WEEKLY BULLETIN ON OUTBREAKS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

Week 14: 27 March – 2 April 2023
Data as reported by: 17:00; 2 April 2023

1  New event
155  Ongoing events
133  Outbreaks
23  Humanitarian crises

Protracted 3 events
Protracted 2 events
Protracted 1 events
Grade 1 events
Grade 2 events
Grade 3 events
New event
Ungraded events

Legend
Measles
Meningitis
Polio
Typhoid fever
COVID-19
Anthrax
Dengue fever
Malaria
Influenza
Drought
Rocky Mountain spotted fever
Yellow fever
Measles
Plague
Deaths
Countries outside WHO African Region
WHO Member States with no reported events
Countries reported in the document
Not applicable

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Health Emergency Information and Risk Assessment
This Weekly Bulletin focuses on public health emergencies occurring in the WHO African region. This week’s articles cover:

- Marburg virus disease in Equatorial Guinea
- Measles in Ethiopia
- Mpox in the WHO African region

For each of these events, a brief description, followed by public health measures implemented and an interpretation of the situation is provided.

A table is provided at the end of the bulletin with information on all new and ongoing public health events currently being monitored in the region, as well as recent events that have been controlled and closed.

Major issues and challenges include:

- New confirmed cases of Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) continue to be reported in Equatorial Guinea. Over half of confirmed cases are reported from Bata, which is one of the country’s major cities with high population density that may increase the risk of high transmission of the disease. The control of the outbreak is challenging as more confirmed cases are being reported, generating more contacts to be identified and to be followed up. More resources are therefore needed to overcome this outbreak and avoid deterioration at this time.

- Measles is endemic in Ethiopia and has continued to affect the country amidst a complex situation of the ongoing humanitarian crises such as the drought and conflicts. The main factors contributing to the outbreak include sup-optimal immunization coverage among the population, weak community surveillance, inadequate capacities for case management, delayed healthcare seeking due to access challenges and disease disbelief.
Since last week’s report (13 February – 21 March 2023), five new confirmed cases have been reported in Equatorial Guinea. As of 2 April 2023, a total of 14 confirmed Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) cases have been reported since 13 February 2023 when the outbreak was officially declared in the country.

Of the 14 total confirmed cases, eight are from Bata district in Litoral province, two from Ebebiyin district of Kié-Ntem province, and one from Nsork district in Wele-Nzas province. So far, four provinces (Centro Sur, Kié-Ntem, Litoral, and Wele-Nzas) are affected in the continental region of the country. Among confirmed cases, ten have two are currently admitted, one recovered, and one case has an unknown status.

Bata district is leading in number of confirmed cases reported with eight cases. The situation is concerning as cases are reported from Bata city which is the economic capital of the country characterised by high population density. Additionally, its port has many international trading exchanges which has potential of disease exposure by exporting the virus to the insular region or other countries.

Of the confirmed cases, eight are female, five are male and one case has an unknown gender status. The most affected age group is 30-44 years with six cases, followed by the 45-64 years old group with three cases. A total of four health care workers infections have been confirmed and among them, two have died and the other two are currently admitted to health facilities.

Among the ten deaths recorded, five are from Bata district two from Ebebiyin district, two from Evinayong district, and one from Nsork district. The two confirmed cases currently admitted are not presenting with severe clinical conditions.

Since the outbreak declaration on 13 February 2023, a total of 1159 contacts have been listed, with 535 under active follow up. Daily follow up rates are reported between 80-90%, which remains below the target of 100%. Most contacts (713) have been listed in Kié-Ntem province, where the outbreak was first identified.

A total of 210 contacts have been listed in Bata district and all of them have been followed up. While the daily contact follow up performance is good (~90%) in Bata district where most confirmed cases (8) and several of the most recent have been reported, the average number of contacts per case is relatively low (27) given the high population density for the city.

It is therefore important to ensure in all affected areas that all contacts are traced, listed and followed up-community collaboration in this process is encouraged.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

- The government leadership in the response continues with daily technical meetings and situation updates.
- Partner coordination meetings are being organized and WHO, US-CDC and other partners continue to provide support to the government.
- The field laboratory, originally established in Ebebiyin in Kié-Ntem province and relocated to Bata in Litoral province, is operational and continues to test samples collected from suspected cases.
- Implementation of an alert management system, contact tracing, active case search, and training of health care personnel on response activities is ongoing. Readiness activities are being reinforced in the areas not yet affected including the capital city Malabo.
- A treatment centre for management of suspected and confirmed cases was opened in Bata with an 18 bed capacity and is able to be scaled up to 36 beds if needed.
- Infection prevention control assessment in health care facilities are ongoing and screening stations in three main hospitals in Bata have been installed.
- Risk communication activities are ongoing and the approval of the communication plan for the provinces of Litoral and Centro Sur has been secured.

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SITUATION INTERPRETATION

The low average number of contacts per confirmed case suggests the need for improved surveillance capacity to ensure suspected cases, particularly among high-risk contacts, are identified promptly. The report of confirmed cases in Bata, which is one of the most populated cities in the country, is worrisome and underscores the ongoing risk of virus exportation beyond countries with a land border. With confirmed cases and deaths reported among healthcare personnel, it is imperative to strengthen infection prevention and control measures within health care facilities to further reduce cases among healthcare personnel. Furthermore, the current picture of the ongoing outbreak brings the need to ensure sufficient operational capacity for the field laboratory.
**EVENT DESCRIPTION**

There are a total of 40 confirmed active outbreaks affecting eight regions of Ethiopia as of Week 13, 2023 (ending 31 March 2023). Since the beginning of 2023, a total of 59 woredas have confirmed outbreak out of 145 suspected woredas to have outbreaks across the entire country.

Five woredas in Somali region are still experiencing active outbreaks since 2022. Dire Dawa and Harari regions have confirmed 100% of all suspected outbreaks in their regions, whereas Afar region has confirmed 8 of 9 (89%) suspected outbreaks with Afar Zone 1 reporting the most outbreaks confirmed compared to any other zone.

Overall, a total of 3,529 suspected measles cases were reported during weeks 1-13 in 2023, compared to 3,616 cases during the same period in 2022. The national incidence rate of measles is 18 cases per 1 million people with the highest burden in Somali region at 92 cases per 1 million people. The proportion of blood specimens testing positive for IgM is 20% of reported cases.

Since week 1 of 2023, among the confirmed cases (2,168), 348 (16%) have been lab-confirmed, 1,806 (83%) are epi-linked cases, and 14 (1%) are clinically compatible cases.

