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SITUATION REPORT

Nigeria Centre For Disease Control (NCDC)

TITLE:	2018 LASSA FEVER OUTBREAK IN NIGERIA
SERIAL NUMBER:	31
EPI-WEEK:	31
DATE:	5 th August 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- In the reporting Week 31 (July 30-August 5, 2018) nine new confirmedⁱ cases were reported from Edo(7), Ondo(1) and Enugu(1) with two new deaths from Edo(1) and Enugu (1)
- Enugu state recorded the first confirmed case in the state since the beginning of the outbreak with death in the confirmed case
- From 1st January to 5th August 2018, a total of 2334 **suspectedⁱ cases** have been reported from 22 states. Of these, **481 were confirmed positive**, **10 are probable**, **1844** <u>negative</u> (not a case)
- Since the onset of the 2018 outbreak, there have been 123 deaths in confirmed cases and 10 in probable cases. Case Fatality Rate in confirmed cases is 25.6% -*Table 1*
- 22 states have recorded at least one confirmed case across 72 Local Government Areas (Edo, Ondo, Bauchi, Nasarawa, Ebonyi, Anambra, Benue, Kogi, Imo, Plateau, Lagos, Taraba, Delta, Osun, Rivers, FCT, Gombe, Ekiti, Kaduna, Abia, Adamawa and Enugu – the new addition). Nineteen states have exited the active phase of the outbreak while three- Edo Ondo and Enugu states remain active^{iv} -*Table 1/ Figure 1*
- In the reporting week 31, no new healthcare worker was infected. Thirty-nine health care workers have been affected since the onset of the outbreak in seven states –Ebonyi (16), Edo (14), Ondo (4), Kogi (2), Nasarawa (1), Taraba (1) and Abia (1) with ten deaths in Ebonyi (6), Kogi (1), Abia (1), Ondo (1) and Edo (1)
- 82% of all confirmed cases are from Edo (44%), Ondo (24%) and Ebonyi (14%) states
- Ten patients are currently being managed at treatment Centres Seven at Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital (ISTH) and three at the Federal Medical Centre Owo treatment Centre - Table
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- A total of **6383** contacts have been identified from 22 states. Of these 439(6.9%) are currently being followed up, 5846 (91.6%) have completed 21 days follow up while 10(0.2%) were lost to follow up. 88 (1.4%) symptomatic contacts have been identified, of which **30 (**34%) have tested positive from five states (Edo-14, Ondo-8, Ebonyi-3, Kogi -3 Bauchi-1 and Adamawa-1) *Table 1*
- National Rapid Response Team (NCDC staff and NFELTP residents) deployed to Enugu state
- Lassa fever national multi-partner, multi-agency Technical Working Group(TWG) continues to coordinate response activities at all levels



Table 1: National Lassa fever Outbreak Summary Table

Completed 21 days since last confirmed case

No report received for current week

Description	Edo	Ondo	Bauchi	Plateau	Nasarawa	Ebonyi	Anambra	Benue	Kogi	Lagos	Imo	Taraba	Delta	Osun	Rivers	FCT	Gombe	Ekiti	Kaduna	Abia	Adamawa	Enugu	TOTAL
Cases																							
New laboratory confirmed	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
HCW affected	14	4	0	0	1	16	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	39
Probable Cases	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	10
Total laboratory confirmed	215	113	10	11	3	65	4	1	11	1	4	21	7	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	481
Negative/Not a case	1165	282	50	67	35	35	4	7	16	28	11	45	4	6	8	38	14	11	4	11	2	1	1844
Total cases (confirmed + probable+ negative)	1380	396	60	78	38	104	8	9	29	29	15	66	11	8	9	41	16	13	5	13	5	1	2334
Total number currently in treatment facility	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Deaths																							
Newly Reported	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Total deaths in Confirmed cases	34	29	5	9	2	15	2	1	4	1	1	6	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	123
Total deaths in Probable cases	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	10
Case Fatality Rate in Confirmed cases	15.8	25.7	50	82	67	23	50	100	36	100	25	29	43	50	100	67	100	50	100	100	50	100	25.6
Contacts																							
Cumulative contacts listed	2388	1776	179	173	27	473	110	8	302	60	60	47	68	60	60	159	88	34	31	83	125	72	6383
Contacts currently under follow up	193	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	439
Contacts who completed 21 days FU	2128	1593	176	172	27	471	110	8	293	60	60	47	68	59	60	159	88	34	31	82	120	0	5846

