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Cholera situation in Sierra Leone-18 September 2012

| Name of affected district | District Population | Cumulative Number as reported up to 16 September 2012 | | | | Number reported on 17 September 2012 | | | | Grand Total | Total Deaths | CFR | Attack Rate |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------|--------|--------|---|---------------|-------|--------|----------------|-----------------|-----|----------------|
| | | Cases | | | Deaths | Cases | | | Deaths | | | | |
| | | < 5 | <u>></u> 5 | Total | | <5 | <u>></u> 5 | Total | | | | | |
| Western Area | 1,243,804 | 1199 | 8279 | 9478 | 91 | 20 | 86 | 106 | 1 | 9584 | 92 | 1.0 | 0.77 |
| Port Loko | 529,831 | 1740 | 1544 | 3284 | 57 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 3299 | 57 | 1.7 | 0.62 |
| Kambia | 324,769 | 262 | 1081 | 1343 | 31 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1347 | 31 | 2.3 | 0.41 |
| Pujehun | 320,686 | 342 | 581 | 923 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 926 | 14 | 1.5 | 0.29 |
| Во | 624,386 | 54 | 386 | 440 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 453 | 9 | 2.0 | 0.07 |
| Bombali | 469,064 | 190 | 996 | 1186 | 15 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 0 | 1199 | 15 | 1.3 | 0.26 |
| Moyamba | 262,725 | 25 | 201 | 226 | 14 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 239 | 14 | 5.9 | 0.09 |
| Tonkolili | 413,276 | 138 | 874 | 1012 | 32 | 2 | 16 | 18 | 0 | 1030 | 32 | 3.1 | 0.25 |
| Bonthe | 160,114 | 69 | 125 | 194 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 202 | 3 | 1.5 | 0.13 |
| Kono | 305,952 | 23 | 89 | 112 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 114 | 2 | 1.8 | 0.04 |
| Kenema | 621,750 | 36 | 245 | 281 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 18 | 0 | 299 | 3 | 1.0 | 0.05 |
| Koinadugu | 318,849 | 4 | 37 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.01 |
| TOTAL | 5,595,206 | 4,082 | 14,438 | 18,520 | 271 | 29 | 185 | 214 | 1 | 18,734 | 272 | 1.5 | 0.33 |

Cumulative cases & deaths of cholera, Sierra Leone, 1 Jan. - 17 Sep. 2012



Cross section of participants at the Inter religious leaders training

Message of the Day: If a person dies of cholera, limit the number of people who prepare the body and bury immediately. Ensure that the hands and clothes of those handling the body are washed with soap and water.

A cumulative total of 18,734 cases and 272 deaths have been reported by the Directorate of Disease Prevention and Control in the Ministry of Health and Sanitation as of 17 September, 2012.

On 17 September, 214 cases with one death were reported from the 12 affected districts. Western Area remains the worst affected district with 106 reported cases. The Case Fatality Rate for Western Area is at 1.0% while the attack rate is 0.77%.

The Chief of Staff in the Office of the President and Chairperson of the Presidential Taskforce on Cholera, Dr Kaifala Marah visited the C4 on 13 September 2012. He conveyed the President's appreciation of the "good work done" by the team by supporting the scale up of the outbreak response.

As part of the efforts to strengthen social mobilization, a one day training was held for religious leaders (Christian and Muslim) in Freetown on the prevention and control of cholera. This group of leaders will pass on the information about cholera and mobilize communities for behavior change.



Dr Kaifalla Marah speaking at the C4 meeting