HIGHLIGHTS

- A yellow fever outbreak has been active in Nigeria since September 2017, with all 36 States plus FCT reporting at least one suspected case.
- A multi-agency national Emergency Operations Centre is coordinating the national response.
- A new cluster of suspected cases of yellow fever was reported in Edo state on 22 November 2018. Since 9 September 2018, a total of 36 suspected cases, 2 presumptive positives including 8 deaths have been recorded.
- Thirteen additional samples from Edo state were tested at a Nigeria laboratory outside the yellow fever laboratory network and nine samples were reported as positive. Aliquots of these samples have been sent to the World Health Organisation yellow fever reference laboratory, IP Dakar for confirmatory testing.
- A National Rapid Response Team has been deployed to Edo State and is working with the Edo State Ministry of Health and the World Health Organisation and other partners.
- The Rapid Response Team’s focus has been finding cases, sensitization of health workers and communities, entomological surveillance etc in order to define an appropriate response.
- A planned yellow fever preventive mass vaccination campaign targeting 20,461,805 persons in six states (Borno, Kebbi, Niger, Plateau, Sokoto and the FCT) commenced on 22nd November 2018.

EPI-SUMMARY OF OUTBREAK

- In week 47 (19th – 25th November) 3 new suspected cases were reported from Edo state, with two presumptive positives.
- Two new confirmed cases from Nigeria were reported by the WHO reference laboratory, Institute Pasteur Dakar; from Katsina (1) and Kebbi (1).
- From the onset of the outbreak 12 September 2017 to 25 November 2018, a total of 3,510 suspected cases including 74 deaths (CFR: 2.1%) have been reported from all the 36 states and the FCT, of these 142 were presumptive positive in-country and were sent for confirmation.
- A total of 58 cases have been confirmed by the WHO reference laboratory, IP Dakar from 14 states (Kwara, Kogi, Kano, Zamfara, Kebbi, Nasarawa, Niger, Katsina, Edo, Ekiti, Rivers, Anambra, FCT, and Benue States)
- The three most affected age groups are 1-10 years (40.5%), followed by 11-20 age group (22.1%), then 21-30 age group (19%). The rest constitute 18.4%
- Males constitute 58.0% of all cases.
Fig 1. Map of Nigeria showing affected LGAs

Fig. 2. Map of Edo state showing affected LGAs

Nigeria: Reported Yellow Fever Cases by Week, 2017/2018

Edo: Reported Yellow Fever Cases by Week, 2017/2018

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