HIGHLIGHTS

- In the reporting Week 21 (May 21-27, 2018) no new confirmed case was reported.

- From 1st January to 27th May 2018, a total of 1968 suspected cases have been reported from 21 states. Of these, 431 were confirmed positive, 10 are probable, 1523 negative (not a case) and 4 samples are awaiting laboratory result (pending).

- Since the onset of the 2018 outbreak, there have been 108 deaths in confirmed cases and 10 in probable cases. Case Fatality Rate in confirmed cases is 25.1% - Table 1.

- 21 states have recorded at least one confirmed case across 71 Local Government Areas (Edo, Ondo, Bauchi, Nasarawa, Ebonyi, Anambra, Benue, Kogi, Imo, Plateau, Lagos, Taraba, Delta, Osun, Rivers, FCT, Gombe, Ekiti, Kaduna, Abia and Adamawa). Sixteen states have exited the active phase of the outbreak while five - Edo, Ondo, Ebonyi, Taraba and Adamawa States remain active - Table 1/ Figure 1.

- In the reporting week 21, no new healthcare worker was infected. Thirty-eight health care workers have been affected since the onset of the outbreak in eight states – Ebonyi (16), Edo (12), Ondo (4), Kogi (2), Benue (1), Nasarawa (1), Taraba (1), and Abia (1) with nine deaths in Ebonyi (6), Kogi (1), Abia (1) and Ondo (1).

- Age-group 21-40 years is predominantly affected (Median Age = 32 years)- Figure 6.

- The male to female ratio for confirmed cases is 1.6:1.

- 81% of all confirmed cases are from Edo (42%), Ondo (24%) and Ebonyi (15%) states.

- One case is currently being managed at Adamawa State treatment Centre - Table 1.

- A total of 5327 contacts have been identified from 21 states. Of these 55 (1.0%) are currently being followed up, 5261 (98.8%) have completed 21 days follow up while 11 (0.2%) were lost follow up. 82 symptomatic contacts have been identified, of which 28 (36%) have tested positive from five states (Edo-13, Ondo-8, Ebonyi-3, Kogi-3 and Bauchi-1)- Table 1.

- National Lassa fever After Action Review Meeting (AARM) scheduled for 5th to 7th of June 2018.

- National intensive clinical workshop on diagnosis, management and control of Lassa Fever in collaboration with ISTH North-east/North west zones scheduled for 12th to 14th June 2018.

- Lassa fever multi-partner, multi-agency Technical Working Group (TWG) continues to coordinate response activities at all levels.

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Figure 1. Distribution of Confirmed Lassa Fever cases in Nigeria as at 27th May, 2018

Figure 2. Distribution of Suspected and Confirmed Lassa Fever cases in Nigeria by LGA

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**LEGEND**

- 0 Case
- 1-20 Confirmed cases
- >20 Confirmed cases
- ≥1 Suspected cases
- 1 dot = 1 Confirmed case
Figure 3. Epicurve of Lassa fever Confirmed (431) and Probable (10) Cases in Nigeria week 1-21, 2018

Figure 4. Weekly trends of Lassa fever Confirmed Cases in Nigeria, 2016-2018
Figure 5. Confirmed Lassa fever cases in Nigeria with state specific Case Fatality Rates (CFR) as at 27th May 2018

Figure 6. Age-sex distribution of Confirmed Lassa fever cases in Nigeria as at 27th May 2018
Figure 7: Epicurve of confirmed cases Lassa fever in Edo State week 1-21, 2018

Figure 8: Distribution of Lassa fever confirmed cases in Edo State by LGA as at 27th of May 2018
Figure 9: Epicurve of Lassa fever confirmed cases in Ondo State week 1-21, 2018

Figure 10: Epicurve of Lassa fever confirmed cases in Ebonyi State week 1-21, 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) who died without collection of specimen for laboratory testing

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