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Cholera situation in Sierra Leone, 6 September, 2012

Name of affected district	District Population	Cumulative Number as reported up to 5 September 2012				Number reported on 6 September 2012				Grand Total	Total Deaths	CFR	Attack Rate
		Cases			Deaths	Cases			Deaths				
		<5	≥5	Total		<5	≥5	Total					
Western Area	1,243,804	988	7331	8319	87	16	98	114	0	8433	87	1.0	0.68
Port Loko	529,831	1740	1428	3168	56	0	4	4	0	3172	56	1.8	0.60
Kambia	324,769	256	1030	1286	31	0	4	4	0	1290	31	2.4	0.40
Pujehun	320,686	280	552	832	11	2	0	2	0	834	11	1.3	0.26
Bo	624,386	44	303	347	8	1	2	3	0	350	8	2.3	0.06
Bombali	469,064	159	861	1020	15	2	9	11	0	1031	15	1.5	0.22
Moyamba	262,725	23	172	195	13	0	1	1	0	196	13	6.6	0.07
Tonkolili	413,276	104	698	802	31	1	9	10	0	812	31	3.8	0.20
Bonthe	160,114	61	93	154	3	0	3	3	0	157	3	1.9	0.10
Kono	305,952	22	52	74	0	0	2	2	0	76	0	0.0	0.02
Kenema	621,750	22	126	148	0	0	19	19	1	167	1	0.6	0.03
Koinadugu	318,849	1	14	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0.0	0.00
TOTAL	5,595,206	3,700	12,660	16,360	255	22	151	173	1	16,533	256	1.5	0.30

National cumulative summary of cholera cases , 1 January to 6 September, 2012

Dr Roungou - Director DPC/AFRO, the WR , DPC/MoHS and cross section of partners at the Sierra Leone Cholera Command and Control Center's daily review meeting.

The cholera situation in Sierra Leone has still on the rise. Cumulatively, the districts are reporting over two hundred cases per day. Majority of the cases are occurring in the Western Area (urban and suburban communities of the Capital, Freetown) where the outbreak was first confirmed in June 2012.

As of 6 September 2012, twelve out of 13 districts have reported a cumulative total of 16,533 cases and 256 deaths with a case fatality rate of 1.5%. The four most affected districts as of 6 September 2012 were: Western Area with 114 cases, Kenema 19, Bombali 11 and Tonkolili 10. Kailahun is the only district that has not reported any case of cholera. The district shares borders with Kenema and Kono districts and the neighbouring countries of Liberia and Guinea.

Nationally, multi-sectorial response activities are ongoing led by the Ministry of Health and Sanitation with the support of partners. Technical experts are also supporting case management, social mobilization and water and sanitation and hygiene, surveillance and data management.

Series of media related activities were undertaken during the week including an orientation and press conference to provided them with appropriate information and standardized cholera messages.

***Message of the Day:* Wash the beddings/clothes/utensils of cholera patients with bleach or with hot water and soap**

Cholera Press Conference at the Ministry of Information: organized by the Ministries of Information & Communications and Health & Sanitation

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