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New events

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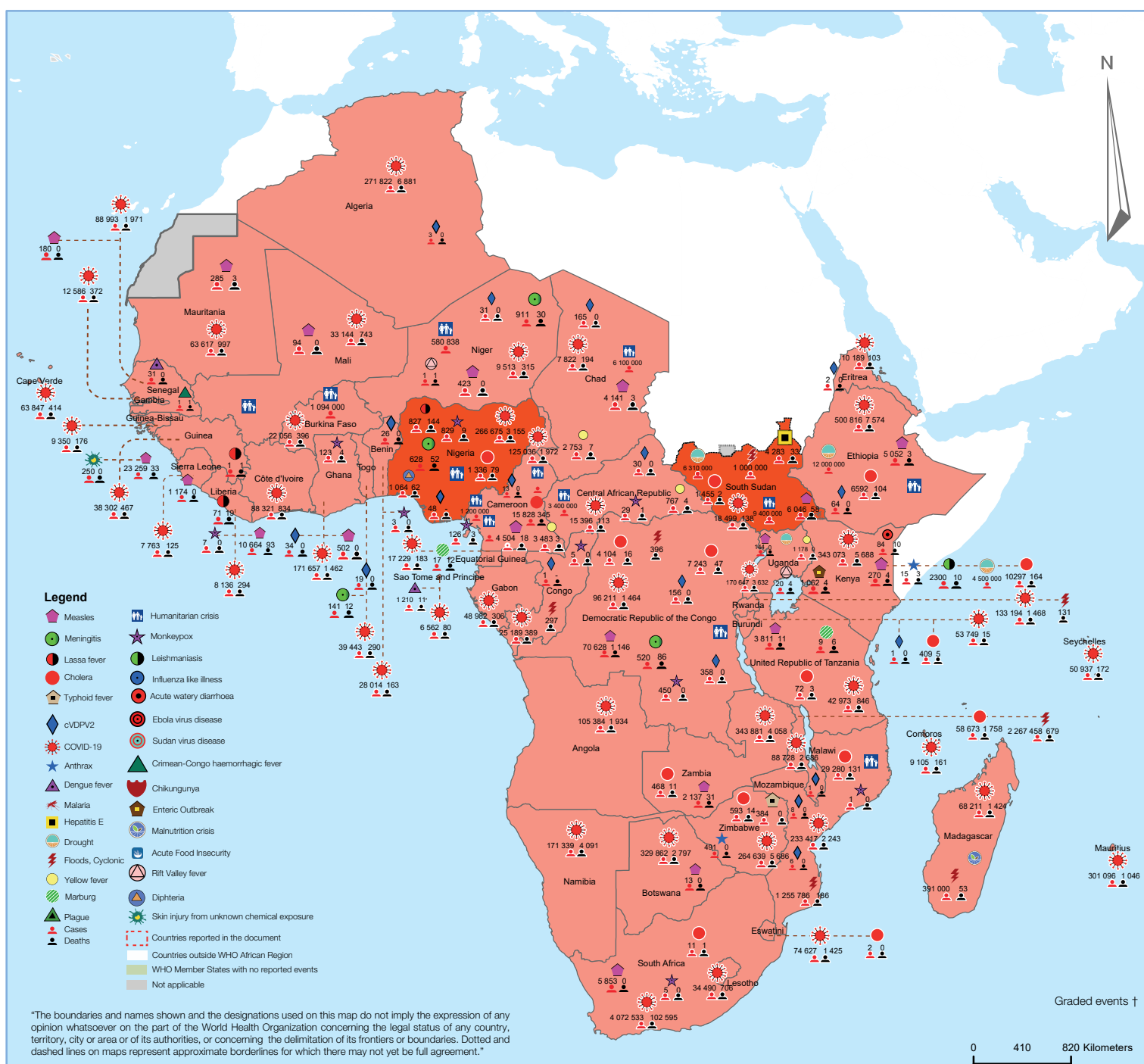
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This Weekly Bulletin focuses on public health emergencies occurring in the WHO African region. This week's articles cover:

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

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Major issues and challenges include:

- If not addressed proactively, the ongoing polio outbreak in Tanzania could face challenges due to inadequate surveillance performance in certain districts, sub immunization coverage, a lack of sufficient population immunity, resulting in vulnerable children, and ongoing population movement with neighbouring countries.
- A diphtheria outbreak in Nigeria, first reported in December 2022 in Kano and Lagos states, has continued to grow, with an increase in cases and geographical spread. Between June 30 and August 31, 2023, Kano, Katsina, and Yobe States have reported the highest numbers. Most cases were in the 1-14 age group, and the majority were not fully vaccinated. Laboratory testing identified *C. diphtheriae* as the primary pathogen, and antibiotic resistance was observed. Low vaccination coverage, insecurity, and regional challenges contribute to the outbreak's persistence and susceptibility.

Tanzania

1	0	0.0%	2
Case	Deaths	CFR	Grade

Poliovirus

EVENT DESCRIPTION

On 4 July 2023, the Ministry of Health of the United Republic of Tanzania notified WHO of a case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2). The case is a 22-month-old female child with onset of paralysis on 28 May 2023. The child is a resident of Sumbawanga District Council, Rukwa Region, Southwestern Tanzania, bordering Lake Tanganyika to the West and Zambia to the South.

The isolate has 15 nucleotide changes and is genetically related to cVDPV2 circulating in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo. The case had no travel history and had received two doses of bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) during last year's supplementary immunization activities (SIA).

Since 2022, Tanzania has been an active participant in a multi-country outbreak response in south-east Africa, responding to different strains of poliovirus in the subregion, including by boosting immunity and strengthening subnational surveillance capacity.

According to historical data, the last recorded case of indigenous wild poliovirus (WPV) in Tanzania was in 1996, and this is the first cVDPV2 recorded in the country since 2000.

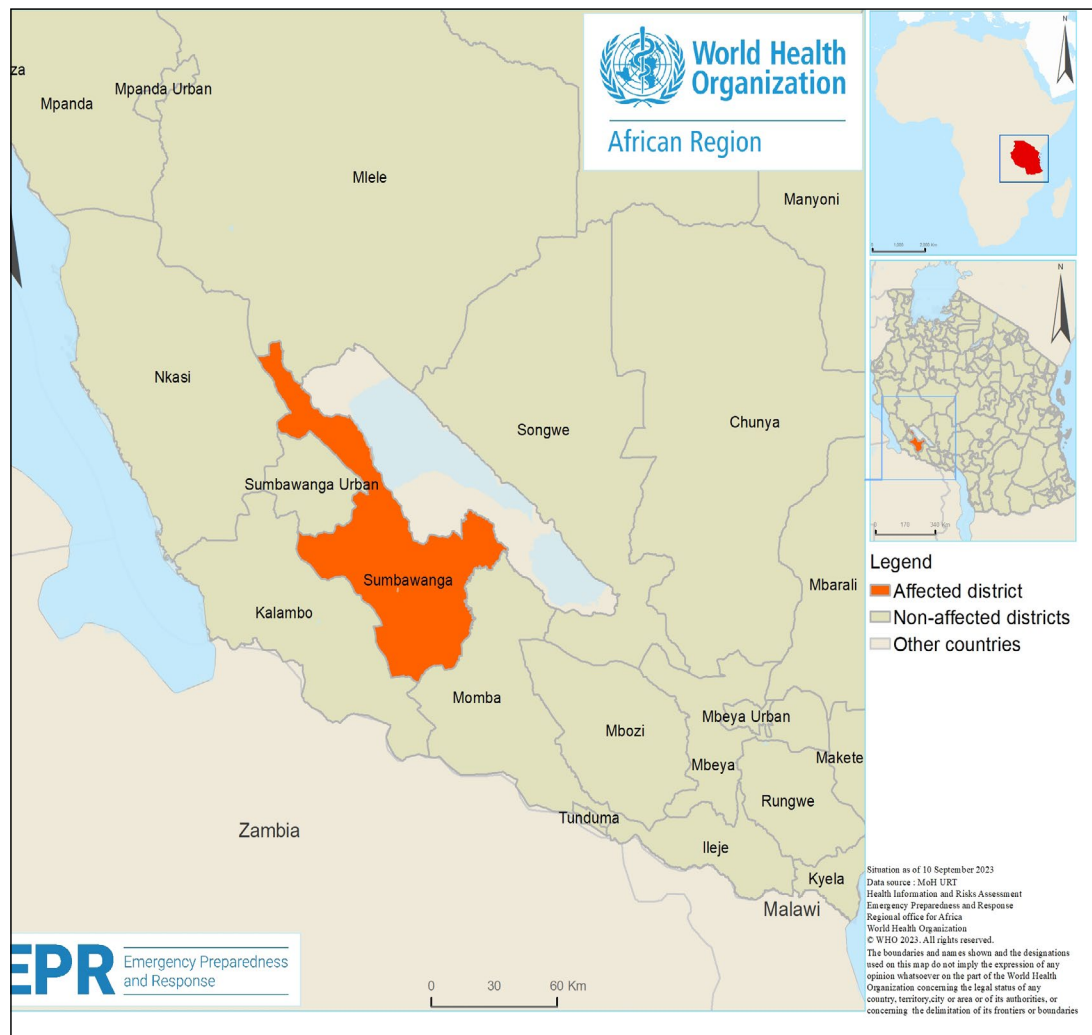
PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

- Coordination meetings are held weekly at the national level and three times a week with the regions.
- In response to this cVDPV2 outbreak, a nOPV2 SIA campaign is planned in 37 districts from six regions: Kigoma, Kagera, Mbeya, Songwe, Katavi, and Rukwa. The campaign is expected to reach a total of 3 250 598 children under 8 years of age.
- Training for vaccination teams, including vaccine accountability managers, has been rescheduled and will be physically cascaded from regions to districts, starting on 14 September 2023.
- Following the national primary school exams, the dates of the Round 1 campaign have been revised to 21 September 2023 to ensure quality preparation.
- Acute flaccid paralysis and environmental surveillance are ongoing and have been strengthened.
- Radio and TV sessions and messages have begun to be broadcast on national and local radio stations.
- Risk Communication and Community Engagement teams have been deployed to the regions to support regional and district teams in preparing for social mobilization and advocacy activities, including Primary Health Committee meetings

SITUATION INTERPRETATION

According to WHO-UNICEF estimates of national immunization coverage, the third dose of oral polio vaccine (OPV3) and the first dose of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV1) were 88% in Tanzania in 2022. The presence of low population immunity against type 2 poliovirus and the ongoing population movement could potentially increase the public health risk.