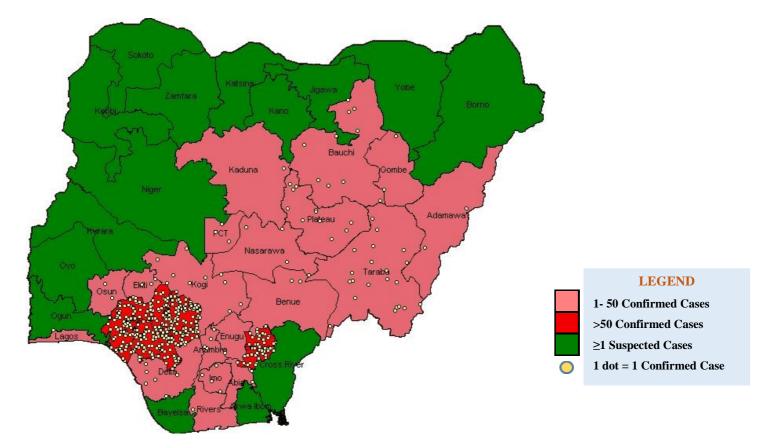


Figure 1. Distribution of Confirmed Lassa Fever cases in Nigeria as at 5th August, 2018



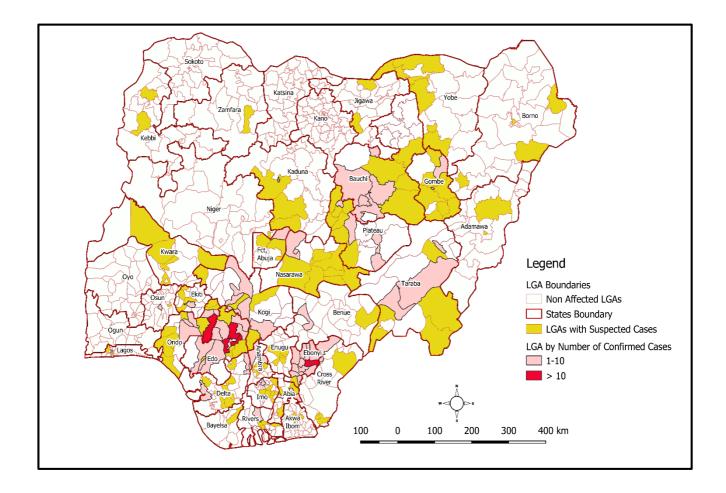


Figure 2. Distribution of Suspected and Confirmed Lassa Fever cases in Nigeria by LGA

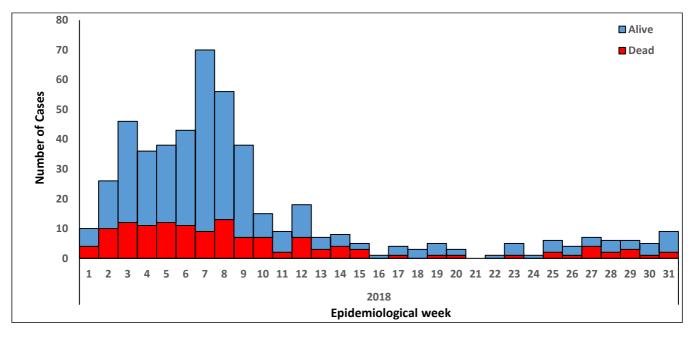


Figure 3. Epicurve of Lassa fever Confirmed (481) and Probable (10) Cases in Nigeria week 1-31, 2018



