

CHOLERA Outbreaks 2004

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Africa:

Date	Country	Source	Information
22 Oct	Benin	WHO WER No. 43, Vol. 79, 385-392, 2004	
16 Nov	Burundi	AllAfrica.com [edited]	Three people have died of cholera and 12 others are infected in a camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs) following heavy rains in Burundi.
29 Oct	Burundi	IOL.co.za	A cholera epidemic has struck the town of Rumonge in Burundi, with at least 140 cases and a death reported since mid-October 2004.
4 Mar	Burundi	AllAfrica.com [edited]	Registered 93 cases of cholera resulting in 4 deaths since January 2004. The epidemic broke out on 11 Jan 2004.
31 Aug	Cameroon	Reuters.com	Cholera has infected at least 6400 people and killed more than 130 in Cameroon so far in 2004.

25 Jul	Cameroon	Panapress, 19 Jul 2004 [in Portuguese, summarized by Mod.JW, edited]	Around 128 people have died, out of 6377 affected by cholera, since the beginning of 2004.
3 Nov	Chad	Reuters.com	In Chad cholera has killed 229 people and infected 4,719 this year.
27 Sep	Chad	WHO Outbreak Reports [edited]	A total of 3910 cases and 164 deaths (case fatality rate, 4.2 percent) have been reported from 14 Jun to 19 Aug 2004.
2 Sep	Chad	All Africa.com & UN Integrated Regional Information Networks [edited]	More than 120 people have died of cholera in western Chad and nearly 3000 cases of the water-borne disease have been reported since an epidemic broke out at the start of the rainy season in mid-June 2004. The last major cholera outbreak in Chad occurred in 2001, when a total of 5244 cases were recorded.
1 Sep	Chad	WHO Outbreak Reports [edited]	A total of 2046 cases and 98 deaths (case fatality rate, 4.8 percent) have been reported from 14 Jun to 22 Aug 2004 in Western Chad.
27 Aug	Chad	Reuters Alertnet [edited]	Chad needs almost USD 200 000 in international aid to help control a cholera epidemic that has killed more than 100 people in the past 2 months. By 22 Aug 2004, a total of 2198 cases, 108 of them fatal were reported.
29 Jul	Chad	IOL (Independent Online) website [edited]	An outbreak of cholera in Chad has killed 50 people and infected almost 700 in the Central African state since the beginning of Jun 2004. The previous cholera outbreak in Chad was in 2001, when more than 3500 cases were registered and 113 people died.
11 Aug	Congo DR	Environmental News Network [edited]	At least 562 cases and 70 people have died in the past 6 weeks from cholera.
5 Apr	Congo DR	Yahoo News, UK [edited]	51 people have died out of 1139 registered cases of cholera. In another province cholera has infected 258 people, killing 8.

2 July	Côte d'Ivoire	WHO WER No. 27, Vol. 79, 245-252, 2004	
2 Nov	Guinea Bissau	All Africa.com	A cholera outbreak had infected 58 people, killing three.
10 Nov	Guinea	IRIN News [edited]	In Guinea, there had been 1,192 cases including 100 deaths by late October, a fatality rate of 8.39 percent.
16 Oct	Guinea	IOL.com [edited]	A cholera epidemic has killed at least 77 people in central and western Guinea since late June. The deaths were among 875 cases of cholera, which has made a resurgence in 2004 owing to heavy rains.
25 Sep	Guinea	Indo-Asian News Service [edited]	At least 90 people have been killed and over 700 new cases reported in a cholera outbreak in Guinea. The epidemic started in Jun 2004.
17 Sep	Guinea	News24.com / Agence France Presse [edited]	An outbreak of cholera has killed at least 10 people out of 30 recorded cases in central Guinea. The outbreak, affected primarily children and the elderly. Western Guinea was hit by a cholera outbreak in June of 2003, which claimed 83 lives from 183 reported cases.
7 Sep	Guinea	All Africa.com & UN Integrated Regional Information Networks [edited]	The death toll from a cholera outbreak in Guinea and neighbouring Sierra Leone rose to 86 at the end of August 2004. Guinea had reported 333 cases of cholera and 31 deaths up to 31 Aug 2004, but the situation there seemed to be under control.
17 Aug	Guinea	IRIN News [edited]	An outbreak of cholera in Guinea is being brought under control, the number of new cases is falling, and fewer victims of the infectious disease are dying. Guinea has a history of annual cholera outbreaks and for the past 2 years.