Location of the circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type2 in the United Republic of Tanzania, as of 10 September 2023



Malawi

58 989

cases

1 768

deaths

3.0%

CFR

3

Grade

Cholera

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The cholera outbreak in Malawi is steadily subsiding, as evidenced by a consistent decrease in the weekly count of new cases. In epidemiological week 34 (ending 3 September 2023), there were three new cases reported across two counties in the country, and no fatalities occurred. This signifies a 200% rise in the number of new cases in comparison to the previous week, during which only one case was recorded. These new cases originated from Nsanje (n=2) and Mulanje (n=1) Districts. Importantly, there have been no new deaths reported in the past month.

Cumulatively, 58 989 cases with 1 768 deaths (case fatality ratio 3.0%) have been reported from 29 Districts in Malawi since the onset of the outbreak in March 2022. The cholera outbreak has been characterized by two significant waves. The initial wave reached its peak in week 45 2022, with an alarming count of nearly 1 500 reported cases. Subsequently, a second and more substantial surge occurred in week 04, 2023, recording over 4 500 cases. Notably, the peak of deaths coincided with the second surge in 2023, where more than 150 fatalities were reported. Since that time, there has been a gradual decline in both the weekly number of cases and deaths. Encouragingly, 25 districts have not reported any new cases in the past 14 days, signifying progress in containment efforts.

Most of the cases have been reported from Lilongwe (n= 12 778), Blantyre (n= 8 933), and Mangochi (n=8 512) districts, which together constitute 51. 2% of the cumulative cases reported to date. Lilongwe has reported the most deaths (n=31.6%).

Overall, infections have remained high among males (54.7%) compared to females (45.3%) for 58 031 cases (98% of all cases) for whom sex and age were reported, representing 98% of all cases. Similarly, most deaths (134, 62.1%) have occurred among males. Cumulatively, the most affected age groups are 20-29 years (25.5%) and 10-19 years (20%) age groups

Of the cumulative cases reported, *Vibrio cholerae* was

isolated from 482 stool samples cultured. A total of 3 438 samples also tested positive by rapid diagnostic test (RDT). In the last four weeks, the outbreak has mainly been concentrated in four districts, with most new cases being reported from Chikwawa (n=14), Nsanje (n=14), Mulanje (n=2), and Blantyre (n=1).

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

- ▶ The government through the Presidential Taskforce on Cholera and COVID-19 continues to lead the cholera outbreak response. Cholera incident management team meetings are being held once a week by the Ministry of Health together with the partners
- ▶ At the sub-national level, District health teams are in charge of coordinating outbreak response activities. Training on cholera preparedness, readiness and response has been conducted for health workers in the affected areas in order to build subnational capacities for cholera response operations.
- ▶ Enhanced surveillance in affected districts is ongoing for early detection and reporting of cases. Health workers, at both health facility and community levels, have been orientated on cholera case definitions.
- ▶ An after-action review (AAR) to review Cholera outbreak response activities is planned.
- ▶ Laboratory supplies are prepositioned at health facilities for the rapid diagnosis of
- ▶ Case management team participated in the case area targeted interventions standard operation procedures development workshop.
- ▶ Cholera Treatment Units/Centres (CTU/CTC) are operational Districts with active outbreaks to manage patients with the disease.
- ▶ WASH and infection prevention and control activities are ongoing. Participated in the district led quality improvement/ infection prevention control mentorship at Bwaila hospital in Lilongwe
- ▶ Oral cholera vaccine (OCV) reactive campaign was conducted from 28 August to 01 September 2023 in three targeted districts selected based on Cholera outbreak persistence: Chikwawa, Mangochi, and

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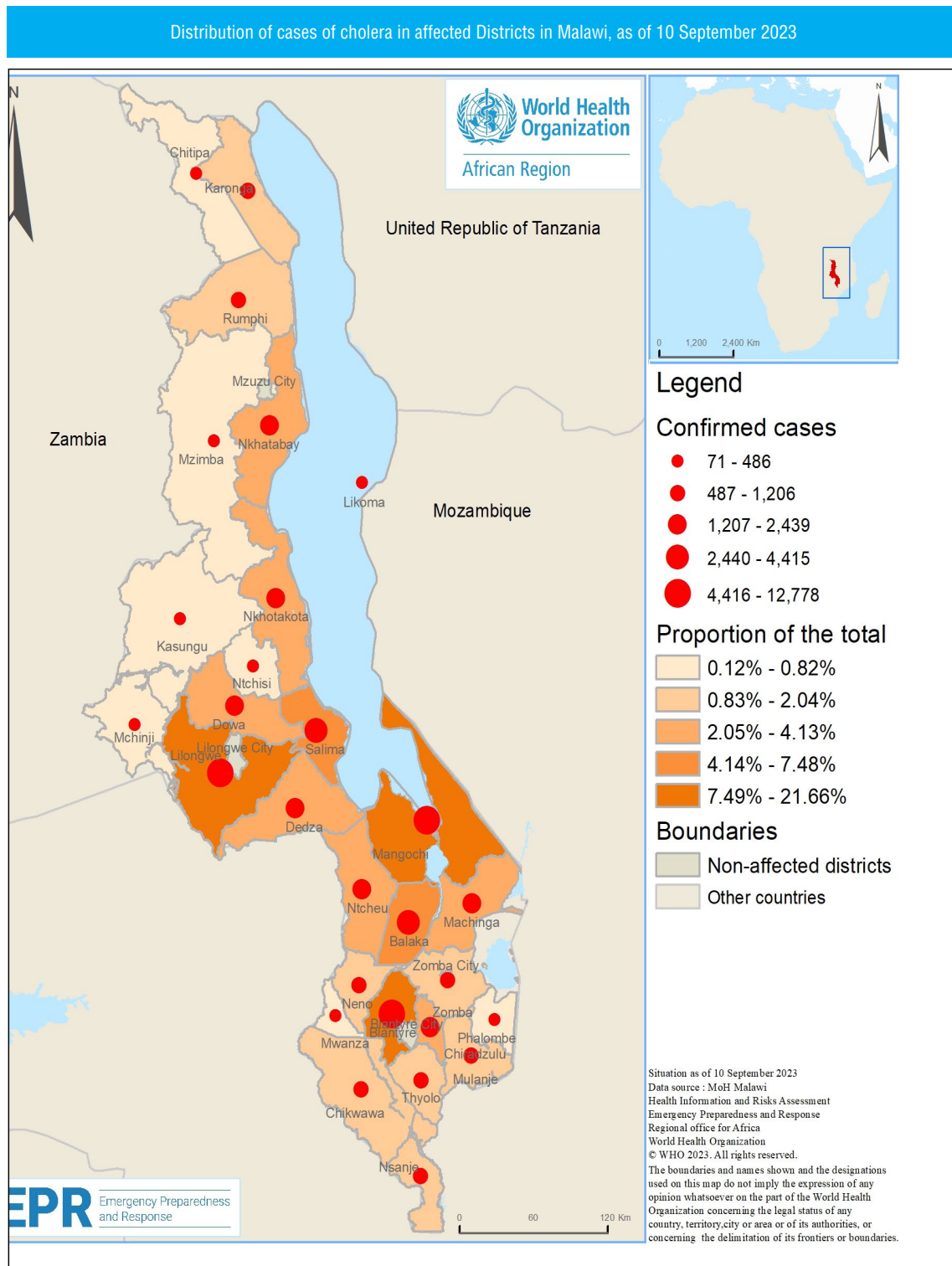
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Nsanje. The overall coverage was at 101.4% with the district-specific coverage at the end of the OCV campaign as follows; Chikwawa (96.5%), Nsanje (108.1%), and Mangochi (106.4%).

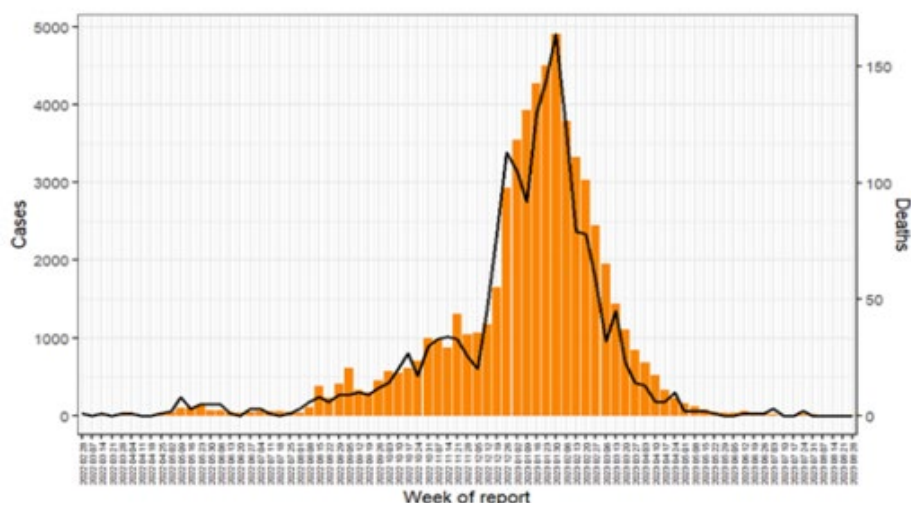
- Risk communication and community engagement and social mobilization activities in the affected communities and at-risk communities are also ongoing through the distribution of Information, Education and Communication materials and mass media engagements.

