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Lassa Fever Situation Report

Epi Week 29: 14th – 20th July 2025

Key Points

Table 1: Summary of the current week (29), cumulative Epi week 29, 2025 and comparison with the previous year (2024)

Reporting Period	Suspected cases	Confirmed cases	Probable cases	Deaths (Confirmed cases)	Case Fatality Ratio (CFR)	States and LGAs affected (Confirmed cases)
Current week (week 29)	120	11	0	3	27.3%	State(s):2 LGA(s): 5
2025 Cumulative (week 29)	6640	822	7	155	18.9%	State(s):21 LGA(s): 105
2024 Cumulative (week 29)	7407	951	17	163	17.1%	State(s):28 LGA(s): 125

Highlights

- In week 29, the number of new confirmed cases is the same as epi week 28 of 2025. These were reported in Ondo and Edo States (Table 3).
- Cumulatively as at week 29, 2025, 155 deaths have been reported with a Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of 18.9% which is higher than the CFR for the same period in 2024 (17.1%).
- In total for 2025, 21 States have recorded at least one confirmed case across 105 Local Government Areas (Figures 2 and 3).
- Eighty-nine (89%) of all confirmed Lassa fever cases were reported from five states (Ondo, Bauchi, Edo, Taraba, and Ebonyi) while 11% were reported from 16 states with confirmed Lassa fever cases. Of the 89% confirmed cases, Ondo reported 32%, Bauchi 23%, Edo 17%, Taraba 14%, and Ebonyi 3%.
- The predominant age group affected is 21-30 years (Range: 1 to 96 years, Median Age: 30 years). The male-to-female ratio for confirmed cases is 1:0.8 (Figure 4).
- The number of suspected and confirmed cases decreased compared to that reported for the same period in 2024.
- No new healthcare worker was affected in the reporting week 29.
- The National Lassa fever multi-partner, multi-sectoral Technical Working Group (TWG) continues supporting coordination of response activities at all levels.

