

14 April 2019 - The Ministry of Public Health and Population of Yemen reported 27,840 suspected cases of cholera with 48 associated deaths during epidemiological week 15 (8 April – 14 April) of 2019. Severe cases constitute 18 per cent of the total. The cumulative total number of suspected cholera cases from 1 January 2018 to 14 April 2019 is 224,444 with 470 associated deaths (CFR 0.21%). Children under five represent 22.5% of total suspected cases. The outbreak has affected 21 of 23 governorates and 286 of 333 districts in Yemen since the beginning of 2019.

From week 13 to week 15 in 2019, the trend of weekly reported suspected cholera cases was stable at the country level. The districts reporting the highest number of suspected cases of cholera during epidemiological week 15 are Bani al Harith (869), Shu'aub (855), As Sabain (808), Ma'ain (737), and Hamdan (636).

Of a total 86,846 rapid diagnostic tests performed since January 2019, 48,808 have been confirmed as cholera-positive; the numbers for culture testing were 4873 samples and 2308 positive.

WHO continues to provide leadership and support for activities with health authorities and partners to respond to this ongoing cholera outbreak, including case management, surveillance, laboratory investigations, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and risk communication.

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