SITUATION INTERPRETATION

The sustained outbreak of cholera in Malawi highlights the consistent WASH issues. The government response to the outbreak, with support from WHO and partners must be acknowledged as a contribution to the current downward trend. It is imperative that concerted efforts are exerted to end the current outbreak before the onset of the upcoming rainy season to avoid a resurgence of new cases. Increased funding in support of response efforts remains paramount.



Weekly trend of cholera cases and deaths in Malawi, 29 February 2022 – 10 September 2023



Nigeria

Diphtheria

8 353
cases

4 717
Confirmed
cases

3.0%
CFR (among con-
firmed cases)

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Diphtheria outbreak that was initially notified in December 2022 by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) in Kano and Lagos State is ongoing with increased cases and geographic expansion. We observe an upsurge in the number of new cases and deaths starting from epidemiological week 26 (ending on 2 July 2023).

From 30 June to 31 August 2023, a total of 5 598 new suspected cases were reported from 59 LGAs in 11 states across the country. Kano (1 816), Katsina (234), and Yobe (158) States reported the most cases (39.4%) for the same reporting period. In week 34, only 234 suspected cases have been reported from 20 LGAs in five states, with one laboratory confirmed case from the 22 samples collected. Eighteen were epidemiologically linked and 141 were clinically compatible.

From epidemiological week 19, 2023 (14 May 2023) to week 34, 2023 (ending 31 August 2023), a cumulative total of 8 353 suspected cases was reported. Of the cumulative suspected cases, 4 717 (56.5%) cases were confirmed; (117, 2.4%) epidemiologically linked, laboratory confirmed (169, 3.5%), and (4 431, 93.9%) were clinically compatible. A total of 1 857 (22.2%) were discarded as not compatible with diphtheria, 1 048 (12.5%) cases are pending classification and 731 (8.7%) cases had unknown diagnosis.

The case fatality rate is 6.1%. Out of the 4 717 confirmed cases, 3 466 (73.4%) were in the 1-14 age group, with 1 262 (26.7%) falling within the 10-14 age range, and 699 (14.8%) among those aged 0-4 years. Females have been most affected, representing (55.3%) 2 656 of all cases. Only 1 074 (22.7%) of confirmed cases were fully vaccinated against diphtheria, and 299 (6.3%) were partially vaccinated.

Definitive diagnosis through laboratory molecular testing has identified *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* and *Corynebacterium ulcerans* isolates as the species driving this outbreak, particularly *C. diphtheriae* as the major etiologic pathogen associated with the current outbreak. Antibiotic susceptibility tests for 62 isolates of *C. diphtheriae* have been carried out and the findings

revealed that all isolates were resistant to penicillin, and most were resistant to trimethoprim- sulfathiazole and ciprofloxacin, while being susceptible to erythromycin. Thus, erythromycin became the drug of choice in the management of this outbreak.

The coverage of Pentavalent vaccine (Penta3) administered in routine immunization is low at the national level (57%), and it is suboptimal in the pediatric population—with 43% of the target population unvaccinated. This underscores the risk of further spread and the accumulation of a critical mass of susceptible population in the country with sub-optimal herd or population immunity. One of the significant challenges impacting vaccination rates is insecurity, particularly in north-eastern Nigeria, where vaccination coverage remains inadequate, especially in regions controlled by non-state armed groups.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

- The coordination and monitoring of response activities are underway, led by the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC), including organising weekly diphtheria National Technical Working Group meetings; revision of the Incident management system and activation of the Emergency Operation Centre in the diphtheria high burden Kaduna, Katsina, Borno States.
- Surveillance activities are ongoing, such as contact tracing and follow up, line listing, data analysis and visualisation
- Rapid Response Teams have been deployed in the affected states, and continuous supervision ensures the smooth implementation of response activities.
- Laboratory activities are also being carried out, including collecting samples and testing and capacity strengthening, procurement of commodities; activation of Kano lab to perform testing and culture at state level;
- The reinforcement of routine immunisation activities throughout the country is in progress. The reactive vaccination is planned in Kano (phase 1 and 2), Katsina, Bauchi, Yobe, Kaduna (phase 1) with WHO financial support.
- Case management activities, such as Diphtheria patients care in Diphtheria treatment centres and outpatient care in health centres, continue to be provided (deployment of specialists to treatment centers). The national guideline

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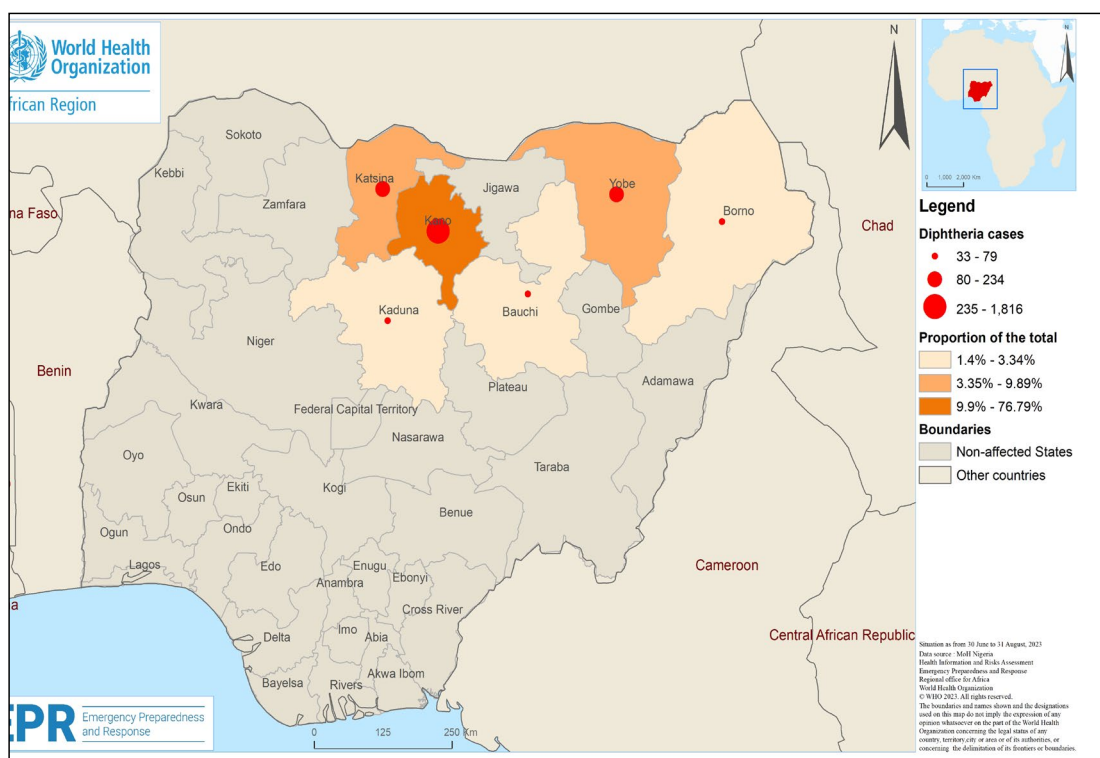
for case management and surveillance has been developed

- Risk communication and community engagement efforts, such as airing radio jingles on five radio stations twice daily, are ongoing to raise awareness and keep the public informed.
- Monitoring treatment centers on IPC measures is underway.

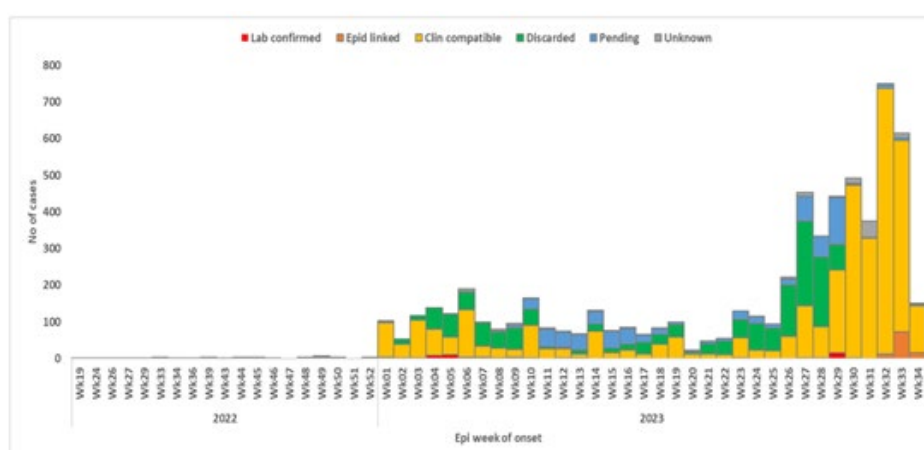
SITUATION INTERPRETATION

Nigeria is currently facing a second wave of diphtheria outbreak in 2023. This emphasises the urgent need to strengthen diphtheria vaccination coverage nationwide, especially in the most affected states, such as Kano. Additionally, particular attention is necessary for regions experiencing insecurity challenges, like the Northwest, as it hampers vaccine accessibility. Mobilising funds is crucial to conduct vaccination campaigns and improve coverage rates. Comprehensive public health response activities, including enhanced surveillance, risk communication, and improved case management, are essential to detect and treat cases promptly, ultimately saving more lives.

