

27 February 2017 – Pakistan's Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination has reported cases of Chikungunya in the country for the first time.

A total of 803 cases have been reported since 19 December 2016 in the Sindh province, including 29 cases reported in various towns in Karachi during the week of 10-16 February 2017. Of the 92 samples sent to the National Institute of Health for testing, 71 have been laboratory-confirmed positive for Chikungunya virus.

WHO is in close coordination with the Ministry of Health and partners in response efforts. Capacity-building has been conducted and instructions issued to district and town health officers, primary health care providers and hospitals on Chikungunya treatment and preventative measures.

The community has been advised through a door-to-door campaign through the Lady Health Workers programme. Affected areas have been fumigated and high-risk areas have been treated with insecticides using indoor residual spraying.

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