Highlights for today (19 January 2016):

i. One (1) new confirmed case was reported from Edo state today.

ii. Five (5) new suspected cases were reported from the following states: Bauchi (2); Kano (1); Ekiti (1) and Kogi (1).

iii. Two (2) new deaths were reported today from the following states: Ekiti (1) and Edo (1).

iv. Four (4) new rumours are being investigated in the following state: Bauchi (1); Rivers (1) and Zamfara (2).

v. Emergency National Council on Health (NCH) convened today by the Honourable Minister of Health and Lassa Fever Eradication committee inaugurated.

vi. Outbreak investigation is ongoing in the states and retrospective cases which fit the standard case definition for suspected case are being updated.

Epidemiologic summary:

- Suspected Cases: 218; Total deaths (confirmed and suspected): 79 (CFR: 36.24%)
- Confirmed cases: 42; Deaths in confirmed cases: 25

Outbreak Summary:

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Fig. 1: Table showing summary of outbreak data from the states
**Fig 2:** Spot map showing cases of Lassa fever by state and LGA from Week 35 2015 – Week 2 2016

**RESPONSE:**

**Coordination**
- NCDC/FMOH is taking leadership for coordination supported by partners
- Daily review meeting at the EOC
- Technical guidance is being provided to states based on available capacities (coordination, surveillance, case management and IPC) within states
- Production of daily Situation report

**Case Management and Infection Prevention and Control**
- 71,000 tabs of Ribavirin, 20,750 vials of parenteral Ribavirin and 960 pieces of PPE distributed to the affected states as of today
- Isolation centers have been identified in most states
- NCDC/Niger state team supervised the safe burial of a suspected case today

**Surveillance**
- Continuing outbreak investigation in the affected states
- Nationwide alert to SMOH on current situation and need for preparedness
- Contact tracing ongoing in affected states
- Clinician sensitization ongoing in affected states

**Laboratory**
- 5 National laboratories with PCR capability are currently conducting analysis of samples
- 101 samples analyzed and 42 tested positive for Lassa fever, other VHFs were negative
- Some laboratory results are currently awaited
Communication and Social Mobilization
✓ Training for NCDC call centre operators conducted today
✓ Radio and television jingles are ongoing in the states
✓ Lassa fever information website (www.lassaalert.org) linked to the NCDC website has been developed and has gone live.
✓ Community health education ongoing

Challenges
✓ Coordination of laboratory network leading to delay in sending laboratory results
✓ Logistics support for contact tracing in the states
✓ Logistics for sample transportation for prompt laboratory diagnosis

Next steps
✓ Reinforce active surveillance, contact tracing and continue outbreak investigation
✓ Continue clinician sensitization to ensure early detection and reporting
✓ Continue health education and community sensitization
✓ Capacity building at state level for coordination, surveillance, case management and IPC, communication and social mobilization
✓ Coordinate laboratory network for prompt release of documented results.

******End of Summary******

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