Cholera: situation in the WHO African Region, 01 September 2012

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Highlights

Between 01 January and 01 September 2012, a cumulative total of 62 079 cases and 1 246 deaths were reported from 22 countries (CFR: 2.0%). The Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Uganda, Ghana and Niger accounted for 93% of the total number of cases and 88% of the total number of deaths (Table 1, Figures 1 and 2).

Country	Cases	Deaths	CFR%
DR Congo	22792	512	2.2
Sierra Leone	15308	249	1.6
Guinea	5523	105	1.9
Uganda	5279	118	2.2
Ghana	4975	38	0.8
Niger	3748	75	2.0
Total	**57625**	**1097**	**1.9**

Table 1. Distribution of cholera cases and deaths in the six most affected countries (01 January - 01 September 2012)

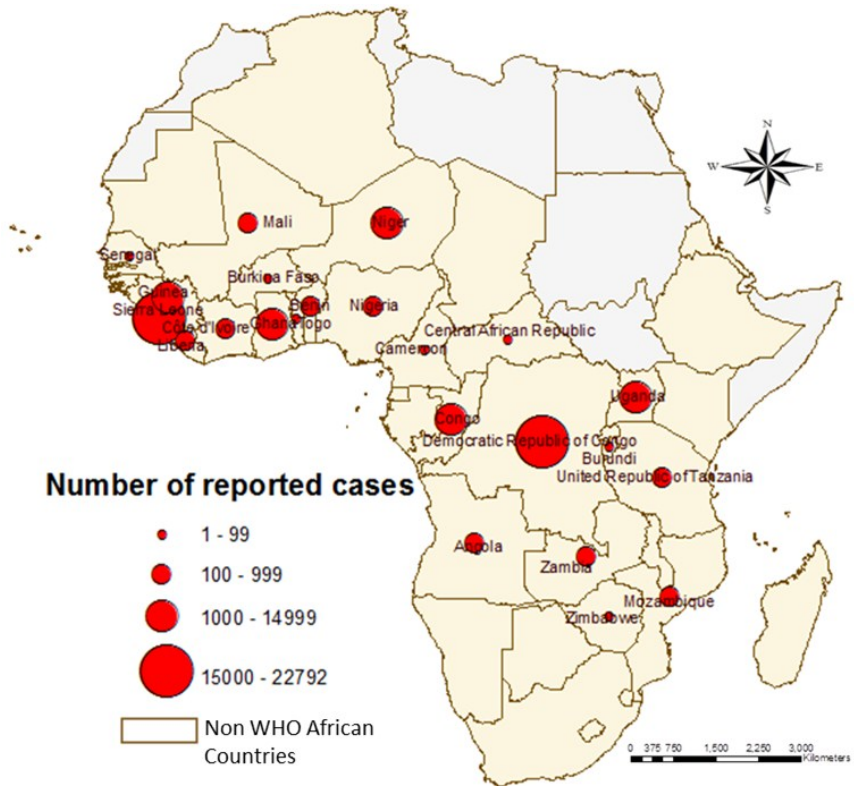

Fig 1. Geographic distribution of cholera cases in the WHO African Region (01 January - 01 September 2012)

Response to cholera outbreaks

WHO and other partners continue to provide guidance and technical support to the affected countries in the areas of multi-sectoral coordination; surveillance; case management; infection prevention and control; logistics; community awareness; cross border collaboration; and resource mobilization. Experts in these different areas were deployed in the field to support the investigation and response to cholera outbreaks.

More information about outbreaks in the WHO African region can be found at http://www.afro.who.int.

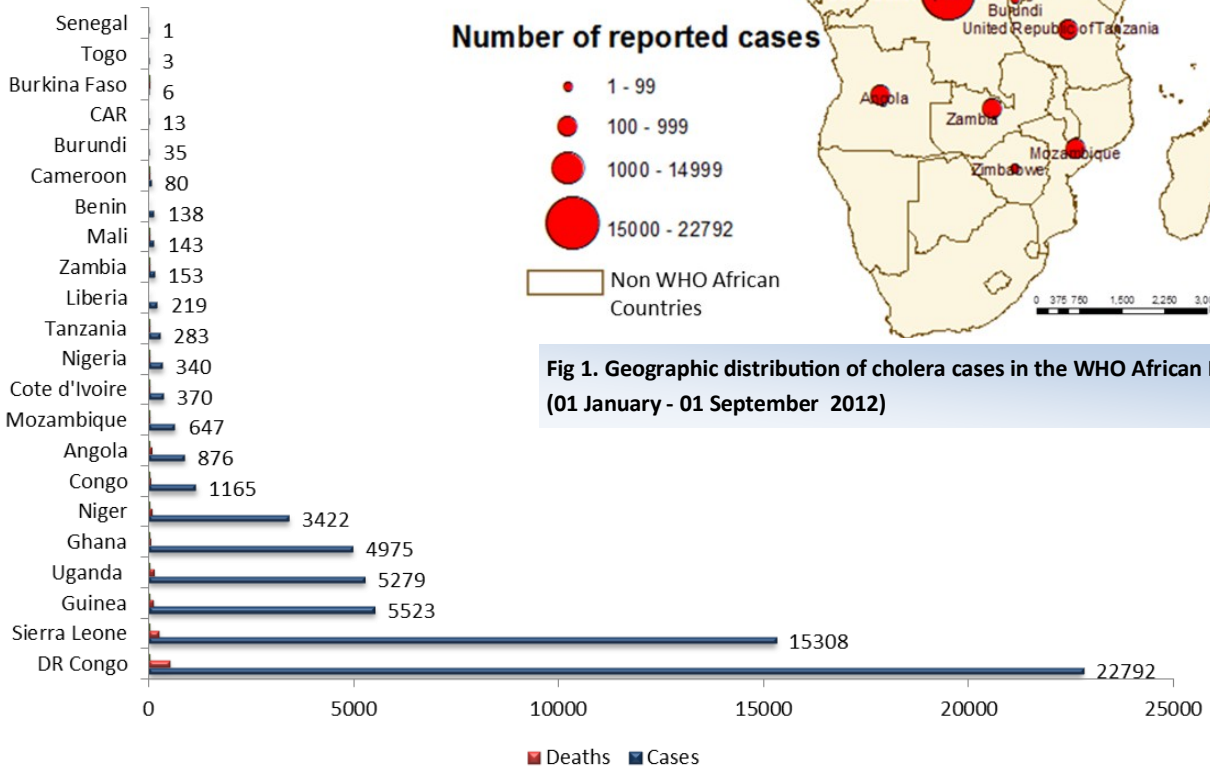

Fig 2. Distribution of cholera cases and deaths by country in the WHO African Region (01 January - 01 September 2012)

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