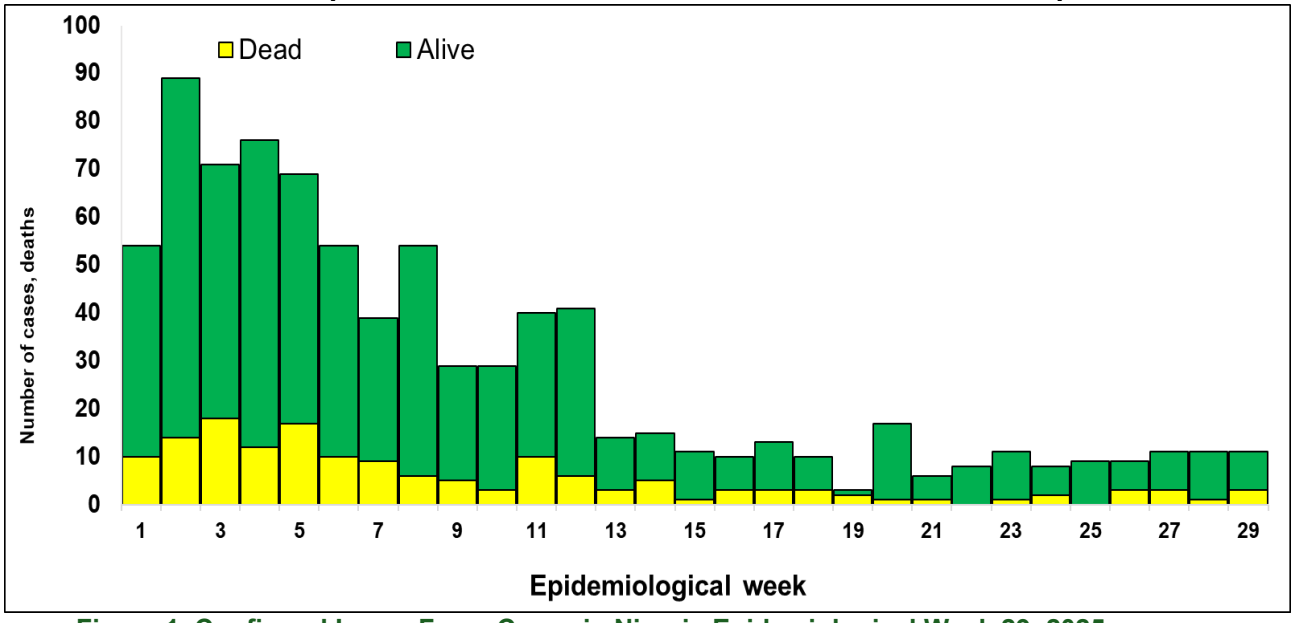


Figure 1. Confirmed Lassa Fever Cases in Nigeria Epidemiological