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Emergency Sitrep – 13 July 2009

Reporting Period: 15th June – 28th June, 2009

This report only covers issues regarding WASH matters during the reporting period and cumulatively since the onset of the outbreak. Information sent by WASH cluster members for a given two week period 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.

CHOLERA SITUATION – OVERVIEW from 15th to 28th June inclusive

Cholera cases increased to 98,589 and deaths increased to 4,288 as at 2nd July. Case fatality rate has remained stable at 4.3%.

Emerging Issues & Highlights

A half day WASH Contingency Planning Workshop was attended by approximately 25 cluster members. Comments on emergency scenarios and preparedness activities were captured in the draft WASH Cluster contingency plan, which was forwarded to OCHA.

A half day workshop will be held July 14 to discuss NFI package composition and distribution strategy.

UNICEF contracted Vitens Evides Int., a Dutch consultancy, to identify top priority emergency works to Morton Jeffrey and Prince Edward water treatment plants. Initial calculations indicate that an investment of \$1.2- \$2.0 million could increase flows from Morton Jeffrey 24 million litres per day and save between \$4 and \$5 million per year in operating costs.

The following organizations have reported specific activities:

- Oxfam reports that water trucking is phasing out in line with the completion and commissioning of the submersible pumps and bush pumps in and around Harare.
- Oxfam also reports a huge success on the school health club competitions that were held in Budiriro, Glenview, Chitungwiza and Epworth. Schools presented drama, music, art work and poetry with significant effort and initiative. Competitions' messages will be disseminated to school colleagues and parents.
- FCTZ reported that in the absence of any new cholera cases people are going back to some risky hygiene practices. Soap is not being used consistently for hand washing.
- Pump Aid is now using WASH awareness approach as they carry out installation. Communities are involved in the installation and Pump Aid takes the opportunity to discuss WASH in an informal setting.
- Currently UNICEF is drilling boreholes in towns which were affected by cholera and trucking of water in Harare and Chitungwiza. For the two weeks, UNICEF has been trucking water with its tankers and hopes to engage a contractor starting July.

Social Mobilisation

Key issues:

- Supporting the revitalization of village health workers and review of manual and strategy of operation.

- Conducting a WASH assessment to support the Apostolic Faith Mission Annual Assembly in Mutare. The concern is that there are over 100,000 people camped in a small area with limited water and sanitation facilities. It is a critical time when we are expecting yet another outbreak of high scale. People have travelled to Mutare from all over the country; there is potential risk of a widespread outbreak.
- Strategizing in resource mobilization for the national clean up campaign. All organizations are requested to support this initiative.

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