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CHOLERA SITUATION IN YEMEN

During the month of January 2018, the Ministry of Public Health and Population of Yemen reported a total 31 421 cholera cases including 17 associated deaths (CFR 0.05%).

The cumulative number of cholera cases reported in Yemen since October 2016 is 1 079 681 including 2 384 related deaths with a case fatality rate of 0.22%. The country experienced a second wave of this outbreak during the month of April and from 27 April 2017 to 31 January 2018, the total number of reported cases of cholera is 1 053 854 including 2 255 related deaths with a case fatality rate of 0.21%.

In January 2018, a steady and continuous decline in the number of reported cases has been observed, with a slight peak during weeks 50 and 51. In response to this continued decline in the reported cases, WHO is strengthening active surveillance and case finding in low reporting areas.

The five governorates with the highest cumulative attack rates per 10 000 are Amran (891.2), Al Mahwit (850.6), Al Dhale'e (644.3), Al Hajjah (520.5) and Sana'a (512.2); the national attack rate is 383.0 per 10 000. The Governorate with higher numbers of deaths are Al Hajjah (422), Ibb (287), Al Hudaydah (281) and Taizz (188).