Week 29, 2025

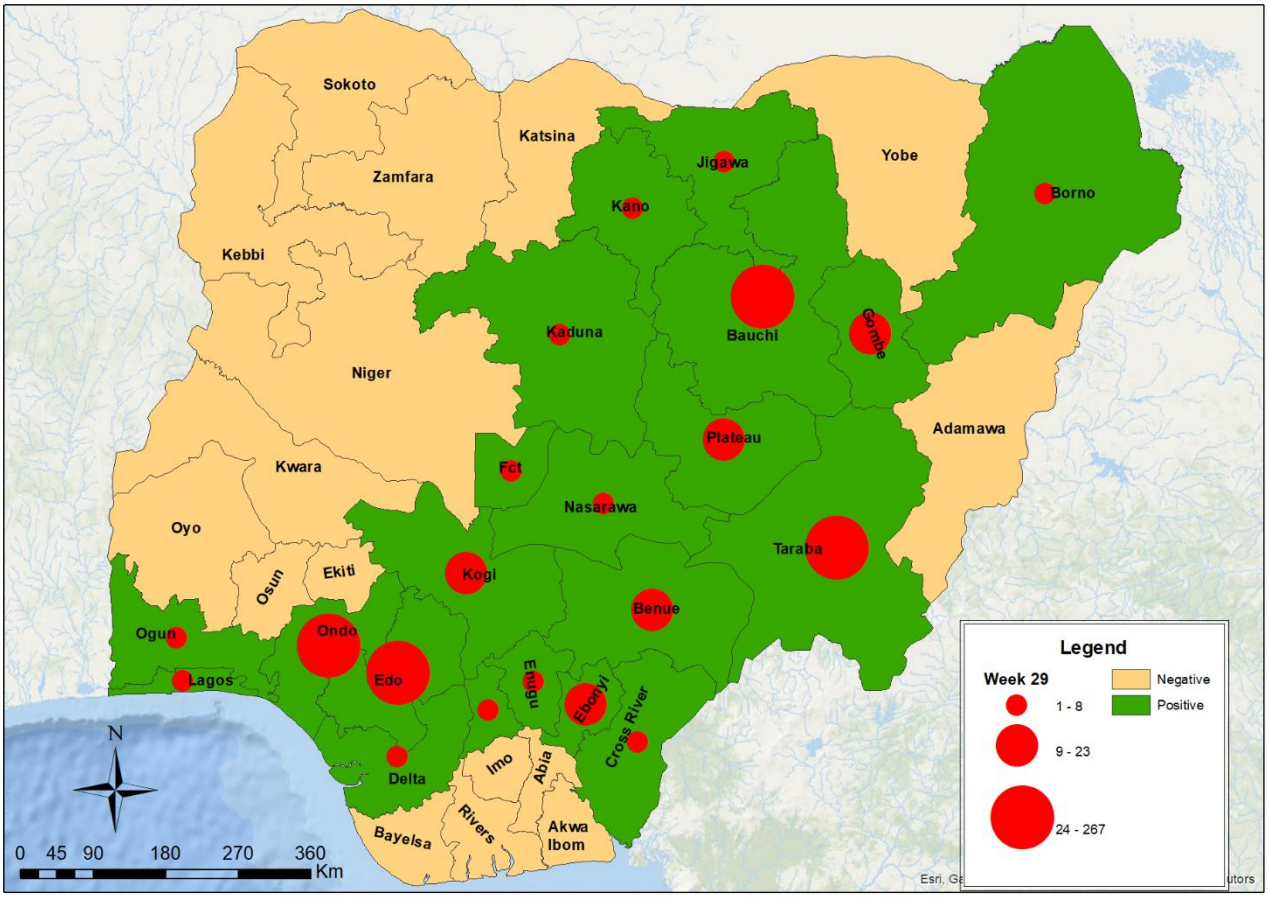
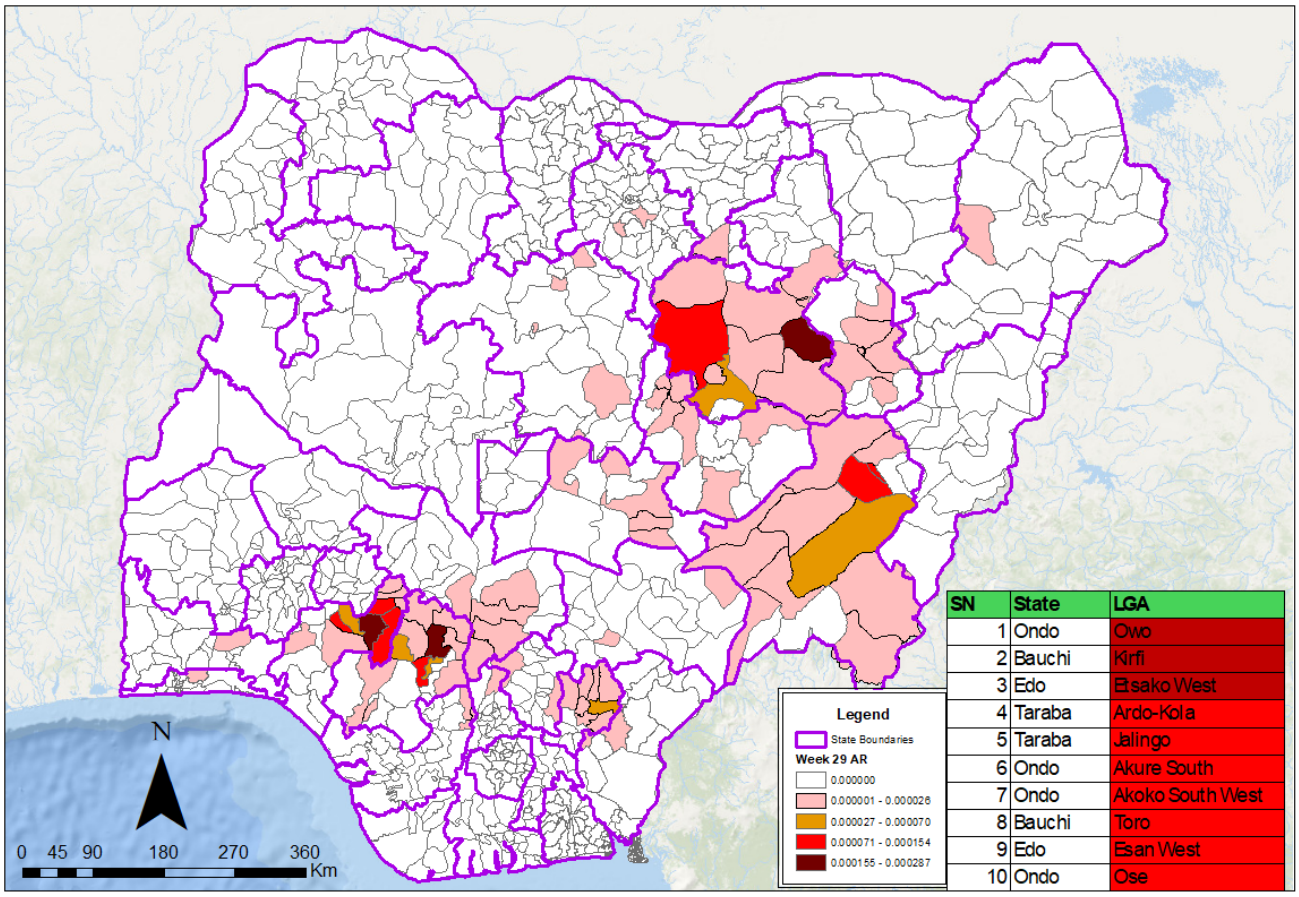


