

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

#### GENERAL OVERVIEW OF CHOLERA IN THE PAST 3-5 YEARS

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## GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON CHOLERA CONTROL

#### Somalia OCV Launching Ceremony in Mogadishu

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#### General overview of cholera in the past 3-5 years – showing case fatality rates. SOMALIA CHOLERA CASES FROM 2016 To Sept. 2019 BY YEAR

Year	Under 5 years	Over 5 years	Total Cases	Total Deaths	CFR
2016	8,780	6,839	15,619	182	1.17
2017	32,337	46,364	78,701	1,163	1.48
2018	3,792	2,656	6,448	45	0.70
2019*	1,296	662	1,958	0	0.00
TOTAL	46,205	56,521	102,726	1,390	1.35

#### SOMALIA CHOLERA CASES FROM 2016 TO 2019 BY YEAR



Somalia AWD/CHOLERA Drug Sensitivity from 2016 To Sept. 2019 by year						
	Serotype					
Year	Ogawa	Inapa	Sensitive to	Intermediate	Resistant	
2016	48	30	1-Tetracycline 2-Chloramphenicol 3-Cefuroxime	Not done	Not done	
2017	134	0	1- Doxycycline 2- Erythromycine	Not done	Not done	
2018	100	4	1- Doxycycline 2- Erythromycine	Not done	Not done	
2019*	19	6	1- Doxycycline 2- Erythromycine	Ciprofloxin	1- Ampicilolin 2- Naldixic acid	
TOTAL	319	173				



#### **OCV IMPLEMENTATION COVERAGE 2017 TO 2019**

		Administrative coverage		
Year	Target Pop.	OCV 2 Vacc. Coverage	% of OCV2 Coverage	
2017	1,232,704	1,024,948	83	
2018	189,775	169,120	89	
2019	642,913	629,988	98	
Total	2,065,392	1,8240,56	88	

#### % OF OCV 2 COVERAGE



## FOCUS ON CHOLERA MORTALITY

Cholera Deaths in the community in remote areas are not recorded in the data as there is no professional health worker available to decide the cause of Death.

Deaths due cholera is recorded only when it occurs at the treatment structures such as ctc/ctu or health facilities.

Deaths occur more in the early of the outbreak and more at night or just upon arrival of the treatment structures.

Contextual elements that might contribute to the mortality are **a**). insecurity limiting movement. b). People living inaccessible areas have to walk long distance to reach treatment facilities. **C**). Lack of ambulance service and limited transport facilities at remote areas. **d**). Limited staff capacity due frequent turn overs. e). Supply shortage in remote treatment structures.

Access to treatment may be difficult due to various reasons but people do know where they should go to get treatment.

## FOCUS ON CHOLERA MORTALITY CONT...

- Issues that occur within treatment structures: **a**). Shortage of staff and limited capacity in case management. **b**). Occasional Shortage of supplies at treatment structures.
- Issues outside the treatment structures: Cases are poorly treated at Private pharmacy shops/conflict of interest
- In Somalia, AWD/Cholera affects all ages groups but more in < 5 children with an estimated percentage of 69% while 49% are women
- Cholera related deaths have decreased to less than 1% over the past 2 years
- A vast Rural areas in cholera hot spot districts are not accessible due to insecurity.

#### STRATEGIES BEING IMPLEMENTED TO TRY TO REDUCE MORTALITY:

Development of National Cholera preparedness and Response plan for Somalia, from 2017 to 2022.

Establishment of CTCs/CTU/ORP structures in all accessible Cholera hot spot regions and assigned a health partner.

Supply prepositioning for Hot spot regions

Expansion of EWARN for timely detection and response to cholera alerts especially in Remote areas

Extensive community Awareness raising on cholera prevention and quick use of ORS available at CTU, ORS units and pharmacy shops

Wide distribution of IEC materials on Cholera Prevention and control at community, Health facility, district, regional, state and National levels.

**WASH partners engagement at all levels**.

## STRATEGIES CONT....

Distribution of updated case management protocols and guidelines to treatment structures.

Training of health workers on proper cholera case management

Training of Social mobilizers on cholera prevention at all levels

Training of Lady health workers as Community Volunteers on cholera prevention and ORS distribution at household levels.

