



# Cholera Activities of The Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)

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# OFDA's Role and Cholera Response Engagement

- Emergency office of USAID
- Containment and control of cholera outbreaks, rather than country cholera elimination efforts
- OFDA responds within the context of ongoing humanitarian responses / complex emergencies
- OFDA occasionally responds to “isolated outbreaks” where certain conditions are present

# OFDA Cholera Response

1. Technical advice
2. Support to response coordination
3. Funding for cholera response commodities & core pipelines
4. Direct funding to implementing partners for key response activities
5. Funding of operational research to develop the evidence base for cholera response activities

# OFDA Cholera Activities

1. Technical input to the development of response strategies and to implementing partners
2. Support to response coordination
  - Institutional donor to UNICEF & WHO
  - Standby mechanisms for WASH and Health Cluster Coordinators and Information Managers
3. Funding for cholera response commodities & core pipelines
  - OFDA regional warehouses (e.g. Mozambique responses)
  - Prepositioning of commodities (e.g. Somalia)
  - Large procurements of water treatment chemicals (Haiti, Iraq)

# OFDA Cholera Activities

4. Direct funding of implementing partners (NGO and UN) for key, evidence-based response activities, including
  - Provision of chlorinated water (centralized chlorination/distro)
    - Restart and Operation of municipal water supply networks
    - Deployment of emergency water treatment units
    - Bucket chlorination (populations access central water sources)
    - HHWT distribution (where bulk/bucket chlorination not feasible)
    - Water trucking
  - Comprehensive water quality/FRC monitoring to HH level
  - High-impact sanitation interventions
    - Emergency sanitation and handwashing stations, primarily at IDP concentrations
    - Latrine rehabilitation and desludging at health facilities

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4. Direct funding of implementing partners (NGO and UN) for key, evidence-based response activities, including
  - Establishment and management of CTCs and ORPs
  - Training of HCWs and CHWs on surveillance, appropriate use of case definitions and rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs), proper infection prevention and control measures, and case management.
  - Cholera prevention and health-seeking BCC;
  - Targeted NFI/cholera kit distributions for cholera hotspots and high-risk populations;
  - Rapid Response teams; and
  - Operational support to OCV campaigns

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## 5. Funding for Operational Research

- OFDA's Public Health team funds operational research to increase the evidence-base for cholera response tactics and activities
- Cholera response research for FY2020 and FY2021



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