Out of 1,446 suspected cases for children under 5 years, about 44% reported having a measles vaccination, whilst 37% reported no vaccination history, and 19% had unknown measles vaccination history.

Measles is endemic in Ethiopia, with cases being reported every year. From 12 August 2021 - 3 March 2023, 13,983 laboratory-confirmed measles cases were reported nationally. All the 13 Regional Health Bureaus in Ethiopia have received reports of suspected measles cases in host communities, displaced populations, and refugees. The annual number of confirmed measles cases was 1,952 in 2020, 1,953 cases in 2021, 9,291 in 2022 and 2,168 (as of 31 March) in 2023. In addition, the total number of confirmed cases reported in the under-five population was 4,216 (45% of 9,271) in 2022.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS**

- A technical working group for vaccine-preventable diseases with special focus on the measles outbreak is held weekly at the national level. Subnational coordination is additionally held for Somali region.
- Response plans are being implemented at the national level and for selected regions.
- A rapid response team has been deployed in affected woredas and communities in Somali to conduct field investigation using standardized tools.
- Daily and Weekly data analysis, for decision making and dissemination to regional and national level is ongoing.
- Stocks of essential medical supplies for case management and treating critical cases has been provided to major treatment facilities to support the early phase of the outbreak response in Somali.
- Case management algorithm was prepared and distributed, and clinician sensitizations conducted.
- On-site staff and community sensitization activities ongoing.
- National vaccine purchases and expansion of the cold chain system is in progress with partner support.
- A comprehensive strategy for childhood immunization programmes is being implemented with supplemental immunization campaigns conducted in all areas of the country except where there is conflict.
- Regional and Sub-regional risk communication working groups are engaged to assess, identify, and understand key social barriers for measles virus transmission in the community as well as treatment seeking behaviours in the family.
- Engagement of the various community influencers (religious leaders, local media, clan leaders, community leaders, health extension workers, local and regional authorities) are prioritized at all levels.
SITUATION INTERPRETATION

The measles outbreak has been ongoing in Ethiopia with Somali region being greatly impacted in recent months. There have been increased efforts to increase vaccination coverage as many supplemental measles campaigns and further routine immunization strategies are being strengthened. The ongoing humanitarian crises of drought and conflict in areas of the country have contributed to the ability to manage the outbreak across the country.

Annual trend of confirmed cases of measles in Ethiopia, 1 January 2020-31 March 2023

*2023 contains data from 1 January 2020 - 31 March 2023

Distribution of suspected cases of measles in Ethiopia, as of 31 March 2023

*Numbers in brackets represent the cumulative number of cases*
**EVENT DESCRIPTION**

The WHO African region received reports of three retrospective mpox cases and 12 newly confirmed cases in the past two weeks. The total cases reported in 2023 increased from 231 to 248 (7.4% increase) in the region including three deaths. Ghana reported one new case for week 3 (ending 22 January 2023), and Liberia reported two for weeks 8 and 9 (ending 05 March 2023).

The 12 newly reported cases occurred during weeks 11-12 (ending 26 March 2023) from Nigeria (9), Central Africa Republic (CAR) (2) and Liberia (1). Five (5) African countries (CAR, DRC, Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria) have reported mpox cases in 2023.

The number of mpox cases in CAR has increased from 27 to 29 (4.8% increase) after the country reported two new cases in weeks 10 and 11. Since the start of 2023, CAR has reported 12 laboratory-confirmed cases, including one death. The last case was reported on 27 March 2023 in the Mbaiki health district. This case was a contact being followed from a confirmed case during week 10.

The number of mpox cases in Liberia has increased from seven to ten (4.3% increase) as the country reported three new cases in weeks 8, 9 and 10. Since the beginning of 2023, Liberia has reported five laboratory-confirmed cases and no death. Counties that have been affected in 2023 are Grand Cape Mount (2), Rivercess (2), and Gbarpolu (1). No laboratory-confirmed death has been reported in Liberia in 2023.

The nine newly reported cases in Nigeria in the past two weeks have increased the total number of mpox cases in the country to 66 in 2023. Two cases were reported for week 11 and seven cases for week 12. Nigeria has reported 829 cases from 1 January 2022 to 02 April 2023. The top five states reporting cases in Nigeria in 2023 include Lagos (19), Ogun (9), Abia (6), Edo (4), and Imo (4). Together, the five states reported 42 out of 66 (63.6%) cases in 2023. Most cases reported in 2023 are males 48 (72.7%), and a larger proportion is within the 21 – 50 years old age group accounting for 48 cases (72.7%).

Between 1 January 2022 and 19 March 2023, 1 487 laboratory-confirmed cases have been reported from 13 African countries, including Nigeria (829), DRC (439), Ghana (124), CAR (29), Cameroon (18), Sudan (18), Liberia (9), Congo (5), South Africa (5), Benin Republic (3), Morocco (3), Egypt (1), and Mozambique (1).

The top three countries with the highest number of confirmed cases include Nigeria, 829 (55.7%), DRC 439 (29.5%), and Ghana, 124 (8.3%). Together, the three countries have reported 1 392 (93.6%) of all confirmed cases.

There are eight countries that recorded ongoing outbreaks in 2022 with no reported new mpox cases in 2023; Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Egypt, Mozambique, Morocco, South Africa, and Sudan.

Nineteen (19) deaths have been reported in the African region since 2022 from Nigeria (9), Ghana (4), Cameroon (3), CAR (1), Mozambique (1), and Sudan (1).
PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

- Ghana, Nigeria, and the Central Africa Republic provide resources to respond effectively to the outbreak.
- Risk communication and community engagement activities are ongoing, including social listening, developing key messages, and capacity building for effective communication about control measures.
- The WHO AFRO is providing technical assistance and coordinating efforts to contain and prevent transmission of monkeypox in the region.
- The WHO AFRO is leading efforts to strengthen mpox surveillance and response across the region, focusing on improving laboratory capacity, information management, and genomic sequencing.
- The WHO AFRO is also working with countries to study the potential impact of mpox on animal populations and wastewater systems in Africa.

