

INTERVENTIONS: DEFINING CHOLERA HOTSPOTS AND TRANSMISSION PATTERNS

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CHOLERA: A MAJOR HEALTH PROBLEM TODAY

WHO data suggest a large cholera diseases burden

- More than 130,000 cases annually reported worldwide
- Between 2000-2015, Africa was responsible for 83% of the cholera deaths reported by the WHO

Burden estimates indicate a much larger problem as many cases are not reported (Ali et al.)

- 1.3 billion people are at risk for cholera
- 2.86 million cholera cases (1.3m-4.0m)
- 95,000 deaths (21,000–143,000)

Different epidemiological profiles

- Endemic cholera (eg. India or Bangladesh)
- Epidemic cholera (eg. Haiti, Zimbabwe)

IMPROVING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CHOLERA DISEASES BURDEN AND TRANSMISSION DYNAMICS

Different groups working on this area, among others:

- Johns Hopkins University
- Epicentre
- Aix-Marseille Université

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The main goal of this work is to detect areas with high diseases burden, where any intervention will maximize its impact: "hot-spots"

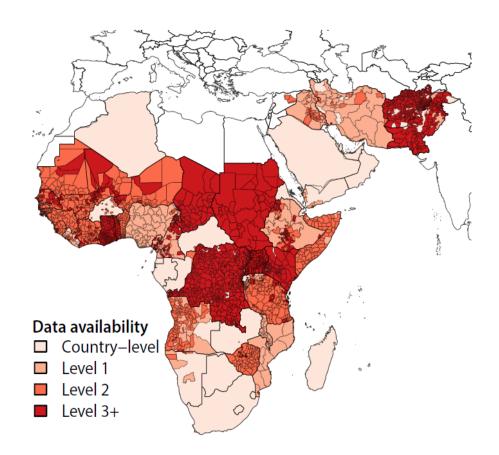
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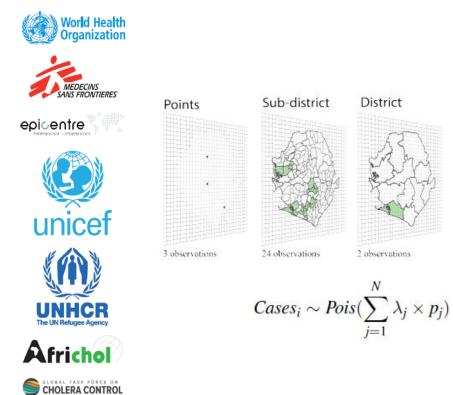
Use the best epidemiologic data and methods available to:

- improve cholera burden estimates
- determine what populations are most affected and at highest risk
- develop the best strategies to control cholera
- to track progress towards the global roadmap



