Highlights

- In the current Lassa Fever outbreak, nineteen (19) States (Ogun, Bauchi, Plateau, Ebonyi, Ondo, Edo, Taraba, Nasarawa, Rivers, Kaduna, Gombe, Cross-River, Borno, Kano, Kogi, Enugu, Anambra, Lagos and Kwara) have reported at least one confirmed case – Figure 1

- As at week 37 (September 9-15, 2017), the outbreak is active in 9 states (Ondo, Edo, Plateau, Bauchi, Lagos, Ogun, Kaduna Kwara and Kogi.

- Since the onset of LF outbreak in Dec. 2016 (Week 49), a total of 854 suspected cases and 118 deaths have been reported. Of these, two hundred and seventy two cases (272) have been classified as: confirmed (258) or probable (14), with 86 deaths (72 deaths in confirmed and 14 in probable).

- Case Fatality Rate in confirmed and probable cases is 31.6% and 13.8% for all cases (including probable, confirmed and suspected).

- In the reporting Week 37 (September 9-15, 2017), no suspected case was reported. Two (2) confirmed cases were reported from Edo state. No death was recorded. The 5 pending samples from Plateau (3) Ogun (1) and Kogi (1) states all came out negative for Lassa. Nineteen (19) of the 21 suspected from the previous week in Edo state were also negative for Lassa

![Figure 1. Distribution of Lassa fever Confirmed and Probable cases in Nigeria as at Sept 15, 2017](image)
“Active” means where there has been at least one confirmed case, and contacts within 21 days post exposure

Suspected 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.

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

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

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