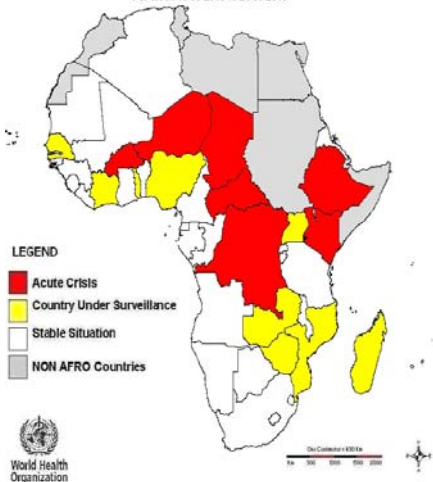
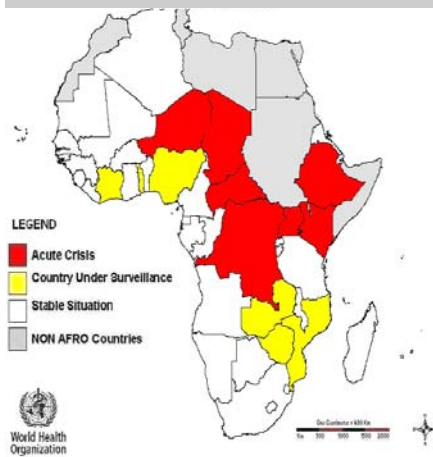


EMERGENCY SITUATION IN AFRO COUNTRIES  
For week 15 03 2010 to 21 03 2010



**Previous Week**



Country	Weekly Reports		
	Expected since Week 1	Submitted at date	Completeness %
1. Algeria	10	1	10
2. Burundi	10	3	30
3. CAR	10	7	70
4. Chad	10	10	100
5. Congo	10	1	10
6. DRC	10	8	80
7. Ethiopia	10	10	100
8. Guinea	10	6	60
9. Kenya	10	7	70
10. Liberia	10	7	70
11. Madagascar	10	4	40
12. Mozambique	10	10	100
13. Niger	10	6	60
15. Uganda	10	6	60
15. Zimbabwe	10	9	90



Floods in Madagascar  
(Photo: WHO Madagascar)

## General Context

We are still monitoring the situation in Uganda (after the landslide) where heavy rainfalls continue. The cycle of ethno-religious violence in Nigeria does not seem to stop with another clash reported this week. Protracted crises in Eastern DRC as well as several disease outbreaks are still ongoing. Member states are receiving support from WHO for response mainly through the Health Clusters.

## Situation in Countries

### Acute crises

**Burkina Faso:** The Meningitis season has started. In week 10 of 2010, one district (Seguenga) is in the epidemic phase, while five other others (Bittou, Pouytenga, Djibo, Barsalogo, Sapone) have reached the alert phase; and a cumulative of 2,520 suspects cases with 378 deaths (CFR: 15.0%) have been notified\*. WHO is supporting investigation and reinforcement of surveillance measures in the affected health districts.

**CAR: Insecurity:** According to officials, Chadian herdsmen killed at least 18 people in the Central African Republic after two of their own died in a brawl on the 17th March 2010 near the northern city of Batangafo. Some political turbulence occurred after the arrest of opposition members following rumours of a coup.

**Chad: Insecurity:** The security context is relatively calm but unpredictable with reported acts of banditry and violence continuing despite the nomination of a Prime minister and the government reshuffling. **Meningitis outbreak (No updated data):** In week 6, a total of 519 cases with 56 deaths (CFR: 10.8%) were reported nationwide\*. **Response activities** are ongoing with the support of WHO and partners. **Measles outbreak:** In week 9, a total of 18 new cases were reported in the east and south of the country. From week 1 to 9 in 2010, a cumulative of 118 cases with 4 deaths (CFR: 3.4%) have been reported\*.

**DRC: Insecurity:** The national Army (FARDC) with the support of MONUC continue the operation Rudia against the rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Orientale Province districts of Haut and Bas Uele, especially in hard to reach areas where they are still very active. In Ituri, south of Irumu territory, security situation remains volatile due to rebel activities. In Equateur province, North-west zone, there is an ease of the tension. However some sporadic insurgents' activities continue such as the attack on Mankanza village by elements of Lobala on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2010. **Cholera outbreaks:** In South Kivu, 138 new cases and 5 deaths were reported in week 9 making a cumulative total of 1,891 cases with 13 deaths (CFR: 0.7%) from week 1 to 9. In North Kivu, 83 new cases were reported in week 9 making a cumulative total of 1,138 cases with 5 deaths (CFR: 0.4) from week 1 to 9\*.