6 Aug	Guinea	IRIN [edited]	Torrential rains and inadequate supplies of safe drinking water have led to a cholera epidemic in Guinea, which has so far killed 23 people. 183 cases. Guinea has a history of annual cholera outbreaks for the past 2 years.
7 Nov	Kenya	All Africa.com	A countrywide cholera alert has been issued. One person died and 26 others were admitted to Voi Hospital following an outbreak of cholera in the area.
3 Nov	Kenya	All Africa.com	Three people have died and 132 treated and discharged following a cholera outbreak in Mtito Andei.
21 May	Kenya	WHO WER No. 21, Vol. 79, 201-204, 2004	
26 Oct	Liberia	All Africa.com	A severe outbreak of cholera has claimed the lives of at least four persons while about 435 others were reportedly affected by the epidemic in the Southeastern Liberian Counties of Maryland and Grand Kru.
3 Sep	Liberia	WHO WER No. 36, Vol. 79, 321-328, 2004	
26 Mar	Malawi	WHO WER No. 13, Vol. 79, 121-128, 2004	
5 Mar	Mali	Afrol News, Africa [edited]	The cholera epidemic along River Niger in Mali is increasing. More than 2000 cholera cases have been reported and some 117 Malians have died. The current cholera epidemic already has caused 2016 reported infections, including 117 deaths. Cholera started spreading in August 2003 in Mali.
5 Jul	Mozambique	AllAfrica.com & Agencia de Informacao de Mozambique (Maputo) [edited]	The cholera epidemic that struck Mozambique in the first months of 2004 claimed at least 115 victims. About 23 000 cases of the disease were diagnosed since this outbreak began in December 2003.

16 Apr	Mozambique	AllAfrica.com [edited]	The current Mozambican cholera epidemic has claimed 3 more lives. The death toll in the Mozambican capital has now reached 38 since the outbreak began in Dec 2003. The death toll in Sofala now stands at 27.
12 Apr	Mozambique	News24.com [edited]	For the first time, the outbreak that began in Dec 2003 has been detected in Vilankulo, they have confirmed at least 22 cholera cases in the past. In the rest of the country, more than 100 people have died and thousands have been sickened by the outbreak.
7 Apr	Mozambique	All Africa.com / Agencia de Informacao de Mocambique [edited]	In Vilankulo district at least 22 cases of cholera have been confirmed during the past week.
23 Mar	Mozambique	WHO Disease Outbreak [edited]	It had been reported a total of 15 237 cases and 85 deaths between 20 Dec 2003 and 18 Mar 2004 in 7 provinces. Maputo city is the worst affected area with 9522 cases and 37 deaths.
12 Mar	Mozambique	AllAfrica.com and Agencia de Informacao de Mocambique (Maputo) [edited]	The Mozambican cholera epidemic has now spread to the western province of Tete. The cholera epidemic began in December 2003, and is known to have claimed 76 lives.
3 Jan	Mozambique	Associated Press Newswires [edited]	A cholera outbreak worsened in southern Mozambique with up to 40 new cases being treated daily. In neighboring Zimbabwe, at least 30 people have died from cholera in recent weeks in an outbreak also worsened by collapsing sanitation and health facilities.
3 Sep	Niger	Panafrican News Agency (PANA) Daily Newswire [edited]	A cholera outbreak in 3 regions (western, central and eastern regions) of Niger has killed 32 persons among 1573 reported cases. Since 1970, cholera epidemics have perennially hit Niger, especially in areas along the Niger river, the source of drinking water for most of the population.