SITUATION INTERPRETATION

New mpox cases were reported from Central Africa Republic, Liberia and Nigeria in the past week. Africa has been reporting weekly new mpox cases since January 2023. Five countries have reported new cases in 2023, including the Central Africa Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Liberia, and Nigeria.
Update on Reporting - Epidemiological Week 12: 20 – 26 March, 2023
Point du rapportage hebdomadaire – Semaine 12: 20 – 26 mars 2023

Please, refer to the calendar below to submit your IDSR data on a weekly basis:
Veuillez-vous référer au calendrier ci-dessous pour soumettre vos données de la SIMR sur une base hebdomadaire:

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Reminder: Upcoming deadlines for weekly data submission
Rappel : Dates limites prochaines de soumission des données hebdomadaires

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## All events currently being monitored by WHO AFRO

### New Events

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On 3 April, health authorities released a press statement confirming a case of cholera in the country. The patient has a travel history from Mozambique, where there is an ongoing cholera outbreak. The patient arrived in the country on 27 March 2023. He became ill with diarrhoea and vomiting within two days of arriving in the country (27-29 March 2023) and was admitted to the local hospital on 29 March 2023.

### Ongoing Events

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From 25 February 2020 to 2 April 2023, a total of 271 592 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 6 881 deaths have been reported from Algeria, with 182 874 recovered.

Algeria Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2) | Grade 2 | 14-Jul-22 | 11-Apr-22 | 22-Mar-23 | 2 | 2 | - | - |

According to Global Polio Eradication Initiative, no case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. The number of cases in 2022 remains two.

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The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Angola on 21 March 2020. As of 31 March 2023, a total of 105 316 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in the country with 1 933 deaths.

Benin Mipox | Grade 3 | 14-Jun-22 | 14-Jun-22 | 1-Feb-23 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0.0% |

Three suspected cases of Monkeypox were notified to WHO by the Benin Ministry of Health on 3 June 2022. Two of the three suspected cases were from Nigeria, and one person was from the North of the country. Laboratory samples were taken and sent to the Institute Pasteur laboratory in Dakar, which confirmed the three samples positive on 14 June 2022.

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On 30 March 2020, the Minister of Health and Wellness in Botswana reported three confirmed cases of COVID-19. As of 25 March 2023, a total of 329 812 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 7 795 deaths.

Botswana Measles | Ungraded | 28-Mar-23 | 28-Mar-23 | 31-Mar-23 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0.0% |

The Botswana Ministry of Health notified a total of 13 cases of measles and one case of rubella on 28 March 2023 in Greater Gaborone DHMT, Kweneng DHMT, Greater Francistown DHMT, Serowe/Palapye DHMT and Greater Selebi Phikwe DHMT. In collaboration with health partners, the ministry has activated its rapid response teams to investigate, manage and conduct contact tracing of confirmed cases.

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Since 2015, the security situation in the Sahel and East of Burkina Faso has gradually deteriorated due to attacks by armed groups. A total of 1 094 000 displaced persons are registered in Burkina Faso as of 31 January 2023. We observed a 3% increase in the total IDPs in January 2023 compared to December 2022. It is estimated that a total of 4.7 million people need humanitarian aid in 2023. Access to health services remains a challenge for the population in affected areas.

Burkina Faso COVID-19 | Grade 3 | 10-Mar-20 | 9-Mar-20 | 23-Mar-23 | 22 056 | 22 056 | 396 | 1.8% |

Between 9 March 2020 and 23 March 2023, a total of 22 056 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 396 deaths and 21 596 recoveries have been reported from Burkina Faso.

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An outbreak of cholera has been declared in Burundi on 1 January 2023. As of 26 March 2023, 203 suspected cases and one death (CFR 0.5%) have been reported, including more than 66 laboratory-confirmed cases. The most affected age group is the 11-20 years (19.2%).

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On 31 March 2020, the Minister of Health in Burundi reported the first two confirmed cases of COVID-19. As of 22 March 2023, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is 53 686, including 15 deaths.

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The health authorities of Burundi have declared an outbreak of circulating poliovirus type 2 on 17 March 2023. The case is a 4-year-old male child with acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) with onset date of 24 November 2022 that was reported in Isale District in Bujumbura Rural province. Two additional cases of AFP were reported in contacts of the case.

As a result of the ongoing crisis in Far-Northern Cameroon and neighbouring countries, there has been a massive influx of internally displaced populations and refugees in Adamawa, North and East regions. As of 28 Feb 2023, an estimated 385K people are internally displaced in the area.

The humanitarian situation in the NWSW regions remained dire, marked by continued violent attacks on schools and children, as well as on healthcare. Continued fighting between non-Sate armed groups (NSAGs) and State security forces led to the killing and displacement of civilians. Humanitarian activities continue to be hampered by roadblocks, theft of humanitarian supplies, bureaucratic impediments, and risk of IEDs in public spaces and roads used by humanitarians. As of 28 Feb 2023, 628K people are internally displaced in the area.

The security situation in the Far-North region of Cameroon remains volatile. The Mayo-Sava department concentrates the greatest number of incidents in November. In the Mayo-Tsanaga department, attacks of NSAGs led to the displacement of more than 2 935 households (24 192 people) and for which humanitarian assistance remains insufficient. In addition, more than 33 600 houses and 151 schools have been overflooded; 48 000 hectares of land have been destroyed and 10 566 animals have been lost in Mayo-Danay, Logone & Chari, and Mayo-Tsanaga departments.

In 2023, a total of 667 total confirmed cases (150 IgM+, 501 epi linked and 16 compatible measles cases) have been reported in Cameroon. Currently, a total of 18 health districts have active outbreak as of 12 March 2023.

No new case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week 12, 2023 (ending 26 Mar 2023). There were three cases reported in 2022, and six cases reported in 2021. The human vaccination campaign coverage is insufficient. In addition, more than 33 600 houses and 151 schools have been overflooded; 48 000 hectares of land have been destroyed and 10 566 animals have been lost in Mayo-Danay, Logone & Chari, and Mayo-Tsanaga departments.

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Central African Republic
Yellow Fever Ungraded
17-Aug-21 1-Apr-21 8-Jan-23 767 23 4 0.5%

On 3 August 2021, an 18-month-old girl from Mala village in the Kemo district, Central African Republic, tested positive for yellow fever by plaque reduction neutralization. As of 8 January 2023, 767 suspected cases of YF have been reported including 6 probable and 23 lab-confirmed cases (14 cases in 2022). Two new suspected cases were reported in week 1 (ending 8 January). In total, five regions have so far been affected including RS1, RS2, RS3, RS4 and RS6; RS3 has reported 70% of confirmed cases.

