



Highlights

- The Lassa fever (LF) outbreak is currently activeⁱ in **twelve** (12) states (Ogun, Bauchi, Plateau, Ebonyi, Ondo, Edo, Taraba, Nasarawa, Rivers, Kaduna, Gombe and Cross-River)
- Since the onset of LF outbreak in Dec. 2016 (Week 49), a **total 74 confirmedⁱⁱ (69) or probableⁱⁱⁱ (5)**, have been reported with **41 deaths (36 deaths in confirmed, 5 in probable)**.
- Case Fatality Rate for confirmed/probable cases is 55.4%
- In the last reporting Week 7 (Feb. 18 – Feb. 24, 2017), there were fifteen (15) suspected cases with six (6) laboratory confirmed cases. The new laboratory confirmed cases were in Ondo (2), Bauchi (2), Gombe (1) and Cross-River (1)

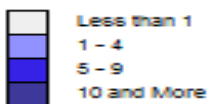
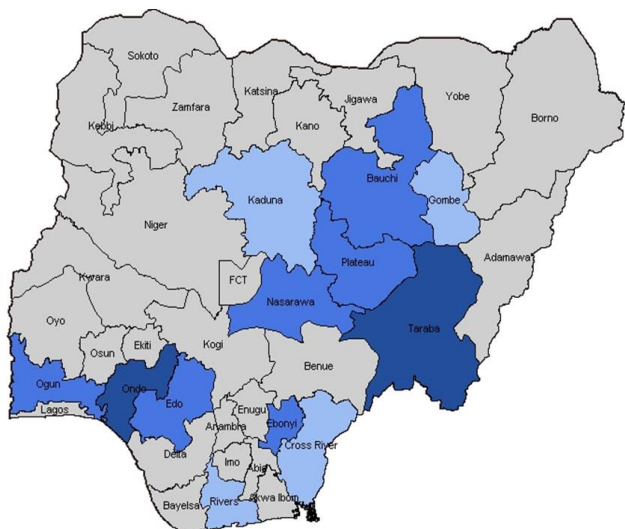


Figure 1. States with confirmed cases as at Feb. 24, 2017

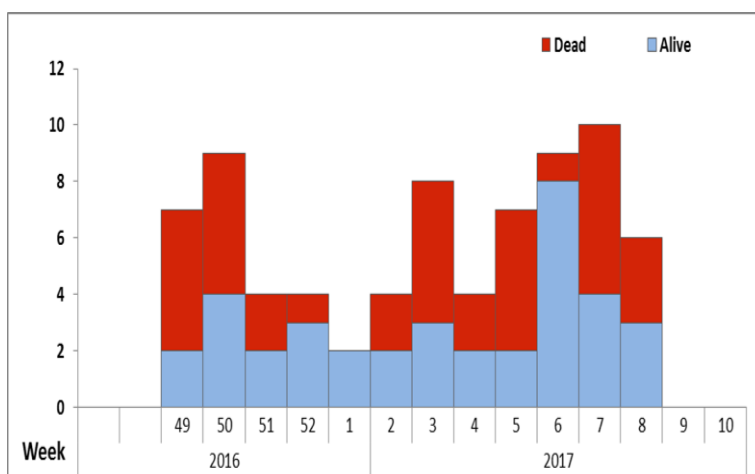


Figure 2. Cases of Lassa fever by epidemiological week in Nigeria - Dec. 2016 to Feb. 2017 (updated as at Feb. 24 2017), N = 74

ⁱ "Active" means where there has been at least one confirmed case, and contacts within 21 days post exposure

ⁱⁱ Any suspected case with laboratory confirmation (positive IgM antibody, PCR or virus isolation).

ⁱⁱⁱ Any suspected case (see definition above) but who died without collection of specimen for laboratory testing