WEEKLY BULLETIN ON OUTBREAKS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

Week 19: 1-7 May 2023
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- Measles
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- Lassa fever

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This Weekly Bulletin focuses on public health emergencies occurring in the WHO African region. This week's articles cover:

- Floods in Rwanda
- Lassa fever in Ghana (End of outbreak declaration)
- COVID-19 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:**

- The Northern and Western Provinces of Rwanda were left devastated by rains that occurred on 2 and 3 May 2023. A complete risk assessment is still pending since some affected districts are unreachable. People who have been displaced have sought shelter in overcrowded camps which face challenges to meet the needs of the surge of victims. More rains were expected through 6 May 2023, and were projected to drop more than 20 mm rainfall per day likely causing even more damage to people and infrastructure.

- In Ghana, the Lassa fever outbreak has been declared over by the Ghana Health Service after an outbreak affected 27 people and killed one person. Swift implementation of public health measures led to the effective control and ultimate break in transmission of the disease. However, lessons can still be learned from this outbreak including the need for rigorous health worker precautions since they were among the cases infected.
Rwanda was heavily affected by torrential rains during 2-3 May 2023. The rains caused landslides and flooding in the Western and Northern Provinces of the country, primarily in the districts of Ngororero, Rubavu, Nyabihu, Rutsiro, Karongi, Gakenke, Burera, Musanze, Gicumbi, and Nyamagabe.

As of 5 May 2023, 131 people had died while 104 were injured. The highest numbers of deaths were reported from Rutsiro (27, 20.6%), Rubavu (26, 19.8%), and Ngororero (23, 17.5%) districts. Among the injured, 19 (18.3%) of them are in health facilities seeking care. At least three other individuals have been reported missing.

A total of 7,408 people have been internally displaced by the effects of the rains and have been accommodated at temporary sites such as churches and schools. The sites are reportedly overcrowded and currently have challenges with food supplies, sanitation, health care services, and logistical management.

In addition to the impacts on humans, the rains have caused much infrastructural damage. A total of 5,174 houses have been reported destroyed or damaged with the majority affected in Rubavu district (3,371 houses, 65% of total). Another 2,510 houses were reported to be partially damaged thereby posing a risk to the dwellers with 1,211 houses (48.2%) affected in Gakenke district.

There have been 14 health facilities that have been damaged and are either inaccessible or operating with limited services. A total of eight national roads, nine district roads, and 26 bridges were damaged. Furthermore, destruction was also reported for agricultural lands, water treatment plants, and sewage systems.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

- A multisectoral unified command post led by the Ministry of Emergency Management has been established to coordinate the response;
- Parallel coordination structures have been set up in affected districts;
- A joint multi-sectoral team made up of governmental ministries, agencies, and partners has been established to conduct a rapid assessment of the damage and gather data on needs;
- A health working group led by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC) has been established and holds routine meetings;
- Multidisciplinary teams comprised of a surveillance officer, communications expert, case management officer and water, sanitation, and hygiene expert have been deployed from MOH/RBC to support health response at the district level and develop and national health response plan;
- Evacuations and rescue of individuals in high-risk areas is ongoing;
- There has been provisioning of medical supplies, food, water, and personnel at health centers and at IDP camps;
- Risk mapping of water supplies and testing for safe consumption has been conducted;
- Mental health support has been established including counselling services to help mitigate the long-term psychological impacts of the disaster;
- Health education has been offered to help raise awareness of potential health risks associated with flooding and promotion of safe food and water handling behaviours.

SITUATION INTERPRETATION

Torrential rains have caused devastating damage to the Northern and Western Provinces of Rwanda. There has been deaths, destruction, and displacements which have ensued following floods and landslides. The response to the situation is being coordinated by the national authorities and is ongoing as access to some of the most destroyed areas have been blocked.
Flood and landslide affected districts in Rwanda as of 5 May 2023
**Ongoing events**

### Ghana

**Lassa fever**

**EVENT DESCRIPTION**

On 2 May 2023, the Ghana Health Service declared the end of the Lassa fever outbreak in the Greater Accra Region. The declaration was made following 42 days that had elapsed since the last case was discharged, which is twice the maximum incubation period for Lassa fever.

The start of outbreak was declared following the confirmation of two cases in the Greater Accra Region on 24 February 2023. Subsequently, 25 additional cases were recorded between 24 February and 1 March 2023, bringing the total number of confirmed cases for this outbreak to 27 with one death reported.

The first case was reported in a 40-year-old female trader from the Ablekuma North Municipality in the Greater Accra Region who was referred to a Teaching Hospital with symptoms of respiratory distress, generalized rash and inability to walk. She also presented with bloody stools and died within five hours of admission. The second case was a 33-year-old female health worker who was a contact of the first case. She was treated at the Ghana Infectious Disease Centre and was discharged. The last confirmed case is a 40-year-old man who was admitted on 1 March and discharged on 10 March 2023. No new cases have been reported since 1 March 2023.

Males accounted for 51.9% (14 cases) of all confirmed cases. The age of cases ranged from three to 65 years, with the highest number of cases in the 26-35 year old age group. Cases were confirmed by polymerase chain reaction at the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research and were reported from five districts including Ablekuma North (1), Accra Metropolitan (17), Kpone Katamanso (1), Tema West (3) and Weija Gbawe (5).