Figure 2. Confirmed Lassa fever cases by States in Nigeria, week 29, 2025



SN	State	LGA
1	Ondo	Owo
2	Bauchi	Kirfi
3	Edo	Etsako West
4	Taraba	Ardo-Kola
5	Taraba	Jalingo
6	Ondo	Akure South
7	Ondo	Akoko South West
8	Bauchi	Toro
9	Edo	Esan West
10	Ondo	Ose

Figure 3. Confirmed Lassa fever attack rate per 100,000 population for LGAs in Nigeria, week 29, 2025

Table 2: Key indicators for the current week in 2025 and trend compared to the previous week, Nigeria

Symptomatic contacts	Number for current week	Trend from previous week	Cumulative number for 2025
Probable cases	0	←→	**7**
Health Care Worker affected	0	←→	**23**
Cases managed at the treatment centres	8	↓	**759**
Contact tracing			
Cumulative contact listed	4	↓	**3430**
Contacts under follow up	14	↑	**14**
Contacts completed follow up	0	↓	**3400**
Symptomatic contacts	0	←→	**15**
Positive contacts	0	←→	**15**
Contacts lost to follow up	0	←→	**16**

Key

↑ Increase
↓ Decrease
←→ No difference

Table 3. Weekly and Cumulative number of suspected and confirmed cases for 2025

	States	Current week: (Week 29)						Cumulative (Week 1 - 29)				
		Cases					Deaths	Cases				Deaths
		Suspected	Confirmed	Trend	Probable	HCW*	(Confirmed Cases)	Suspected	Confirmed	Probable	HCW*	(Confirmed Cases)
1	Ondo	49	7				3	2125	267		8	34
2	Bauchi							857	187	1	4	16
3	Edo	52	4	▲				2134	140		3	24
4	Taraba							314	117		3	35
5	Ebonyi	5						261	23		1	13
6	Kogi	1						74	15			4
7	Benue			▼				155	14	4	1	5
8	Gombe							87	14	1	2	7
9	Plateau							61	13	1		5
10	Kaduna							59	8			3
11	Nasarawa	3						131	6			4
12	Enugu							27	4			1
13	Delta	4						30	3			2
14	Kano							65	3			
15	Cross River							34	2			1
16	Jigawa							8	1			
17	Borno							7	1			
18	Ogun	2						16	1			1
19	Fct							12	1		1	
20	Lagos							16	1			
21	Anambra							19	1			
22	Sokoto							1				
23	Zamfara							1				
24	Osun							2				
25	Katsina							4				
26	Kwara							8				
27	Kebbi							1				
28	Yobe							4				
29	Akwa Ibom							2				
30	Niger							2				
31	Ekiti	1						31				
32	Rivers							17				
33	Adamawa							9				
34	Abia	2						15				
35	Imo							5				
36	Bayelsa							4				
37	Oyo	1						42				
	Total	**120**	**11**				**3**	**6640**	**822**	**7**	**23**	**155**