Distribution of cases of Diphtheria by State in Nigeria, 30 June to 31 August, 2023



Weekly trend of Diphtheria Cases in Nigeria, Week 19 2022 – Week 34 2023



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Country	Event	Grade	Date notified to WCO	Start of reporting period	End of reporting period	Total cases	Cases Confirmed	Deaths	CFR
Ongoing Events									
Algeria	COVID-19	Protracted 3	25-Feb-20	25-Feb-20	24-Aug-23	271853	271 853	6881	2.50%
From 25 February 2020 to 24 August 2023, a total of 271 853 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 6 881 deaths have been reported from Algeria.									
Algeria	Diphtheria	Ungraded	3-Aug-23	3-Aug-23	3-Aug-23	80	16	0	0.00%
On August 3, 2023, the Ministry of Health announced emergency measures to contain a diphtheria outbreak in the southern regions. There have been 80 cases, including 16 confirmed cases reported.									
Algeria	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	14-Jul-22	11-Apr-22	16-Aug-23	3	3	-	-
According to Global Polio Eradication Initiative, no case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week. There were three cases reported in 2022.									
Angola	COVID-19	Protracted 3	21-Mar-20	21-Mar-20	30-Aug-23	105952	105 952	1936	1.80%
The first confirmed COVID-19 case was reported in Angola on 21 March 2020. As of 30 August 2023, 105 952 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in the country, with 1 936 deaths.									
Benin	COVID-19	Protracted 3	17-Mar-20	16-Mar-20	3-May-23	28014	28 014	163	0.60%
The Ministry of Health in Benin announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 on 16 March 2020. As of 3 May 2023, a total of 28 014 cases have been reported in the country, with 163 deaths and 27 847 recoveries.									
Benin	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	8-Aug-19	24-Aug-19	16-Aug-23	30	30	0	0.00%
There have been three cases reported in 2023. There are 13 cases reported in 2022. Six cases were reported in 2021 and 2020, and eight in 2019.									
Botswana	COVID-19	Protracted 3	30-Mar-20	30-Mar-20	14-Sep-23	330215	330 215	2800	0.90%
On 30 March 2020, the Minister of Health and Wellness in Botswana reported three confirmed cases of COVID-19. As of 2 September 2023, a total of 330 256 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 2 799 deaths.									
Burkina Faso	Humanitarian crisis (Sahel Region)	Grade 2	1-Jan-19	1-Jan-19	2-Aug-23	2100000	-	-	-
Since 2015, the security situation in the Sahel and Eastern Burkina Faso has gradually deteriorated due to attacks by armed groups. Access to healthcare services remains a major challenge for the affected population. As of 30 June 2023, 5.5million People were in need of humanitarian assistance and over 2.0million IDPs registered.									
Burkina Faso	COVID-19	Protracted 3	10-Mar-20	9-Mar-20	3-May-23	22056	22 056	396	1.80%
Between 9 March 2020 and 3 May 2023, a total of 22 056 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 396 deaths and 21 596 recoveries have been reported from Burkina Faso.									
Burundi	Cholera	Grade 3	1-Jan-23	14-Dec-22	13-Aug-23	609	175	9	1.50%
The ongoing cholera outbreak was officially declared on 1 January 2023. The outbreak is showing a downsized trend since epidemiological week 26. Cumulatively, a total of 609 cases with nine deaths (CFR 1.5%) have been reported from four provinces (Bujumbura Mairie, Cibitoke, Bujumbura and Buzanza).									
Burundi	COVID-19	Protracted 3	31-Mar-20	18-Mar-20	13-Aug-23	54 359	54 359	15	0.00%
On 31 March 2020, the Minister of Health in Burundi reported the first two confirmed cases of COVID-19. As of 13 August 2023, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is 54 359, including 54 255 recoveries and 15 deaths.									
Burundi	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	17-Mar-23	1-Jan-22	23-Aug-23	2	2	0	0.00%
No cVDPV2 case was reported this week. There is one case reported this year and one last year.									
Cameroon	Humanitarian crisis (North, Adamawa & East)	Protracted 2	31-Dec-13	27-Jun-17	14-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
Cameroon hosts about 469 276 refugees as of 30 June 2023. Refugees from the Central African Republic are mostly hosted in the rural refugees camps in the eastern part of the country (North, Adamawa and East) and are estimated to be 355 448 refugees by the UNHCR as of 30 June.									
Cameroon	Humanitarian crisis (North-West & South-West)	Protracted 2	1-Oct-16	27-Jun-18	21-Aug-23	-	-	-	-

The North-West and South-West regions in Cameroon are still experiencing humanitarian crisis which has led to the displacement of over 630 000 people into the country and more than 86 000 people to Nigeria. The crisis resulted in the collapse of essential services and infrastructure in some of the most affected areas, approximately 18 % of health facilities have been forced to close, and a number of operational ones are struggling to function adequately									
Cameroon	Humanitarian crisis (Sahel Region)	Grade 2	31-Dec-13	27-Jun-17	21-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
The increase in number of attacks from Non-States Armed Groups (NSAGs) in the localities bordering Nigeria has driven almost 10 000 in the Far North region from their homes between January and May 2023. In July, violence targeting civilians rose in the Far North region for the third consecutive month as the Lake Chad faction of the Islamic State West Africa (ISWAP) and Boko Haram (JAS) militants carried out numerous attacks in Logone-et-Chari, Mayo Sava, and Mayo Tsanaga departments									
Cameroon	Cholera	Grade 3	31-Aug-21	25-Oct-21	22-Jun-23	19400	1 880	460	2.40%
From 25 Oct 2021 to 22 June 2023, a total of 19 400 cases of cholera including 1 880 laboratory-confirmed cases and 460 deaths (CFR 2.4%) have been reported from eight regions. Patients' ages range from 2 months to 103 years with a median of 28 years, and the sex ratio M/F is 1.3.									
Cameroon	COVID-19	Protracted 3	6-Mar-20	6-Mar-20	13-Aug-23	125132	125132	1974	1.60%
The Cameroon Ministry of Health confirmed the first COVID-19 case on 6 March 2020. As of 13 August 2023, 125 132 cases have been reported, including 1 974 deaths.									
Cameroon	Measles	Ungraded	2-Apr-19	1-Jan-23	13-Aug-23	5863	5 838	30	0.50%
From week 1 through week 32, 2023 (ending 13 Aug), 5 863 measles cases have been reported in Cameroon, including 419 IgM+. At least 30 related deaths (CFR 0.5%) have been reported in 2023.									
Cameroon	Mpox	Protracted 2	24-Feb-22	1-Jan-22	22-Jun-23	207	23	3	1.40%
From 1 January to 22 June 2023, 92 suspected cases of Mpox, including five laboratory-confirmed and no deaths have been reported. Since January 2022, 207 suspected cases, including 23 confirmed and three deaths, have been reported in the country.									
Cameroon	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	23-May-19	1-Jan-20	16-Aug-23	13	13	0	0.00%
There were three cases reported in 2022, three others reported in 2021, and seven cases reported in 2020.									
Cape Verde	COVID-19	Protracted 3	19-Mar-20	18-Mar-20	8-Jul-23	64143	64 143	414	0.60%
The first confirmed COVID-19 case was reported in Cape Verde on 19 March 2020. As of 8 July 2023, 64 143 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 414 deaths and 63 645 recoveries, were reported in the country.									
Central African Republic	Humanitarian crisis	Protracted 2	11-Dec-13	11-Dec-13	15-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
The Central African Republic (CAR), has been ravaged by conflict and subsequent violence for over a decade. In 2023, the humanitarian community in CAR plans to assist 2.4 million most vulnerable people. With 50% of the population not having enough food, CAR has one of the highest proportions of critically food-insecure people in the world.									
Central African Republic	COVID-19	Protracted 3	14-Mar-20	14-Mar-20	18-Jun-23	15404	15 404	113	0.70%
The Ministry of Health and Population announced the confirmation of the first COVID-19 case in the Central African Republic on 14 March 2020. As of 18 June 2023, a total of 15 404 confirmed cases, 113 deaths and 15 252 recoveries were reported.									
Central African Republic	Measles	Ungraded	13-Mar-22	1-Jan-23	2-Jul-23	1736	1 003	1	0.10%
Since the beginning of 2023 to 2 July, the Ministry of Health and Population has recorded 1 736 confirmed measles cases, including 129 laboratory-confirmed cases, 874 epidemiologically linked cases and one death. The measles outbreak is ongoing in 12 (34%) out of 35 health districts.									
Central African Republic	Mpox	Protracted 2	3-Mar-22	4-Mar-22	28-May-23	31	31	1	3.20%
From 4 March 2022 to 28 May 2023, 31 confirmed cases of Mpox and one death have been reported in the country. Since the start of 2023, the country has reported 14 laboratory-confirmed cases, including one death. The last cases were reported during week 21 (ending 28 May) in from Baboua-Abba and Paoua districts.									
Central African Republic	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	24-May-19	24-May-19	16-Aug-23	37	37	0	0.00%
Ten cases have been reported in the country this year. In addition, six cases were reported in 2022. Although no new cases were reported in 2021, four cVDPV2 cases were reported in 2020 and 21 cases in 2019 from several outbreaks.									
Central African Republic	Yellow Fever	Ungraded	12-Jun-23	1-Jan-23	20-Aug-23	5	5	0	0.00%
There is an ongoing yellow fever outbreak in the Central African Republic (CAR). This year from week 1 through week 33 (ending 20 August), five confirmed cases of yellow fever were recorded including four new confirmed cases following the classification conducted on 7 July 2023, these new confirmed cases are from the following districts: Sangha-Mbaéré (1), Berbérati (1) and Bambari (2).									
Chad	Humanitarian crisis (Sahel region)	Grade 2	11-Feb-22	1-Mar-16	30-Jul-23	6900000	-	-	-

