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Emergency Sitrep – 30 March 2009

Reporting Period: 23rd March – 29th March, 2009

This report only covers issues regarding WASH matters during the reporting period and cumulatively since the onset of the emergency. Information sent by WASH cluster members from Monday to Sunday of each week is reflected. More detailed reports are attached in the appendix. The SitRep is to be used as a vehicle of information exchange among partners and with other agencies. As of the Feb. 10th, 2009 SitRep, situation issues and partner activities will be summarized primarily from the Zimbabwe WASH Cluster WWWW IM tools.

CHOLERA SITUATION – OVERVIEW for the two week period

Cholera cases increased to 93,603 and deaths increased to 4,095 Case Fatality¹ remains at 4.4. The last week has seen a stabilisation cases and deaths in most areas, but some areas still see sharp increases.

Emerging Issues & Highlights

- Aluminium sulphate has been delivered to the following towns by UNICEF: Beitbridge, Bindura, Bulawayo, Chegutu, Chinhoyi, Gwanda, Gweru, Harare, Kadoma, Kariba, Kwekwe, Marondera, Masvingo, Mutare, Rusape and Zvishavane. UNICEF has also delivered HTH to Zvishavane, and through MSF-H to Bindura and Chinhoyi.
- With the resurgence in Chitungwiza and continued cases in Harare, these two areas are being prioritised for interventions - Goal, Oxfam-GB and MSF-H are scaling up distributions of NFI kits. Kadoma too, has seen an increase and will be targeted immediately.
- Oxfam are carrying out Post Distribution Monitoring of NFI kits
- The borehole drilling programme continues with Chegutu now having had 12 drilled.

WASH response continues through the districts. Below are examples of activities within the last week.

- In Guruve DAPP has trained 2,500 community Members in PHHP and distributed 5,000 IEC flyers. They also provided 20l jerry cans to 1,030 households. MSF trained 652 community members in hygiene, while DDF is undertaking cleanup campaigns in 150 schools. GOAL is planning to distribute NFI Kits to 1,100 households in each of the wards 13,19,21,17 and ward 3. There is a need to help the community build toilets.
- Save the Children UK Binga distributed NFI kits to 1,451 households and trained 41 EHTs and health workers to be PHHP trainers throughout the district. An estimated 6000 Hygiene kits are required for Kariba rural - SCUK reports fishing camps are a particular risk.
- Beitbridge – World Vision and UNICEF with involvement of local authorities and other organisations have completed NFI distribution covering all 25,000 households in the district.
- GAA in Kadoma Rural is undertaking monitoring visits for past PHHP efforts and found buckets previously distributed were clean and being used for storing water.
- GOAL Nyanga is implementing an NFI Kit distribution to over 3,000 households in wards 11,12 and 13.
- Kadoma Urban, GAA have nearly completed the emergency water supply programme tanks - UNICEF trucks 165,000 l/w and has delivered 1,430,000 litres. GAA has also cleared over 1,500 meters of sewage pipes just this week.
- NGO Environment Africa in Hwange is targeting 1,200 households for NFI Kits.
- DAPP Bindura reports poor sanitation after a sewage burst contaminated drinking water – The urban area had no safe water supply for the entire week, due to a short of water treating chemicals – this now remedied. DAPP reached 1,000 households with PHHP training and IEC Flyers last week. MSF Bindura has provided 114 households with water treatment tablets after cholera outbreak.
- GAA Chinhoyi has assisted with immediate chemicals to treat water for 10 days whilst the Municipality awaits chemical supplies from supplies from UNICEF – since delivered.
- Mercy Corps in Mutare Urban, in cooperation with Zimahead are distributing kits to 7,050 households and training household members in wards 1, 2,12.
- GOAL Mt Darwin last week completed distribution of NFI kits to rural communities in, ward 24 - 2,500 kits, ward 22- 2,076 kits, ward 39 – 916 kits, ward 40 -1,546 kits, ward 23 -1,179 kits, ward 16 - 2,498 kits, and in ward17 - 2,384

- Mercy Corps Buhera last week has distributed 2,025 NFI kits in ward 23, and plans to distribute 5,680 more to other rural communities.
- GAA Chitungwiza reports sewer blockages still a major concern, and has undertaken water quality testing for 50 h/h done randomly in Zengeza, Seke and St. Marys. They are also connecting pipes to the new water tanks at Zengeza clinic and St Marys clinic. Drilling of a new borehole at Seke north clinic is planned.
- GAA Norton Sewer clearing is ongoing, with 1,200m completed this week, for a total of 4,800m thus far.
- World Vision Plumtree supplied Diesel to MoH for Surveillance for Mangwe and Bulilima Districts.
- Concern World Wide Gokwe South has trained 57 volunteers and 54 community workers in Hygiene, and provided hygiene kits to rural communities. Christian Care in Gokwe South trained 12 PPHP trainers to deliver further training this week.
- GOAL and Oxfam in Harare – are continuing with NFI kit distribution in the most affected neighbourhoods - Glen View 4 - 800 of a planned 1,114, Glen View 1 - 4,640 of 6,800, Glen View X - 4,000, Glen View Z - 1,572, Kuwadzana Phase 3 - 9,500, Budiriro 5 - 7,356, Chitungwiza 1 - 5,500.
- Bikita. ACF is planning to repair 11 water points in ward 17 and has already completed one in last week in ward 1. They are also conducting PPHP session in community and schools.
- Chipinge, ACF will supply hand washing facilities kits to schools in the most cholera affected wards and have distributed hygiene kits - 1,554 HHs in ward 20 and to 3,657 households in ward 16. They also trained EHTs and village health workers, briefing them on ORS use, supplying note books and pens to record the patients to whom they give ORS.

Social Mobilisation

- Training of trainers held in Bulawayo for 5 provinces (Mat North and South, Masvingo, Midlands and Bulawayo). 6 partner organizations and government ministries attended, total participants were 56.
- Preparation of Salt Sugar Solution and ORS is still not well understood at various levels. Communities are found to be using different quantities of salt and water to make the SSS. ORS is also said to be prepared the same way as SSS. These issues need to be urgently addressed with clear demonstrations on how to make the solutions.
- Social mobilisation team members visited Norton and Beitbridge to verify misunderstanding reported about communities confusing aquatabs and ORS. It was observed that many people did not recognise ORS neither Aquatabs. This is understandable given that the many people did not need them until the cholera outbreak. A fuller report will be made next week.

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A more detailed map of Chitungwiza and parts of Seke has been distributed for those partners working in these areas. Use this map and the WWWW to specify the ward you are working in. The map includes imagery and local landmarks to better orient your teams while in the field.

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