

REPUBLIQUE D'HAITI

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Alert / Response Strategy

At Central and Departmental level

- Monitor epidemiological surveillance of cholera (indicator based surveillance).
- Monitor other source of information (event based surveillance)

Epidemiologist in the field

- Field outbreak investigation in health institutions and in the community:
 - Confirm cholera (Case definition, lab sampling & sample transportation)
 - Factor investigation related (in the Health Institution and in the community)
 - Analyzing local capacity to treat patients (antibiotics, hydration, human resources, etc)
 - Coordination with partners

Alert / Response Strategy

- EMIRA Units reinforced by community response teams, and DINEPA local/ staff, TEPAC, throughout Haiti, targeting response to all cases and suspicious deaths of cholera within 24 to 48 hours of an alert.
- 85-90% cases responded to in the timeframe, 11.2 households per avg.
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 - Sensitization & health promotion. Awareness on EPA and food hygiene
 - Active chlorination points, houses disinfected.
 - Chemoprophylaxis with DOX
 - Active case search in the community
 - Building and repairing water supply infrastructure through DINEPA
 - Household water treatment and safe storage program with UNICEF and other partners
 - Reactive Vaccination OCV (not yet implemented).

Many thanks.

More information available on the Haitian MoH website:

http://mspp.gouv.ht/newsite/documentation.php