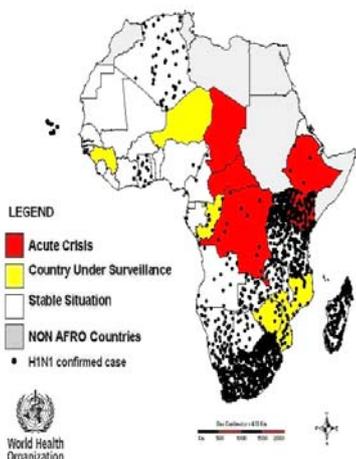


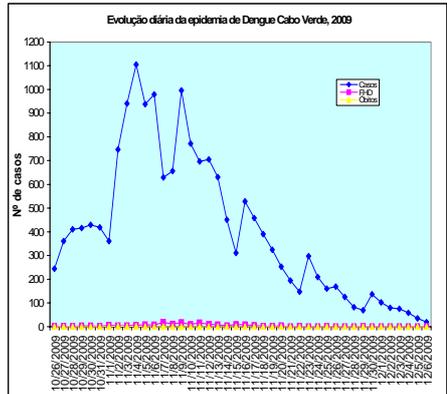
EMERGENCY SITUATION IN AFRO COUNTRIES  
For week 07 12 2009 to 13 12 2009



Previous Week



Country	Weekly Reports		
	Expected since Week 1	Submitted at date	Completeness %
1. Algeria	49	19	39
2. Angola	49	39	80
3. Burundi	49	25	51
4. CAR	49	33	67
5. Chad	49	47	100
6. Congo	49	18	37
7. Cote d'Ivoire	49	32	65
8. DRC	49	49	100
9. Eritrea	49	18	37
10. Ethiopia	49	47	96
11. Guinea	49	40	82
12. Kenya	49	35	71
13. Liberia	49	37	76
14. Madagascar	49	31	63
15. Mozambique	49	49	100
16. Niger	49	38	78
17. Uganda	49	38	78
18. Zimbabwe	49	14	29



Outbreak of Dengue in Cape Verde: Continued decrease of the trend  
(Source: Ministry of Health Cape Verde)

## General Context

The latest update from the UNHCR reported about 112,000 displaced people who fled from the conflict in Dongo, North East DRC in the province of Equateur, 74,000 of these displaced people are in Congo. The Political situation in Guinea experienced some turbulence following the shooting of the country's President last week. Pandemic A (H1N1): As of 07<sup>th</sup> December 2009; Twenty nine (29) countries have reported confirmed cases with a total case load of 16,031 and 115 deaths. Disease outbreaks, the complex emergencies in central African countries and the food crises in the horn of Africa remain major humanitarian concerns in the region.

## Situation in Countries

### Acute crises

**CAR:** Security in the North east remains unstable. There is no information about the humanitarian workers abducted in Birao and who are supposedly detained in Sudan. Many NGOs and humanitarian actors have suspended their activities in the area. Since the 05<sup>th</sup> of December 2009, refugees from Dongo (DRC) are reported in the South West zone of Lobaye; about 3,439 people of which 1,500 children under 5 years have been registered in 6 villages.

**Chad:** Security in eastern Chad continues to be of high concern for the humanitarian community providing assistance to tens of thousands people in the area. This situation has pushed many aid organizations (NGOs, ICRC) to suspend their activities leaving more than 37,000 without assistance. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2009, a humanitarian convoy (composed by WFP, UNHCR and UNPOL) was attacked by eight armed men on the Farchana-Hadjer Hadid road.

**DRC:** Insecurity: the situation in Dongo, province of Equateur where several attacks against the national policemen and national army are reported remains critical. The rebels launched an attack against the key town of Gemena on the 08<sup>th</sup> of December which forced the population to flee the town. Based on the report from the UNHCR, since the beginning of the conflict, 112,000 people have been displaced of which 74,000 are in the neighbouring Congo. The humanitarian community in the area has been mobilized and is responding to the immediate needs of the displaced population. The attacks of FDLR rebels in South Kivu and North Kivu has continued as the rebels took revenge by attacking the hospital of Kalole in Shabunda (South Kivu). The hospital was burnt down and seven people abducted by FDLR rebels on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2009. In the territory of Walikale (North Kivu) the continued harassment on civil-

ians by the FDLR has resulted recently in the displacement of about 9,000 people who flee the area to the neighbouring forest. **Cholera outbreaks:** In South Kivu 317 new cases with 03 deaths were reported in week 48 making a total of 10,387 cases with 105 deaths (CFR: 1.01%) from week 1 to 48 in 2009, the epidemic has affected four of the ten health zones (Kadutu, Fizi, Bunyakiri and Katana)\*. In North Kivu, 71 new cholera cases without death were reported in week 48 making a total of 5,710 cases with 61 deaths (CFR: 1%) from week 1 to 48 in 2009\*. **Meningitis outbreak** in Kisangani (province of Orientale), 115 cases with 13 deaths (CFR: 11.3%) were reported in three health zones (Mangobo, Makiso and Tshopo) from the 28<sup>th</sup> of November to the 07<sup>th</sup> of December 2009\*. WHO and other health partners (MSF, CTB) are supporting response and surveillance activities.

**Ethiopia:** Food security situation: While the upcoming harvests will improve the overall food availability, it is expected that harvest is to be below-normal as a result of the late start of the June - September rains in some areas. The poor rains have also affected the reproduction of livestock by contributing to shortages of water and pasture, mainly in parts of Afar and Somali Regions. Some areas, however, are already vulnerable to food insecurity because of the below normal harvest. **Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD),** outbreak reports received from SNNPR and Oromiya indicate an increasing number of AWD cases as well as expansion of the outbreak to new districts. No exact official figures have been obtained from the ministry of Health yet. Immediate response needs include drugs and medical supplies.

### Countries Under Surveillance

**Cape Verde:** Outbreak of Dengue: The trend of the incidence continues to decrease. As of the 06<sup>th</sup> of December 2009, a total of 20,652 cases with 6 deaths have been reported by the Ministry of Health of which 174 cases presented hemorrhagic signs. WHO continues its support in outbreak control activities.

**Congo:** The latest update of the UNHCR reports 74,000 refugees in the district of Likouala coming from the DRC following the ethnic clashes in Dongo (province of Equateur). WHO and others humanitarian partners are still supporting the humanitarian response.

**Guinea:** The political climate went through turbulence with the shooting of the President by his bodyguard on the 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2009. The situation in the country is calm but remains unpredictable. WHO continue to closely monitor the situation.

**Kenya:** The outbreak of cholera: Cholera outbreak has affected 15 Districts in the last one

month with a total of 4,842 cases and 131 deaths (CFR: 2.7%).

**Niger: Malnutrition:** (No Update received). In week 44, a total of 4,729 cases with 14 deaths were reported. A total of 161,854 cases with 398 deaths were reported from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009\*. **Political situation** is still tense but there is a renewal of talk among all parties.

**Zimbabwe:** Cholera outbreak: No new cholera cases were reported in the last two weeks. The figure remained at 146 cumulative cases and 5 deaths (CFR: 3.4%) as of 06<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in 9 out of 62 districts in the country\*.

**Pandemic A H1N1 in the WHO African Region:** The incidence of confirmed cases has been slightly declining in the last few weeks. As of 07<sup>th</sup> December 2009, a total of 16,031 confirmed cases with 115 deaths have been reported in 29 countries.