

Zambia Cholera Outbreak | Situation as of 17th October 2023



Risk Level: High; Grade 3 Event Sitrep No.45

Situation Awareness/ Highlights

Data as 17th October 2023

District Reporting Cases; 2

Cumulative Cases; 934

Cumulative cases Nsama; 176 New:0 Cumulative cases
Lusaka:1
New:0

Cumulative

Death

Lusaka;0

CFR;0

Cumulative Deaths Nsama;5

CFR:2.8%

Cumulative cases culture confirmed Nsama- 54

Dischargers in Nsama CTC Cumulative cases culture confirmed Lusaka- 1

Discharges in Lusaka CTC Currently Admitted in CTC Nsama Currently Admitted in Lusaka CTC

Epidemiological overview

Currently, two (2) Districts in Zambia are responding to Cholera which are Nsama and Lusaka District. Nsama has been reporting cholera cases since confirmation on 10th August 2023, culminative cases seen is 176 whilst Lusaka received a Cholera alert from Kanyama Sub-district of Lusaka with the first case being identified on 14.10.23 and culture-confirmed as Vibrio Cholera O1 Ogawa on 15.10.23. As at 18 hours 17th October 2023The country has recorded a cumulative 934 cases, 5 deaths representing a case fatality of 2.8%, no new cases in the last 24hrs

Background

Index case from the Kanyama sub-district of Lusaka is a female adult aged 21 years who self-referred to Kanyama First Level Hospital with complaints of watery diarrhea, vomiting, and body weakness. The rapid response teams were deployed into the community and identified a community death in the locality alleged to be linked to the index but occurred prior to the declaration of the outbreak

LUSAKA DISTRICT

Planned activities for October 2023

- Risk assessment and incident action plans being prepared by LDHO and LPHO
- Surveillance, case management, community engagement and other field teams to have onsite and virtual trainings to be updated on case definitions
- Established Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) surveillance system to be strengthened
- Lobby and support the district with logistical supply
- Enhanced stakeholder engagement commenced with partners such as Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company and Lusaka City Council, other line ministries, and non-governmental organizations to ensure continued multisectoral response.
- Deployment of community-based volunteers into all the zones of the Lusaka Subdistricts to set up easily identified Oral Rehydration Points
- ZNPHI has deployed 7 vehicles to support the cholera outbreak in Lusaka District



On going community sensitization and disinfection of latrines in Kanyama

Current operational Gaps:

- Erratic supply of water in areas serviced by Lusaka Water and Sewerage CO. and Kanyama Water Trust
- Inadequate water testing kits (RDT) for water quality monitoring in the community
- Inadequate support for Community-Based Volunteers for enhanced community interventions in Lusaka district.
- Accumulation of Historical solid waste in most parts of the community in Kanyama and other surrounding area
- Communities using water from untreated shallow wells and borehole