In February 2018, 249 suspected cases and 1 death were reported by the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP), a decrease of 81% and 92% respectively, compared to the same period last year. Overall, 725 suspected cases were reported in the first 9 epidemiological weeks (1 January – 3 March) of 2018, with an incidence rate of 0.06%.

The low transmission of the disease is an opportunity to further improve the quality of the cholera response in order to cut off as quickly as possible the onset of each outbreak. All aspects of the response need to continue with the same vigor (coordination, case management, epidemiological surveillance, vaccination, and community response) so as to achieve the objective of the medium-term cholera elimination plan (PNEC) of 0.1% incidence rate at the end of 2018 and to also prevent the resurgence of the epidemic.

**SUSPECTED CHOLERA CASES** (DELR data available)

**WHERE (1st to 28th February 2018)**

**FUNDING**

Through the revised 2017-2018 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) launched in January 2018, the cholera sector requested for $21.7M to respond to cholera cases projected for this year and to also reach the medium-term objective of less than 10,000 cases in 2018.

PAHO/WHO currently has USD 2M for cholera response in 2018 ($600,000 remaining from the funding received in 2017 from MPTF, World Bank and Canada and USD 1.4 from the recently accepted CERF UFE). For the year 2018, UNICEF has USD 5.9M (including USD 1.3M from the recently accepted CERF UFE, USD 1M from Japan under MPTF and CAD 500,000 from Canada, in addition to previous contributions).

**REVISED 2017-2018 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN**

**$21.7M**

REQUESTED BY CHOLERA SECTOR

**RESPONSE**

**Coordination**

PAHO/WHO and UNICEF support MSPP and DINEPA at both national and decentralised level

2 coordination meetings held twice per week in Ouest and Artibonite, the two departments currently most affected.

**Case management**

Support to departmental directorates in terms of coordination, formative supervision and evaluations of CTDAs

Rapid response to outbreaks in partnership with CRF (human resource support, formative supervision, small rehabilitations, supplies and equipment inputs).
### Epidemiological surveillance

PAHO/WHO supported epidemiological surveillance and the capacity of laboratories by carrying out the following activities:

- 8 trainings on epidemiological surveillance tools in CTDAs in Artibonite and Centre departments.
- Investigations of 4 cholera outbreaks, 3 institutional deaths and 3 community deaths in Artibonite, Centre and Ouest departments.

- Strengthened the follow-up and transport of Cary Blair by lab-motorcycle nurses in the departments of Artibonite, Centre and Ouest with:
  - 46 personnel trained.
  - 84 visits to 44 CTDAs by lab-motorcycle nurses.
  - Sampling of 83% of suspected cases.
  - 160 samples taken to laboratories or drop-off points by lab-motorcycle nurses.
  - 221 Cary Blairs provided to institutions by lab-motorcycle nurses (100% of CTDAs in Artibonite, Centre and Ouest have sufficient stock of Cary Blairs).

### Community response - by EMIRAs supported by NGO mobile teams in partnership with UNICEF

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These teams carried out:

- 1,705 interventions, including...
- 913 rapid responses by partner NGOs, with...
- 62% joint responses with EMIRA (MSPP)

### Community response activities - 1st January to 3rd March 2018 (First 9 Epidemiological Weeks)

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<td>Number of responded cases by response teams (including cases of acute diarrhea)</td>
<td>people sensitized during rapid responses and preventive actions</td>
<td>of households that received at least one home water treatment product</td>
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<td>96% response within 48 hours</td>
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*Directorate of Epidemiology, Laboratory, and Research
*Multi-Partner Trust Fund
*Central Emergency Response Fund - Underfunded Emergencies
*Contributions of Canada, Japan, UNICEF France and Spain Committees and UNICEF Internal Fund
*National Directorate for Potable Water and Sanitation
*Centre for treatment of acute diarrhoea
*French Red Cross
*MSPP/Rapid Mobile Intervention Team
*CRF & IFRC and CEDUCC & Zanmi Timoun are not involved in the rapid response however they implement community-based surveillance and hygiene awareness respectively.

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