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS**

- Following the declaration of the outbreak, the National Public Health Emergency Operations Centre was activated to coordinate and lead the response. The Greater Accra Regional and District Public Health Emergency Management Committees were also activated to coordinate the response at the regional and district levels.
- Self-quarantine of all identified contacts, including health care workers, followed by testing of all close contacts: 237 contacts including health care workers, close family members, relatives and friends were identified and followed up for the maximum incubation period of 21 days.
- All confirmed cases were managed at the Ghana Infectious Disease Centre upon admission.
- Lassa fever risk communication materials were developed and distributed to the affected districts and other locations.
- An initial environmental assessment has been conducted. This will be followed by a more detailed investigation in some selected areas in the Greater Accra Region to identify high risk areas.
- Active surveillance was conducted in the affected districts, resulting in the identification of 30 suspected cases of acute hemorrhagic fever reported in February and March. Two of these cases tested positive for Lassa fever.

**SITUATION INTERPRETATION**

Rapidly implemented public health measures clearly played a key role in the effective control of this Lassa fever outbreak. Lessons learned from this outbreak and the Marburg outbreak in 2022 can be used to further build capacity for early detection and effective management of viral hemorrhagic fevers and other emerging and re-emerging diseases.
Confirmed cases of Lassa fever reported in Ghana, 24 February-1 March, 2023

Confirmed cases of Lassa fever in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana, 16 February-2 March 2023
As of 30 April 2023, a total of 8,986,322 laboratory-confirmed cases including 174,243 related COVID-19 deaths have been reported in the WHO African region (AFRO) since the beginning of the pandemic, resulting in an overall case fatality rate of 1.9%. It is estimated that 92% (8,270,728) of individuals infected fully recovered from the disease. Cumulatively, five countries have reported the highest number of cases: South Africa 4,072,533 (45.3%), Ethiopia 500,821 (5.6%), Zambia 343,881 (3.8%), Kenya 343,047 (3.8%), and Botswana 329,852 (3.7%).

Additionally, the following five countries have cumulatively reported the highest number of deaths: South Africa 102,595 (59.0% of all deaths), Ethiopia 7,574 (4.4%), Algeria 6,881 (4.0%), Kenya 5,688 (3.3%), and Zimbabwe 5,686 (3.3%).

In the past 28 days (1 April 2023 to 29 April 2023), 5,713 new cases including 14 deaths were reported by 29 countries and the following five countries reported the highest number of new cases: Mauritius 3,336 (58.4%), DRC 459 (8.0%), Zambia 315 (5.5%), Eswatini 304 (5.3%), and Ethiopia 257 (4.5%). During the same period, five countries reported the highest number of deaths: Zimbabwe 5 (3.7%), Mauritius and Sao Tome and Principe two deaths each (14.3%), Zambia and Ethiopia one death each (7.1%).

An increase of 16% in reported weekly new cases of COVID-19 has been observed in epi week 17 (ending on 30 April 2023) with a total of 2,326 confirmed cases reported in AFRO based on data submitted from 23 countries, while 28 countries reported 2,001 cases in epi week 16 (ending on 23 April 2023). Of the 2,326 new cases reported in epi week 17, Mauritius accounted for 1,599 (69%), followed by DRC 191 (8%), Cabo Verde 103 (4%), Uganda 69 (3%), and Zimbabwe 46 (2%).

In epi week 17, three COVID-19 deaths were reported (two from Mauritius, one from Mozambique) compared to one death from Zimbabwe in epi week 16.

While 13 out the 23 reporting countries have observed an increase in the number of new cases in epi week 17, six countries have reported consistent increase for over two consecutive weeks: Mauritius (21%), DRC (34%), Cabo Verde (66%), Uganda (38%), Algeria (34%), and Togo (67%). Mauritius is the only country that has been classified as in Alert mode with increasing impact due to the consistent increase in new weekly cases and the new deaths that occurred in epi week 17.

Other countries are still updating their data for the past few weeks to allow accurate figures on COVID-19 incidence and mortality in the region.

The incidence risk of COVID-19 cases has increased for the fourth consecutive week when observing the 23 countries that have timely reported new weekly cases in the WHO African region with Mauritius in a situation of concern that requires close monitoring for any potential resurgence. The World Health Organization encourages all Member States to sustain the continual monitoring of the pandemic situation using subnational-level early warning systems while integrating the COVID-19 surveillance into existing routine disease surveillance systems.
Distribution of cases of COVID-19 in the WHO African Region, as of 29 April 2023

Epidemiological curve of COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed cases and deaths in the AFRO region, as of 30 April 2023
Please, refer to the calendar below to submit your IDSR data on a weekly basis:

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Rappel : Dates limites prochaines de soumission des données hebdomadaires

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Torrential rain that fell in Congo’s Kalehe territory of South Kivu province and caused Kabushungi and Kanyunyi rivers to overflow. The flooding has led to significant damage and loss of life in the villages of Bushushu and Nyamukubi. As of 7 May 2023, at least 297 people have died and 159 are injured and 300 are missing. About 3,000 homes have been affected, including 1,200 that have been completely destroyed.

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Floods and landslides hit Rwanda’s Northern and Western provinces during the night of 2-3 May 2023 following heavy rains. As of 5 May 2023, the disaster has so far claimed the lives of 131 people and caused 77 others to be injured. The majority of deaths were reported from Rutsiro (27) accounting for 20%. A total of 7,408 people have been internally displaced and have sought shelter at temporary sites. Infrastructural damage has been recorded for 5,174 houses (majority reported from Rubavu district, 3,371 houses, 65% of total), eight national roads, nine district roads, and 26 bridges. Furthermore, damage was also reported for agricultural lands, water treatment plants, and sewage systems.

**Ongoing Events**

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From 25 February 2020 to 23 April 2023, a total of 271,673 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 6,881 deaths have been reported from Algeria, with 182,934 recovered.

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The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Angola on 21 March 2020. As of 20 April 2023, a total of 105,384 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in the country with 1,934 deaths.

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The Ministry of Health in Benin announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 on 16 March 2020. As of 26 March 2023, a total of 28,014 cases have been reported in the country, with 163 deaths and 27,847 recoveries.