**Ethiopia: Food security and malnutrition:** Farmers in Amhara, Oromiya, Tigray, and SNNPR regions have started preparing land. Highland areas of these regions have already commenced planting, taking advantage of existing moisture supplemented by traditional small scale irrigation in parts of Oromiya. Meanwhile, the crops planted in December 2009 and early January 2010, following the unseasonable rainfall in some districts in Tigray region, have dried up and farmers are currently replanting. Food security continues to be poor in Afder, Liben, and Gode zones, low-

lands of East and West Hararghe zones, parts of Afar, and Sekota and Abergele districts of Wag Himra zone in Amhara Region. **Acute watery Diarrhoea (AWD):** AWD cases continue to be reported from Oromia and Somali regions. This week, 52 new cases of AWD with no death have been reported from five different districts (Abaya, Gelana, Melka Soda, Arera and district) in oromia region. Oromia region has reported 936 cases of AWD with 16 deaths since the beginning of this year (2010)\*.

**Kenya:** The general situation was calm over the week and no major insecurity incidents reported. The rains are still continuing in some areas of upper Eastern and Mandera districts. Areas of the Lower River Tana basins of Garsen and Hola are expected to be flooded and the people living along the river basin have been asked to evacuate to higher grounds. The expected flooding may lead to upsurge of diarrhoeal diseases, malaria and possible outbreak of rift valley fever. **The cholera outbreak** continued to in some districts over the week but with reduction in number of deaths reported. Cumulatively, it has affected 15 Districts nationwide with a total of 692 cases, 15 deaths (CFR: 2.2%) since January 2010. In the last one week only one district (Tharaka) in the Eastern province has reported new cases. Surveillance is being strengthened and prepositioning of essential drugs is ongoing with the support of WHO and other partners.

**Niger: Malnutrition:** In week 10, a total of 5,461 cases of Global Acute Malnutrition of which 2,731 were Moderate and 2,730 Severe Acute Malnutrition were reported. During the first 10 epidemiological weeks of 2010, a cumulative 51,549 cases of Global Acute Malnutrition (28,177 Moderate and 23,372 Severe) have been reported\*. According to an estimate of the nutrition cluster 1,200,000 children suffering from Moderate Acute Malnutrition and 378,000 from Severe Acute Malnutrition are expected in 2010 of which 10% of children with Severe Acute Malnutrition will be hospitalized in Nutritional Intensive Care Units. **Meningitis:** In week 10, a total of 156 cases with 13 deaths were reported making a cumulative total of 708 cases and 65 deaths (CFR: 7.7%) from week 1 to 10 in 2010\*. There is no district in epidemic phase but five districts (Agadez, Madarounfa, Maradi and Zinder) are in alert phase. A preparedness and response plan has been developed with the support of WHO.

## Countries Under Surveillance

**Côte d'Ivoire:** Continued ease of the political and social tension in the country.

**Madagascar:** The second tropical storm of this year's season (named Hubert) hit the country on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 and caused significant damages. According to Madagascar's disaster management agency, BNGRC, the latest estimates show that some 85,000 have been affected and 36 people lost their lives. In addition, eight people who died in mudslides on 15 March 2010\*\*. WHO has pre-positioned medical kits in the affected regional capitals.

**Mozambique: Floods:** The water levels of the Zambezi and Pungoé rivers remain above alert levels. The Zambezi shows tendency to increase in Marromeu, stabilise in Zumbo and Caia, and decrease in Tete and Mutarara districts, while the water level in the Pungoé basin in Mafambisse is still above alert level but very slowly decreasing. **Cholera Outbreak** continues; from 1st January to 6th of March 2010, a total of 2,436 cases and 39 deaths (CFR: 1.6%) have been reported in 5 provinces namely Cabo Delgado, Niassa Sofala, Nampula, Mecuburi.

**Nigeria:** Press reported machete attack on Nigeria village kills at least 13 people on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 near the central Nigeria city of Jos close to where hundreds have died in sectarian violence this year. The attack happened despite a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Plateau State which has been enforced by the military since January, when clashes between Muslim and Christian mobs killed more than 400 people\*\*.

**Senegal:** Reported heavy fighting between the regular army and alleged separatist troops on the 17th of March 2010 has disturbed the relative peace the Casamance region in Senegal has been enjoying since a

ceasefire deal in 2002. Local residents fled the streets, shutting shops and hiding out in plantations. The clashes between Senegalese soldiers and fighters of the Movement for the Democratic Forces of Casamance (MFDC) - Casamance rebel group, came four days after similar fighting took place some 10km south of Ziguinchor\*\*.

