

# Cholera Platform: 5 years of achievements in West and Central Africa



The Regional Cholera Platform for West and Central Africa was launched in 2012 to improve cholera control and prevention in 24 countries across the region through an operationalization of the roadmap launched by Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC). Over the past 5 years, the cholera platform has achieved the following outputs through 3 main axis:

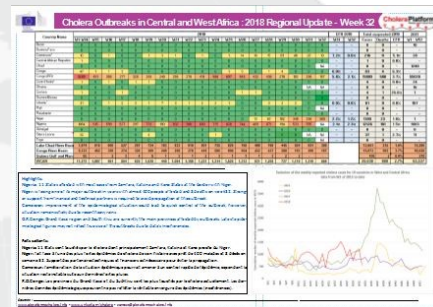
Axis 1: Early detection and response to contain outbreaks

Axis 2: Prevention of disease occurrence by targeting multisectoral interventions in cholera hotspots.

Axis 3: Effective knowledge exchange and information management

## Information and Knowledge Management

- Almost 20.000 visitors per year on the cholera [platform website](#) with 18 webpages visited per person on average
- 49 cholera's studies produced in the region available through a [compendium](#)
- 246 organisations through more than 1000 people receive communications from the platform
- 126 bi-monthly [cholera updates](#) produced between mid-2014 and 2018
- 26 regional [maps and infographics](#) produced



Bi-monthly cholera update



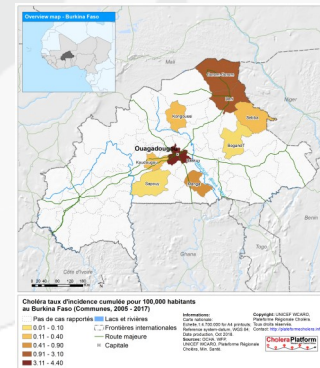
Emergency response to cholera (Nigeria)

## Early detection and Response to outbreak

- 3 cholera alerts on average per year to mobilise technical, financial partners and media (liaising with clusters and OCHA)
- 80% of main outbreaks supported through direct field support from platforms members.
- [Realtime webmap of cholera](#) in the region updated on bi-monthly basis.
- Cholera platform has created a list of cholera experts (Rosters) for quick deployment.
- Contingency funds at regional level used to boost first response or cover main gaps (100.000 USD allocated to countries in 2018)

## Long-term prevention in cholera hotspots

- 12 country profiles (called [cholera factsheets](#)) created in 2014 and updated in 2018
- [14 countries' maps of cholera hotspots](#) produced
- 7 countries where [WASH investment plans](#) have been established with budget following field visits in 54 main hotspots.
- [Regional strategy](#) established and aligned with GTFCC's roadmap.
- 13 countries supported in the elaboration of "[National Cholera Control Plans](#)" or/and "[Emergency and Response plan](#)"



Incidency map of cholera (Burkina)

## Strengthening capacities and knowledge exchange between countries and partners

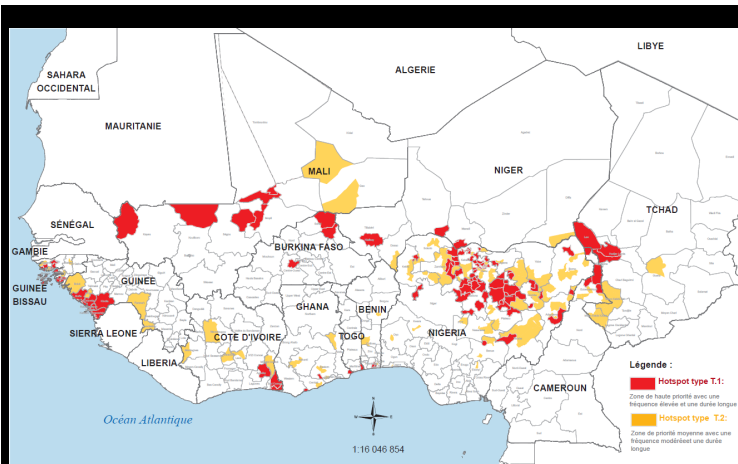
- 8 crossborder [workshops](#) with country representatives per epidemiological basin
- [4 regional trainings organised and 11 national trainings](#) supported through the following main topics: Cholera emergency response; GIS in cholera projects; Shield and Sword approach; drill exercises; Cholera national plans; RDT...
- 8 webinars organised in French and English since 2017.
- 24 [cholera platform meetings](#) with main platform's members.



*Cholera training cholera—Burkina Faso (Oct.2018)*



*Lake Chad Basin Cholera Workshop (June 2018)*



“The idea of UNICEF to set up a dedicated team to cholera control and prevention in West and Central Africa greatly supported the achievements done at country level, as well as greatly improving the quality and relevance of cholera control programs. By being able to work at field level, this platform is well-informed on the progress and vulnerabilities of the different countries it supports to ensure the achievement of the overarching goal. Finally, it facilitates exchanges, documenting lessons learnt and good practices and help maintain the alert to a cholera outbreak.”

*Dr Aichatou Mahaman, MoH, Niger*

## Monitoring & impact

- 14 of the 24 countries of the region are now engaged on the [roadmap](#) (including as early adopters: Cameroon, Chad, Niger, Guinea, Nigeria, DRC...)
- 7 Countries of the region have reached “cholera elimination” (Cabo-Verde, Gambia, Gabon, Mauritania, Sao Tome, Equatorial Guinea, Senegal)
- 4 countries have made recent progress towards elimination (Burkina Faso, Mali, Guinea, Guinea Bissau)
- 4 countries of the region amongst the 47 affected countries in the world need to be strengthened to engage on the roadmap (Sierra-Leone, Liberia, Congo Republic, CAR).
- Cholera platform has developed a “WASH and OCV monitoring tool” in 2018 to follow-up on progress toward the roadmap per hotspots in the region (pilot).

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