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The Republic of Congo
Yellow Fever Ungraded
24-May-18 1-Jan-23 12-Mar-23 1 973 210 2 0.1%

The Government of Congo announced the confirmation of the first case of COVID-19 in Congo on 14 March 2020. As of 26 March 2023, a total of 7 888 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 194 deaths.

Chad
Humanitarian crisis (Sahel region) Grade 2
18-Oct-19 9-Sep-19 26-Mar-23 159 159 0 0.0%

No new cases were reported in week 12, 2023 (ending 26 March 2023). Two new case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported in week 8, 2023 yielding a total of two cases reported in 2023. A total of 44 cVDPV2 cases were reported in 2022. In addition, there were 106 cVDPV2 cases reported in 2020 from three different outbreaks, while nine other cases were reported in 2019.

Chad
Measles Ungraded
13-Nov-21 1-Nov-21 5-Mar-23 2 664 31 7 0.3%

On 13 November 2021, the Institut Pasteur in Dakar confirmed two samples from Mandoul district, Chad, positive for yellow fever. As of 5 Mar 2023, 2 664 suspected cases of yellow fever have been reported. Of these, 1 989 cases have been investigated, including 25 probable and 31 lab-confirmed cases. A total of 74 deaths have been reported (CFR 3.0%) including one among probable and six among confirmed cases. A total of 27/126 districts in 10/23 provinces have been affected since the start of 2023.

Chad
Yellow Fever Ungraded
11-Feb-22 1-Mar-16 1-Mar-23 6 100 000 - - -

The LaC Chad province is experiencing a double and environmental crisis. Since 2015, the region is impacted by attacks of non-state armed groups which have forced local communities to flee their homes. The province experienced heavy rainfall which has affected some 229 000 people between October and December 2022, and has destroyed large surfaces of cropland, washed away more than 6 000 of cattle, and caused extensive damage to homes and schools. The floods added a new challenge to an already critical situation. As of 28 Feb 2023, Chad has 381K internally displaced persons and hosts 595K refugees.

Comoros
COVID-19 Grade 3
30-Apr-20 30-Apr-20 28-Mar-23 9 083 9 083 160 1.8%

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Congo
COVID-19 Grade 3
14-Mar-20 19-Mar-23 25 143 25 143 389 1.6%

From 1 January 2022 to 2 April 2023, the Republic of Congo has reported five laboratory-confirmed cases, with zero death (CFR 0.0%).

Congo
Polioyelitis (cVDPV1) Grade 2
21-Mar-23 25-Mar-23 1 1 - -%

The Government of Congo announced the confirmation of the first case of COVID-19 in Congo on 14 March 2020. As of 19 March 2023, a total of 25 143 cases including 389 deaths have been reported in the country.

Côte d'Ivoire
COVID-19 Grade 3
11-Mar-20 2-Apr-23 88 303 88 303 834 0.9%

Since 11 March 2020, a total of 88 303 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported from Côte d'Ivoire including 834 deaths, and a total of 87 464 recoveries.

Democratic Republic of the Congo
Humanitarian crisis Protracted 3
20-Dec-16 12-Mar-23 - - - -

Since the beginning of 2022, more than 1.56 million people have been in a situation of internal displacement (IDPs) in the DRC. In Ituri Province, intercommunal violence escalated in the last quarter where there is a worry increasing in attacks in the territories of Djugu and Iturumu, with more than 70 civilians were killed during Feb 2023. In addition, around 380 houses had been burnt down in repeated attacks in Ituri province since Jan 2023.

Democratic Republic of the Congo
Cholera Grade 3
16-Jan-15 12-Mar-23 5 901 462 38 0.6%

From epidemiological week 1 to 10, 2023, 5 901 suspected cases of cholera, including 38 deaths (CFR 0.6%), have been recorded in 59 Health Zones of nine provinces. There are ongoing cholera outbreaks in the provinces of North and South Kivu. The incidence (per 100,000 inhabitants) is 11 for the whole of the DRC. Between weeks 1-9 of 2023, at total of 1 695 samples were tested and 462 (27.3%) were found positive for Vibrio cholerae.

Democratic Republic of the Congo
Cholera Grade 3
14-Dec-22 1-Jan-23 24-Jan-23 4 104 16 0.4%
An outbreak of cholera was officially declared in North Kivu province of DRC on 14 December 2022, following a massive influx of IDPs in Nyiragongo and Karisimbi health zones (HZs). Between outbreak inception on week 47, 2022 (21-27 November) and 27 January 2023, a cumulative of 4 104 suspected cases of cholera including 16 deaths (CFR 0.4%) have been reported, including 3 798 cases and 16 deaths (CFR 0.4%) in Nyiragongo HZ, and 306 cases and zero death (CFR 0.0%) in Karisimbi HZ. An OCV campaign has been officially launched on 25 January 2023 and is scheduled from 26-30 January 2023.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

COVID-19
Grade 3

Start of reporting period: 10-Mar-20
End of reporting period: 26-Mar-23
Total cases: 95 946
Confirmed deaths: 1 464
CFR: 1.5%

Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, declared on 10 March 2020, a total of 95 944 confirmed cases and two probable case, including 1 464 deaths have been reported. A total of 84 489 people have recovered.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Measles
Grade 3

Start of reporting period: 12-Oct-21
End of reporting period: 1-Jan-23
Total cases: 40 650
Confirmed deaths: 624
CFR: 1.1%

As of week 9 of 2023 (ending 5 March), the country has reported 40 650 suspected measles cases with 465 related deaths, 624 are IgM+ for measles from 1 154 tested samples and 121 IgM+ for Rubella. About 70 health zones are experiencing confirmed measles outbreak since January 2023.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Meningitis
Grade 3

Start of reporting period: 31-May-22
End of reporting period: 3-Apr-23
Total cases: 515
Confirmed deaths: 10
CFR: 16.7%

The meningitis outbreak is ongoing in the Banalia health zone, Tshopo province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. From 2 June 2022 to 4 April 2023, a total of 515 suspected cases with 86 deaths (CFR 16.7%) have been reported.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mpox
Grade 3

Start of reporting period: 30-Mar-19
End of reporting period: 19-Mar-23
Total cases: 439
Confirmed deaths: 0
CFR: 0.0%

From 1 January 2022 through 19 March 2023, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) reported 439 confirmed Mpox cases with no death among the confirmed cases. All confirmed cases belong to Clade I.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Poliomyelitis (cVDPV1)
Grade 2

Start of reporting period: 27-Aug-22
End of reporting period: 22-Mar-23
Total cases: 117
Confirmed deaths: 0
CFR: 0.0%

According to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), this week, two cVDPV1 cases were reported in Haut Lomami and Tanganyika with onsets of paralysis in October and November. This brings the total number of cVDPV1 cases in 2022 to 117.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)
Grade 2

Start of reporting period: 26-Feb-21
End of reporting period: 22-Mar-23
Total cases: 321
Confirmed deaths: 0
CFR: 0.0%

For this week, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), has reported that three cVDPV2 cases were reported in Mongala and Tanganyika with onsets of paralysis in October and November 2022. There are 321 cVDPV2 cases in 2022.