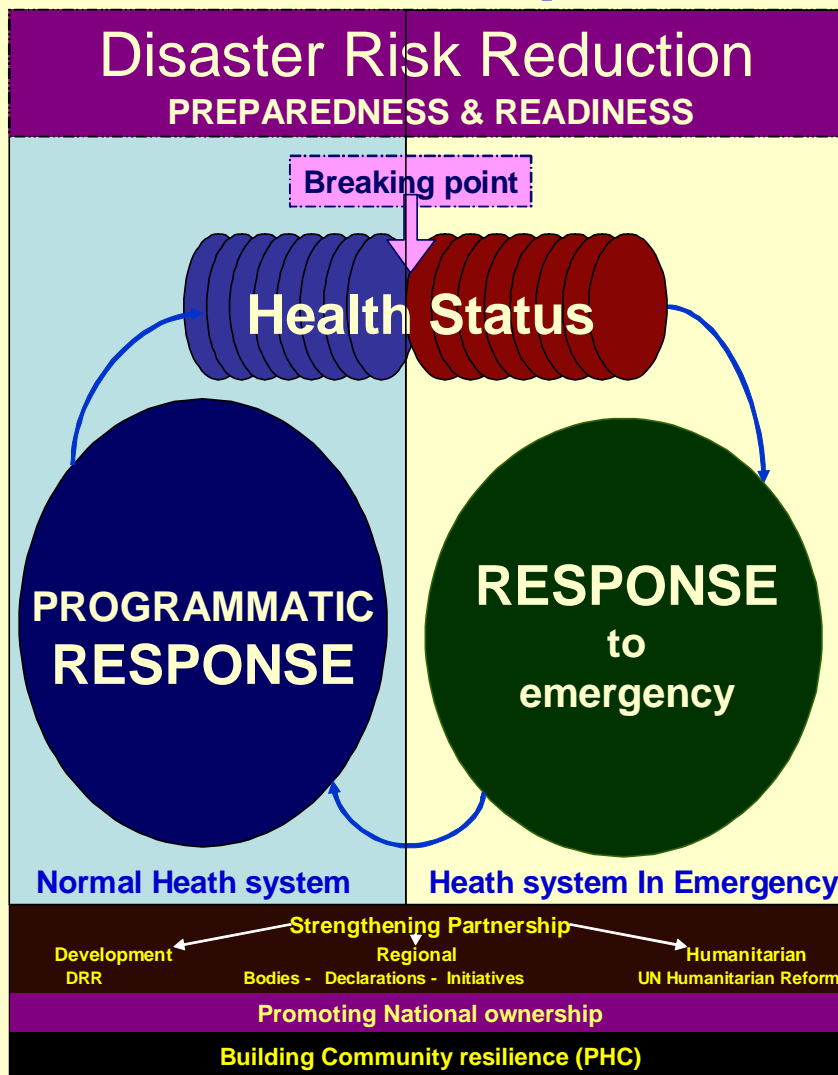
**Togo: Meningitis outbreak** continues, in week 10 a total of 22 new cases with 5 deaths were reported. From week 1 to 10, a cumulative of 236 cases with 60 deaths (CFR: 25.4%) have been reported\*. Central and Savannah regions are the most affected specially the district of Blitta (Central) and Tone (Savannah)\*.

**Uganda:** Heavy rainfall is forecasted to continue in parts of Uganda for several weeks, prompting the government to consider permanently relocating up to half a million people living in mountainous regions. The rains have flooded many villages near Bukalasi. According to OCHA, many crops and infrastructure, such as roads and schools, in the low-lying Butaleja district are under water\*\*.

**Zambia: Cholera outbreak** since week 43 of 2009 has affected five provinces in the country with 2,081 cases and 38 deaths (CFR: 1.8%) as of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010\*. Preventive and control measures are being undertaken by national authorities with support of WHO.

**Zimbabwe: Cholera Outbreak**, 7 out of the 62 districts in the country have been affected by the cholera outbreak. As of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010, a cumulative of 99 cases, with 3 deaths (CFR: 3.0%) were reported\*. An outbreak of typhoid fever has been reported by the Harare City Health Department in the suburb of Mabvuku in the eastern part of the city. A total of 32 cases and 5 deaths were reported by 07 March, 6 samples were laboratory confirmed to be Salmonella typhi\*.

## Emergency dynamics within Health System



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