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 Kaduna) have reported at least one confirmed case – Figure 1

- As at week 34 (August 19-25, 2017), the outbreak is active in 8 states (Ondo, Edo, Plateau, Bauchi, Lagos, Ogun, Kaduna and Kwara).

- Since the onset of LF outbreak in Dec. 2016 (Week 49), a total of 261 cases have been classified as: confirmed (247) and probable (14), with 85 deaths (71 deaths in confirmed and 14 in probable) recorded.

- Case Fatality Rate in confirmed and probable cases is 32.6% and 14.8% for all cases (including probable, confirmed and suspected).

- In the reporting Week 34 (August 19-25, 2017), 10 new suspected cases were reported in Ogun (3), Ondo (2), Bauchi (4) and Taraba (1) states. 14 new confirmed cases were reported from Ogun (2), Ondo (3), Edo (4), Lagos (4) and Kwara (1) states. Two (2) deaths were recorded from 2 of the 3 confirmed cases reported in Ondo state. A suspected case reported in Taraba state this week came out negative. Pending samples reported last week from Taraba (1), Rivers (1), Ondo (5), Plateau (2) and Bauchi (2) all came out negative.

- There are 36 pending results from Ogun (1), Edo (28), Plateau (1), Ondo (2) and Bauchi (4) states.

- The Lassa fever outbreak after action review meeting was held during the reporting week with participation from all affected states, diagnostic laboratories, Members of the Lassa fever Steering Committee and partners.

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Figure 1. Confirmed and Probable cases of Lassa fever by epidemiological week in Nigeria - Dec. 2016 to August 2017 (updated as at August 25, 2017), N =261

Figure 2. Distribution of Lassa fever Confirmed and Probable cases in Nigeria as at August 25, 2017
“Active” means where there has been at least one confirmed case, and contacts within 21 days post exposure

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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Figure 3: Confirmed and Probable cases of Lassa fever by affected states in Nigeria-Dec 2016-August 2017 as at August 25th 2017