The humanitarian situation in Chad is a result of a combination of four major crises: forced population movements, food insecurity and malnutrition, health emergencies and the effects of climate change. Chad is the most affected country for the ongoing conflict in Sudan. As of 30 July 2023, the country is hosting 348 306 Sudanese refugees. The crisis in Sudan is therefore aggravating the humanitarian situation in the country.									
Chad	COVID-19	Protracted 3	19-Mar-20	19-Mar-22	3-May-23	7822	7 822	194	2.50%
The first confirmed COVID-19 case was reported in Chad on 19 March 2020. As of 26 April 2023, a total of 7 822 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country, including 194 deaths.									
Chad	Dengue	Ungraded	5-Aug-23	6-Aug-23	10-Aug-23	12	8	0	0.00%
Chad health authorities declared the dengue outbreak officially on 15 August 2023 after eight out of 12 samples collected from Ouaddaï province in Eastern Chad tested positive for Dengue by RT-PCR. All samples were negative for Chikungunya.									
Chad	Measles	Ungraded	24-May-18	1-Jan-23	6-Aug-23	8984	820	4	0.00%
As of Week 31 of 2023 (ending 6 August), 8 489 suspected cases and four measles-related deaths (CFR 0.1%) have been reported from 143 out of 150 districts in Chad. A total of 820 samples tested IgM positive for measles and 178 tested IgM+ for rubella.									
Chad	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	18-Oct-19	9-Sep-19	26-Jul-23	182	182	0	0.00%
There have been 23 cases reported this year. In addition, 44 cVDPV2 cases were reported in 2022, 106 cVDPV2 cases were reported in 2020 from three different outbreaks and nine others were reported in 2019.									
Comoros	COVID-19	Protracted 3	30-Apr-20	30-Apr-20	16-Aug-23	9109	9 109	160	1.80%
The first case of confirmed COVID-19 was notified on 30 April 2020 in Comoros. As of 23 May 2023, a total of 9 109 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 160 deaths, were reported in the country. No new cases have been reported in Comoros since then.									
Congo	bacterial intestinal infections (Cholera/ Shigellosis/	Grade 1	14-Jul-23	30-Jun-23	24-Aug-23	2389	126	52	2.20%
The trend of the ongoing gastroenteritis outbreak in Congo is declining for the number of new suspected cases. Cumulatively, from 28 June through 24 August 2023, a total of 2 389 suspected cases with 52 deaths (CFR 2.2 %) are reported mainly from Niari department. Of the reported cases: 21 are confirmed for cholera, 83 for shigellosis and 22 for typhoid fever.									
Congo	COVID-19	Protracted 3	14-Mar-20	14-Mar-20	14-May-23	25195	25 195	389	1.60%
The Government of Congo announced the confirmation of the first case of COVID-19 in Congo on 14 March 2020. As of 14 May 2023, a total of 25 195 cases, including 389 deaths, have been reported in the country.									
Congo	Mpox	Protracted 2	23-May-22	1-Jan-22	14-May-23	5	5	0	0.00%
From 1 January 2022 to 14 May 2023, the Republic of Congo has reported five laboratory-confirmed cases, with zero death (CFR 0.0%).									
Congo	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV1)	Grade 2	21-Mar-23	1-Mar-23	16-Aug-23	1	1	-	-
A case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) was confirmed on 1 March 2023 in a 15-year-old child living in Dolisie, Niari Department, with onset of paralysis on 26 September 2022.									
Côte d'Ivoire	COVID-19	Protracted 3	11-Mar-20	11-Mar-20	11-Jul-23	88338	88 338	835	0.90%
Since 11 March 2020, a total of 88 338 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported from Côte d'Ivoire, including 835 deaths and a total of 87 497 recoveries.									
Côte d'Ivoire	Dengue fever	Ungraded	10-Jul-23	19-Jun-23	19-Aug-23	2414	235	0	0.00%
An outbreak of Dengue fever is ongoing in Ivory Coast. A total of 2 414 cases have been reported from 19 June to 19 August 2023, with 235 confirmed cases and no fatalities. Males are more affected (51%), and the age group of more than 15 years is predominant (54.5%).									
Côte d'Ivoire	Yellow Fever	Ungraded	17-May-23	8-May-23	15-Jun-23	1	1	0	0.00%
A polymerase chain reaction -positive case of yellow fever was reported in Côte d'Ivoire on 8 May 2023 following confirmation at the Institut Pasteur in Dakar. The patient is a 35-year-old male from Abidjan with an unknown yellow fever vaccination status. The date of onset of illness is 4 April 2023.									
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Humanitarian crisis	Grade 3	20-Dec-16	17-Apr-17	5-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
The humanitarian situation in DRC remains difficult and dominated by internally displaced persons (IDPs). In Ituri and Tshopo, about 80 400 IDPs and 71 new IDPs remain without humanitarian assistance respectively. In Kasai, on 28 July, inter-community conflicts resulted in 1 500 IDPs, and one death. In Mai-Ndombe, new clashes were recorded and around 500 IDPs and in North Kivu, 15 000 IDPs in Mokolo health area remain without humanitarian assistance.									
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Cholera	Grade 3	16-Jan-15	1-Jan-23	5-Aug-23	24121	1 866	65	0.30%
During the epidemiological week 29 (week ending 22 July 2023), 600 new cases and two deaths were reported. This marks a decrease compared to the preceding week (691 cases, 2 deaths). Cumulatively, 24 121 cases with 65 deaths (CFR 0.3%) have been documented across six provinces in the country.									
Democratic Republic of the Congo	COVID-19	Protracted 3	10-Mar-20	10-Mar-20	19-Aug-23	96230	96 230	1468	1.50%

Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, declared on 10 March 2020, a total of 96 230 confirmed cases, including 1 468 deaths, have been reported as of week 33 of 2023.									
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Measles	Ungraded	12-Oct-21	1-Jan-23	16-Aug-23	204822	2 210	3594	1.80%
A total of 204 822 suspected cases with 3 594 measles-related deaths (CFR 1.8%) across six provinces as of 16 August 2023.									
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mpox	Protracted 2	30-Mar-19	1-Jan-22	4-Jul-23	734	734	3	0.40%
From 1 January 2022 through 13 April 2023, the Democratic Republic of the Congo reported 734 confirmed Mpox cases, with three death among the confirmed cases.									
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV1)	Grade 2	27-Aug-22	27-Aug-22	16-Aug-23	193	193	0	0.00%
According to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, one cVDPV1 case was reported in Haut Katanga. There have been 47 cases reported this year and 146 cases in 2022.									
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	26-Feb-21	1-Jan-22	16-Aug-23	430	430	0	0.00%
Two cVDPV2 cases were reported; one each in Kasai Oriental and Tanganyika. There are 62 cases reported this year and 368 cases in 2022.									
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Suspected Meningitis	Ungraded	31-May-22	2-Jun-22	5-Aug-23	1462		111	7.60%
There was a slight increase in number of new cases (n=46) reported in week 29 compared to the previous week (n=43). Since the beginning of 2023, a total of 1 462 cases and 111 deaths (CFR 7.6%) have been reported in six provinces. The most affected provinces are North Kivu (570 cases, 17 deaths; CFR 3%), and Tshopo (430 cases, 60 deaths, CFR 14%).									
Equatorial Guinea	COVID-19	Protracted 3	14-Mar-20	14-Mar-20	26-Jul-23	17229	17 229	183	1.10%
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	COVID-19	Protracted 3	21-Mar-20	21-Mar-20	3-May-23	10189	10 189	103	1.00%
The first confirmed COVID-19 case was reported in Eritrea on 21 March 2020. As of 30 October 2022, 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	2-Jun-22	7-Jun-22	3-Aug-23	2	2	0	0.00%
No new case of cVDPV2 was reported in 2023. One case was reported in 2022, and another one reported in 2021. The latter case was confirmed on 2 June 2022 by the Ethiopian National Polio Laboratory.									
Eswatini	COVID-19	Protracted 3	13-Mar-20	13-Mar-20	29-Apr-23	74670	74 670	1425	1.90%
The first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the kingdom of Eswatini on 17 March 2020. As of 29 April 2023, a total of 74 670 cases have been reported with 1 425 associated deaths.									
Ethiopia	Drought/food insecurity	Grade 3	17-Feb-22	1-Jan-22	4-Aug-23	20 100 000	-	-	-
Across Ethiopia, high food insecurity persists with over 20 million people in urgent need of food assistance. An estimated 8.8 million people need food assistance in the Afar, Amhara and Tigray region. In Tigray, a pause in food aid in early 2023 has led to an increased number of people consuming less food, worsening the food security situation.									
Ethiopia	Humanitarian crisis (Conflict in Tigray)	Grade 3	4-Nov-20	4-Nov-20	4-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
In Ethiopia, reports indicate 3.14 million Internal Displaced Persons and around 1.9 million returnees across the country. Currently in Tigray, there are over 1 million people that remain displaced with an estimated 700 000 previously returning home since the end of the conflict. Regionally, the heavy fighting in Sudan has resulted in 844 574 individuals having moved into neighboring countries, including 69 946 arrivals to Ethiopia as of July 23rd 2023.									
Ethiopia	Cholera	Grade 3	17-Sep-22	17-Sep-22	25-Aug-23	18937	18 937	247	1.30%
Since the index case in September 2022, there have been 18 937 cholera cases, including 80 new cases reported from Orioma & Sidama as of 23 August 2023. Within this same period, there have been 247 deaths (CFR 1.3%).									
Ethiopia	COVID-19	Protracted 3	13-Mar-20	13-Mar-20	17-Aug-23	500946	500 946	7574	1.50%
Since the confirmation of the first case on 21 March 2020, Ethiopia has confirmed a total of 500 946 cases of COVID-19 as of 16 August 2023, with 7 574 deaths and 488 159 recoveries.									
Ethiopia	Dengue	Ungraded	16-May-23	10-May-23	31-Jul-23	1638	103	9	0.50%
Since 4 April 2023, two districts (Logia and Mille) in the Afar region of northeastern Ethiopia have been experiencing an outbreak of dengue fever. As of 10 May 2023, a total of 1 638 suspected and confirmed cases and nine associated deaths (CFR 0.5%) have been reported.									
Ethiopia	Measles	Ungraded	13-Apr-17	1-Jan-23	1-Aug-23	7852	3 945	3	0.00%
A total of 7 852 suspected measles cases were reported as of week 25 current year (ending 23 June). Confirmed cases are 3 945, including 975 (20%) laboratory confirmed, 3 940 (79%) epidemiologically linked cases and 30 (1%) clinically compatible.									
Ethiopia	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	24-Jun-19	20-May-19	21-Jun-23	64	64	0	0.00%