Equatorial Guinea

COVID-19
Grade 3

Start of reporting period: 14-Mar-20
End of reporting period: 23-Feb-23
Total cases: 17 229
Confirmed deaths: 183
CFR: 1.1%

The Ministry of Health and Welfare announced the first confirmed COVID-19 case on 14 March 2020. As of 23 February 2023, a total of 17 229 cases have been reported in the country with 183 deaths and 16 907 recoveries.

Equatorial Guinea

Marburg virus disease
Grade 3

Start of reporting period: 7-Feb-23
End of reporting period: 2-Apr-23
Total cases: 14
Confirmed deaths: 10
CFR: 71.4%

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Eritrea

COVID-19
Grade 3

Start of reporting period: 21-Mar-20
End of reporting period: 30-Oct-22
Total cases: 10 189
Confirmed deaths: 103
CFR: 1.0%

The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Eritrea on 21 March 2020. As of 30 October 2022, a total of 10 189 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 103 deaths were reported in the country. A total of 10 085 patients have recovered from the disease.

Eritrea

Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)
Grade 2

Start of reporting period: 2-Jun-22
End of reporting period: 26-Mar-23
Total cases: 2
Confirmed deaths: 0
CFR: 0.0%

No new case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported in week 12, 2023 (ending 26 Mar 2023). There has so far been one case reported in 2022 and another one reported in 2021. This latter one was however confirmed on 2 June 2022 by the Ethiopian National Polio laboratory.

Eswatini

COVID-19
Grade 3

Start of reporting period: 13-Mar-20
End of reporting period: 31-Mar-23
Total cases: 74 323
Confirmed deaths: 1 425
CFR: 1.9%

The first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the kingdom of Eswatini on 17 March 2020. As of 31 March 2023, a total of 74 323 cases have been reported with 1 425 associated deaths.

Ethiopia

Drought/food insecurity
Grade 3

Start of reporting period: 17-Feb-22
End of reporting period: 18-Jan-23
Total cases: 12 000 000

Poor rainfall during the October-to-December dry rainy season marks the fifth consecutive below-average rainy season in the Horn of Africa, contributing to continued emergency-levels of humanitarian need for vulnerable populations across the region. At present, nearly 12 million people are estimated to be food insecure, and 8.6 million people are being targeted for water, sanitation and hygiene assistance across the drought-affected areas.
**Guinea**

**COVID-19**

- **Grade**: 3
- **Date notified**: 13-Mar-20
- **Start of reporting period**: 13-Mar-20
- **End of reporting period**: 19-Feb-23
- **Total cases**: 38,302
- **Cases Confirmed**: 38,302
- **Deaths**: 467
- **CFR**: 1.2%

Since the confirmation of the first case on 21 March 2020, Guinea has confirmed a total of 500,541 cases of COVID-19 as of 30 March 2023, with 7,573 deaths and 487,622 recoveries.

**Measles**

- **Grade**: Ungraded
- **Date notified**: 1-Jan-23
- **Start of reporting period**: 1-Jan-23
- **End of reporting period**: 31-Mar-23
- **Total cases**: 502
- **Cases Confirmed**: 123
- **Deaths**: 0
- **CFR**: 0.0%

There is an ongoing outbreak of measles in the Northern region of Ghana. From epidemiological week 1 to week 5 (ending 17 February 2023), a total of 209 suspected cases, including three confirmed, were reported in eleven districts. The attack rate per one million population is 209 (suspected cases). Cumulatively, a total of 502 suspected cases, including 123 confirmed cases of measles and 17 confirmed cases of measles with complications, were reported in the Northern region from epidemiological week 1 to 9, 2023.

**Cholera**

- **Grade**: 3
- **Date notified**: 17-Sep-22
- **Start of reporting period**: 17-Sep-22
- **End of reporting period**: 27-Mar-23
- **Total cases**: 2,370
- **Cases Confirmed**: 39
- **Deaths**: 51
- **CFR**: 2.2%

A cholera outbreak has been ongoing in Ethiopia since 27 August 2022. The index case was reported from Bekaye Kebele, Oromia Region and the outbreak was confirmed on 8 September. As of 27 March 2023, a total of 2,370 suspected cases of cholera with 51 deaths (CFR 2.2%) have been reported. There are 17 out of 22 affected woredas reporting active outbreaks as of week 12 (ending 27 March 2023).

**Polio**

- **Grade**: 2
- **Date notified**: 24-Jun-19
- **Start of reporting period**: 24-Jun-19
- **End of reporting period**: 26-Mar-23
- **Total cases**: 64
- **Cases Confirmed**: 64
- **Deaths**: 0
- **CFR**: 0.0%

No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week 12 of 2023 (ending 26 Mar 2023). There was one case reported in 2022. In addition, ten cases were reported in 2021, 38 in 2020 and 15 in 2019.

**Lassa Fever**

- **Grade**: Ungraded
- **Date notified**: 21-Mar-23
- **Start of reporting period**: 21-Mar-23
- **End of reporting period**: 25-Mar-23
- **Total cases**: 1
- **Cases Confirmed**: 1
- **Deaths**: 1
- **CFR**: 100.0%

On 21 March 2023, the Ministry of Health of Guinea notified WHO of a confirmed fatal case of Lassa fever in a three-year-old male child from the Kobela health area, Nzerekore health district. The date of onset of symptoms was 13 March 2023, with fever, asthenia, anorexia, and dry cough. On 20 March 2023, the child was taken to the hospital. A safe and dignified burial was not performed. Public health measures are being taken.
The outbreak has affected 17 counties: Nairobi, Kiambu, Nakuru, Uasin Gishu, Kajiado, Muranga, Machakos, Garissa, Meru, Nyeri, Wajir, Tana River, Kitui, Homa Bay, Mandera, West Pokot and Bomet counties. A total of 7,570 cases with 208 confirmed by culture and 121 deaths (CFR 1.6%) have been reported.