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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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No cVDPV2 case was reported this week. There have been two cases reported in 2022. There are 10 cases reported in 2022. Six cases were reported in 2021 and 2020, and eight in 2019.

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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 22 March 2023, a total of 329,852 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 2,796 deaths.

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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 will need humanitarian aid in 2023. Access to health services remains a challenge for the population in affected areas.

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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 4 May 2023, 370 suspected cases and three deaths (CFR 0.8%) have been reported, including 175 laboratory-confirmed cases. The most affected age group is children less than five years old (22%).
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.

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 31 Mar 2023, a total of 385,372 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. Some 1,652 people were newly displaced in Feb 2023 due to insecurity in the area. Additionally, an estimated 700 Nigerians registered in Minawao camp between 1-15 Feb 2023. More than 82 civilians were abducted in Feb by armed individuals in Logone and Chari. The Ouazal Health Center was also attached by armed individuals in Mayo-Sava.

The humanitarian crisis (North, Adamawa & East) continues to affect eight Regions. Patients' ages range from 2 months to 103 years with a median of 27 years, and females remain twice less affected than males.

During 25 Oct 2021 to 6 April 2023, 15,333 suspected cases of cholera including 1,808 laboratory-confirmed cases and 311 deaths (CFR 2.0%) have been reported from eight Regions. Patients' ages range from 2 months to 103 years with a median of 27 years, and females remain twice less affected than males.

The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Cape Verde on 19 March 2020. As of 26 April 2023, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is 124,895, including 1,971 deaths and 122,762 recoveries.

The Ministry of Health in Burundi reported the first two confirmed cases of COVID-19. As of 26 April 2023, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is 53,731, including 15 deaths.

The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Cape Verde on 19 March 2020. As of 26 April 2023, a total of 15,367 confirmed cases, 113 deaths and 15,200 recoveries were reported.

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Central African Republic

Yellow Fever
Grade 2
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
5
5
0
0.0%

Chad

Humanitarian crisis
Grade 2
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
10
10
0
0.0%

From 4 March 2022 through 30 March 2023, a total of 29 confirmed cases of Mpox and one death have been reported in the country. The number of mpox cases in CAR has increased from 27 to 29 (8.6% increase) after the country reported two new cases in weeks 10 and 11. Since the start of 2023, the country has reported 12 laboratory-confirmed cases, including one death. The last case was reported on 27 March 2023 in the Msaki health district. This case was a contact being followed from a confirmed case during week 10.

Central African Republic

Polio (cVDPV2)
Grade 2
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
5
5
0
0.0%

No new cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) were reported in week 17, 2023 (ending 30 April 2023). There are five cases reported in 2022. Although no new cases were reported in 2021, 4 cVDPV2 cases were reported in 2020 and 21 cases in 2019 from several outbreaks.

Central African Republic

Yellow Fever
Grade 3
2021-05-17
2021-01-01
2023-01-01
707
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.

Chad

Humanitarian crisis (Sahel region)
Grade 2
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
10
10
0
0.0%

The Lac Chad province is experiencing a double security 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 881,012 internally displaced persons and hosts 595,000 refugees. As of 28 April 2023, Chad has had an estimated 20,000 refugees arrive from neighboring Sudan where the humanitarian situation is deteriorating.

Chad

COVID-19
Grade 3
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
2023-01-01
5
5
0
0.0%

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**WEEK 19: 1-7 MAY 2023**

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### Health Emergency Information and Risk Assessment

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**Republic of the Congo**

- **433 tested samples and 188 IgM+ for Rubella.** A total of 125 health zones with confirmed outbreaks since January 2023.

**As at Week 14 of 2023 (ending 9 April), 70,628 suspected cases with 1,146 measles related deaths (CFR 1.7%) have been reported including 1,297 IgM+ for measles from 243 tested samples and 188 IgM+ for Rubella.** A total of 125 health zones with confirmed outbreaks since January 2023.

**Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, declared on 10 March 2020, a total of 96,211 confirmed cases and two probable case, including 1,464 deaths have been reported.** A total of 84,576 people have recovered.

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

- **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. A sharp increase in cases was observed in the camps for displaced persons from the M23 crisis in Nyiragongo, Goma and Karisimbi sanitation zones as of week 10 of 2023.

- **The meningitis outbreak is ongoing in the Banalia health zone, Tshopo province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.** From 2 June 2022 to 7 April 2023, a total of 520 suspected cases with 86 deaths (CFR 16.5%) have been reported. A total of 12 out of 20 health areas are affected. The number cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples tested so far is 143 and 10 positive (five for Neisseria meningitidis W; two for Streptococcus pneumoniae; two for Hemophilus influenzae non b and one Hemophilus influenzae b).

**Equatorial Guinea**

- **From 1 January 2022 through 13 April 2023, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) reported 450 confirmed Mpox cases with no death among the confirmed cases. All confirmed cases belong to Clade I.**

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

- **According to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), this week , 15 cVDPV1 cases were reported this week. The total number of cases reported in 2023 is 12. There were 144 cVDPV1 cases in 2022.**

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

- **For this week, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) reported 21 cVDPV2 cases. The total number of 2023 cases is 19. There were 360 cVDPV2 cases reported in 2022.**

**Equatorial Guinea**

- **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.**

**Eritrea**

- **As of 1 May 2023, a total of 17 confirmed cases and 12 deaths have been reported since the declaration of the outbreak on 13 February 2023. Among the 17 confirmed cases, four have recovered, 12 have died, one is admitted and one has an unknown outcome.** The district of Bata in Littoral province has been the most affected. Response activities are ongoing with the support from partners under the government leadership.