No case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) was reported this week 19 of 2023 (ending 14 May 2023). There was one case reported in 2022. In addition, ten cases were reported in 2021, 38 in 2020 and 15 in 2019.									
Gabon	COVID-19	Protracted 3	12-Mar-20	12-Mar-20	23-Aug-23	48992	48 992	307	0.60%
On 12 March 2020, the Ministry of Health announced the confirmation of the first COVID-19 case in the country. As of 2 August 2023, a total of 48 992 cases, including 307 deaths and 48 676 recoveries have been reported. No New cases reported since then									
Gambia	Chikungunya	Ungraded	13-Sep-23	18-Sep-23	18-Sep-23	1	1	0	0.00%
On 13 September 2023, Epidemiology and Disease Control (EDC) Unit was informed of a suspected case of Chikungunya from Bansang General Hospital in a 13-year-old girl from Dobo village in the District of Niani in the Central River Region. sample tested positive at the National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL). Confirmatory test at the Institut Pasteur de Dakar also tested positive for Chikununya RT-qPCR.									
Gambia	COVID-19	Protracted 3	17-Mar-20	17-Mar-20	19-Aug-23	12607	12 607	372	3.00%
A total of 12 607 cumulative cases have been reported and confirmed including the 25 new cases reported in the month of July. There have been 372 deaths, and 12 189 recoveries reported in the country.									
Ghana	COVID-19	Protracted 3	12-Mar-20	12-Mar-20	19-Aug-23	171660	171 660	1462	0.90%
As at week 32 of 2023, Ghana has had a cumulative 171 660 cases and 1 462 deaths(CFR 0.9%). The most recent cases (2) were from the Sefwi-Wiawso and Korle-Klottey respective districts.									
Ghana	Mpox	Protracted 2	8-Jun-22	24-May-22	16-Aug-23	129	129	5	3.90%
As of week 32, there have been 129 confirmed and 5 deaths(CFR 3.9%) reported from 261 Districts. The last cases (2) reported were in week 32 of 2023.									
Ghana	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	23-Aug-19	23-Jul-19	14-Aug-23	34	34	-	-
Ghana first reported a cVDPV2 outbreak in 2019. The country has a cumulative of 34 cVDPV2 AFP cases. 19 cVDPV2 cases were documented in 2019, 12 in 2020 and 3 in 2022. No new case was documented as of August 11 2023.									
Guinea	COVID-19	Protracted 3	13-Mar-20	13-Mar-20	3-May-23	38462	38 462	467	1.20%
The Ministry of Health in Guinea announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 on 13 March 2020. As of 3 May 2023, a total of 38 462 cases, including 37 407 recovered cases and 467 deaths, have been reported in the country.									
Guinea	Diphtheria	Ungraded	21-Aug-23	4-Jul-23	27-Aug-23	117	7	37	31.60%
An outbreak of diphtheria has been reported in the Kankan region of Guinea since 4 July 2023. As of 27 August 2023, 117 suspected cases have been reported, including seven confirmed cases, all of whom have died. A total of 37 deaths have been recorded and 189 active contacts are being followed up. Of the reported cases, 59% are female. The 1-4 years age group is the most affected with 60 cases (51.3%). Siguiri District has reported the highest number of cases (100 cases, 85.5%).									
Guinea-Bissau	COVID-19	Protracted 3	25-Mar-20	25-Mar-20	9-Apr-23	9614	9 614	177	1.80%
On 25 March 2020, the Ministry of Health of Guinea Bissau reported the first COVID-19 confirmed case in the country. As of 9 April 2023, the country has reported 9 614 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 9 315 recoveries and 177 deaths.									
Kenya	Drought/food insecurity	Grade 3	17-Feb-22	1-Jan-22	14-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
The negative impacts of the prolonged drought in Kenya are likely to persist throughout 2023. Latest data shows a likely unprecedented deterioration in Kenya's food security situation, with over 5.4 million people experiencing acute food insecurity between March and June this year and likely to deepen in the following months.									
Kenya	Anthrax	Ungraded		10-Apr-23	4-Aug-23	365		3	0.80%
The outbreak has been reported from Muranga County. A total of 17 cases and three deaths have been reported from five sub-counties; Gatanga (1 case), Kandara (5, 2 deaths), Kigumo (7, 1 death, Maragwa (2), Maragwa (1) and Mathioya (1). The last case was reported between 22-29 May 2023.									
Kenya	Cholera	Grade 3	19-Oct-22	5-Oct-22	3-Sep-23	12079	577	201	1.70%
A cholera outbreak has been ongoing in Kenya since 26 October 2022. As of 3 September 2023, a total of 12 079 cases, with 577 confirmed by culture, and 201 deaths (CFR 1.6%) have been reported in 27 affected Counties.									
Kenya	COVID-19	Protracted 3	13-Mar-20	13-Mar-20	3-Sep-23	343955	343 955	5689	1.70%
On 12 March 2020, the Ministry of Health announced the confirmation of one new COVID-19 case in the country. As of 3 September 2023, 343 955 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported, including 5 689 deaths in the country.									
Kenya	Leishmaniasis (visceral)	Ungraded	31-Mar-19	3-Jan-20	17-Jul-23	2387	2 387	10	0.40%
The outbreak has been continuous since 2020. A total of 22 new cases were reported in the week ending 18 August 2023, making a cumulative of 2 387 cases and 10 deaths (CFR 0.5%). The outbreak is active in West Pokot County. No new cases were reported in the last epi week.									
Kenya	Measles	Ungraded	29-Jun-22	1-Jan-23	18-Jul-23	964	180	18	1.90%
The outbreak has been continuous since 2022, affecting 13 counties in 2023. Cumulatively, 964 cases, with 180 confirmed cases and 18 deaths (CFR 1.9%) have been reported as of 18 August 2023.									
Kenya	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	6-Jul-23	26-May-23	16-Aug-23	3	2	0	0.00%
A circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) has been confirmed in Kenya. Three genetically linked cVDPV2s were isolated from two acute flaccid paralysis cases, and one asymptomatic community contact. Genetic sequencing confirms the isolated cVDPV2s are linked to cVDPV2s currently circulating in Banadir, Somalia.									
Lesotho	COVID-19	Protracted 3	13-May-20	13-May-20	8-Aug-23	34490	34 490	706	2.10%
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	COVID-19	Protracted 3	16-Mar-20	16-Mar-20	18-Aug-23	8161	8 161	295	3.60%

