

AFRICA: Meningitis belt



Areas with frequent epidemics of meningococcal meningitis



22 Feb 2010 - A meningitis epidemic is spreading across sub-Saharan Africa's "meningitis belt" earlier than expected this year, with 2,298 cases reported in Burkina Faso (fatality rate of 13%) and 108 cases in Togo (fatality rate of 23%). The disease occurs during the dry season, with most cases reported in mid-April.

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