- **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.**

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### Table: Outbreaks and Other Events

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- **No new case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported in week 17, 2023 (ending 30 Apr 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.
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.

The first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the kingdom of Eswatini on 17 March 2020. As of 24 April 2023, a total of 74,627 cases have been reported with 1,425 associated deaths.

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An outbreak of gastrointestinal symptoms has affected two schools in Kakamega County in Kenya. The MOH was originally notified of the outbreaks on 31 March 2023. The line-listed, four deaths have been reported from the school which involved one teacher and three students. Most of the documented affected persons were students. On 21 April, 26 new cases were reported. Only six cases were severe enough to require hospitalization. Investigations are ongoing to identify the chemical product involved.

In week 16 (ending 26 April 2023), a total of 319 new cholera cases and 5 deaths were reported bringing the total number of cases to 9,587 with 153 deaths (CFR 1.6%). The outbreak has been continuous from year 2022, nine counties this year have been affected as follows: Turkana, Garissa, Kitui, Lamu, Mombasa, Kwale, Nairobi, Isiolo, and Marsabit. Thirteen (13) are in Alert drought phase. Drought is affecting about 4.5 million people, compared to 2.1 million in September 2021. Of these, approximately 2.14 million are children. The projection for Mar-Jun 2023 is expected increase affecting 5.4 million people in the country who will be in Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Phase 3 and above. Of those 5.4 million people, 1.2 million people will likely be in Phase 4 and above.

The outbreak has been continuous since 2020. A total of 2,279 cases and 10 deaths (CFR 0.4%) have been reported. The onset of symptoms is estimated to be around 1 March 2023 with initial cases reported on 14 March 2023 at the Mukumu Girls Schools. Subsequent reports from Butere Girls and Boys School in the same county were reported as early as 3 April 2023. Both schools were closed following the reports. As of 20 April 2023, a total of 1,062 cases have been reported in Kenya through the Integrated disease surveillance and response.}

On 12 March 2023, the Ministry of Health of Guinea Bissau reported the first COVID-19 confirmed case in the country. As of 19 March 2023, the country has reported 9,350 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 8,929 recoveries and 176 deaths.

On 25 March 2020, the Ministry of Health of Guinea Bissau reported an outbreak linked to the Lassa fever virus. The outbreaks are active in West Pokot County from Pokot North, Pokot south, West Pokot and Pokot Central Sub Counties. In week 16, 48 new cases were reported. New counties reporting cases in week 16 were Kirinyaga, Kisumu and Siaya. The index case was reported on 5 October 2022 from Kiambu county but the outbreak has now spread across to other counties with no direct link. A total of 22 counties (47% out of 47 total counties in the country) have reported choler cases since the beginning of the outbreak, but only 12 counties (26%) have active outbreaks. Approximately, 52% of the cumulative cases are males, while 48% are females. Most cases, 3,192 (33%) are in the age group of less than 10 years old.

On 7 April 2023, about 270 kilometers off the west coast of Conakry, several fishermen, including Guineans, Sierra Leoneans, Liberians and Ghanaians, were exposed to an unknown chemical. According to the fishermen, a boat was seen dumping a product into the open sea. The product emitted a fizzy, pungent cloud and left a yellowish substance on the surface of the water. As of 21 April, 250 cases of injuries, including 0 deaths, have been reported among fishermen only. The cases were reported in the Conakry (240 cases, 96%) and Kindia (10 cases, 4%) regions. On 21 April alone, 26 new cases were reported. Only six cases were severe enough to require hospitalization. Investigations are ongoing to identify the chemical product involved.

Since the beginning of 2022 up to week 52 (ending 31 December), a total of 23,259 suspected measles cases with 432 confirmed and 33 death (CFR 0.1%) have been reported in Guinea through the Integrated disease surveillance and response.

On 12 March 2020, the Ministry of Health announced the confirmation of one new COVID-19 case in the country. As of 4 May 2023, there have been 343,073 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 5,688 deaths and 337,333 recoveries have been reported in the country.

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.

The outbreaks have been continuous since 2020. A total of 2,729 cases and 10 deaths (CFR 0.4%) have been reported. Overall, 2,097 cases have been confirmed from the following counties: Marsabit, Garissa, Kitui, Lamu, Mombasa, Kwale, Nairobi, Isiolo, and Tana River. A total of 205 cases and four deaths (CFR 2.0%) have been reported. A total of 104 cases have been confirmed. Approximately 56% of cases have been reported among males and 44% among females. The most affected age group is children under five years of age.

Since the beginning of 2022 up to 21 April 2023, a total of 71 confirmed cases of Lassa fever with 19 deaths (CFR 27%) have been reported in Liberia. Since the measles outbreak started on 13 December 2021 as of 21 April 2023, a total of 11,181 suspected cases, including 10,664 confirmed and 93 deaths (CFR 1%) were reported from all the 15 counties in Liberia. Among the confirmed cases, 4.5% (482) were laboratory confirmed, 11.6% (1,233) clinically confirmed and 83.9% (8,949) epidemiologically linked.
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WEEK 19: 1-7 MAY 2023

Malawi
- Poliomyelitis (WPV1) Grade 2
  - Start of reporting period: 23-Jul-22
  - End of reporting period: 8-Feb-23
  - Total cases: 7
  - Cases Confirmed: 7
  - Deaths: 0
  - CFR: 0.0%

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, sept confirmed cases of monkeypox and 0 deaths were reported.