Kenya

The outbreak has affected eight counties in 2023: Garissa, Nairobi, Turkana, Kitui, Lamu, Mombasa, Kwale and Tana River. A total of 99 cases with 64 confirmed and three deaths (CFR 3.0%) have been reported since the beginning of this year.

Lesotho

Since the first confirmed COVID-19 case was reported in Lesotho on 13 May 2020, until 12 September 2023, a total of 34,490 cases of COVID-19 have been reported, and 706 deaths.

Liberia

From 16 March 2020 to 19 February 2023, Liberia has recorded a total of 80,930 cases including 294 deaths and 7,783 recoveries have been reported.

Lesotho

Since the beginning of 2022 up to 1 February 2023, a total of 84 confirmed cases of Lassa fever with 26 deaths (CFR 31%) have been reported in Liberia. Eleven confirmed cases with two deaths have been reported between week 1 and week 4 of 2023.

Liberia

Since the measles outbreak started on 13 December 2021 as of 3 February 2023, a total of 9,200 suspected cases, including 7,832 confirmed and 92 deaths (CFR: 1%) were reported from all the 15 counties in Liberia. Among the confirmed cases, 5.4% (471) were laboratory confirmed, 6.5% (564) clinically confirmed and 88.1% (7,697) epidemiologically linked.

Liberia

Liberia confirmed a case of Monkeypox on 23 July 2022 through the National Public health Reference Laboratory in the country. As of 8 February 2023, 77 cases of monkeypox and 0 deaths were reported.

Madagascar

On 19 Jan 2023, the cyclonic system Cheneso landed in Madagascar north of Antalaha district, SAVA region, with an average wind speed of 90 km/h and gusts up to 120 km/h. Last reports provided by the National Bureau for the Management of risks and catastrophes released on 31 January 2023 indicated that 91,960 people had been affected, 52,275 displacements and 36 deaths. Cyclone Freddy made landfall in Madagascar 5 Mar 2023, and affected nearly 299,000 people, displacing 72,700, and causing at least 17 deaths. Therefore, since the beginning of 2023, a total of 391,000 people have been affected by cyclones in the country causing 53 deaths and 124,975 displacements.

Madagascar

The situation in the Great Southeast of Madagascar could get even worse following cyclone Freddy, which hit on the night of February 21, 2023. According to projections, 115,000 children in these regions will need to be treated for acute malnutrition this year. Humanitarian actors, including UNICEF, are focused on rolling out a coordinated and large-scale response to avoid deaths and support the health system.

Malawi

At least 511 deaths have been registered and 563,772 people are displaced as of 31 March 2023, following the affects of Cyclone Freddy which caused heavy rains, strong winds, and mudslides. Rainfall occurred from 11-13 March 2023 with 14 districts and two cities. A total of 81 health care facilities have been affected, including 74 that are functional but not accessible and 7 others where services are suspended.

Malawi

A total of 29 districts have reported cholera cases since the confirmation of the first case in March 2022 in Machinga district. As of 2 April 2023, the cumulative confirmed cases and deaths reported since the onset of the outbreak is 56,633 and 1,719 respectively, with Case Fatality Rate at 3.0%.

Malawi

On 2 April 2020, the president of Malawi announced the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country. As of 2 April 2023, the country has a total of 88,620 confirmed cases with 2,686 deaths.
**Malawi**

**Poliomyelitis (WPV1)**  
Grade 2  
31-Jan-22  
1-Feb-22  
29-Mar-23  
1  
1  
0  
0.0%

One positive case of wild WPV1 was detected in Lilongwe from a child with the date of onset of paralysis on 19 November 2021. No other cases have been reported. Malawi continues to participate in the multi-country, subregional outbreak response, to urgently stop the WPV1 outbreak affecting the area.

**Mali**  

**Humanitarian crisis (Sahel region)**  
Grade 2  
11-Sep-17  
16-Mar-23  
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-  

The humanitarian situation in Mali remains of concern in 2023, still in the northern and central regions. The humanitarian crisis is taking place amidst COVID-19 and measles outbreak, with the risk of other emerging and re-emerging diseases. The situation in the centre and north of the country is likely related to the increase in direct and indirect attacks against national and international forces and civilians. The number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) reached 412,387 at the end of December 2022, according to the Displacement Tracking Matrix.

**Mauritania**

**COVID-19**  
Grade 3  
13-Mar-20  
13-Mar-20  
26-Mar-23  
63,515  
63,515  
997  
1.7%

From the beginning of the year through 26 March 2023, 263 suspected measles cases were tested in Mali and 94 were laboratory confirmed. Confirmed measles cases were reported in 13 of the country’s 75 health districts (17.3%).

**Mauritius**

**COVID-19**  
Grade 3  
18-Mar-20  
18-Mar-20  
26-Mar-23  
297,262  
297,262  
1,044  
0.4%

The Republic of Mauritius announced the first three positive cases of COVID-19 on 18 March 2020. As of 26 March 2023, a total of 297,262 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 1,044 deaths have been reported in the country.

**Mozambique**

**Floods**  
Grade 2  
13-Feb-23  
11-Feb-23  
24-Mar-23  
955,008  
175

Between 31 Jan and 12 Mar 2023, heavy rainfall has occurred in 10/11 Provinces of Mozambique, including rains from the Freddy cyclone system which has made landfall twice. As of 24 March, 955,008 people have been affected by Freddy’s double landfall in Mozambique, across 33 districts in eight provinces including Zambezia (438,042), Sofala (171,759), Inhambane (107,614), Tete (85,139), Maputo City (32,230), Niassa (14,193), Gaza (11,341) and Manica (6,169). A total of 175 deaths have been reported, including 143 deaths in Zambezia which is by far the most affected province after Freddy’s second passage. Nearly 180,044 people have been displaced and relocated across 213 accommodation centres in Zambezia (110), Sofala (45), Tete (30), Inhambane (13), and Niassa (11).

**Mozambique**  

**Humanitarian crisis in Cabo Delgado**  
Protracted 2  
1-Jan-20  
1-Jan-20  
9-Mar-23  
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Thousands of people fled the northern districts of Cabo Delgado, in Mozambique, and they came looking for safety and livelihoods opportunities in areas such as where attacks have taken place since the beginning of the conflict since the beginning of the conflict. This additional population presents enormous pressure on the district’s basic services, particularly access to water and healthcare, which were already precarious before the conflict.