Cumulatively, from March 16, 2020, when the first case was confirmed in Liberia, until July 17, 2023, there have been 8 161 confirmed cases and 294 deaths. No new confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported, and there are currently zero active cases in the country.									
Liberia	Lassa Fever	Ungraded	3-Mar-22	6-Jan-22	23-Aug-23	153	89	24	15.70%
From January 6, 2022, to August 23, 2023, a total of 153 cases have been reported with 89 confirmed and 24 deaths. (CFR 15.7%).									
Liberia	Measles	Ungraded	3-Feb-22	13-Dec-21	26-Jul-23	12637	11 995	95	0.80%
Since the measles outbreak started on 13 December 2021, there have been 12 637 suspected cases, 11 995 confirmed cases, and 95 deaths with CFR 1.0% in nine affected Counties as of 12 July 2023. Montserrado County recorded the highest number of deaths (69).									
Liberia	Mpox	Protracted 2	21-Jul-22	23-Jul-22	23-Aug-23	104	7	0	0.00%
Liberia confirmed its first case of Mpox on 23 July 2022, with a cumulative total of 104 cases reported and 7 confirmed. The most recent case was in week 33 of 2023 in Maryland county.									
Madagascar	Malnutrition crisis	Protracted 2	1-Jul-21	1-Jan-21	6-Aug-23	2200000	-	-	-
2.2 million people in Madagascar face food insecurity, including 479 000 children with acute malnutrition. Over 115 000 children need treatment for acute malnutrition this year. The situation is particularly dire in the Grand South and Grand South-east regions, where 2 out of 5 people are severely food insecure.									
Madagascar	COVID-19	Protracted 3	20-Mar-20	20-Mar-20	23-Aug-23	68289	68 289	1425	2.20%
The Madagascar Ministry of Health confirmed the first COVID-19 case on 20 March 2020. As of 2 August 2023, a total of 68 289 confirmed cases, including 1 425 deaths, have been reported in the country. No new case reported since then									
Malawi	Cholera	Grade 3	3-Mar-22	3-Mar-22	3-Sep-23	58989	58 989	1768	3.00%
Twenty-nine districts have reported Cholera cases since March 2022 in the Machinga district. As of 3 September 2023, a cumulative total of 58 981 cases and 1 768 deaths (CFR 3.0%) have been reported since the onset of the outbreak.									
Malawi	COVID-19	Protracted 3	2-Apr-20	2-Apr-20	23-Jul-23	88825	88 825	2686	3.00%
On 2 April 2020, the president of Malawi announced the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country. As of 23 July 2023, the country has 88 825 confirmed cases with 2 686 deaths.									
Malawi	Poliomyelitis (WPV1)	Grade 2	31-Jan-22	1-Feb-22	6-Sep-23	1	1	0	0.00%
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 participating in the multi-country, subregional outbreak response to control the WPV1 outbreak.									
Mali	Humanitarian crisis (Sahel region)	Grade 2		11-Sep-17	31-Jul-23	-	-	-	-
Mali is facing prolonged conflict, poverty, climate shocks, and growing insecurity. However, the current Humanitarian Response Plan for Mali is severely underfunded, with only 11% of the required funding secured. There has been a significant increase in IDPs in the regions of Kidal (32.8%) and Ménaka (20%). As of week 30, over 7.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance.									
Mali	COVID-19	Protracted 3	25-Mar-20	25-Mar-20	11-Jun-23	33150	33 150	743	2.20%
On 25 March 2020, the Ministry of Health of Mali reported the first COVID-19 confirmed cases in the country. As of 11 June 2023, a total of 33 150 confirmed COVID-19 cases have been reported in the country, including 743 deaths and 32 331 recoveries.									
Mali	Measles	Ungraded	20-Feb-18	1-Jan-23	2-Jul-23	276	276	0	0.00%
From the beginning of the year through 2 July 2023, 634 suspected measles cases were tested in Mali, and 276 were laboratory confirmed.									
Mauritania	COVID-19	Protracted 3	13-Mar-20	13-Mar-20	2-Jul-23	63712	63 712	997	1.70%
The government of Mauritania announced its first confirmed COVID-19 case on 13 March 2020. As of 2 July 2023, a total of 63 712 cases, including 997 deaths and 62 713 recovered have been reported in the country.									
Mauritania	Measles	Ungraded	7-Mar-23	26-Dec-22	11-Jun-23	508	224	4	0.80%
Since the beginning of 2023, measles cases have been reported in the three wilayas of Nouakchott and in eight other wilayas in the country. As of 11 June 2023, the country has reported 508 suspected measles cases (224 confirmed, including 133 laboratory-confirmed cases and 91 epidemiologically linked cases). Four deaths, including two community deaths, have been reported among the confirmed cases.									
Mauritius	COVID-19	Protracted 3	18-Mar-20	18-Mar-20	7-May-23	304233	304 233	1050	0.40%
The Republic of Mauritius announced the first three positive cases of COVID-19 on 18 March 2020. As of 7 May 2023, a total of 304 233 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 1 050 deaths have been reported in the country.									
Mauritius	Dengue fever	Ungraded	10-Jul-23	8-Jun-23	7-Jul-23	147		0	0.00%
Mauritius has been experiencing an outbreak of dengue fever since early June. As of 7 July 2023, 147 suspected cases have been reported, including 96 in Mauritius Island and 51 in Rodrigues Island.									
Mozambique	Humanitarian crisis in Cabo Delgado	Protracted 2	1-Jan-20	1-Jan-20	6-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
Most poor and very poor households in Mozambique face Minimal (IPC Phase 1) outcomes as the ongoing harvest improves food access and availability. In Cabo Delgado, ongoing humanitarian assistance drives Stressed (IPC Phase 2) outcomes, with Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes persisting in conflict-affected areas. There have been a reduced number of attacks.									

Mozambique	Cholera	Grade 3	14-Sep-22	16-Nov-22	4-Aug-23	33443	33 534	141	0.40%
Cholera is endemic in Mozambique and the current outbreak in the country started in Niassa province on 14 September 2022. As of 1 August 2023, 33 534 cholera cases have been recorded with 141 deaths (CRF 0.4%) in 11 affected provinces.									
Mozambique	COVID-19	Protracted 3	22-Mar-20	22-Mar-20	23-Aug-23	233417	233 417	2243	1.00%
The first confirmed COVID-19 case was reported in Mozambique on 22 March 2020. As of 2 August 2023, a total of 233 417 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country, including 2 243 deaths.									
Mozambique	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	7-Dec-18	1-Jan-21	4-Aug-23	6	6	0	0.00%
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	6-Sep-23	8	8	0	0.00%
According to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, there was no WPV1 case reported this week. There were eight cases reported in 2022.									
Namibia	Suspected lead intoxication	Ungraded	19-Jul-23	19-Jul-23	28-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
On 18 July 2023, WHO received a notification from the Namibia health authorities regarding suspected lead intoxication among children in Rosh Pinah, Karas region following a detection of elevated lead concentration in the blood among six children screened at a private health facility. Further investigations are ongoing.									
Namibia	COVID-19	Protracted 3	14-Mar-20	14-Mar-20	9-Jul-23	171998	171 998	4098	2.40%
The first case of COVID-19 was detected in Namibia on the 14 March 2020. As of 9 July 2023, a total of 171 998 confirmed cases with 4 098 deaths have been reported.									
Niger	Humanitarian crisis (Sahel region)	Grade 2	1-Feb-15	1-Feb-15	18-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
The number of internally displaced people in Niger has reached a record high, with an increase from 1.9 million in 2017 to 4.3 million individuals (15% population) in 2023, indicating a significant rise in the need for humanitarian assistance. On 28 July, Niger experienced a military coup and this marks the third Sahel country in less than three years. Acute food insecurity affects 3.3 million people, while a staggering 7.3 million are at risk of their situation deteriorating due to the ongoing crisis.									
Niger	COVID-19	Protracted 3	19-Mar-20	19-Mar-20	1-May-23	9513	9 513	315	3.30%
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.									
Niger	Diphtheria	Ungraded	28-Aug-23	4-Jul-23	27-Aug-23	665	7	30	4.50%
An outbreak of diphtheria has been confirmed in Matameye health district, Zinder region. The first case was reported on 17 July 2023. As of 11 September 2023, a total of 665 suspected cases, including 30 deaths (CFR) were reported from 12 health districts. Four districts are currently in outbreak mode. 496 over 665 recovered from the disease and 139 are under treatment. Public health response activities are ongoing in affected districts.									
Niger	Measles	Ungraded	5-Apr-22	1-Jan-22	19-Aug-23	1743	517	0	0.00%
As of epidemiological week 33, 2023, 1 743 suspected measles cases were reported, of which 934 were investigated across 65 districts in the eight regions. Of these cases, 56% (n=517) were laboratory-confirmed. Additionally, 90% (n=65) of the districts reported at least one suspected case, and 35 (49%) health districts have reached the epidemic threshold since the beginning of the year.									
Niger	Meningitis	Ungraded	7-Dec-22	31-Oct-22	19-Aug-23	2162	325	129	6.00%
A meningitis outbreak was declared in the Dungass health district in 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 15 July 2023, 2 162 suspected cases of meningitis, including 325 laboratory-confirmed cases and 129 deaths (CFR 6.1%) were reported.									
Niger	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	1-Jan-20	1-Jan-21	16-Aug-23	34	34	0	0.00%
No new case of cVDPV2 was reported during this week. The total number of cases reported in 2022 is 16. There were 18 cases reported in 2021.									
Nigeria	Humanitarian crisis (Sahel region)	Grade 2	10-Oct-16	10-Oct-16	1-Aug-23	8 300 000	8 300 000	-	-
People face emergency levels of food insecurity, with very high rates of severe acute malnutrition that could lead to death in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states. As of week 30 2023, over 6 million people are targeted for humanitarian aid, 8.3 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, 2.2 million IDPs, and 4.3 million people in need of food security aid.									
Nigeria	Cholera	Grade 3		1-Jan-23	30-Jul-23	2309		57	2.50%
From 1 January to 30 July 2023, a cumulative total of 2 309 suspected cholera cases and 57 deaths (CFR 2.7%) were reported from 111 Local Government Areas in 26 states, with Cross River State accounting for 31% of the reported cases (718 cases). Males account for 51% of all suspected cholera cases.									
Nigeria	COVID-19	Protracted 3	27-Feb-20	27-Feb-20	21-Apr-23	266675	266 675	3155	1.20%
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.									
Nigeria	Diphtheria	Grade 2	1-Dec-22	1-Dec-22	31-Jul-23	4160	1 534	137	7.50%
Between week 19, 2022 and week 31, 2023, 4 160 suspected cases of diphtheria were reported from 27 states in Nigeria. Kano (3 233), Yobe (477), and Katsina (132) States have reported the most cases. A total of 137 deaths were recorded among confirmed cases (CFR 7.5%). Of suspected cases, 1 534 were confirmed, including 87 laboratory-confirmed, 158 epidemiologically linked, and 1 289 clinically compatible.									
Nigeria	Lassa Fever	Ungraded	8-Jan-23	1-Jan-23	23-Jul-23	6597	1 009	171	2.60%

