### WHO renewed strategy for Cholera Control

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### Cholera cases reported by year, 1989-2015\*

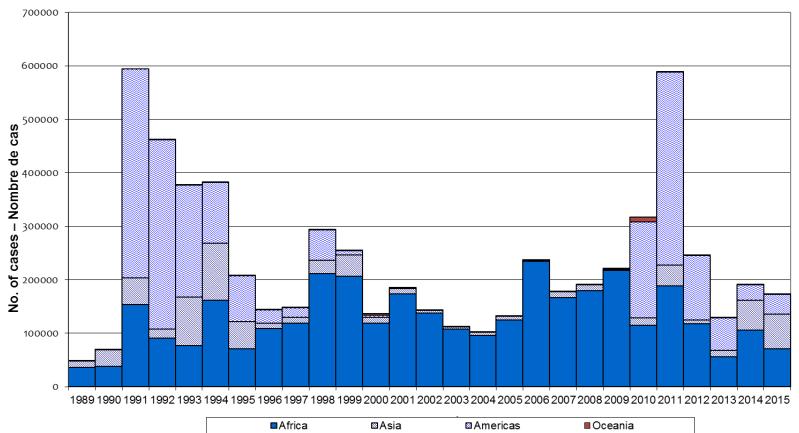
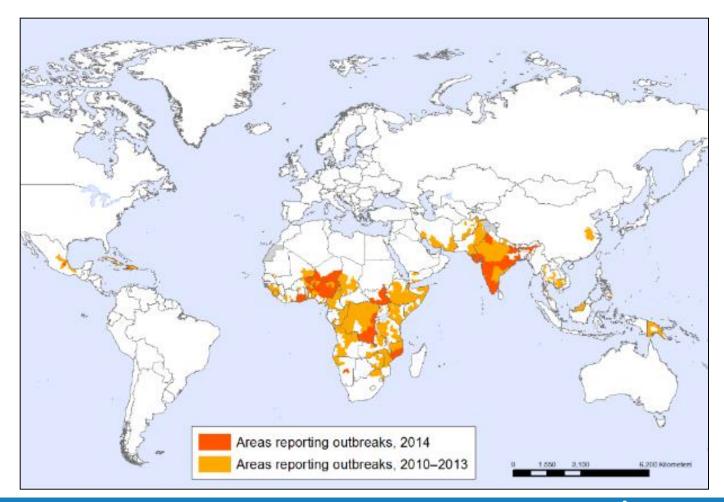


Figure 2 Cholera cases reported to WHO by year and by continent 1989 – 2015 Figure 2 Cas de choléra déclarés à l'OMS par année et par continent 1989-2015

\*Under-reporting significant in South Asia: in 2015, Bangladesh reported zero cases (estimates: 300,000 cases and 5300 deaths / year) and India reported 889 cases and 4 deaths (estimates: 830,000 cases / year)



### Areas with reported outbreaks – 2010-14





## **Global situation of cholera**

- No signs of decline of reported cholera cases globally
  - Cholera remains endemic in many settings
  - Outbreaks still reported
  - Under-reporting significant from highly endemic countries
- A collective reminder indicating the need for strong mobilization of countries and partners for multisectoral interventions
- Not much of a technical issue: control measures are well known
- Potential worsening factors in the coming years: climate change, urbanisation, increase in population density, (further) rise of social inequalities



#### **Dukoral (rBS-WC)**



- Killed whole cell vaccine + B subunit of cholera toxin
- Requires buffer (75-150 ml)
- Efficacy of 60% over 2 years
- About \$6 per dose for public sector
- 2 doses for age>5 yrs.
- 3 doses for age 2-5 yrs.

