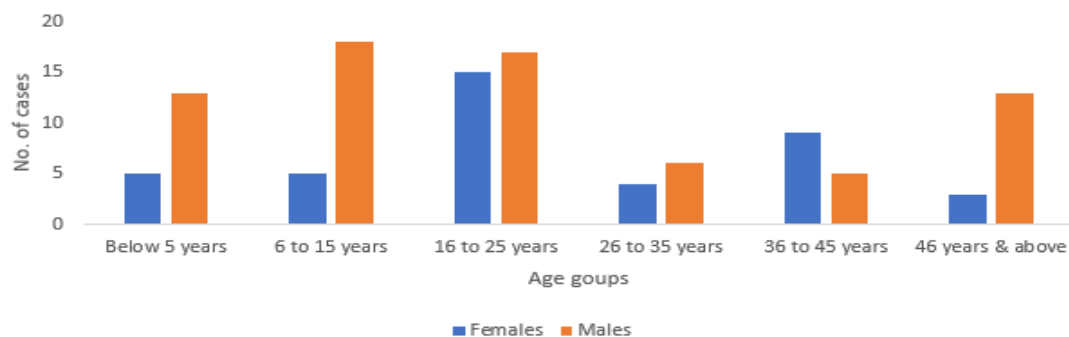




# Zambia Cholera Outbreak | Situation as of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

National | Northern (Nsama) Risk Level: High | Grade 3 Event

Cholera Cases Distribution By Sex and Age Group, 5.8.2023 to 6.9.2023, Nsama District



## Operational Response Gaps

- Rocky terrain makes some areas impassable hence water bowser not being used to provide clean water
- Shortage of transport for contact tracing (Motor vehicles, motor bikes, boats for marine transport)
- Only 20 Community-Based Volunteers available for the response due to lack of motivation and limited incentives,
- Need for additional support for surge staff from within other parts of Nsama and neighbouring districts to avoid burn out for the HCW who have been in the fore of this protracted response
- Inadequate laboratory supplies and reagents for water quality testing

## Public Health Actions

1. Heightened surveillance throughout the district and neighbouring especially the high-risk districts
2. Enhanced WASH interventions including distribution of domestic Chlorine by CBVs
3. Procured 2000 shippers of chlorine which are now en route to the district
4. Preparations underway for reactive Oral Cholera Vaccination campaign to be conducted in the Nsama, Nchelenge and Chiengi
5. Intensified risk communication and community engagement

## Recommendations

1. Mobilize more resources to assist districts and provinces with operational costs, especially for community-based interventions. Enhance community engagement, especially of the traditional and civic leaders to raise awareness and risk perception among their subjects
2. Mobilize transport from key line ministries and partners through District and Provincial Epidemic Preparedness Prevention Control and Management Committees
3. Engage all key line ministries through the Committee of Permanent Secretaries and the Office of Vice President
4. Hold National Epidemic Preparedness Prevention Control and Management Committee for enhanced multi-sectoral outbreak coordination and resource mobilization

Clockwise from the right  
(i) Door-to-door distribution of household chlorine in Chandwe village  
(ii) Chisala stream where villagers continue to collect water from due to limited sources for clean water

