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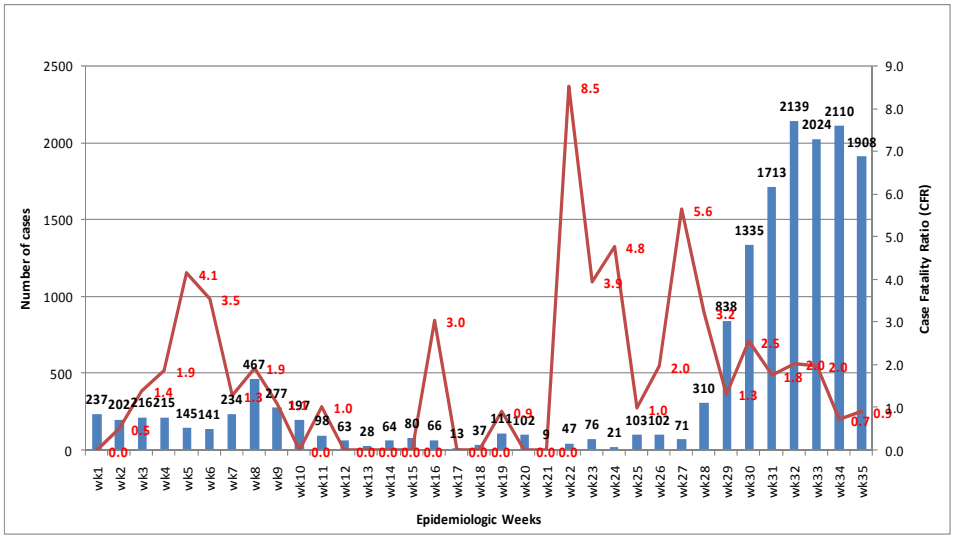
Cholera situation in Sierra Leone, 4 September 2012

Name of affected district	District Population	Cumulative Number as reported up to 2 September 2012				Number reported on 3 September 2012				Grand Total	Total Deaths	CFR	Attack Rate
		Cases			Deaths	Cases			Deaths				
		<5	≥5	Total		<5	≥5	Total					
Western Area	1,243,804	908	6901	7809	84	33	136	169	0	7978	84	1.1	0.64
Port Loko	529,831	1736	1410	3146	56	3	5	8	0	3154	56	1.8	0.60
Kambia	324,769	252	1013	1265	31	3	3	6	0	1271	31	2.4	0.39
Pujehun	320,686	271	540	811	11	2	6	8	0	819	11	1.3	0.26
Bo	624,386	41	292	333	7	0	4	4	0	337	7	2.1	0.05
Bombali	469,064	149	816	965	15	2	16	18	0	983	15	1.5	0.21
Moyamba	262,725	22	152	174	13	1	6	7	0	181	13	7.2	0.07
Tonkolili	413,276	95	672	767	31	2	2	4	0	771	31	4.0	0.19
Bonthe	160,114	60	82	142	3	0	1	1	0	143	3	2.1	0.09
Kono	305,952	21	46	67	0	1	4	5	0	72	0	0.0	0.02
Kenema	621,750	20	81	101	0	1	17	18	0	119	0	0.0	0.02
Koinadugu	318,849	1	7	8	0	0	2	2	0	10	0	0.0	0.00
TOTAL	5,595,206	3,576	12,012	15,588	251	48	202	250	0	15,838	251	1.6	0.28

Cumulative cases & deaths of cholera, Sierra Leone, 1 Jan.– 3 Sep. 2012



National Trend of cholera cases and case fatality , Weeks 1- 32

Message of the Day: ***The vomit and feces of cholera patients are very infectious. Use diluted bleach or chlorine to clean the feces or vomit .***

In Sierra Leone, the situation with the current cholera outbreak is still critical. As of September 3, 2012, a cumulative of 15,838 cases with 251 deaths giving a case fatality Rate of 1.6% was reported by the Directorate of Disease Prevention and Control.

According to daily reports, district that reported the highest number of cases include: Western Area (169), Bombali (18) and Kenema (18). There is improvement in data collection from all districts. In the Western Area over 79% of facilities report daily.

The two day training of radio journalists end today with a declaration of 'war on cholera'. They agreed to continually broadcast cholera prevention and control messages on radio. Today the team of journalists developed jingles, songs and public announcements.

As part of the strategy to strengthen capacity for case management, a total of nine hundred and twenty nine(929) health workers from nine districts have been trained by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation with technical support from WHO. A training on collection of specimen and laboratory testing for cholera confirmation and monitoring is planned for next week.

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