20 Aug	Niger	IRIN News [edited]	A cholera epidemic in villages along the Niger river has killed 27 people over the past 4 months. 1426 cases of cholera had been recorded between 3 May and 15 Aug 2004. For the past 30 years, cholera epidemics have been a recurrent problem in villages along the Niger river, flaring up every rainy season.
3 Dec	Nigeria	WHO Outbreak Reports [edited]	Kano State reported 1316 cases and 76 deaths (case fatality rate, 5.8 percent) from 15 Oct to 23 Nov 2004, and Edo State reported 300 cases and 50 deaths (case fatality rate 16.7 percent) from 16 Sep to 18 Nov 2004. In both states, <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> has been laboratory-confirmed.
25 Nov	Nigeria	BusinessinAfrica.net [edited]	A total of 962 people have been in Kano since the outbreak 2 weeks ago, out of which, 47 have died.
22 Nov	Nigeria	IOL.co.za [edited]	So far, 642 cases and 46 deaths have been reported.
17 Nov	Nigeria	Reuters [edited], All Afrca.com	A major outbreak of cholera in northern Nigeria has killed 42 people and hospitalized hundreds (629 cases) in the last two weeks.
18 Nov	Senegal	IOL.co.za [edited]	6 people have died and 855 treated since mid-October 2004.
10 Nov	Senegal	IRIN News [edited]	In just under a month, a total 801 cases had been registered, mainly in Dakar, including six deaths.
2 Nov	Senegal	All Africa.com	Cholera has so far infected 446 people, four of whom have died. <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> 01 EL Tor has been confirmed.
27 Oct	Senegal	IOL.co.za [edited]	The number of people infected in an outbreak of cholera in the Dakar region of Senegal has risen to 126.
26 Oct	Senegal	All Afrca.com	Cholera has broken out in Dakar, the capital of Senegal, for the first time in eight years. 66 cases had been reported in slum areas of the city since 11 October, but there had so far been no deaths.

10 Nov	Sierra Leone	IRIN News [edited]	In Sierra Leone, health officials reported 633 cases and 56 deaths over September and October.
15 Sep	Sierra Leone	AllAfrica.com and The Independent (Freetown) [edited]	The pandemic have caused 237 cholera cases and 15 death cases. More than 60 people have died since early August 2004, mostly in and around the capital Freetown.
7 Sep	Sierra Leone	All Africa.com & UN Integrated Regional Information Networks [edited]	The death toll from a cholera outbreak in Guinea and neighbouring Sierra Leone rose to 86 at the end of August 2004. 561 cholera cases and 55 deaths had been recorded in Sierra Leone up to 30 Aug 2004, giving a death rate of nearly 10 percent. The cholera outbreak in Sierra Leone is the 1st to be recorded in the country since 1999.
31 Aug	Sierra Leone	Yahoo News, UK & Ireland / AFP [edited]	A new outbreak of cholera is continuing to claim lives in Sierra Leone, health officials said, with the death toll rising to 53 from a total of some 531 cases. Though there had been no cholera in Sierra Leone for the past 4 years The 15 islands that make up Yeliboya are regularly infected with the disease due to poor sanitation.
23 Aug	Sierra Leone	Turkish Press [edited]	Heavy rains flooding the streets of Freetown have contributed to a new cholera outbreak in Sierra Leone, with at least 20 deaths reported in the capital since early Aug 2004.
29 Apr	South Africa	SABCNews.com [edited]	About 151 people tested positive for cholera at the Klerksdorp hospital within a month. Another 7 children, including a 4-month-old baby, have been placed under observation at the hospital after being tested for cholera. 2 people have died since the outbreak of the disease in the area a month ago.
20 Apr	South Africa	All Africa.com / BuaNews [edited]	A total of 136 cholera cases have been treated in North West hospitals since the outbreak of the disease earlier in Mar 2004.