Madagascar
- Cyclones Grade 2
  - Start of reporting period: 25-Jan-23
  - End of reporting period: 3-May-23
  - Total cases: 391 000
  - Cases Confirmed: -
  - Deaths: 53
  - CFR: 0.0%

On 19 Jan 2023, the cyclonic system Chenes landed in Madagascar north of Antalaha district, SAVA region, with an average wind speed of 90 km/h and gusts up to 120 km. 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
- Malnutrition crisis Protracted 2
  - Start of reporting period: 1-Jul-21
  - End of reporting period: 28-Apr-23
  - Total cases: -
  - Cases Confirmed: -
  - Deaths: -
  - CFR: -

According to OCHA, some 3.86 million people are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance in Madagascar in 2023, following devastating cyclones in the Grand Sud-Est (Vatovavy, Fitovinany and Atsimo Atsinanana regions) in 2022 and 2023 and the catastrophic drought in the Grand Sud (Atsimo Andrefana, Andro and Anosy regions) from 2020 to 2022.

Malawi
- COVID-19 Grade 3
  - Start of reporting period: 20-Mar-20
  - End of reporting period: 24-Apr-23
  - Total cases: 68 211
  - Cases Confirmed: 68 211
  - Deaths: 1 424
  - CFR: 2.2%

On 2 April 2020, the president of Malawi announced the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country. As of 16 April 2023, the country has a total of 88 728 confirmed cases and 2 686 deaths reported in the country.

Mali
- Measles Ungraded
  - Start of reporting period: 20-Jan-23
  - End of reporting period: -3-May-23
  - Total cases: 157
  - Cases Confirmed: 157
  - Deaths: 0
  - CFR: 0.0%

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 reports from the Ministry of Health and National Agency for Disaster Risk Management (ANRD). The humanitarian crisis is taking place amidst COVID-19 and measles outbreak, with the risk of other emerging and re-emerging diseases.

Mauritania
- COVID-19 Grade 3
  - Start of reporting period: 13-Mar-20
  - End of reporting period: 30-Apr-23
  - Total cases: 63 144
  - Cases Confirmed: 63 144
  - Deaths: 743
  - CFR: 2.2%

On 25 March 2020, the Ministry of Health of Mali reported the first COVID-19 confirmed cases in the country. As of 29 April 2023, a total of 33 144 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in 13 of the country’s 75 health districts (17.3%).

Mauritius
- COVID-19 Grade 3
  - Start of reporting period: 18-Mar-20
  - End of reporting period: 23-Apr-23
  - Total cases: 301 096
  - Cases Confirmed: 301 096
  - Deaths: 1 046
  - CFR: 0.4%

The government of Mauritius announced its first confirmed COVID-19 case on 18 March 2020. As of 23 April 2023, a total of 301 096 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 1 046 deaths have been reported in the country.

Mozambique
- Floods Grade 2
  - Start of reporting period: 13-Feb-23
  - End of reporting period: 1-Apr-23
  - Total cases: 1 255 786
  - Cases Confirmed: 186

Between 31 Jan and 12 Mar 2023, heavy rainfall has occurred in 10/11 Provinces of Mozambique, including rains from the tropical cyclone Freddy which caused flooding in the country. As of 12 March 2023, 1 255 786 people have been affected by Freddy’s double landfall in Mozambique, in eight provinces including Zambezia, Sofala, Inhambane, Tete, Maputo City, Niassa, Gaza, and Manica. A total of 186 deaths have been reported, including 157 deaths in Zambia which is by far the most affected province after Freddy’s second passage. Nearly 200 870 people have been displaced and relocated across accommodation centres in Zambia, Sofala, Tete, Inhambane, and Niassa.
### Country | Event | Grade | Date notified to WCO | Start of reporting period | End of reporting period | Total cases | Cases Confirmed | Deaths | CFR |
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Mozambique | Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2) | Grade 2 | 7-Dec-18 | 1-Jan-21 | 3-May-23 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0.0% |
Mozambique | Poliomyelitis (WPV1) | Grade 2 | 17-May-22 | 18-May-22 | 3-May-23 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0.0% |
Namibia | COVID-19 | Grade 3 | 14-Mar-20 | 14-Mar-20 | 16-Apr-23 | 171,288 | 171,288 | 4,091 | 2.4% |
Niger | Measles | Ungraded | 5-Apr-22 | 1-Jan-22 | 18-Mar-23 | 423 | 50 | 0 | 0.0% |
Niger | Rift Valley fever | Ungraded | 23-Feb-23 | 2-Feb-23 | 23-Feb-23 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100.0% |
Nigeria | Humanitarian crisis (Sahel region) | Grade 2 | 1-Oct-16 | 10-Oct-16 | 13-Jan-23 | - | - | - | - |
Nigeria | Humanitarian crisis in Cabo Delgado | Protracted 2 | 1-Jan-20 | 1-Jan-20 | 15-Apr-23 | - | - | - | - |
Nigeria | Cholera | Grade 3 | 27-Feb-20 | 27-Feb-20 | 21-Apr-23 | 266,675 | 266,675 | 3,155 | 1.2% |

According to Relief web, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has welcomed a US$ 1.5 million contribution from the Government of Japan to provide emergency food and nutrition assistance to more than 52,000 people affected by the conflict in northern Mozambique. The contribution will help provide emergency in-kind food assistance to more than 25,800 displaced people. The funds will also help WFP to provide nutrition support to some 15,000 children under the age of five and 12,000 pregnant and nursing women.

Cholera outbreak has been reported from Sofala and Zambezia provinces of Mozambique. From 14 September 2022 to 29 April 2023, a total of 29,280 cases and 131 deaths (CFR 0.4%) have been reported from 10 provinces and 58 districts.

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.

The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Mozambique on 22 March 2020. As of 24 April 2023, a total of 233,417 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 2,243 deaths.

The case was diagnosed Wednesday, 12 October 2022 in Maputo City in a man, Health minister Armindo Tiago said. As of 28 April 2023, no additional case has been reported.