DATA SOURCES AND METHODS





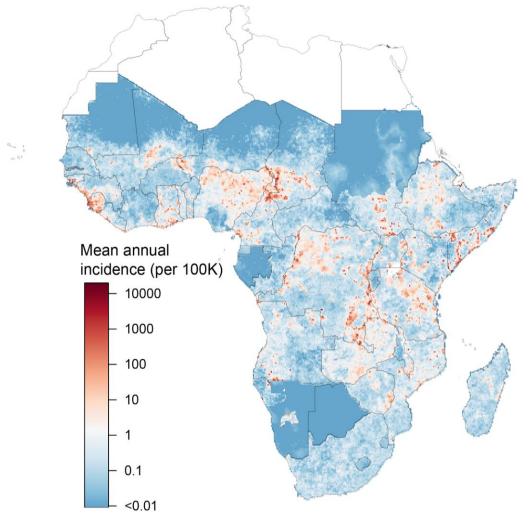
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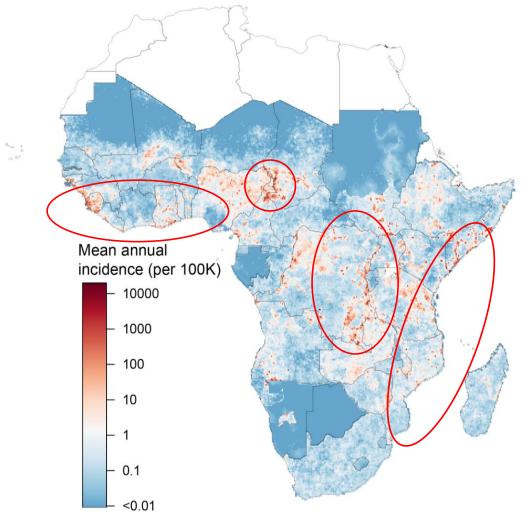
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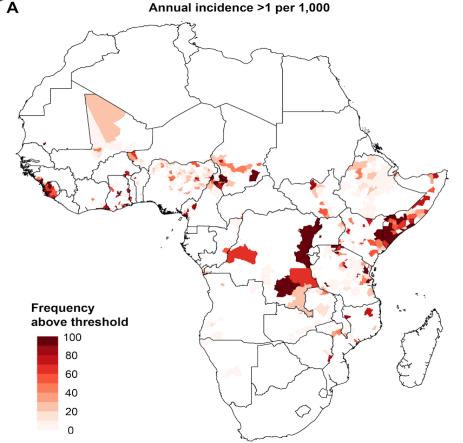
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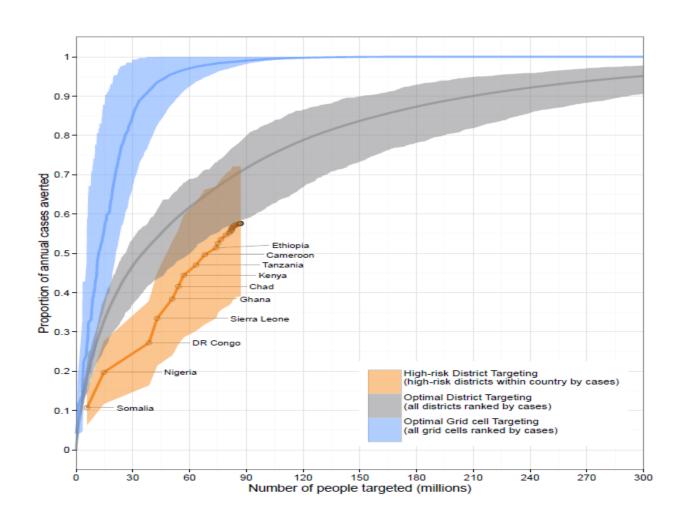


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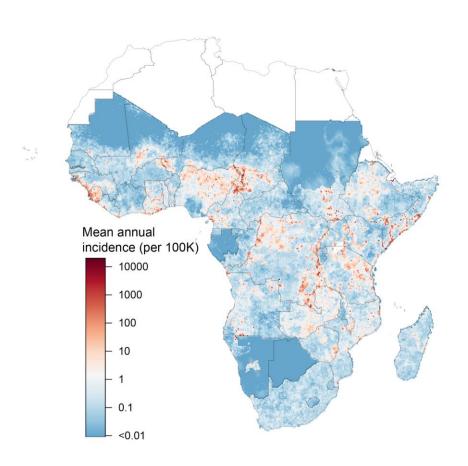


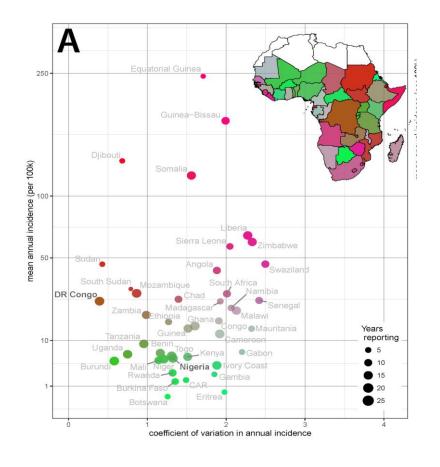
Overall, 4.2% (161/3844, 95% Crl, 1.8–16.9%) of districts in Africa, home to 86.9 million (95% Crl 59.4–118.7 million) people, are classified as high-incidence