7 Apr	South Africa	SABCnews [edited]	Since the outbreak of the disease last week, 78 cases had been reported. 2 people have died of the disease. 8 new cases of cholera have been reported during the last 24 hours.
2 Apr	South Africa	news24.com [edited]	Cholera outbreak in a township in Klerksdorp. 20 people were still under observation in hospital. 3 people were still receiving treatment for cholera.
1 Apr	South Africa	SABC News.com [edited]	5 more people admitted for cholera at Klerksdorp.
1 Apr	South Africa	Yahoo News, UK [edited]	13 people have died in a cholera outbreak in rural South Africa in March, while more than 100 others have been treated for the disease in recent weeks. At least 7 million people out of a population of 44.8 million do not have access to running water in South Africa, making them susceptible to the water-borne disease.
31 Mar	South Africa	News24.com [edited]	3 people have been admitted to Northwest hospitals with cholera.
24 Mar	South Africa	SABC news [edited]	13 people in the Eastern Cape have died from cholera and more than 100 had to be treated in hospital for the disease after a recent outbreak.
14 Apr	Somalia	IRIN News [edited]	The number of suspected cholera cases has increased in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, since the beginning of Apr 2004. Since mid-Dec 2003, 2042 cases of suspected cholera had been reported, including 23 deaths. Since 1994, outbreaks of cholera cases have been recorded annually in Mogadishu and many other parts of Somalia.
26 Nov	Tanzania	Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar	Two people have died in the latest outbreak of cholera in Zanzibar. 13 people had been hospitalized. The outbreak was caused by contamination of a borehole.
22 Oct	Tanzania	WHO WER No. 43, Vol. 79, 385-392, 2004	

1 Mar	Togo	Afrol News, Africa [edited]	A cholera epidemic in the Togolese capital, Lome, has so far caused 661 cases and 37 deaths.
3 Dec	Uganda	All Africa.com	Twelve people have been diagnosed, Atiak internally displaced peoples' (IDP) camp in Gulu district. Since the outbreak in October, the district had registered 232 cases.
17 Nov	Uganda	All Africa.com	Cholera has been confirmed in Akilok parish, in Orom sub-county. So far two deaths.
9 Nov	Uganda	All Africa.com	The cholera epidemic that started from Pabbo IDP camp has spread to Amuru camp, with two cases reported. In Pabbo camp there are 123 registered cases and a man died of cholera, bringing the death toll to three.
9 Nov	Uganda	All Africa.com	At least 90 cases of cholera have been registered and two people have died in Kasese in the last two weeks.
3 Nov	Uganda	All Africa.com	Cholera has again broken out in Kasese district, killing one person and leaving at least 26 admitted to hospital.
27 Oct	Uganda	All Africa.com	A cholera outbreak in the largest camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northern Uganda, has killed two people and infected 50.
16 Oct	Uganda	Xinhuanet.com [edited]	6 cases have already been identified in the camp, which has a population of over 60 000. 1 person has died in the camp following the cholera outbreak. The risk of spread is potentially high.
15 Oct	Uganda	UN Integrated Regional Information Networks	At least one person died and eight were hospitalized in northern Uganda following a suspected outbreak of cholera. The first reported case was a young man who was admitted in Pabbo health centre on 7 October, but died the next day.
21 Sep	Uganda	AllAfrica.com and The Monitor (Kampala) [edited]	A fresh cholera outbreak has hit some parts of the district as rains increase. 7 cases had been reported in the past few days.
6 Sep	Uganda	Uganda ESD Ministry of Health [edited]	12 cases of cholera reported and 1 death.

9 Aug	Uganda	Uganda ESD Ministry of Health [edited]	Since 20 May-4 Jul 864 cases and 35 death have been reported.
20 Jul	Uganda	AllAfrica.com and New Vision (Kampala) [edited]	2 residents of Kaseke village, in Naguru Parish II, Nakawa division, were recently admitted to the hospital with cholera.
19 Jul	Uganda	AllAfrica.com and The Monitor (Kampala) [edited]	A cholera epidemic has hit the district, with 3 people dead and 10 admitted to different hospitals.
21 Jun	Uganda	AllAfrica.com and The Monitor (Kampala) [edited]	A cholera epidemic has hit Kabarole district, leaving 4 people dead.
28 Apr	Uganda	AllAfrica.com and New Vision (Kampala) [edited]	Cholera has broken out in 8 districts. So far 7 people are sick while 2 have been reported dead.
16 Apr	Uganda	AllAfrica.com / New Vision news (Kampala) [edited]	Kampala city health authorities are bracing for a possible cholera epidemic following reported deaths and hospital cases recently.
19 Mar	Uganda	Uganda Ministry of Health Weekly Epidemiological Newsletter [edited]	104 cases but no death.
8 Mar	Uganda	AllAfrica.com and The Monitor (Kampala) [edited]	A person is reported dead and 14 others infected with cholera following an outbreak of the disease.
15 Dec	Zambia	IRIN	At the time, Lusaka had already recorded 2,482 cases of cholera and 110 deaths. The City has taken proactive measures to prevent recurring cholera outbreaks in the capital city of Zambia by stepping up garbage collection.
2 Nov	Zambia	Xinhuanet	A new wave of Cholera broke out in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. An infected woman was treated and discharged from a local clinic. Since February, Zambia had reported some 3835 cholera cases, including 179 deaths.