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

According to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, there was no WPV1 case reported this week. There were eight cases reported in 2022.

The first case of COVID-19 was detected in Namibia on the 14 March 2020. As of 16 April 2023, a total of 171,288 confirmed cases with 4,091 deaths have been reported.

From 19 March 2020 to 1 May 2023, a total of 9,513 cases with 315 deaths have been reported across the country. A total of 9,203 recoveries have been reported from the country.

From week 1 to week 11 (ending on 18 March 2023), 423 cases of measles including 50 confirmed cases have been reported in 30 districts from 8 regions. 8% (6/72) of the districts of Niger notified at least one suspected case of measles during this reporting period.

A meningitis outbreak has been declared in the Dungass health district in the Zinder region. The first case was reported on 31 October 2022 and confirmed on 23 November 2022 with Neisseria meningitidis identified as the causative agent. As of 26 February 2023, 911 suspected cases of meningitis including 105 laboratory confirmed cases and 30 deaths (CFR 3.3%) were reported.

No cVDPV2 case was reported this week. There were 15 cases reported last year 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 Zango 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 1 January to 2 April 2023, a cumulative 1,336 suspected cholera cases and 79 deaths (CFR 5.9%) have been reported from 43 Local Governmental Areas (LGAs) in 12 states, namely Abia, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Cross River, Ebonyi, Kano, Katsina, Niger, Ondo, Osun, Sokoto and Zamfara. Males represent 53% of all cholera suspected cases.

The first case of COVID-19 was first detected in Nigeria on 27 February 2020. As of 21 April 2023, a total of 266,675 confirmed cases with 259,953 recovered and 3,155 deaths have been reported.
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Between week 19 of 2022 and week 9 of 2023, 1064 suspected cases of diphteria were reported from 21 states in Nigeria. Kano (843), Yobe (86), Katsina (45), and Lagos (22) states have reported the most cases (95%). A total of 62 deaths were recorded among all confirmed cases, with a CFR of 15.9%. Of suspected cases, 389 cases were confirmed, including 45 laboratory-confirmed and 243 clinically compatible. Both sexes are affected, and children aged 2-14 years account for the majority of confirmed cases (78%).

Since the beginning of 2023 to 26 March, 823 confirmed and four probable cases of Lassa fever with 144 deaths (CFR 17%), have been reported in 23 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). Of all confirmed Lassa fever cases, 71% were reported from Ondo (32%), Edo (29%) and Bauchi (10%) States. The National Multisectoral Emergency Operations Centers for Lassa Fever have been activated at national level and in affected sates to coordinate and strengthen the ongoing response activities.

From 1 October 2022 to 15 March 2023, 66 Local Government Areas (LGAs) from 21 out of 36 administrative states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) reported 628 suspected meningitis cases, including 160 confirmed cases and 52 deaths (CFR 8.3%). Males account for 62% of the suspected cases. Age group 5-14 years is the most affected age group. Neisseria meningitides serogroup C is the dominant strainamong confirmed cases. 91% of all cumulative cases were from four (4) states – Jigawa (509 cases), Bauchi (23cases), Zamfara (22 cases) and Oyo (14 cases).

From 1 January to 29 March 2023, Nigeria has reported 829 monkeypox confirmed cases with nine deaths.

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 2022.

From 15 April to 30 Apr 2023, a total of 1 210 cases and 11 deaths (CFR 0.9%) have been confirmed via RDT from: Água Grande (824 67.3%), Mézôchi (182, 15.5%), Lobata (98, 8.3%), Cantagalo (48, 4.1%), Caué (23, 2.0%), Lomba (21, 1.6%), and RAP (14, 1.2%). During Mar 2023, there were 10 new cases registered in the country. Água Grande’s attack rate is by far the highest (95.8 per 10 000 inhabitants). Those aged 50-59 years are experiencing the highest attack rate at 78.3 cases per 10 000 individuals.

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.

The Ministry of Health of Senegal has reported a confirmed case of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever on 21 April 2023 in a 35-year-old male patient. He is a butcher residing in Fadika city, Guediawaye district, Dakar region. The date of onset of symptoms was 10 April with fever and flu-like syndrome. Samples were collected on 20 April for suspected viral hemorrhagic fever after he developed a hemorrhagic syndrome and thrombocytopenia. He died on 22 April. Public health measures are being taken.
**Country** | **Event** | **Grade** | **Date notified to WCO** | **Start of reporting period** | **End of reporting period** | **Total cases** | **Cases Confirmed** | **Deaths** | **CFR**
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South Africa | Cholera | Grade 3 | 3-Feb-23 | 3-Feb-23 | 5-May-23 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 9.1%

Gauteng Province has not been reporting new cholera cases in the past four weeks. As of 5 May 2023, a total of 11 cholera cases including a death have been reported: Johannesburg (8) and Ekurhuleni (3). A total of 64% (7/11) of cases are females and the greatest proportion 36% (4/11) are in the 35-39 and 40-44-year age groups.

South Africa | COVID-19 | Grade 3 | 5-Mar-20 | 5-Mar-20 | 24-Apr-23 | 4 072 533 | 4 072 533 | 102 595 | 2.5%

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Africa through 24 April 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 | 4-May-23 | 5 853 | 970 | 0 | 0.0%

From 8 October 2022 to 5 May 2023, a total of 970 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported from eight provinces with declared measles outbreaks in Limpopo (410 cases), Mpumalanga (108 cases), North West (216 cases), Gauteng (166 cases), Free State (29 cases), Western Cape (14), KwaZulu-Natal (20) and Northern Cape (7).

South Africa | Mox | Grade 3 | 23-Jun-22 | 23-Jun-22 | 28-Apr-23 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0.0%

From 22 June 2022 to 28 April 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 | 1-May-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 (63% 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/Pigi and Fangak counties of Jonglei State; and Leer and Mayendit counties of Unity State.

