In the reporting Week 51 (December 17 - 23, 2018) fourteen new confirmed cases were reported from Edo(2), Ondo (4), FCT (2), Bauchi (2), Plateau(3) and Delta(1) States with seven new deaths in FCT(1), Delta(1), Plateau(2), Bauchi (1), and Ondo (2) State

From 1st January to 23rd December 2018, a total of 3441 suspected cases have been reported. Of these, 611 were confirmed positive, 19 probables, 2811 negative (not a case)

Since the onset of the 2018 outbreak, there have been 166 deaths in confirmed cases and 19 in probable cases. Case Fatality Rate in confirmed cases is 27.2%

23 states have recorded at least one confirmed case across 93 Local Government Areas (Edo, Ondo, Bauchi, Nasarawa, Ebonyi, Anambra, Benue, Kogi, Imo, Plateau, Lagos, Taraba, Delta, Osun, Rivers, FCT, Gombe, Ekiti, Kaduna, Abia, Adamawa, Enugu and Kano). Eleven States - Edo, Ondo, Plateau, Gombe, Bauchi, Kano, Kaduna, Nasarawa, Adamawa ,FCT and Delta are in active phase of the outbreak -Figure 1

In the reporting week 51, no new healthcare worker was affected. Forty-five health care workers have been affected since the onset of the outbreak in seven states –Ebonyi (16), Edo (15), Ondo (8), Kogi (2), Nasarawa (1), Taraba (1) and Abia (1) with ten deaths in Ebonyi (5), Kogi (1), Abia (1), Ondo (2) and Edo (1)

82% of all confirmed cases are from Edo (45%), Ondo (25%) and Ebonyi (12%) states

Eight patients are currently being managed at Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital (ISTH) treatment Centre (2) Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Owo (4), FCT(1) and Plateau (1) state

A total of 9557 contacts have been identified from 23 states. Of these 588 (6.2%) are currently being followed up, 8839 (92.3%) have completed 21 days follow up while 15 (0.2%) were lost to follow up. 116 (1.3%) symptomatic contacts have been identified, of which 37 (0.5%) have tested positive from five states (Edo -20, Odo-8, Ebonyi-3, Kogi -3, Bauchi-1 and Adamawa-1)

Lassa fever international conference scheduled for 16th to 17th of January 2019, visit 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 23rd December, 2018

Figure 2. Distribution of Confirmed Lassa Fever cases in Nigeria by LGA as at 23rd December 2018

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≥1 Suspected Cases
1-50 Confirmed Cases
>50 Confirmed Cases
1 dot = 1 Confirmed
Figure 3. Epicurve of Lassa fever Confirmed 600 Cases in Nigeria week 1-51, 2018

Figure 4. Weekly trends of Lassa fever Confirmed Cases in Nigeria, 2016-2018/Week 51
Figure 5. Confirmed Lassa fever cases in Nigeria with state specific Case Fatality Rates (CFR) as at 23rd December, 2018

i Suspected 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.

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

iii Any suspected case (see definition above)

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

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