A TOOL TO SUPPORT DECISION MAKING AT MACRO-SCALE

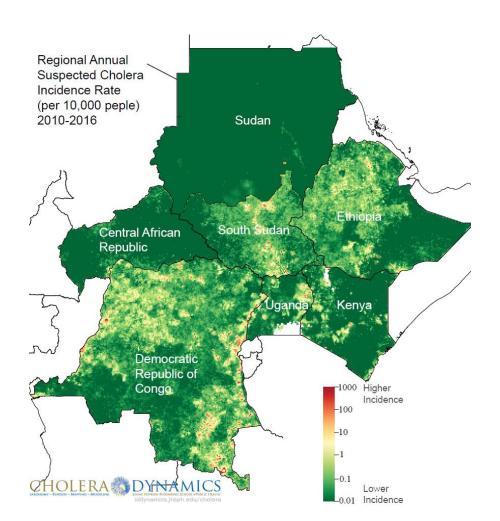


THE HOT-SPOTS ANALYSIS SHOULD ALLOW COUNTRIES TO PRIORITIZE AREAS FOR INTERVENTION

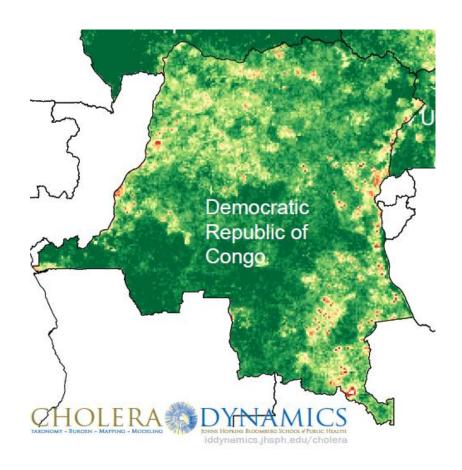


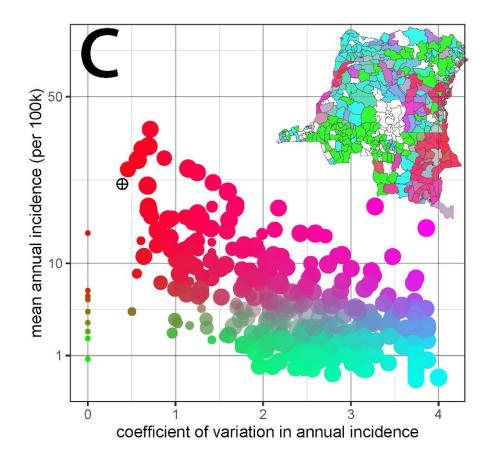


REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE



COUNTRY PROFILES





NEXT STEPS: HOT-SPOTS TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES

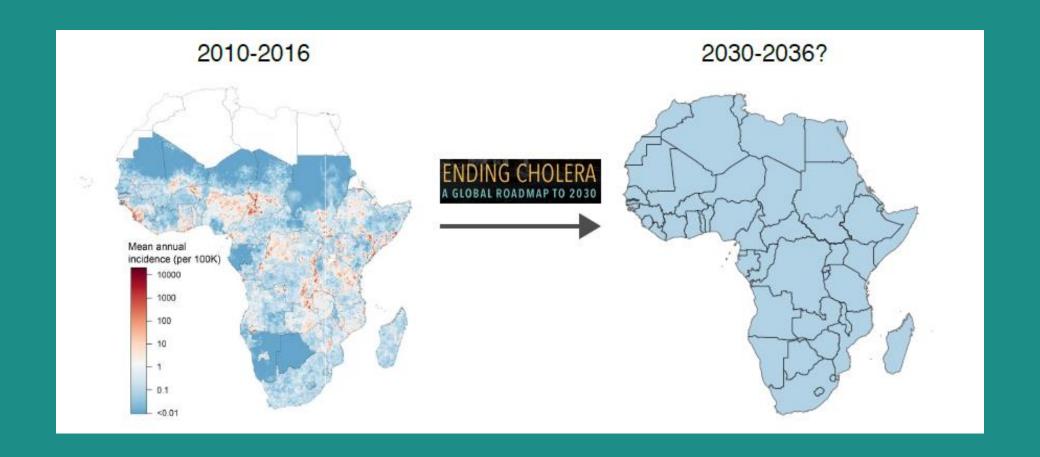
Develop regional and country profiles showing the "hot-spot" areas and seasonal periodicity if this exist and made the accessible on-line

Develop dynamic tools that allow to update this analysis in a ongoing basis

Identify factors that trigger spread in these areas

Combine this work with the microbiological surveillance to have better understanding of the spread dynamics

Final goal: to bring new tools to support decision making and prioritization for therapeutic and preventive interventions



THANKS