South Sudan | Floods | Ungraded | 7-Oct-22 | 3-May-23 | 1 000 000 | - | - | - | -

Since July 2022, an estimated 1 million people were affected by severe flooding in 36 counties across South Sudan and in the southern part of the Abyei Administrative Area. Flood waters continue to block humanitarian access in Unity State, especially in the southern part of the state including Bentiu and into Jonglei State where the water, sanitation, and hygiene situation in the IDP camps have become worse as of May 2023. An estimated 7 380 people are displaced by flooding in areas of Rubkona county.

South Sudan | Humanitarian crisis | Protracted 3 | 15-Aug-16 | 15-Aug-16 | 4-May-23 | 9 400 000 | - | - | -

An estimated 9.4 million people including 2.2 million women, 4.9 million children, and 337K refugees are projected to need humanitarian assistance and protection services in 2023. Communities faced critical needs in January 2023 owing to the impact of multiple emergencies such as recurring subnational violence, food insecurity, flooding, inaccessibility, and public health emergencies. Floodwater levels remained high in Bentiu and Rubkona towns in Unity, and multiple locations in Jonglei and Upper Nile impeding livelihood activities, exposing people to waterborne diseases, and disrupting the provision of basic services. From 16 Apr - 4 May, 35 874 people have been registered to have crossed the border from Sudan into South Sudan as civilians are fleeing. An estimated 91% of people crossing are South Sudanese returning home as well as Sudanese seeking asylum, Eritrean refugees, Kenyan and Somali migrants, and others. Approximately 88.8% of people have arrived via the Upper Nile point of entry. An estimated 54% of people crossing were female.

South Sudan | Cholera | Grade 3 | 7-Mar-23 | 22-Feb-23 | 5-May-23 | 1 349 | 19 | 2 | 0.1%

On 7 March 2023, the Ministry of health of South Sudan declared cholera outbreak in Malakal, Upper Nile State. From 22 February to 5 May 2023, a total of 1 349 cases including two deaths (CFR 0.15%) have been reported. Cases were reported from Malakal town and the IDP camp. Approximately 54% of cases are male and the majority of them are children aged 1-4 accounting for 48% of all cases. An oral cholera vaccination campaign in the affected areas is ongoing with a target of 66K individuals.

South Sudan | COVID-19 | Grade 3 | 5-Apr-20 | 5-Apr-20 | 3-May-23 | 18 499 | 18 499 | 138 | 0.7%

On 5 April 2020, the Ministry of Health of South Sudan reported the country’s first case of COVID-19. As of 3 May 2023, a total of 18 499 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 138 deaths and 18 353 recovered cases.

South Sudan | Hepatitis E | Ungraded | 3-Jan-19 | 1-Jan-19 | 30-Apr-23 | 4 265 | 104 | 33 | 0.8%

The current outbreak in the Bentiu IDP camp is ongoing. As of 19 Mar 2023, a total of 4 123 cases of hepatitis E including 27 deaths (CFR: 0.7%) have been reported since 30 April 2022. An estimated 7 380 people are displaced by flooding in areas of Rubkona county.

South Sudan | Measles | Ungraded | 23-Feb-22 | 1-Jan-22 | 30-Apr-23 | 6 046 | 592 | 58 | 1.0%

The Ministry of Health, Community Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children in Tanzania reported the country’s first case of COVID-19 on 16 March 2020. As of 23 April 2023, a total of 42 973 confirmed cases have been reported in Tanzania Mainland including 846 deaths.

Tanzania, United Republic of | Cholera | Grade 3 | 21-Feb-23 | 15-Feb-23 | 13-Mar-23 | 72 | 23 | 3 | 4.2%

The cholera outbreak is ongoing in the regions of Katavi, Kigoma, Rukwa and Ruvuma in Tanzania. From 22 January to 13 Mar 2023, Ruvuma Region reported 13 cases, Katavi Region reported 34 cases, Rukwa Region reported 18 cases, and Kigoma Region reported 7 cases. Three cases (CFR 4.2%) have been reported as deaths all occurring in Nyasa District of Ruvuma Region. A total of 23 cases have been laboratory-confirmed as positive.

Tanzania, United Republic of | COVID-19 | Grade 3 | 16-Mar-20 | 16-Mar-20 | 23-Apr-23 | 42 973 | 42 973 | 846 | 2.0%

The Ministry of Health, Community Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children in Tanzania reported the country’s first case of COVID-19 on 16 March 2020. As of 23 April 2023, a total of 42 973 confirmed cases have been reported in Tanzania Mainland including 846 deaths.

Tanzania, United Republic of | Marburg virus disease | Grade 2 | 21-Mar-23 | 21-Mar-23 | 4-May-23 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 66.7%

On 21 March 2023, the Ministry of Health in Tanzania declared an outbreak of Marburg virus disease. As of 4 May 2023, nine cases and six deaths (CFR 66.7%) have been reported. All surviving cases have been discharged following recovery from the disease. All cases were reported from the Bukoba Rural district in Kagera Region. The majority of cases (66.7%) were male with an average age of 35 years. A total of 212 contacts were monitored.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Africa through 24 April 2023, a cumulative total of 4 072 533 confirmed cases and 102 595 deaths have been reported.
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Since June 2022, Tanzania is experiencing measles outbreak, cumulatively 3 811 suspected measles cases have been tested, resulting in cumulative 710 laboratory confirmed measles cases and 11 deaths (CFR 0.3%) and 313 laboratory confirmed rubella cases. Currently measles outbreak is ongoing in 12 councils of the following districts : Muleba, Tabora, Bagamoyo, Sumbawanga, Nzega, Chakechake, Sumbawanga, Chunya, Mtwara, Uvinza, Mji mbo and Malinyi.

