Cholera update for Somalia, April 2018

- In April 2018, a total of 826 suspected cholera cases including 4 associated deaths were reported from Hiraan, Banadir, Lower Jubba, Lower Shabelle and Middle Shabelle regions; the case-fatality rate is 0.48%.
- Cases reported in Hiraan region were from Beletweyne and Bulo Burde; Kismayo in Lower Jubba; Jowhar in Middle Shabelle and Afgoye in Lower Shabelle. Cases in Banadir region were reported from 13 districts. The districts with the highest cumulative number of cases are Kismayo (551), Hodan (62) and Madina (50).
- Five regions are reporting cholera cases and so far Lower Jubba region is reporting the highest number of cases (924) and associated deaths (7).
- Cholera cases are increasing in number and affecting new areas as well. The number of the reported cases are continuously increasing from the consecutive last four months; January (392), February (511), March (643) and April (826).
- Out of a total of 132 stool samples collected form 6 CTCs in 4 regions from January to April 2018, a total 40 stool samples tested positive for *Vibrio cholerae*, serotype Ogawa.
In March 2018, the Ministry of Public Health and Population of Yemen reported a total 13,885 cholera cases, including 8 associated deaths (case-fatality rate: 0.05%).

The cumulative number of cholera cases reported in Yemen since October 2016 is 1,111,653, including 2,400 related deaths with a case-fatality rate of 0.22%. The country experienced a second wave of this outbreak from 27 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. The total number of reported cases of cholera is 1,085,826, including 2,271 related deaths with a case-fatality rate of 0.21%.

Out of 2,927 stool cultures performed to date, 1,113 have been confirmed for *Vibrio Cholerae*.

The 5 governorates with the highest cumulative attack rates per 10,000 are Amran (902.3), Al Mahwit (878.9), Al Dhale’e (639.8), Dahamar (524.9) and Sana’a (527.6). The national attack rate is 388.7 per 10,000. The Governorate with high numbers of deaths are Al Hajjah (423), Al Hudaydah (284), Ibb (291) and Taizz (189).

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