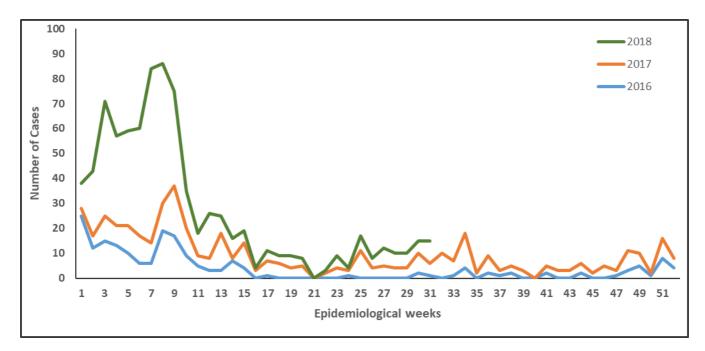


Figure 4. Weekly trends of Lassa fever Confirmed Cases in Nigeria, 2016-2018 (Week 31)

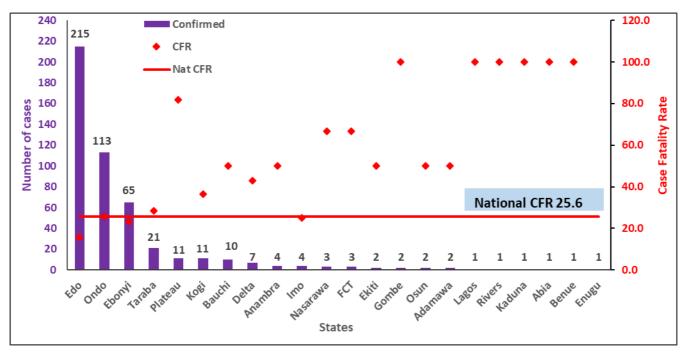


Figure 5. Confirmed Lassa fever cases in Nigeria with state specific Case Fatality Rates (CFR) as at

5th August, 2018



Response Activities

Coordination:

 Lassa fever Technical Working Group(TWG) continues to coordinate the response activities at all levels with MDAs (Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Federal Ministry of Environment) and Partners (WHO, CDC, UMB, AFENET, MSF, ALIMA, UNICEF, eHealth Africa, BNI, IRC, UK-PHRST, RKI, ACDC, ECHO and World Bank)

Case management, Infection Prevention and control and Safe burial

o Designated treatment/isolation centres continue to manage cases across the country

Surveillance

- o Enhanced surveillance scaled up across the country
- Ongoing update of the Case Investigation Form (CIF) database with new forms received from states

Laboratory

o Harmonisation of laboratory and surveillance data ongoing

Risk communication

- o Media engagements: Ongoing social media messages on Lassa Fever prevention
- Developed and shared infographics for Lassa fever SitRep via NCDC's website and other platforms

Logistics

 Response commodities -PPEs, Ribavirin (injection and tablets), beds, Tents, body-bags, thermometers, hypochlorite hand sanitizers, IEC materials, guidelines and SOPS distributed across 36 states and FCT, treatment centres and military barracks

Challenges

o Poor environmental sanitation conditions observed in high burden communities

Next steps

- o Follow-up with states on the retrieval of CIFs, weekly summary table and updated line lists
- o Continuous harmonisation of laboratory and surveillance data
- Visit to Edo State MOH and Irrua) to assess the LF situation, utilisation of supplies from NCDC and conduct advocacy for procurement of Ribavirin by the state MOH
- Advocacy visit by Research team to the 3 main LF treatment centres to discuss the formation of a Lassa fever treatment consortium.

- ⁱⁱAny suspected case with laboratory confirmation (positive IgM antibody , PCR or virus isolation)
- iiiAny suspected case (see definition above) who died without collection of specimen for laboratory testing
- ^{iv} "Active" means where there has been at least one confirmed case, and contacts within 21 days post exposure

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ⁱSuspected case describes any individual presenting with one or more of the following: malaise, fever, headache, sore throat, cough, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, myalgia, chest pain, hearing loss and either a. History of contact with excreta or urine of rodents b. History of contact with a probable or confirmed Lassa fever case within a period of 21 days of onset of symptoms OR Any person with inexplicable bleeding/hemorrhagia.