



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON
CHOLERA CONTROL

UPDATE ON PROGRESS MADE AND CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED TOWARDS CHOLERA ELIMINATION IN ZAMBIA

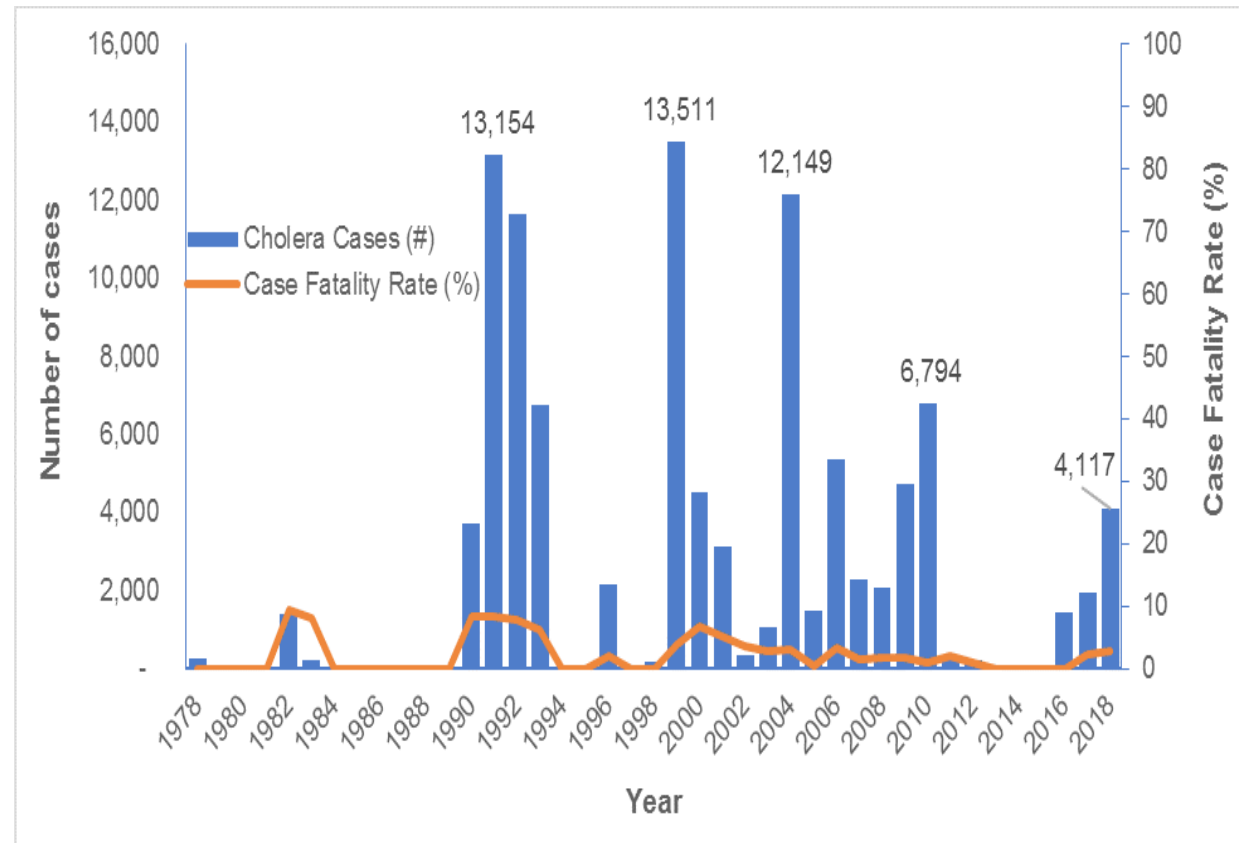


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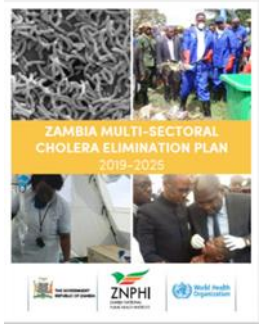
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BACKGROUND

- Cholera remains a significant public health problem globally
- Between 1977 & 2019, Zambia experienced 30 outbreaks with varying magnitude
- In 2018, the WHA 71.4 adopted the resolution proposed by Zambia to end cholera by 2030
- Further, Zambia took a bold step & made a legacy goal to eliminate cholera by 2025



PROGRESS MADE



- A Multi-sectoral Cholera elimination plan (MCEP) aligned to the **Ending Cholera— A Global Roadmap to 2030**, developed and launched in May 2019 at the WHA 72. Implementation process is as follows:

1. Leadership & Coordination

- Governance structure created, National cholera coordinator appointed and formation of National cholera task force in process

2. Surveillance

- eIDSR in all districts, 5 Cross-border surveillance committees established and culture testing in all 10 provinces

3. Case Management

- Cholera Treatment Centres identified, Treatment guidelines developed & staff trained

4. Community Engagement & Risk Communication

- National community Engagement plan developed, Community engagement & sensitizations on-going

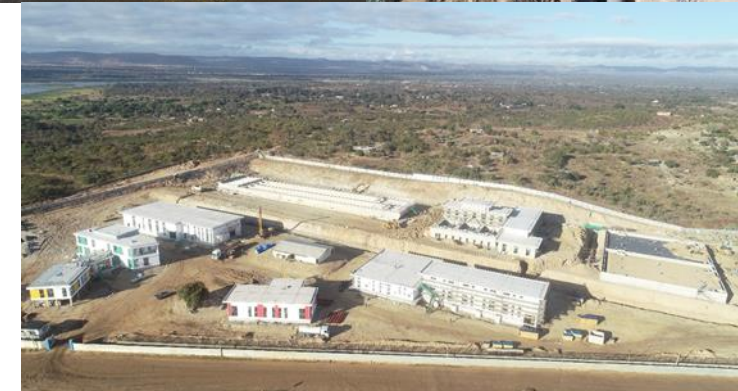
5. Oral Cholera Vaccination

- Mapped hotspots in the country
- Implemented OCV reactive campaigns in two hotspots
- Developed & submitted plan & budget to GTFCC for pre-emptive OCV in all hotspots

PROGRESS MADE

6. WASH

- Water supply & investment plan to provide 100% service coverage for Lusaka developed but needs funding for implementation
- Emergency works to increase access to clean & adequate water supply in selected hotspots has started
- A master plan to drill & rehabilitate boreholes developed
- Provision of sanitation facilities in low income communities of Lusaka in process
- Expansion & rehabilitation of sewerage networks has started



Implementation of all these in the MCEP have helped Zambia not to record a cholera outbreak since May 2019

CHALLENGES

1. Multi-sectoral Coordination

- Full operationalization of the MCEP
 - inadequate institutionalization of the MCEP by some key stakeholders
 - Little attention given to MCEP in some key line ministries due to individual ministry/organizational priorities
 - lack of funded positions for Cholera Focal Points—focal points appointed as an addition to their substantive positions

2. Resource Mobilization

- A comprehensive advocacy and resource mobilization strategy not yet developed. Team working on developing plan by quarter 3 of 2020

3. OCV

- Inadequate OCV stock pile for countries to easily access. Increasing OCV stock pile would ensure that countries in need can easily access

WAY FORWARD

1. Multi-sectoral Coordination

- Full operationalization of the MCEP in view of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Finalize establishment of NCTF and appointment of focal point persons
- Establish Cholera Task Forces in all hotspot districts

2. Resource Mobilization

- Develop an advocacy and resource mobilization framework in view of the COVID 19 pandemic

3. OCV

- Conduct pre-emptive OCV campaign in all the hotspots in the country by December 2020

Thank you

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