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CHOLERA SITUATION IN YEMEN

In May 2017, the Ministry of Public Health and Population recorded 74,311 suspected cholera cases and 605 associated deaths (CFR 0.8%). In comparison, 25,827 suspected cholera cases and 129 deaths (CFR 0.5%) were recorded between October 2016 and 26 April 2017.

Since the beginning of the second wave on 27 April 2017, the cumulative number of suspected cases of cholera reported stands at 74,855 including 617 deaths with a case fatality rate of 0.8%.

The surge of suspected cholera cases comes as the health system and civil infrastructure, including water and sanitation facilities in most Yemeni governorates is seriously affected by the ongoing conflict.

Poor access to health care services, food insecurity, malnutrition, unpaid salary to the health workers and population movements along with limited active case-findings due to insecurity in most districts, are severely compromising the effectiveness of the ongoing response operations.

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