



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON CHOLERA

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The Total cumulative ^{number of} cholera cases for the country as at 10th April ~~was~~ ^{is} 822.

Mr. Speaker, for Lusaka, the affected areas are Bauleni, Mtendere, George, John Liang, Old Kanyama and Chawama. ^{Townships}

Measures Taken (Response):

Since the current outbreak of cholera my ministry together with partners has continued to implement various measures in surveillance, prevention, and case management in all the affected areas.

In terms of **surveillance** the following measures have been put in place:

- (i) Rapid response teams have been reactivated in all districts;
- (ii) All health institutions in the country have been put on alert and requested to re-enforce preventive measures and reactivate Epidemic Preparedness Committees;
- (iii) The National Epidemic Preparedness Committee ^{continuous} which ~~usually meets monthly~~ ^{to} ~~is now meeting~~ weekly to monitor the situation and provide guidance;
- (iv) Contacts of all cholera cases are being followed up by the health workers;
- (v) Teams have ^{continued} ~~been mobilized~~ to go in the communities to look for suspected cases of cholera;
- (vi) Outbreak investigations are being done to find out the source of the infection;
- (vii) Communities have been sensitized through radio, television and provision of health education materials;
- (viii) Water samples are being collected for examination;