Lagos Cholera Outbreak

Situation Overview

On 09 June 2024, the Lagos State Government declared a cholera outbreak. As reported by the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) on 12 June 2024, 324 suspected cholera cases have been reported in the state, including 15 people who died and 40 who were discharged. Three suspected cases of cholera have been reported respectively in neighboring Oyo and Ogun States.

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) reported that as of 11 June 2024, 1,141 suspected cholera cases had been recorded across 30 states in Nigeria since 1 January 2024. The 10 states that recorded 90% of the cases are mostly located in the South (Bayelsa—over 400 cases, Lagos, Abia, Cross River, Delta, Imo States), with some situated further north (Katsina, Nasarawa, Zamfara States).

Government Response

- The Emergency Operations Centre has been convening daily since 11 June, with representation from line ministries and international organizations.
- On 12 June, the state government, demonstrating swift action, activated the Rapid Response Teams composed of health, WASH, and risk communication government experts at the level of Local Government Areas (LGAs).
- The government prepositioned cholera kits across 24 health facilities in 20 LGAs at the end of May.

UNICEF Response

- Upon an identified gap at the EOC, UNICEF is supporting the government in developing information, education, and communication (IEC) materials to disseminate public health messages in support of social and behavioral change.

Situation in Numbers

- 324 Cases of suspected cholera, inc. 9 confirmed ones
- 15 Persons died of cholera.

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