3 Sep	Zambia	Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) 2004;53:783-86	Zambia experienced widespread cholera epidemics in 1991 (13 154 cases), 1992 (11 659), and 1999 (11 327). Epidemic cholera returned to Zambia in November 2003, when cases of toxigenic V. cholerae O1, Ogawa, El Tor were confirmed in the capital city. 28 Nov 2003- 4 Jan 2004, an estimated 2529 cholera cases and 128 cholera deaths (case-fatality rate [CFR] = 5.1 percent) occurred in Lusaka. Bivariate analysis indicated that consumption of raw vegetables was associated with cholera.
27 Mar	Zambia	AllAfrica.com [edited]	Cholera has broken out at State Lodge in Lusaka, with 4 people currently undergoing treatment at various cholera centers.
7 Mar	Zambia	AllAfrica.com and The Times of Zambia (Ndola) [edited]	Cholera has broken out at the Chainama Hills Hospital.
1 Jan	Zambia	AllAfrica.com / The Post, Lusaka [edited]	A total of 484 cholera cases have been recorded nationwide since the disease broke out in Nov 2003.
30 July	Zimbabwe	WHO WER No. 31, Vol. 79, 281-288, 2004	

Asia:

Date	Country	Source	Information
4 June	Cambodia	WHO WER No. 23, Vol. 79, 213-220, 2004	
17 Aug	China	Chinese CDC	China has had 18 cases of cholera infection include one death. No further details were specified.
8 Aug	China	Various incl. Shandong TV [edited]	A worker in a construction field in Laizhou, Shandong province was diagnosed with cholera. In the recent WHO report on cholera in 2003, 223 cases of cholera were reported from mainland China that year. Of these, 93 percent of the laboratory-confirmed cases were O139. http://www.who.int/wer/2004/en/wer7931/en/
4 Aug	China (Hong Kong)	The Standard.com [edited]	Closed a fresh food shop in Kowloon City after the discovery of V. cholerae in a water sample from its fish tank. It is the 3 rd case within 2 weeks following the discovery of the bacterium in water samples taken from restaurants.
17 Nov	Fiji	Fiji Times [edited]	Australian tourist was admitted to hospital on returning home from a holiday at the Plantation Island Resort. The strain of cholera found in a resort on Plantation Island was not deadly it was non-hemolytic. Cholera is mostly found in outer islands and the Northern Division.
15 Nov	India	New India Press [edited]	As many as 40 patients admitted to Communicable Diseases Hospital (CDH) at Tondiarpet have tested positive for cholera.
29 Aug	India (Kashmir)	Hindustan Times [edited]	During the last 3 days, more than 150 patients suffering from dysentery, vomiting and severe dehydration have been treated. A 50-year-old woman from Kawadara pocket of the summer capital died and doctors who treated her confirmed that she died of cholera. Senior doctors believe that the disease had been transmitted through "contaminated" drinking water.