Key	
▼	Decrease
▲	Increase

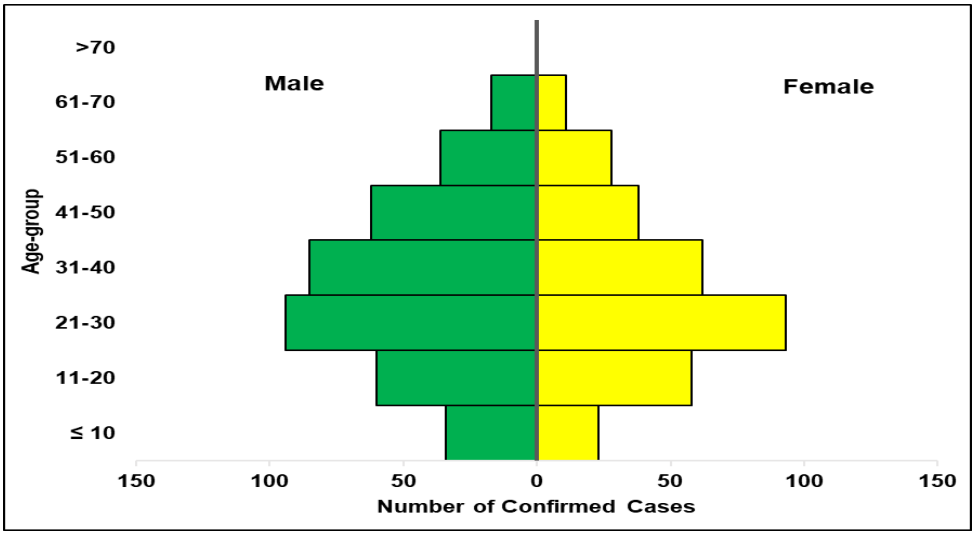


Figure 4. Age and sex pyramid showing the number of confirmed Lassa fever cases for 2025

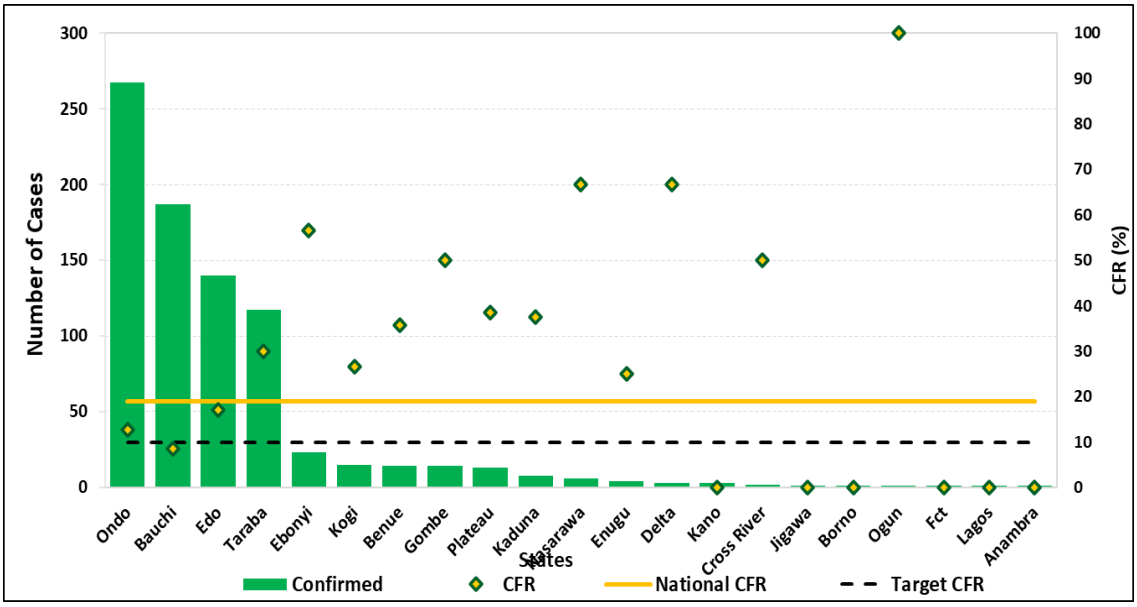


Figure 5: Number of confirmed cases with Case Fatality Rate (CFR) by state week 29, 2025