#### Shanchol and Euvichol (WC-only)





- Reformulated versions of Dukoral
- Killed whole cell only vaccine; no cholera toxin B subunit
- No buffer required
- Efficacy of 65% over 5 years
- Price to public sector is \$1.85/dose
- 2 doses for age 1+



## **Global OCV Stockpile**

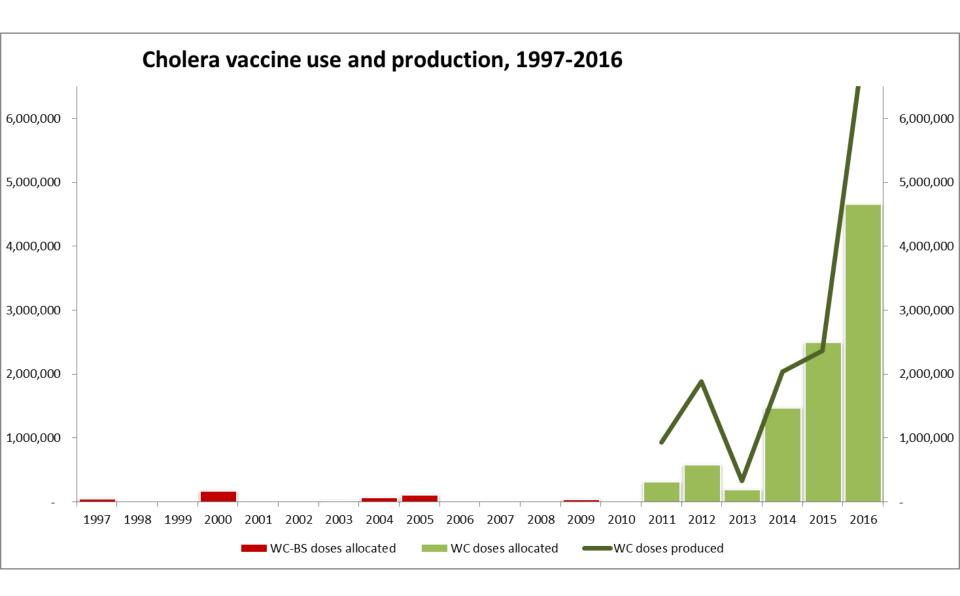
#### 2010: SAGE recommended:

 "pre-emptive use of OCV in endemic areas among high-risk populations and in areas at risk of outbreaks in conjunction with other prevention interventions"

### 2013: Global stockpile created as:

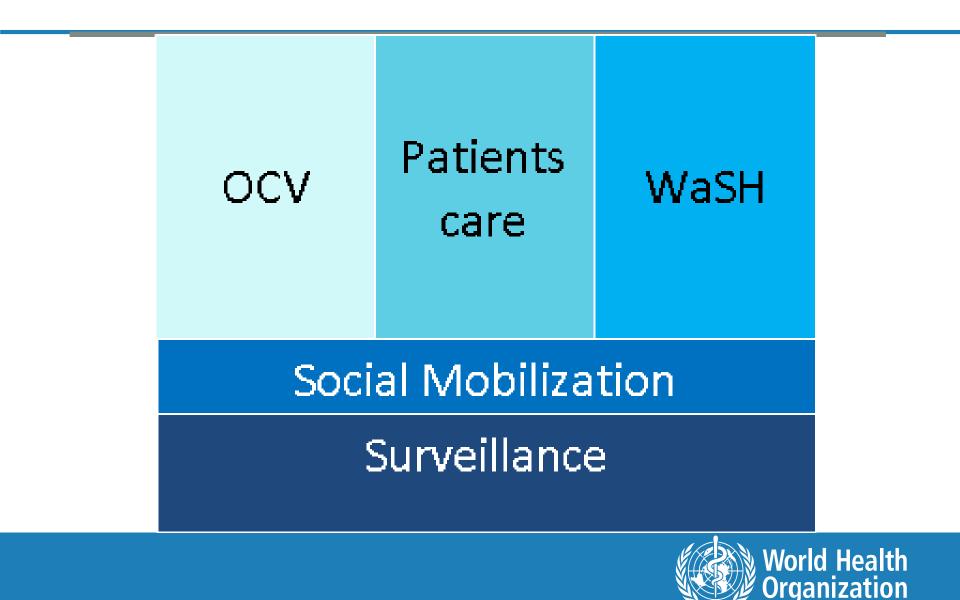
- A mechanism to encourage change in vaccine use for underserved populations:
  - "from low demand, low production, high unit costs, and inequitable distribution to...
  - ...an increased demand and production, lower unit costs, and greater equity of distribution".
- 2014-2018: Gavi Alliance approved funding
  - US\$115 million from 2014–18







