com/news/344571/1/western-region-cholera-claims-two-lives.html>

Two people have been reported dead in new cases from a cholera outbreak in the Western region. The dead included a 6 year old child, deputy western regional director of health services Dr Kweku Karikari confirmed to Joy News, adding that 50 other cases have been detected, with the patients receiving treatment.

Dr Karikari said the cholera outbreak started in June 2011 in the Ahanta West District and has been sporadic ever since.

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[9] Cholera - Cameroon (Far North region)

Date: Tue 16 Aug 2011

Source: Bloomberg News [edited]

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/08/15/bloomberg1376-LQ119B6TTDSH01-3PP75UUUV6IBNJJQLIN5NBSCAN.DTL>

A cholera outbreak in Cameroon's Far North region killed 59 people from 1 Jun to 12 Aug 2011, Rebecca Djao, the regional delegate for public health, said. More than 1300 new cases of the disease have been found during that period, Djao said in a telephone interview today [16 Aug 2011] from Maroua, the capital of the Far North region. The disease worsened after heavy rains disrupted power supplies and water systems, she said.

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[10] Cholera - Congo DR

Date: Thu 11 Aug 2011

Source: Agence France-Presse [edited]

<http://mmail.com.my/content/80038-cholera-cases-dr-congo-top-5000>

A cholera outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo has infected more than 5000 people and caused nearly 300 deaths since March 2011, the United Nations said Wed 10 Aug 2011. Bandundu, Equateur, and Province Orientale are the worst-hit regions.

"The 5000 mark was reached this week, with 5088 reported cases of cholera, including 296 deaths," the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs stated.

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[11] Cholera - Mali

Date: Sat 6 Aug 2011

Source: Bloomberg News [edited]

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-08-06/mali-cholera-death-toll-rises-to-23-health-directorate-says.html>

Mali's death toll from a cholera epidemic has reached 23, with 419 cases recorded so far, the National Directorate of Health announced today [6 Aug 2011] on public radio.

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