

11 October 2011 – An outbreak of cholera was reported from Ghanikhil in the Shinwar district, Nangarhar, on 11 October 2011. A DEWS focal point in Ghanikhil reported 17 cases of acute watery diarrhoea admitted to hospital. Samples from three admitted cases were positive for *Vibrio cholerae* serotype Ogawa. No deaths were reported. Stream and open well water was considered the source of infection.

The following steps were taken by the investigation team to control the outbreak.

- Cases were detected and managed at the hospital
- Cases were reported in a timely manner and a team was established to conduct a field investigation and active case finding
- Samples were taken from patients
- Wells and water sources in the affected area were chlorinated
- Health facility staff received on-the-job orientation of cholera
- Communities received health education on hygiene and safe drinking-water
- The investigation team conducted a follow-up visit in the affected area to ensure that there were no new cases.

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