In March 2018, a total of 643 suspected cholera cases including 1 associated death was reported from Hiraan, Banadir, Lower Jubba and Middle Shabelle; the case fatality rate is 0.15%.

Cases reported in Hiraan region were from Beletweyne and Bulo Barde; Kismayo in Lower Jubba; Jowhar in Middle Shabelle. Cases in Banadir region were reported from 13 districts. The districts with the highest cumulative number of cases are Beletweyne (522), Jowhar (388), Kismayo (373), and Honda (146).

Cholera cases are increasing in number and in more areas, as observed from the reporting trend.

Cholera treatment centres (CTCs) in Beletweyne were closed due to reduction in the number of cases over the past couple of weeks. CTCs in Middle Shabelle, Banadir and Kismayo remain opened to support the management of new AWD/cholera cases.

Out of a total of 104 stool samples collected form 6 CTCs in 4 regions from January to March 2018, 32 tested positive for *Vibrio Cholerae*.