

## AFRO - MEMORANDUM

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**Your Ref.** Epidemics

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**My Ref:**

**Orig.** DPC

**Subj: Updates on disease outbreaks:**

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We are glad to update you on outbreak situation. as of 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2006.

### **Cholera - Kakuma Refugee Camp, Turkana District**

Cumulatively, 58 cholera cases and 1 death (The earlier reported death was ruled out through culture) with a CFR of 1.7% have been reported in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Turkana District. Twelve (12) cases have been confirmed positive for Vibrio Cholera. One sample Isolated Vibrio Cholera Inaba Serotype. Surveillance has been strengthened and control measures put in place and situation is under control. The outbreak confined to the camp.

#### **Interventions**

- Ongoing Surveillance activities in place enhanced
- Health education and community, mobilization has been enhanced to the affected communities on personal hygiene and food handling.
- Drugs and laboratory kits have been supplied to the affected area for treatment of cases from KEMSA.
- International Red Cross management has donated 40 toilets slabs and embarked on repair of collapsed toilets in the camp.
- Provincial and district teams have been financially supported by central MOH to strengthen and sustain interventions towards prevention of further.

### **Aflatoxin poisoning - Eastern Province**

Total of 49 cases and 22 deaths with a CFR of 44.4% have been reported in Makueni, Kitui and Machakos Districts with 21cases and 12 deaths, 24 cases and 7 deaths and, 4 cases and 3 deaths respectively. No new cases reported from Makueni and Machakos in the last three weeks and Kitui none in the last 1 week. Surveillance activities are ongoing.

#### **Intervention activities instituted**

- Active Surveillance activities and Case management are ongoing in the affected area.
- Health education and community mobilization has been enhanced in the affected area.
- Sampling of cereals, withdrawal of contaminated food and replacement ongoing.
- Provision of relief food to drought stricken families is ongoing.

### **Dysentery - Mandera District**

A total of 206 cases and 13 deaths with a CFR of 6.3% have been reported in Kotulo, El-wak, Rhamu, Takaba and central divisions in Mandera District. This is affecting children under 3 years. Laboratory tests on rectal swabs isolated *Shigella dysenteriae* and *Shigella boydii*. Dams are main a source of water, and tests showed fecal contamination, with high level of coli forms.

#### **Intervention activities instituted**

- Surveillance activities and Case management are still ongoing in the affected area.
- Health education has been enhanced to the affected communities
- Chlorine tablets supplied
- Rapid Kits from available and laboratory reagents given.
- Additional health personnel have been deployed to the area