Training and deployment of integrated emergency rapid response teams at National, state, regional and district levels, including members from key stakeholders.

Promoting commitments of local authorities and communities at National, state, regional and district levels on Cholera prevention.

Improving cholera Case Tracing and household disinfection services

## **SUCCESSES:**

The case fatality rate has dramatically reduced in Cholera hot spot areas after OCV campaign.

- Local Authorities and communities appreciated the above strategies as the impact have clearly been seen by all.
- Implementation of 2 rounds of Oral cholera vaccination campaigns in each of the 19 high risk districts

Over **1,8240,56** people have received 2 doses of OCV in 19 high risk districts

- Involevment of key political leaders at national, state, regional and district levels in the fight against cholera
- Financial and technical support from different partners and UN agencies

Capacity building of health workforce in cholera case management, enhanced surveillance and diagnosis

Early Warning Alert and Response Network provided real time information about cholera alerts that is useful to deploy Rapid Response Teams

Dedicated Cholera Task Force with in MOH which works with other govt agencies and donors to conduct integrated response

Development of cholera strategy is in advanced stages

Deployment of Trained Integrated emergency Response teams in Cholera hot spot areas

## **CHALLENGES:**

The collapse of National health system in Somalia for decades due to the total collapse of the central Government in 1991.

Limited funding towards cholera response, available donor funding is for emergency operations as opposed to sustained development projects such as WASH projects

Ever increasing influx and over concentration of IDP camps in Major urban cities and towns of the country with very poor living conditions

Limited access to safe drinking water together with poor hygiene and sanitation practices and facilities including practices of open defecation among IDP Population.

Poor Geographical access for government and Humanitarian agencies to remote areas due to insecurity/Conflicts affects access to most vulnerable communities

No cross border coordination with neighboring communities despite high population movement across borders

### CHALLENGES CONT.....

Un-controlled population movement with neighboring countries where there is no crossborder surveillance.

Challenges in stool sample transportation from remote areas due to insecurity and limited transportation facilities.

Less than 20% of the population in rural areas have access to basic health care services.

A combination of multiple hazards (conflict, floods, drought) continue to contribute to the negative impacts on health services

Inadequate coordination of preparedness and response activities among key partners

High staff turn over of trained health workers in different locations and Health facilities.

Lack of Cholera strategy document for Somalia

## **OPPORTUNITIES:**

Implementation of OCV campaign in cholera hot spot areas with support from GTFCC and GAVI.

The development of Cholera strategy for Somalia is in its final stage with the support of WHO consultant.

Some inaccessible areas are being made accessible and this will improve access for Humanitarian Response.

Availability of good Number of Health partners in all Government controlled urban towns in Cholera hot spot areas.

Good number of Federal states resume the coordination and implementation of cholera prevention and case management measures

Enhanced surveillance using Early Warning Alert and Response network for early detection and response to alerts

Training of community based volunteers in cholera high risk areas to support home based management of cholera using home made ORS.

## PLANS AND WAY FORWARD:

Finalization of National Cholera strategy document and government endorsement.

Implement OCV campaign as deem necessary in cholera high risk areas.

Strengthen EWARN system and extend it to district level and train CSR officers

Explore opportunities to conduct training activities for community volunteers in Remote areas.

Continue advocacy and resource mobilization for Cholera control and prevention aiming to the road map of ending cholera by 2030.

Advocate for the Provision of safe water and proper sanitation to displaced communities

Tracking population movements and displacements with the aim of early detection of outbreaks in vulnerable communities

#### Recommendations on the Use of Single Dose Antibiotics for Moderate AWD/Cholera in Fragile Health Systems "A Strategy Pursued during the 2017 large Cholera Outbreak"

#### Category Treatment First-line drug choice (if local strain is Alternative drug choices sensitive Adults including pregnant Doxycycline 300 mg in a single dose Ciprofloxacin: 1 g orally as single dose or Azithromycin: 1 g orally as single dose women Children Doxycycline 2-4 mg/kg in a single dose Ciprofloxacin: 20 mg/kg (max 1g) orally as a single dose, or Azithromycin: 20 mg/kg (max 1g) orally as a single dose

#### This case management approach is also suggested for operational research

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