

Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC)Webinar on Epidemiology Surveillance

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GTFCC Epidemiology Working Group Webinar: Identifying and mapping cholera hotspots in countries

10 July, 2020

10h00 EST/16h00 CET This session will address the **IDENTIFICATION OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS at risk for cholera,** how to integrate these within the GTFCC hotspot identification tool, country experience to date, added value, potential adaptations and additions.

90 minutes

Moderator: Francisco Luquero, GTFCC Epidemiology Working Group Coordinator

Presentations (10 minutes each):

Tanzania: Dr. Neema Camara, Epidemiologist at Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Tanzania

Zambia: Fred Kapaya, Field Epidemiology, Zambia National Public Health Institute

Discussion (30 minutes)

- Special populations:
 - refugee camps, unplanned settlements, high-density urban
 - fishing community, irrigation farming, mining
 - Flood zones, cyclones, drought
 - trade routes, transportation hubs
- High-incidence borders
- Health system status
- Civil conflict (no-go areas)
- o Prior OCV mass immunization campaigns
- Are risk factors for transmission already accounted for by incidence/persistence indicators?
- Should risk factors for transmission and risk of high negative impact in an outbreak be considered together or separately?
- Can levels of risk for each factor be assigned a quantitative or qualitative value /score? Do risk conditions merit equal weight with indicators already used in the tool?
- Can they be summed to a "Vulnerability score"?
- Should risk factors for cholera transmission be included in the Hotspot Tool or better as secondary weighting for risk or targeting of priority control measures?

Summary and next steps: Philippe Barboza