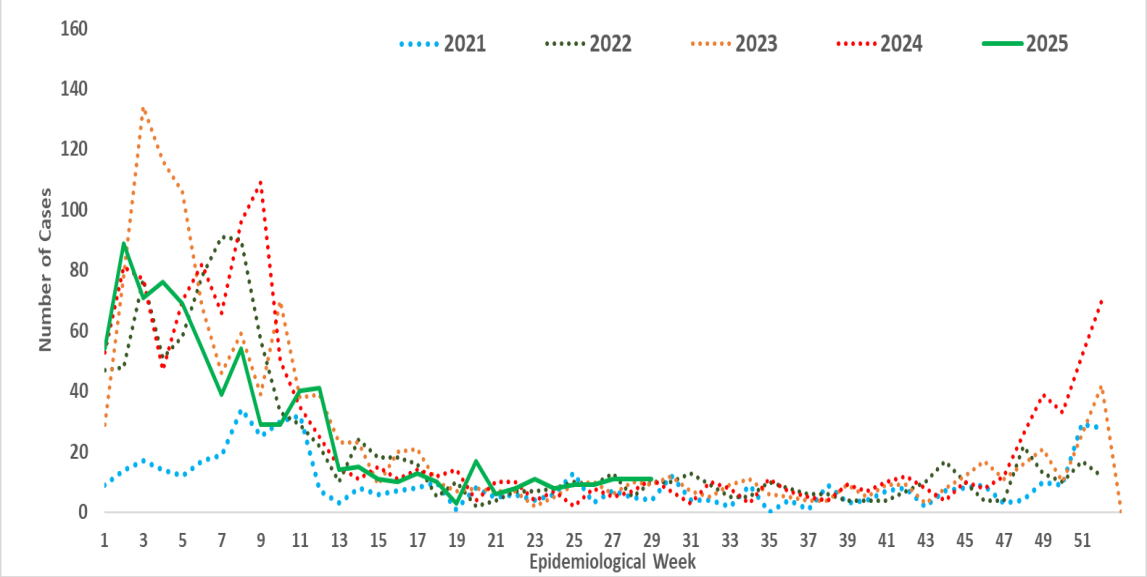


Figure 6: Trend of confirmed cases by epidemiological week, 2021– 2025, Nigeria

Response activities

- Commenced the virtual classes for the 2nd cohort of the Lassa Fever Clinical Management Fellowship with the support of Georgetown University and its affiliates, ISTH, FMC Owo, AEFUTHA, FMoH&SW and US CDC
- Held the 5th edition of the monthly webinar series on Lassa Fever Clinical Management with the support of Georgetown University and ISTH (Edo State)
- Lagos State distributed thermometers to all contacts for temperature monitoring
- INTEGRATE clinical trial begins in Ondo State with the support of FMCO, ALIMA, BNITM, ISTH, and ANRS-MIE
- Edo State conducted an After Action Review (AAR)
- AAR workshop held in Ondo state with support from Pro-Health International and IHVN through US CDC funding
- Ebonyi state successful conducted the AAR of the 2024/2025 outbreak season with the support of Pro-Health International through US CDC funding
- Distribution of thermometers to all contacts for temperature monitoring in Lagos State
- De-escalation of the National Incident Management System to alert mode
- Clinician sensitization conducted in 6 Lassa Fever hotspot LGAs in Ondo State with supported from WHO
- Integrated Lassa Fever key messages into other VHF's risk communication strategies
- Launched the NCDC's IPC e-learning platform; powered by DRASA and funded by the Global Fund
- Engaged with the Nigeria SORMAS Web Enhancement team on areas of mutual collaboration for Lassa fever control and management
- Participated in the World Hand Hygiene Day celebrated across all Orange Network facilities
- Printed and disseminated copies of IPC Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (VHF) guidelines to health facilities with support from Robert Koch Institute
- Supported State IPC structures, the Orange Network, and treatment centers to enforce standard precautions to reduce Hospital-Acquired Infections (HAIs) in high-burden LGAs and States
- Shared resources materials to reporting and non-reporting States and the FCT e.g. Public and Healthcare worker's advisories etc.
- Deployed 10 National Rapid Response Teams to 10 states to support onsite control and management efforts using a One Health approach
- Participated in the official handing over of laboratory equipment by IHVN to the Ondo State Public Health laboratory
- Held bilateral discussions with MSF Geneva on mutual areas of collaboration for Lassa fever
- Identified areas of mutual collaboration with Nigeria Health Watch
- Treatment of confirmed cases at identified treatment centres across the states and the FCT
- HCWs trained on case management in Bauchi, Ebonyi & Benue states with the support of WHO
- Participated in the Regional Training on Lassa Fever Clinical Management in ECOWAS Countries in Togo
- Held bilateral meeting with WHO HQ on areas of mutual collaboration
- Disseminated the reviewed IPC guidelines, health facility IPC advisory and healthcare worker advisories
- Held the Global IPC Survey in collaboration with WHO
- Conducted the IPC Guideline development workshop in Bauchi State supported by WB through CoPREP
- Analysed samples across the Laboratory network for Lassa fever to guide prompt diagnosis and treatment
- Scheduled regular External Quality Assurance (EQA) for all testing laboratories
- Forecasted and quantified Medical Countermeasures (MCMs) for Lassa fever
- Distributed response commodities -PPEs, Ribavirin (injection and tablets) body-bags, thermometers, hypochlorite hand sanitizers, and IEC materials distributed to states and treatment centres