**Mozambique**

**Cholera**  
Grade 3  
14-Sep-22  
16-Nov-22  
26-Mar-23  
17,810  
187  
85  
0.5%

Cholera outbreak has been reported from Sofala and Zambezia provinces of Mozambique. From 14 September 2022 to 26 March 2023, a total of 17,810 cases and 75 deaths (CFR 0.5%) have been reported from eight provinces and 45 districts.

**Mozambique**

**COVID-19**  
Grade 3  
22-Mar-20  
22-Mar-20  
26-Mar-23  
233,334  
233,334  
2,242  
1.0%

The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Mozambique during 22 March 2020. As of 26 March 2023, a total of 233,334 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 2,242 deaths have been reported in the country including 2,242 deaths.

**Mozambique**

**Mpox**  
Grade 3  
6-Oct-22  
7-Oct-22  
31-Mar-23  
1  
1  
0  
0.0%

The case was diagnosed Wednesday, 12 October 2022 in Maputo City in a man, Health minister Armindo Tiago said. As of 31 March 2023, no additional case has been reported.

**Mozambique**

**Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)**  
Grade 2  
7-Dec-18  
1-Jan-21  
29-Mar-23  
6  
6  
0  
0.0%

According to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, no case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. The number of cases in 2022 remains four. There were two cases reported in 2021.

**Mozambique**

**Poliomyelitis (WPV1)**  
Grade 2  
17-May-22  
18-May-22  
29-Mar-23  
10  
10  
0  
0.0%

According to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, two cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) were reported in Zambezia this week. There were 21 cases in 2022. Intensified surveillance efforts continue across the country.

**Namibia**

**Arbovirus infection**  
Ungraded  
15-Mar-23  
8-Mar-23  
15-Mar-23  
1  
1  
0  
0.0%

A single patient has been confirmed for West Nile Virus and Chikungunya and was reported in the Onandjokwe District, Oshikoto Region, Namibia. The patient presented on 19 Feb 2023 and was reported on 8 Mar 2023 as positive for both diseases by the National Institute of Pathology.
The first case of COVID-19 was detected in Namibia on the 14 March 2020. As of 12 March 2023, a total of 171 222 confirmed cases with 4 090 deaths have been reported.

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One cVDPV2-positive environmental sample was reported this week, collected on 23 January 2023 from Niamey. There are 15 cases reported in 2022. There were 18 cases reported in 2021.

Niger reported on 23 February 2023 a confirmed case of Rift Valley fever (RVF) following laboratory confirmation in a 38-year-old male resident of the village of Zangon Natsira in Zinder region.

The conflict in northeastern, northwestern, and north central Nigeria affects 9.3 million people, including 5.7 million children. Of these, more than 2.9 million people are internally displaced, while one million live in inaccessible areas. Humanitarian crises caused by protracted armed conflict, armed violence, and community clashes between farmers and herders have resulted in alarming food insecurity and malnutrition, compounded by epidemics and childhood illnesses in the context of deteriorating water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions.

From 01 January to 29 January 2023, a cumulative 429 suspected cholera cases and 17 deaths (CFR: 4%) have been reported from 24 Local Governmental Areas (LGAs) in Nigeria. The first case of COVID-19 was first detected in Nigeria on 27 February 2020. As of 31 March 2023, a total of 266 665 confirmed cases with 259 951 recovered and 3 155 deaths have been reported.

Between week 19 of 2022 and week 9 of 2023, 1064 suspected cases of diphtheria were reported from 21 states in Nigeria. Kano (843), Eboyi (86), Niger (38), Abia (35), Ondo (10), Katsina (5), Sokoto (3), Zamfara (3), Osun (1) and Kano (1). Of the suspected cases since the beginning of the year, the age group 0 - 5 years is the most affected age group for males and females. Male represent 51% and female represents 49% of all cholera suspected cases.

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The conflict in northeastern, northwestern, and north central Nigeria affects 9.3 million people, including 5.7 million children. Of these, more than 2.9 million people are internally displaced, while one million live in inaccessible areas. Humanitarian crises caused by protracted armed conflict, armed violence, and community clashes between farmers and herders have resulted in alarming food insecurity and malnutrition, compounded by epidemics and childhood illnesses in the context of deteriorating water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions.

From 01 January to 29 January 2023, a cumulative 429 suspected cholera cases and 17 deaths (CFR: 4%) have been reported from 24 Local Governmental Areas (LGAs) in Nigeria. The first case of COVID-19 was first detected in Nigeria on 27 February 2020. As of 31 March 2023, a total of 266 665 confirmed cases with 259 951 recovered and 3 155 deaths have been reported.

Between week 19 of 2022 and week 9 of 2023, 1064 suspected cases of diphtheria were reported from 21 states in Nigeria. Kano (843), Eboyi (86), Niger (38), Abia (35), Ondo (10), Katsina (5), Sokoto (3), Zamfara (3), Osun (1) and Kano (1). Of the suspected cases since the beginning of the year, the age group 0 - 5 years is the most affected age group for males and females. Male represent 51% and female represents 49% of all cholera suspected cases.
According to Global Polio Eradication Initiative, four cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported in Zamfara with one case being the first of 2023. There are now 47 cases detected in 2023.

Rwanda COVID-19 Grade 3 14-Mar-20 14-Mar-20 26-Feb-23 133 194 133 194 1 468 -

The Rwanda Ministry of Health announced the confirmation of the first COVID-19 case on 14 March 2020. As of 26 February 2023, a total of 133 194 cases with 1 468 deaths and 131 647 recovered cases have been reported in the country.

Sao Tome and Principe COVID-19 Grade 3 7-Apr-20 6-Apr-20 26-Mar-23 6 437 6 437 78 1.2%

On 6 April 2020, the Ministry of Health of Sao Tome and Principe reported the country’s first case of COVID-19. As of 26 March 2023, a total of 6 437 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported, including 78 deaths. A total of 6 272 cases have been reported as recoveries.

Sao Tome And Principe Dengue Grade 2 11-Apr-22 15-Apr-22 22-Jan-23 1 180 1 180 8 0.7%

Sao Tome and Principe is experiencing its first ever documented dengue outbreak. From 15 April to 22 January 2023, a total of 1 180 cases and 8 deaths (CFR 0.7%) have been confirmed via RDT from: Água Grande (799, 67.3%), Mézôchi (180, 15.5%), Lobata (97, 8.3%), Cantagalo (47, 4.1%), Caséu (23, 2.0%), Lembá (20, 1.6%), and RAP (14, 1.2%). During week 3, there was 8 new case registered in the country. Água Grande’s attack rate is by far the highest (94.8 per 10 000 inhabitants). Those aged 30-39 years are experiencing the highest attack rate at 73.1 cases per 10 000.