### **Cholera Prevention and Control toolbox**



### **Objective of a renewed strategy for cholera control**

- End cholera by 2030
- Implementation requires action under two key pillars:
  - 1. Increase political & financial support for cholera control
  - 2. Strengthen multi-sectoral cholera prevention & control programs at country level



## Advocacy for cholera control

- Raise the profile of cholera in key health & development forums (e.g. WHA, climate change discussions, WB meetings, G7, G20, etc.)
- High level meeting on cholera in Sept 2017
- High level advisory group for the GTFCC
- Investment case
- Mobilize decision makers and development donors

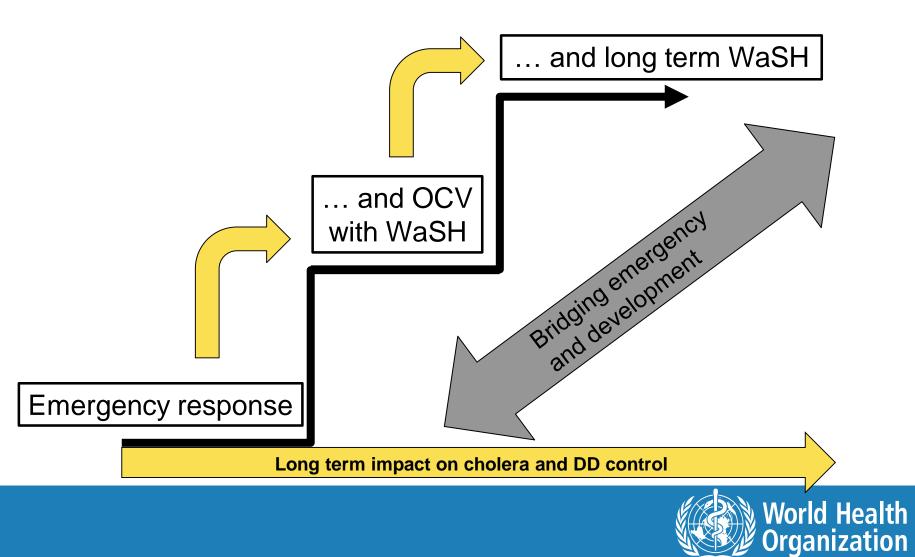


# National cholera prevention & control programs : 4 axis

- Cholera occurrence can be predicted in many settings
  - Be more «pre-emptive»
- Cholera is unevenly distributed
  - Be focused on areas regularly affected («hot spots»)
- The long term solution for cholera control is not in the health sector
  - Be multisectoral (WaSH sector)
- OCV use at large scale
  - Has an immediate impact
  - Serves as a trigger mechanism for longer term control



# «From preparedness and response to prevention and control»



### **Global Task Force for Cholera Control (GTFCC)**

- Created in 1992 (post outbreak in Peru)
- WHA 2011 resolution 64.15 to revitalize the GTFCC and to strengthen WHO's work on cholera (post outbreak in Haiti)
- Ist meeting of the «revitalized GTFCC» in 2014
- Network of technical institutions covering all aspects of cholera control
  - Surveillance and lab, case management, WaSH, vaccines, social mobilization and advocacy
  - Secretariat at WHO





## **GTFCC Objectives**

## Common vision that collective action can stop cholera transmission and end cholera deaths

Support global strategies for cholera prevention and control	Provide a forum for technical exchange, coordination, and cooperation on cholera-related activities to strengthen countries' capacity to prevent and control cholera
Support the development of a research agenda with special emphasis on monitoring and evaluating innovative approaches to cholera prevention and control	Increase the visibility of cholera as an important global public health problem



## **GTFCC Working Groups**





# Role of the GTFCC in the implementation of the global strategy for cholera control

### Ensure technical leadership and coordination

- Technical expertise
- Evidence based recommendations
- Research and innovation

### Reinforce countries capacities to control cholera

- Technical support, training and M&E
- Development and validation of cholera control plans

### Advocacy



## Challenges

- Raising the profile of cholera...
  - Equity and human rights issue
  - SDG
- Acceptability of OCV by "decision makers"
- Integration of "WaSH with OCV"
  - Time sequence maybe different
  - Partners are different
- Vaccine supply vs demand



### Thank you