- Conducted the first round of quarterly participants follow-up and blood sampling exercise at FMCO, ISTH and AEFUTHA sites ((ENABLE 1.5) supported by CEPI
- Supported the protocol development for Community-Based One Health Participatory and Empowerment Strategy (COPE II)
- Disseminated media contents including press releases, tweets, public advisories etc
- Sensitizated healthcare workers and other community structures across hotspot LGAs
- Developed a targeted communication strategy based on the data from the community survey conducted in 3 states
- Participated in a three-day workplan development workshop supported by UNICEF
- Leveraged on partners and stakeholders media platforms to disseminate Lassa Fever message
- Enhanced surveillance (contact tracing and active case finding) in affected states
- Activated Multi-sectoral Incident Management System for Public Health Emergency Operation Centres (PHEOC) in affected States
- Supported ongoing active case search in Ondo State's health facilities and communities, in collaboration with IHVN

- Held a Multi-Sectoral Health Promotion, Communication, and Disease Prevention Capacity Building workshop on Risk Communication and Community Engagement in Cross River State supported by Nigeria Health Watch
- Conducted a multi-sectoral capacity building on health promotion, risk communication, and community engagement for disease prevention in Cross River State, with support from Nigeria Health Watch
- Facilitated Lassa fever sensitization at Glo 99.1 FM, Ondo state
- Held a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop of One Health partners on rodent control and Lassa fever prevention collaboration with BA-N
- Implemented Lassa fever Environmental response campaign in high-burden states

Challenges

- Late presentation of cases leading to an increase in CFR
- Poor health-seeking behaviour due to the high cost of treatment and clinical management of Lassa fever
- Poor environmental sanitation conditions observed in high-burden communities
- Poor awareness observed in high-burden communities

Notes on this report

Data Source

Information for this disease was case-based data retrieved from the National Lassa Fever Technical Working Group.

Case definitions

- **Suspected case**: 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/haemorrhage.
- **Confirmed case**: any suspected case with laboratory confirmation (positive IgM antibody, PCR or virus isolation)
- **Probable case**: any suspected case (see definition above) who died or absconded without collection of specimen for laboratory testing
- **Contact:** Anyone who has been exposed to an infected person, or to an infected person's secretions, excretions, or tissues within three weeks of last contact with a confirmed or probable case of Lassa fever

Calculations

- Case Fatality Rate (CFR) for this disease is reported for confirmed cases only.

VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE
For social mobilization https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/83_1517222929.pdf
For LGA Rapid Response Team https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/82_1517222811.pdf
Healthcare worker laboratory https://ncdc.gov.ng/themes/common/docs/vhfs/81_1517222763.pdf
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NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR LASSA FEVER CASE MANAGEMENT
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VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER AND RESPONSE PLAN
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