HIGHLIGHTS

- In the reporting Week 39 (September 24-30, 2018) **four** new confirmed cases were reported from Edo (3) and Bauchi (1) states with no new death recorded.

- From 1st January to 30th September 2018, a total of 2623 **suspected cases** have been reported from 22 states. Of these, **514 were confirmed positive, 10 probable, 2098 negative** (not a case).

- Since the onset of the 2018 outbreak, there have been 134 deaths in confirmed cases and 10 in probable cases. Case Fatality Rate in confirmed cases is 26.1% -Table 1.

- 22 states have recorded at least one confirmed case across 89 Local Government Areas (Edo, Ondo, Bauchi, Nasarawa, Ebonyi, Anambra, Benue, Kogi, Imo, Plateau, Lagos, Taraba, Delta, Osun, Rivers, FCT, Gombe, Ekiti, Kaduna, Abia, Adamawa and Enugu). **Eighteen** states have exited the active phase of the outbreak while **four**- Edo, Delta, Ondo and Bauchi states remain active - Table 1/ Figure 1.

- In the reporting week 39, no new healthcare worker was infected. **Thirty-nine health care workers have been affected since the onset of the outbreak in seven states** – Ebonyi (16), Edo (14), Ondo (4), Kogi (2), Nasarawa (1), Taraba (1) and Abia (1) with ten deaths in Ebonyi (6), Kogi (1), Abia (1), Ondo (1) and Edo (1).

- 82% of all confirmed cases are from Edo (46%), Ondo (23%) and Ebonyi (13%) states.

- Five patients are currently being managed at Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital (ISTH) treatment Centre (3) Federal Medical Centre Owo (1) and Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital Bauchi (1) - Table 1.

- A total of **7524 contacts** have been identified from 22 states. Of these 160(2.1%) are currently being followed up, 7253 (96.4%) have completed 21 days follow up while 15(0.2%) were lost to follow up. 97(1.4%) symptomatic contacts have been identified, of which **36 (0.5%)** have tested positive from five states (Edo -19, Ondo-8, Ebonyi-3, Kogi -3 Bauchi-1 and Adamawa-1) - Table 1.

- Lassa fever international Conference registration, abstract submission and travel scholarship now open to the public on the conference website [www.lic.ncdc.gov.ng](http://www.lic.ncdc.gov.ng)

- Lassa fever national multi-partner, multi-agency Technical Working Group(TWG) continues to coordinate response activities at all levels.
Figure 1. Distribution of Confirmed Lassa Fever cases in Nigeria as at 30th September, 2018

Figure 2. Distribution of Suspected and Confirmed Lassa Fever cases in Nigeria by LGA
Figure 3. Epicurve of Lassa fever Confirmed (514) and Probable (10) Cases in Nigeria week 1-39, 2018

Figure 4. Weekly trends of Lassa fever Confirmed Cases in Nigeria, 2016-2018/39
Figure 5. Confirmed Lassa fever cases in Nigeria with state specific Case Fatality Rates (CFR) as at 30th September, 2018

aSuspected case describes any individual presenting with one or more of the following: malaise, fever, headache, sore throat, cough, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, myalgia, chest pain, hearing loss and either a. History of contact with excreta or urine of rodents b. History of contact with a probable or confirmed Lassa fever case within a period of 21 days of onset of symptoms OR Any person with inexplicable bleeding/hemorrhagia.

bAny suspected case with laboratory confirmation (positive IgM antibody, PCR or virus isolation)

cAny suspected case (see definition above) who died without collection of specimen for laboratory testing

d“Active” means where there has been at least one confirmed case, and contacts within 21 days post exposure

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