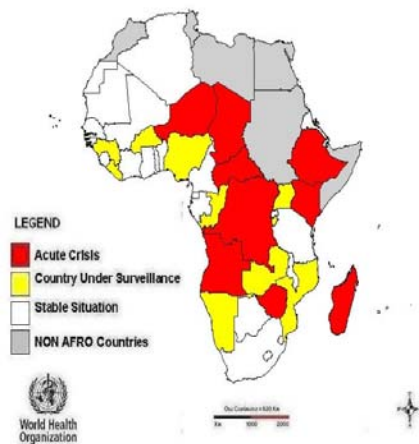
**Previous Week**

Country	Weekly Report Monitoring		
	Expected since Week 1	Submitted at date	Completeness %
1. Algeria	18	9	50
2. Angola	18	18	100
3. Burundi	18	11	61
4. CAR	18	12	67
5. Chad	18	18	100
6. Congo	18	11	61
7. Cote d'Ivoire	18	12	67
8. DRC	18	18	100
9. Eritrea	18	9	50
10. Ethiopia	18	18	100
11. Guinea	18	18	100
12. Kenya	18	15	83
13. Liberia	18	14	78
14. Madagascar	18	16	89
15. Mozambique	18	18	100
16. Niger	18	17	94
17. Uganda	18	16	89
18. Zimbabwe	18	7	39



Floods in Angola, a look back
(Photo, WHO Angola)

WEEKLY EMERGENCY SITUATION UPDATE

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General Context

The global mobilization against the Influenza A H1N1 is still ongoing in our region. Many member states have activated their preparedness and response plan for the pandemic. So far there are no official reports of any confirmed case of the disease from any of the AFRO countries but suspected cases currently under investigation have been reported in three countries. Other major concerns are the ongoing outbreaks of diseases notably meningitis in the meningitis belt.

Countries Situations**Acute crises**

Angola: The level of water has considerably decreased in floods affected areas. New areas that were flooded and inaccessible are now being assessed by the MoH teams at provincial level with support from WHO. As of April 26th 2009, a total of 617 cholera cases and 3 deaths (CFR: 0.5%) were reported nationwide. High number of acute diarrhoeal diseases cases was reported in Benguela province, samples were sent for the lab confirmation*.

CAR: Almost 20,000 refugees have fled across the border into Chad following waves of fighting and clashes between Rebels and government soldiers despite a peace deal**.

Chad: According to the government, Chadian rebels have entered the country on Monday 04th May from Sudan and were within about 100 kilometres of the strategic town of Goz Beida, so far no clashes have been reported with the National Army**. New influx of refugees about 20 000 people entered Chad following waves of fighting in the Central African Republic. Meningitis outbreak: From 1st January to 26th April 2009, a total of 1,165 cases with 128 deaths (CFR: 11%) were reported*. WHO and health partners are supporting cases management and surveillance activities.

DRC: According to MONUC the joint operations against armed groups were underway in eastern DRC: in North Kivu province and the district of Ituri. At the same time, troops of the FDLR continue to surrender almost every day**. Cholera outbreak still ongoing, in South Kivu, 51 new cases 1 death in week 17 making a cumulative 2,673 cases with 23 deaths (CFR: 0.8%) *. Meningitis outbreak in Ituru/Province Orientale, 48 cases with 13 deaths (CFR: 27%) during week 17*.

Ethiopia: A month delay in rains resulted in lower plantings in some areas. It is likely to reduce the minor mid-year harvest. Hence, the population in need of food could increase above the current level. A recently deployed joint verification team reported that about 45,000 people are in need of food assistance. According to official reports from the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), 53 cases of AWD

have been reported from Somali, Oromiya and SNNP Regions last week. 476 cases of AWD and 13 deaths (CFR 2.7%) have been reported from Somali, Oromiya and SNNP Regions from 23rd March to 26th April 2009*.

Kenya: WHO supported an OCHA Donor Support Group on a mission to Moyale and Bute districts along the Kenya Ethiopia border where a cholera outbreaks is going on. The key challenges highlighted by all included; poor water availability, cholera and other diseases outbreak, shortage of drugs and other supplies and poor sanitation and cross border health services. As of 3rd May 2009, a total of 2,679 cholera cases have been reported so far with 60 deaths (CFR: 2.2%) across twenty districts in Kenya*.

Madagascar: Political situation remains precarious with continued violence in Antananarivo even though the magnitude has decreased. Suspected outbreak of plague in the district of Amparafaravola, Region of Alaotra Mangoro, 28 cases with 12 deaths (CFR: 42.8%)* have been reported. WHO is supporting an investigation.

Niger: Meningitis outbreak is still of high concern. The number of cases continues to decrease on week 17 where 524 new cases with 30 deaths were reported. The total number of cases is now 11,609 with 472 deaths (CFR of 4.2%) since January 1st, 2009*. Only 2 districts are now in epidemic and 8 districts in alert. WHO and health partners are supporting mass vaccination campaign in 22 districts*.

Zimbabwe: The cholera outbreak has continued the declining trend in all the provinces. The nationwide epidemic seems to be getting under control although certain districts remain of concern. Mashonaland West and Harare city still require close monitoring. A total of 97,795 cases and 4,265 deaths (CFR: 4.4%) have been reported as of 04th May 2009*.

Countries Under Surveillance

Burkina Faso: Meningitis (No update), from week 1 to 16 in 2009, a total of 3,390 suspect cases with 438 deaths (CFR: 12.92%) have been reported*.

Congo: We are monitoring the situation ahead of the July presidential election.

Guinea: The political atmosphere is improving. In week 17, three new suspected meningitis cases with 1 death were reported bringing the total to 95 cases with 9 deaths (CFR: 9.4%)* since week 1. A suspect cholera case was reported in the health district of Kindia this week.

Liberia: Outbreak of yellow fever from Lofa County. In response, the reactive vaccination

campaign will focus on Voinjama and Zorzor districts of Lofa County.

Mozambique: Cholera outbreak, the number of cases is still decreasing since week 9. From January 1st to April 25th 2009, a total of 16,785 cases and 136 deaths (CFR: 0.8%)* were reported.

Nigeria: Meningitis outbreak (No update), 39,841 cases have been reported from week 1 to week 15 of 2009, with 1,886 deaths (CFR: 4.7%)*.

Influenza A H1N1 in the WHO African Region: Three countries have currently suspected cases under investigation; Benin (1), Seychelles (4), Zambia (1).