



Acute watery diarrhoea Alert Habeeb cholera treatment centre, Mogadishu

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Investigation: The Habeeb cholera treatment centre (CTC) in Mogadishu reported an increase in the number of acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) cases during epidemiological week 28. There was also reported a shortage in AWD case management supplies .

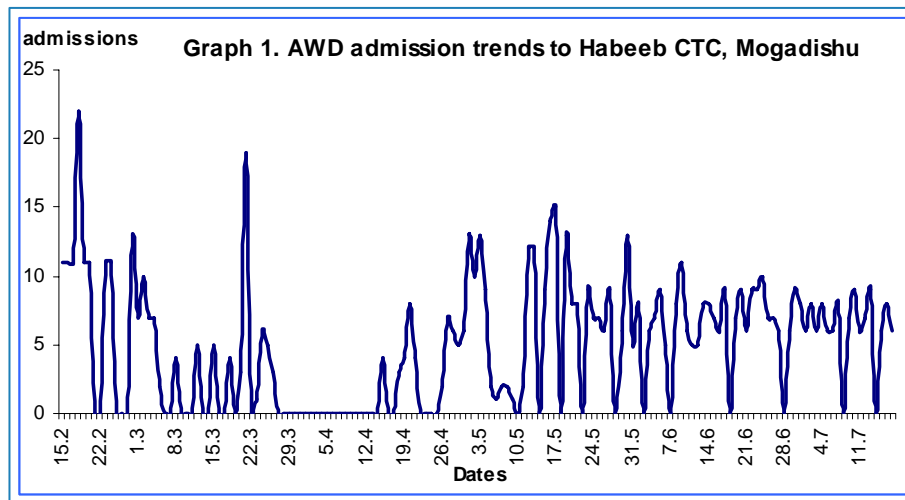
Current admission trends at the Habeeb CTC indicate that during the period between week 1-28, a total of 764 AWD cases including 51% (388) children under five years of age have been admitted at the CTC, with 9 deaths including seven under 5 years of age reported; case fatality rate 2.5 (*see Graph below*).



Response to the current alert: WHO provided an assortment of AWD case management supplies to the Habeeb CTC as part of the initial response including 400 litres of ringer lactate and accessories and antibiotics (Erythromycine syrup, tablets and Doxycillin). WHO team also collected stool samples from new admissions which have been sent to the KEMRI laboratory in Nairobi for culture. This will guide response activities. Results of samples are due this week.



Patients recovering at the Habeeb CTC



¹ Week 28: 12-18 July 2010
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