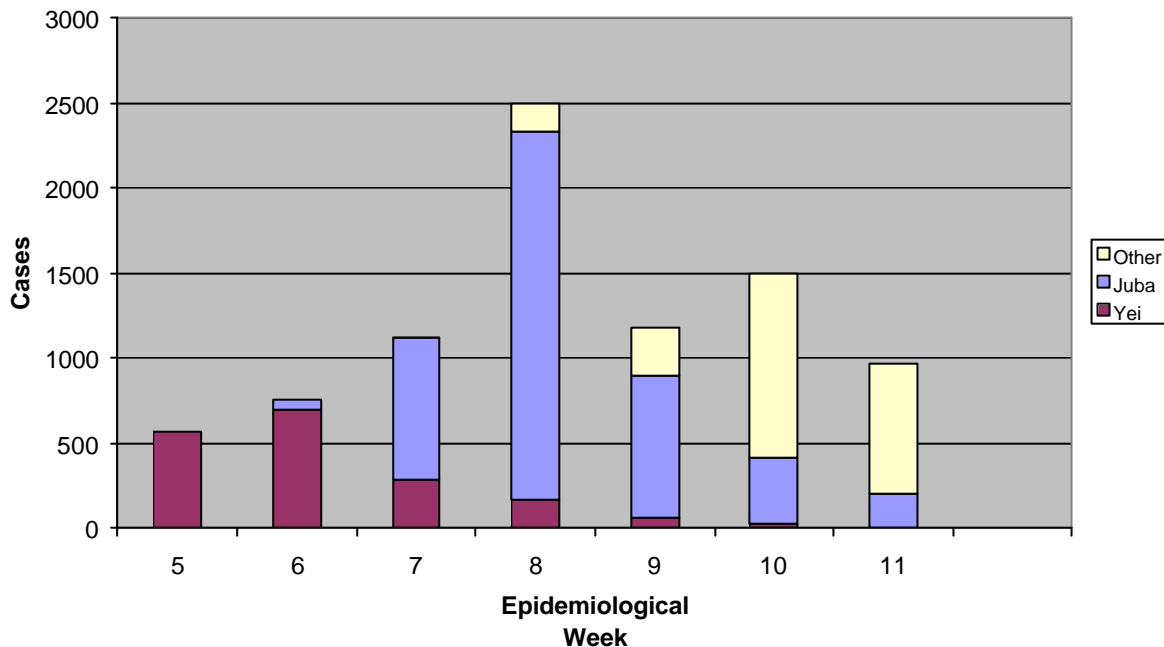




Acute watery diarrhoea in Southern Sudan – 26 March 2006

Between 28 January and 24 March 2006, the Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) Task Force in Juba led by the Federal Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Health of the Government of Southern Sudan, in collaboration with WHO and other partners, reported a total number of 9,087 cases with 245 deaths (case fatality rate 2.70%) from acute watery diarrhoea in seven of the ten States in Southern Sudan. (Central Equatoria State, East Equatoria State, Jonglei State, Lakes State, Upper Nile State, Unity State and West Equatoria State). *Vibrio cholerae* Inaba has been laboratory confirmed in samples collected from both Yei and from Juba.

Cases of AWD by Epidemiological Week
Southern Sudan



To break the chain of transmission, the Task Force under the chairmanship of the Ministry of Health of the Government of Southern Sudan with inputs from the Federal Ministry of Health together with WHO, UN Agencies, various NGOs and other partners are continuing to reinforce the surveillance systems, standardize case management, implement environmental control measures such as the chlorination of public water supplies, conduct health education and active hygiene promotion for prevention and closely monitor and evaluate the response.

Due to efficient control measures implemented by the AWD Task Force, the Under-Secretary of Health of the Government of Southern Sudan was able to officially declare the outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea in Yei over on 14 March 2006. Although the situation in Juba is improving, cases of acute watery diarrhoea are being reported in new locations. The situation will continue to be closely monitored throughout the region.

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