

Cholera: situation in the WHO African Region, 22 August 2012

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Highlights

Between 01 January and 22 August 2012, a cumulative total of 55 185 cases and 1 187 deaths were reported from 21 countries (CFR: 2.2%). The Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Ghana, Niger and Guinea accounted for 92% of the total number of cases and 88% of the total number of deaths (Table 1, Figures 1 and 2).

Country	Cases	Deaths	CFR%
DR Congo	21538	502	2.3
Sierra Leone	12456	224	1.8
Uganda	5279	118	2.2
Ghana	4787	34	0.7
Niger	3422	71	2.1
Guinea	3384	91	2.7
Total	50866	1040	2.0

Table 1. Distribution of cholera cases and deaths in the six most affected countries

Response to cholera outbreaks

WHO and other partners continue to provide guidance and technical support to the affected countries in the areas of multi-sectoral coordination; surveillance; case management; infection prevention and control; logistics; community awareness; cross border collaboration; and resource mobilization. Experts in these different areas were deployed in the field to support the investigation and response to cholera outbreaks.

More information about outbreaks in the WHO African region can be found at <http://www.afro.who.int>.

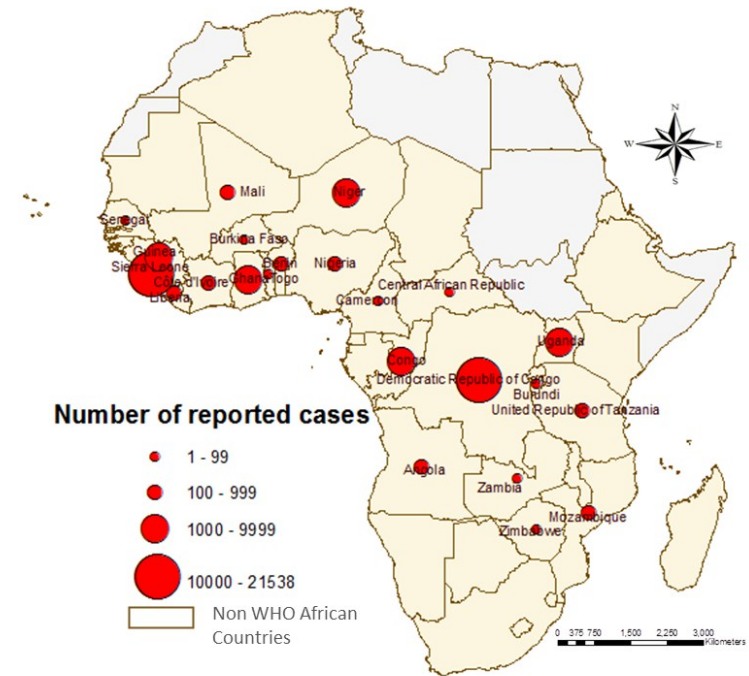


Fig 1. Geographic distribution of cholera cases in the WHO African Region (01 January - 22 August 2012).

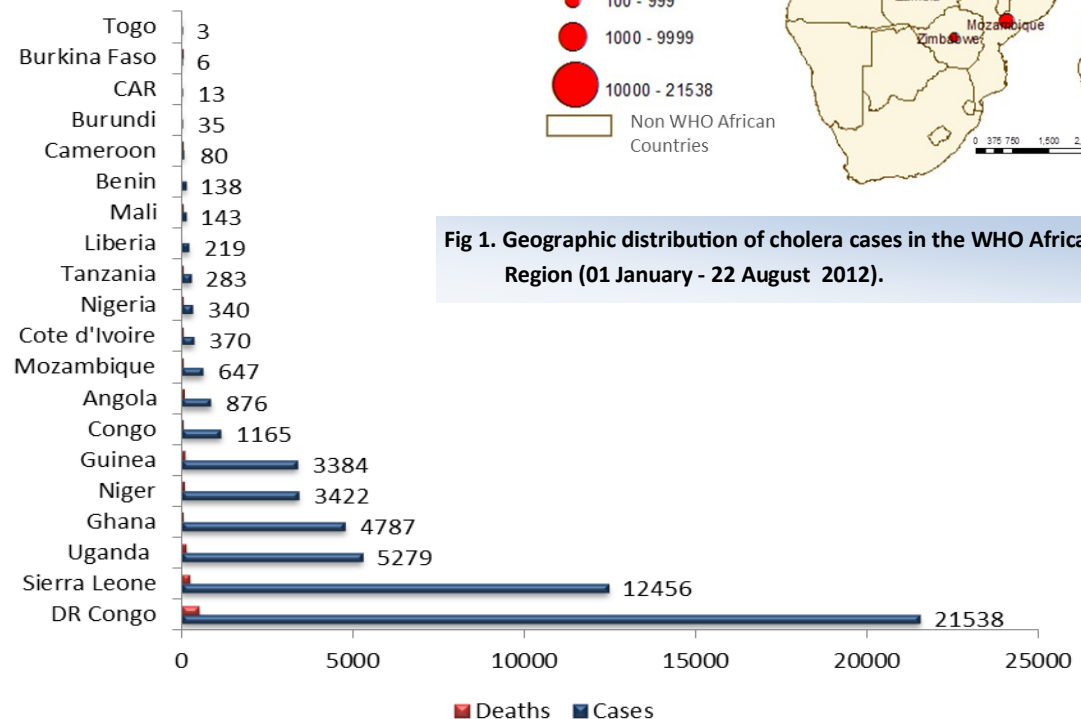


Fig 2. Distribution of cholera cases and deaths by country in the WHO African Region (01 January - 22 August 2012).