| Togo   | COVID-19          | Grade 3 | 6-Mar-20                | 1-Mar-20                  | 26-Mar-23               | 39 443       | 39 443          | 290    | 0.7% |

On 6 March 2020, the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of Togo announced the confirmation of its first case of COVID-19. As of 26 March 2023, a total of 39 443 cases, including 290 deaths and 39 127 recovered cases, have been reported in the country.

| Togo   | Meningitis        | Grade 2  | 15-Feb-23                | 15-Feb-23                 | 2-Apr-23                | 141          | 22              | 12     | 8.5% |

On 15 February 2023, an outbreak of meningitis was officially declared by the Ministry of Health of Togo, in Oti South district of Savana region in the northern part of the country. The epidemic threshold has been crossed in week 6 (ending 12 February), with a cumulative of 105 suspected cases with 10 deaths (CFR 9.5%) reported between week 51 of 2022 (ending 25 December) and week 13 of 2023 (ending 2 April 2023). Twenty-two (22) cases have been laboratory-confirmed for Streptococcus pneumoniae. More than 80% of cases are aged above 10 years.

| Togo   | Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2) | Grade 2 | 18-Oct-19                | 13-Sep-19                 | 3-May-23                | 19           | 19              | 0      | 0.0% |

No cVDPV2 case was reported this week. There were two cases reported in 2022. No cases were reported in 2021. There were nine cases in 2020, while the total number of cVDPV2 cases reported in 2019 remains at eight.

| Uganda | Drought/food insecurity | Grade 3 | 17-Feb-22                | 1-Jan-22                  | 1-Mar-23                | -            | -               | -      | -   |

According to the Famine Early Warning Systems Network report covering projections from Oct 2022 to May 2023, below-average crop production and high food and non-food inflation are to drive acute food insecurity in Uganda. In Karamoja, significantly below-average crop production (estimated to be only around half of normal levels) for a third consecutive season and localized insecurity continue to disrupt typical livelihoods and reduce income-earning. According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) initiative, an estimated 315 000 people are projected to be in the IPC phase 3 and above while 38 000 people are estimated to be in IPC phase 4 from August 2022-Feb 2023 period. About 50% of the population of the districts of Kaabong, Kotido and Moroto, while 40% of the population is affected in Nabilatuk district.

| Uganda | Measles | Ungraded | 8-Dec-22                | 2-Feb-23                  | 1-Feb-23                | 144          | 12              | 0      | 0.0% |

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.

| Uganda | Rift Valley fever | Ungraded | 1-Mar-23                | 2-Mar-23                  | 17-Mar-23               | 20           | 19              | 4      | 20.0% |

A total of 20 cases of Rift Valley Fever including 19 confirmed, one probable and four deaths have been reported for the ongoing outbreak in Uganda since January this year. Among deaths, one is probable and three confirmed. The affected District are two : Mbamba district and City.

| Uganda | Yellow Fever | Ungraded | 7-Mar-22                | 2-Jan-22                  | 24-Apr-23               | 1 178        | 4               | 0      | 0.0% |

From 1 January 2022 to 24 April 2023, a total of 1 178 suspected cases have been reported (984 during 2022, and 194 during 2023 so far). Four cases have been confirmed from the following districts Kaseta (1), Bukwe (2) and Buvuma (1) classified by having positive PRNT results and no record of yellow fever vaccination.

| Zambia | Cholera | Grade 3 | 24-Jan-23                | 20-Jan-23                 | 1-May-23                | 468          | 163             | 11     | 2.4% |

Zambia’s index case was confirmed in Vubwi district on 21 January 2023 and was linked to the Mozambique outbreak. Cumulatively, 468 cases and 11 deaths (CFR = 2.4%) have reported as of 1 May 2023.

| Zambia | COVID-19 | Grade 3 | 18-Mar-20                | 18-Mar-20                 | 24-Apr-23               | 343 861      | 343 881         | 4 058  | 1.2% |

The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Zambia on 18 March 2020. As of 24 April 2023, a total of 343 881 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 4 058 deaths.

| Zambia | Measles | Ungraded | 13-Jun-22                | 13-Jun-22                 | 16-Apr-23               | 2 137        | 557             | 31     | 1.5% |

A measles outbreak continues to evolve in Lusaka, North-western and Southern provinces affecting several districts. Cumulatively, the provinces have recorded 2 137 measles cases and 31 deaths as of 5 February 2023. WHO is supporting the Ministry of Health investing other cases with similar symptoms.

| Zambia | Anthrax | Ungraded | 20-Jan-20                | 1-Jan-22                  | 19-Mar-23               | 491          | 88              | 0      | 0.0% |

The anthrax outbreak is ongoing in Zambia. 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.

| Zambia | Cholera | Grade 3 | 23-Feb-23                | 12-Feb-23                 | 30-Apr-23               | 593          | 129             | 14     | 2.4% |

Since the beginning of the outbreak on 12 February 2023 and as of 30 April, 593 suspected cases and 129 confirmed cases have been reported from nine of the country’s ten provinces.
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The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Zimbabwe on 20 March 2020. As of 24 April 2023, a total of 264 639 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 5 686 deaths.

Zimbabwe Typhoid fever Ungraded 17-Oct-22 17-Oct-22 19-Mar-23 384 28 0 0.0%

Zimbabwe has recorded 384 suspected cases of typhoid since 17 October 2022. Of these, 69 cases were reported in the last epi 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.

†Grading is an internal WHO process, based on the Emergency Response Framework. For further information, please see the Emergency Response Framework: http://www.who.int/hac/about/erf/en/.

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