Senegal COVID-19 Grade 3 2-Mar-20 2-Mar-20 31-Mar-23 88 973 88 973 1 971 2.2%

From 2 March 2020 to 31 March 2023, a total of 88 973 confirmed cases of COVID-19 involving 1 971 deaths and 86 993 recoveries have been reported in Senegal.

Senegal Measles Ungraded 14-Nov-22 1-Jan-23 26-Mar-23 31 31 0 0.0%

A total of 31 dengue confirmed cases including 10 males and 21 females have been reported in Thilogne (30) and Popenguine (1) districts from week 1 to week 12 of 2023. In 2022, 238 cases were recorded including 203 confirmed by PCR (85.3%) and 35 by IgM testing (14.7%). They were mostly concentrated in the first and last quarters of 2022. Eleven regions were affected. The Matam region had reported the highest number of cases (134 cases, 56.3%), followed by Dakar (41 cases, 17.2%), Kaffrine (17 cases, 7.1%) and Thiès (17 cases, 7.1%).

Senegal Measles Ungraded 4-Jul-22 1-Jan-23 26-Mar-23 180 180 0 0.0%

From epidemic week 1 to 12 of 2023 (ending 26 March 2023), 180 confirmed cases of measles with no deaths were reported from 12 regions in Senegal, with the most affected regions being Diourbel (118 cases), Kédougou (12 cases), Tambacounda (12 cases), Louga (11 cases), and Thiès (7 cases). Most of the reported cases (151; 83.9%) were unvaccinated against measles.

Seychelles COVID-19 Grade 3 14-Mar-20 14-Mar-20 28-Feb-23 50 937 50 937 172 0.3%

Since the first COVID-19 confirmed cases were reported in Seychelles on 14 March 2020 as of 28 February 2023, a total of 50 937 cases have been confirmed, including 50 750 recoveries and 172 deaths have been reported.

Sierra Leone COVID-19 Grade 3 31-Mar-20 27-Mar-20 13-Mar-23 7 763 7 763 125 1.6%

On 31 March 2020, the President of Sierra Leone reported the first confirmed COVID-19 case in the country. As of 13 March 2023, a total of 7 763 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country, including 125 deaths and 4 898 recovered cases.

Sierra Leone Measles Ungraded 1-Nov-21 1-Jan-22 31-Dec-22 1 174 178 0 0.0%

By 31 December 2022 (Week 52), 16 out of 16 districts reported a total 1 174 suspected measles cases, including 178 Laboratory confirmed measles cases. Of the total suspected measles cases, 303 (26%) cases are above five years. In December 2022, three districts, namely Western Area Rural, Western Area Urban and Kainé districts reported more than 3 measles cases. Surveillance and immunisation activities have been intensified in all districts.

South Africa Cholera Grade 3 3-Feb-23 3-Feb-23 31-Mar-23 1 11 11 1 91.1%

The Government has declared on Monday 13 February 2023 a National State of Disaster to enable an intensive, coordinated response to the impact of floods that are affecting Mpumalanga, the Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, the Northern Cape, and Northwest provinces. Fatalities and missing people are reported. Material damages reported are ranging from flooded homes, vehicles swept away by floods, and overflowing dams and sewerage facilities, to the loss of basic infrastructure and damage to roads, bridges and a Limpopo hospital.

South Africa Cholera Grade 3 5-Mar-20 5-Mar-20 31-Mar-23 4 072 533 4 072 533 102 595 2.5%

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Africa through 31 March 2023, a cumulative total of 4 072 533 confirmed cases and 102 595 deaths have been reported.

South Africa Measles Ungraded 17-Oct-22 13-Oct-22 25-Mar-23 5 335 865 0 0.0%

From 8 October 2022 to 25 March, 2023, a total of 865 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported from eight provinces with declared measles outbreaks in Limpopo (329 cases), Mpumalanga (106 cases), North West (212 cases), Gauteng (146 cases), Free State (30 cases), Western Cape (11), KwaZulu-Natal (18) and Northern Cape (7).

South Africa Mpx Grade 3 23-Jun-22 23-Jun-22 24-Mar-23 5 5 0 0.0%

From 22 June 2022 to 24 March, 2023, there have been five unlinked laboratory-confirmed monkeypox cases in South Africa. The cases were reported from Gauteng (n = 1), Western Cape (n = 2), Limpopo (n = 1) and Johannesburg (n = 1) provinces. No new cases have been reported since October 2022.

South Sudan Drought/food insecurity Grade 3 18-Dec-20 5-Apr-21 16-Mar-23 6 310 000 - - -

The food insecurity situation in South Sudan is projected to worsen during the lean season from Apr-Jul 2023, as some 7.8 million people (82% of the population) will likely face Crisis (IPC Phase 3) or worse acute food insecurity, with 43K people likely to be in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) acute food insecurity in Akobo, Canal/Pgi and Fangak counties of Jonglei State; and Leer and Mayendit counties of Unity State.
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Among deaths, one is probable and three confirmed. The affected District are two: Mbarara district and City

A measles outbreak has been ongoing in Bunyoro Region of Uganda since 7 December 2022. As of 1 February 2023, a cumulative total of 144 suspect cases, 12 confirmed cases and no deaths have been reported since the onset of the outbreak.

The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Uganda on 21 March 2020. As of 18 March 2023, a total of 170 491 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 3 632 deaths were reported.

The anthrax outbreak is ongoing in Zimbabwe. In February 2023, four new cases have been reported from Gokwe North district. As of 5 March 2023, the cumulative figures for anthrax are 481 suspected cases and 0 deaths.

Zimbabwe has recorded 384 suspected cases of typhoid since 17 October 2022. Of these, 69 cases were reported in the last epidemiological week. The cases have been reported mainly from Harare Province and Bulawayo (6 cases) which are the largest cities in the country. Harare has heightened surveillance and has responded to the outbreak by rolling out TCV vaccine to the affected areas/suburbs.

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2. Framework: http://www.who.int/hac/about/erf/en/..

3. Classification (IPC) initiative, Adjumani district is expected to be in IPC Phase 2 during the Aug 2022-Jan 2023 period. In the refugee hosting districts, all of them were classified in IPC Phase 1.

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Data sources
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