In week 29, 2023, Nigeria recorded 114 cases of Lassa fever, with zero deaths. From week 1 to week 29, a cumulative total of 6 597 suspected cases were reported across 28 states and 111 local government areas. Among these cases, 1 009 were confirmed, and 171 are deaths (CFR 16.9%). The states of Ondo, Edo, and Bauchi account for 73% of all confirmed cases.									
Nigeria	Mpox	Protracted 2	31-Jan-22	1-Jan-22	9-Jul-23	843	843	9	1.10%
From 1 January to 9 July 2023, Nigeria has reported 843 monkeypox confirmed cases with nine deaths (CFR 1.1%).									
Nigeria	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	1-Jun-18	1-Jan-22	2-Aug-23	67	67	-	-
No cVDPV2 case was reported this week. There have been 19 cVDPV2 cases reported this year and 48 cases in 2022.									
Rwanda	COVID-19	Protracted 3	14-Mar-20	14-Mar-20	26-Feb-23	133194	133 194	1468	1.10%
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	Protracted 3	7-Apr-20	6-Apr-20	23-Aug-23	6589	6 589	80	1.20%
On 6 April 2020, the Ministry of Health of Sao Tome and Principe reported the country's first case of COVID-19. As of 9 August 2023, a total of 6 562 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported, including 80 deaths. A total of 6 462 cases have been reported as recoveries.									
Senegal	Chikungunya	Ungraded	8-Jun-23	8-Jun-23	1-Aug-23	2	2	0	0.00%
On 24 July 2023, the Dakar Pasteur Institute laboratory reported one IgM-confirmed case of Chikungunya from Sokone district. There was another case notified on 4 July 2023 by the Dakar Pasteur Institute laboratory (IgM-confirmed case of Chikungunya) from Pikine district.									
Senegal	COVID-19	Protracted 3	2-Mar-20	2-Mar-20	28-Apr-23	88997	88 997	1971	2.20%
From 2 March 2020 to 28 April 2023, a total of 88 997 confirmed cases of COVID-19 including 1 971 deaths and 87 024 recoveries have been reported in Senegal.									
Senegal	Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF)	Ungraded	21-Apr-23	21-Apr-23	1-Aug-23	3	3	1	33.30%
The Ministry of Health of Senegal reported a confirmed case of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever on 21 April 2023 in a 35-year-old male, butcher. The date of onset of symptoms was 10 April. On 9 May 2023, a second confirmed case was reported followed by a third confirmed case on 10 July.									
Senegal	Measles	Ungraded	4-Jul-22	1-Jan-23	29-Jul-23	445	445	0	0.00%
There were no new cases reported in epidemiological week 30, 2023. From epidemic week 1 to 29 of 2023 (ending 22 July 2023), 445 confirmed cases of measles with no deaths were reported from 13 regions in Senegal, with the most affected regions being Diourbel (294 cases), Kédougou (27 cases), and Tambacounda (24 cases). Of the 197 children aged 9 months to 5 years with confirmed measles, 168 (85%) were not vaccinated against measles.									
Seychelles	COVID-19	Protracted 3	14-Mar-20	14-Mar-20	28-Feb-23	50937	50 937	172	0.30%
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	Protracted 3	31-Mar-20	27-Mar-20	25-Jul-23	7766	7 766	125	1.60%
On 31 March 2020, 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, including 125 deaths and 4 898 recovered cases. As of July 16 2023, 7 766 cases, 125 deaths, CFR (1.6%). Since the beginning of 2023 there have been six confirmed COVID 19 cases.									
South Africa	Cholera	Grade 3	3-Feb-23	3-Feb-23	31-Jul-23	1388	198	47	3.40%
As of 31 August 2023, South Africa has reported 1 388 suspected cases, with 47 deaths (CFR=3.7%) from six provinces – Gauteng, Free State, North West, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and recently KwaZulu-Natal									
South Africa	COVID-19	Protracted 3	5-Mar-20	5-Mar-20	24-Apr-23	4072533	4 072 533	102595	2.50%
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	8-Sep-23	6816	1 151	0	0.00%
From 8 October 2022 to 8 September 2023, a total of 1 151 laboratory-confirmed cases were reported from eight provinces with declared measles outbreaks in Limpopo (522 cases), Mpumalanga (113 cases), North West (221 cases), Gauteng (200 cases), Free State (33 cases), Western Cape (18), KwaZulu-Natal (37) and Northern Cape (7).									
South Sudan	Drought/food insecurity	Grade 3	18-Dec-20	5-Apr-21	31-Jul-23	-	-	-	-
The 2022 Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) analysis in South Sudan, projected that over half of the population in the country (63%) will be facing acute food insecurity between April 2022 and July 2023. Of these, 4.8 million people will be in crisis (IPC3), 2.9 million are projected to be in emergency (IPC4) and the number of people in catastrophe (IPC5) are expected to be 43 000.									
South Sudan	Humanitarian crisis	Protracted 3	15-Aug-16	15-Aug-16	6-Aug-23	9400000	-	-	-
The humanitarian community in South Sudan estimates that 9.4 million people need humanitarian assistance in 2023. With the ongoing conflict in Sudan, South Sudan has received 195 242 individuals from Sudan since April 2023. Host communities and healthcare systems are struggling to cope with the increased demand for health and other services.									
South Sudan	COVID-19	Protracted 3	5-Apr-20	5-Apr-20	3-May-23	18499	18 499	138	0.70%
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-18	1-Jan-19	13-Aug-23	4253	1 517	27	0.60%
The current outbreak in the Bentiu IDP camp is ongoing. In 2023, 326 cases of AJS have been reported, of which 28 tested positive for HEV by RDT. As of 13 August 2023, a total of 4 253 cases of acute jaundice syndrome (AJS) including 27 deaths (CFR 0.7%) have been reported since January 2019.									

South Sudan	Measles	Ungraded	23-Feb-22	1-Jan-23	13-Aug-23	5581	418	128	2.30%
The ongoing measles outbreak in South Sudan is a continuation of the measles outbreak that was officially declared by Health authorities on 23 February 2022. In 2023, from epi-week 1 to week 32 (ending 13 August), a total of 5 581 suspected cases, 418 lab-confirmed and 128 related deaths (CFR 2.3%) have been reported.									
Tanzania, United Republic of	COVID-19	Protracted 3	16-Mar-20	16-Mar-20	23-Aug-23	43973	43 078	846	1.90%
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 2 August 2023, a total of 43 078 confirmed cases have been reported in Tanzania Mainland including 846 deaths.									
Tanzania, United Republic of	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	19-Jul-23	17-Jul-23	23-Aug-23	1	1	0	0.00%
No cVDPV2 case was reported this week. There is one case in 2023.									
Togo	COVID-19	Protracted 3	6-Mar-20	1-Mar-20	3-May-23	39483	39 483	290	0.70%
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 3 May 2023, a total of 39 483 cases, including 290 deaths and 39 178 recovered cases, have been reported in the country.									
Togo	Poliomyelitis (cVDPV2)	Grade 2	18-Oct-19	13-Sep-19	2-Aug-23	19	19	0	0.00%
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	13-Aug-23	-	-	-	-
In Karamoja region of Uganda, the deterioration in the food security situation is attributable to the continued localized insecurity. However, according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), it is anticipated that the food security situation will slightly improve in the projection period (September 2023 – February 2024), with the population in IPC Phase 3 or above reducing from 582 000 people (45%) to 342 000 (27%).									
Uganda	Cholera	Grade 3	25-Jul-23	25-Jul-23	1-Sep-23	80	31	10	12.50%
Cholera outbreak was officially confirmed on 25 July, 2023 after 3 samples turned positive for cholera in Uganda. The four samples were collected from suspected cholera cases from Sigulu Islands, Namayingo district. Cumulatively, 81 cases of cholera with 10 deaths have been reported as of 1 September 2023.									
Uganda	COVID-19	Protracted 3	21-Mar-20	21-Mar-20	31-Jul-23	171829	171829	3632	2.10%
The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Uganda on 21 March 2020. As of 31 August 2023, a total of 171 829 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 3 632 deaths were reported.									
Uganda	Malaria	Ungraded	5-Jun-23	2-Jul-23	30-Jul-23	-	-	-	-
There is an ongoing malaria outbreak in Uganda in 15 health districts ; 10 health districts are in alert threshold. During week 30 (ending 30 July 2023), a total of 215 078 confirmed cases of malaria and 29 deaths have been reported and 205 424 confirmed cases and 31 deaths reported in the previous week.									
Uganda	Yellow Fever	Ungraded	7-Mar-22	2-Jan-22	27-Jun-23	1178	4	0	0.00%
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). Four cases have been confirmed from the following districts Kasese (1), Buikwe (2), and Buvuma (1) classified by having positive PRNT results and no record of yellow fever vaccination. The last cases was reported in February 2023. The National Yellow Fever vaccination campaign phase I has been completed and the second phase is scheduled for October 2023.									
Zambia	Cholera	Grade 3	24-Jan-23	20-Jan-23	10-Sep-23	860	329	18	2.10%
Cumulatively, 860 cases from eight districts; Mpulungu, Vubwi, Nsama, Nchelenge, Mwansabombwe, Chipata, Chipangali and Lusangazi. A total of 18 deaths have been reported.									
Zambia	COVID-19	Protracted 3	18-Mar-20	18-Mar-20	11-May-23	343995	343 995	4058	1.20%
The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Zambia on 18 March 2020. As of 11 May 2023, a total of 343 995 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 4 058 deaths.									
Zambia	Measles	Ungraded	13-Jun-22	13-Jun-22	12-Aug-23	3715	367	31	0.80%
A measles outbreak continues to evolve in Lusaka, North-western and Southern provinces affecting several districts. Cumulatively, the provinces have recorded 3 715 measles cases and 31 deaths as of 12 August 2023.									
Zimbabwe	Cholera	Grade 3	12-Feb-23	12-Feb-23	3-Sep-23	3913	868	96	2.50%
The first cholera outbreak in the country in 2023 started on the 12 February 2023. Cumulatively there were 3 613 cholera cases with 96 deaths (CFR 2.5%) as of 3 September 2023. All of the ten provinces are affected with majority of the cases reported from Manicaland, Harare, Mash West and Mash Cent provinces.									
Zimbabwe	COVID-19	Protracted 3	20-Mar-20	20-Mar-20	25-Jul-23	265731	265 731	5714	2.20%
The first COVID-19 confirmed case was reported in Zimbabwe on 20 March 2020. As of 25 August 2023, a total of 265 731 confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported in the country including 5 714 deaths.									
Closed Events									
Guinea	Dengue	Ungraded	15-Aug-23	5-Aug-23	15-Aug-23	1	1	0	0.00%
On August 15, 2023, WHO AFRO was informed about a confirmed case of dengue fever in Guinea. It is a 37-year-old physician from Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, who arrived in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on August 3, 2023. The patient had onset of symptoms on 5 August 2023, and a sample collected on 14 August 2023, confirmed the patient's positive for Dengue.									
Mauritania	Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF)	Ungraded	27-Jul-23	27-Jul-23	21-Aug-23	1	1	1	100.00%

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