



Senegal: Cholera

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"In February, a cholera epidemic was declared in Senegal, focused in Touba (about 200 km from Dakar). Recent government statistics reported 1,800 cases and 18 deaths during the period 21-27 March."



SITUATION

Cholera epidemic reported to have spread from Touba throughout Senegal and into neighbouring Gambia. Disease spread through visiting pilgrims to Touba who brought cases back to their homes. Situation worsening daily. Senegalese Ministry of Health reports 3,400 cases of cholera; 54 deaths (from 28 March to 3 April)
 Gambian authorities report 30 cases and 3 deaths.

ACTION

Senegalese Red Cross (SRC) mobilized 102 volunteers; 32 already implementing social mobilization activities since prior outbreak in 2004. SRC conducted major awareness campaign from 28 March to 6 April focusing on hygiene promotion: including water chlorination, handwashing, and hygiene for latrines and the environment.

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