1 Apr	India	Times of India.com [edited]	The number of cholera cases reported in the city has risen to 21 since Jan 2004.
19 Nov	Iran	www.who.int/wer, 19 Nov 2004	54 cases and one death.
5 Aug	Iraq	Xinhua News Agency [edited]	42 cases of epidemic cholera resulting from drinking contaminated water.
10 Jul	Japan	Infectious Diseases Weekly Report Japan, Infectious Disease Surveillance Center, National Institute of Infectious Diseases [in Japanese]	Report to WHO by Japan of 18 cases from cholera from 27 Jan-22 Jun 2004. All of the 18 cases seemed to have contracted their illness outside Japan. A total of 30 cases have been reported.
26 Jul	Korea	Korea Times [edited]	Health authorities are on high alert for a possible outbreak of cholera this summer [2004], advising people to take special care to avoid contracting the contagious disease. 7 people from Southeast Asian countries have been infected with the disease in 2004. There have also been 6 cases in which the cholera bacillus was detected in airplane sewage.
26 Mar	Malaysia	WHO WER No. 13, Vol. 79, 121-128, 2004	
6 Oct	Myanmar	Democratic Voice of Burma [edited]	At least 4 people died from cholera, which broke out after the inundations caused by heavy rains during September 2004.
27 Sep	Myanmar	Irrawaddy.org [edited]	During the 1st week of Sep, about 10 new cases of cholera have been detected each day.

28 Jul	Pakistan	Paktribune.com [edited]	At least 4 children were killed by the cholera epidemic in various areas of Nawab Shah.
11 Jul	Pakistan	Daily Times [edited]	The death toll from contaminated water has risen to 12.
25 Jun	Pakistan	PakTribune.com [edited]	The death toll in the cholera outbreak in Spin Boldak Afghan refugee camp (SBARC) reached 25 on Fri 25 Jun 2004. 4 more children have died.
1 Dec	Philippines	Abs-Cbn News [edited]	It has been declared a cholera alert in Negros Occidental and Bacolod City, which was also designated a cholera hotspot, after confirming 31 cases of the disease in 2004.
6 Nov	Philippines	Manila Times [edited]	There were 8819 acute gastroenteritis cases that were recorded from 28 May to 22 Oct 2004, of which 464 were confirmed to be cholera cases.
13 Sep	Philippines	Sun Star, Philippines [edited]	Advised residents to watch out against cholera due to the alarming rise in cases.
12 Aug	Philippines	Xinhua News Agency [edited]	47 people have died out of 4403 acute gastroenteritis cases reported between 28 May and 5 Aug 2004. The Philippines remains a safe place for tourists.
6 Aug	Philippines	The Sun Star [edited]	Reported that of the 4293 patients, 131 have been confirmed as cholera cases while the rest are amoebic dysentery and of the more popular diarrhea.
30 Jul	Philippines	ABS-CBN news [edited]	400 new cases of acute gastroenteritis have been reported in Pangasinan in a span of 8 days. A total of 3284 cases of acute gastroenteritis were recorded since 19 Jul 2004.
20 Jul	Philippines	Manila Bulletin [edited]	81 cases of Vibrio cholera were found from among the 2055 patients afflicted with acute gastroenteritis.

18 Oct	Singapore	Yahoo News/Reuters	A rare outbreak of cholera in Singapore has killed an 89-year-old man, among 9 people infected. Investigations have found that most of those infected visited food stalls and restaurants in a single area.
25 Feb	Thailand	Chosun Ilbo [edited]	9 cases of cholera have been discovered in Thailand. Eating uncooked food and drinking water that has not been boiled caused the cases.

North America:

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South America:

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Dec	Argentina	Appl Environ Microbiol. 2004 Dec;70(12):7481-6.	In Argentina cholera (<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> O1) has occurred in an epidemic pattern.
23 Apr	Brazil	PAHO Emerging and Reemerging Infectious Diseases, Region of the Americas 2004; 2(16) 24 Apr [edited]	2 cases with serious acute diarrhea tested positive for <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> O1 Ogawa (a girl aged 2 years and a man of 39) in a Sao Bento do Una neighborhood. Since 2nd semester 2001, no cholera cases have been detected. Between 1991 and 2001, 168 598 cases of cholera were reported.
18 Aug	Colombia	Emerging and Reemerging Infectious Diseases, Region of the Americas [edited]	Isolation of <i>V. cholerae</i> O1 El Tor, Ogawa in stools of a man from the Candelillas district.
12 Aug	Colombia	Diario El Pais on-line 12 Aug 2004 [translated by AL, edited]	2 confirmed cases and 1 possible case. The most serious attack from cholera in Colombia dates from 1996, when 4528 cases were registered with 62 deaths. A year later, the disease caused the death of 32 people out of 1518 cases. At greater risk are those living in coastal areas.

