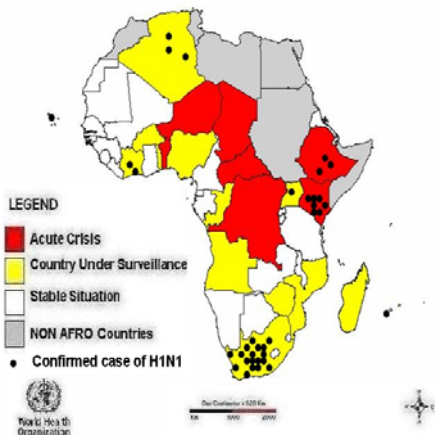
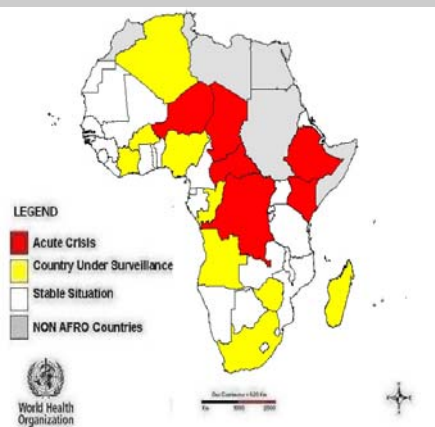


**Emergency Situation in AFRO Countries**  
For week 06 07 2009 to 12 07 2009
**Previous Week**

Weekly Report Monitoring			
Country	Weekly Reports		
	Expected since Week 1	Submitted at date	Completeness %
1. Algeria	27	13	48
2. Angola	27	27	100
3. Burundi	27	18	67
4. CAR	27	20	74
5. Chad	27	27	100
6. Congo	27	13	48
7. Cote d'Ivoire	27	19	70
8. DRC	27	27	100
9. Eritrea	27	14	52
10. Ethiopia	27	27	100
11. Guinea	27	27	100
12. Kenya	27	22	81
13. Liberia	27	22	81
14. Madagascar	27	23	85
15. Mozambique	27	27	100
16. Niger	27	25	93
17. Uganda	27	25	93
18. Zimbabwe	27	10	37



Floods in Benin, (Photo: Archives WHO Benin)

**General Context**

The number of confirmed cases of the pandemic Influenza A H1N1 is still increasing in our Region. As of 07<sup>th</sup> of July 2009, a total of 63 cases without death have been confirmed in eight countries. AFRO maintains its call to the member states for more vigilance on surveillance. The Cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe is under control. We will be monitoring the floods in West Africa countries as we enter the rainy season. Other outbreaks of diseases notably meningitis in the meningitis belt is ongoing.

**Countries Situations****Acute crises**

**Benin:** Floods hit the south of the country. An estimate of about 396,760 people have been affected in Cotonou. The Government has declared a state of emergency and appealed for international aid to prevent epidemics\*.

**CAR:** Worsening of the security situation in Birao (North-East) following attacks by an armed group on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2009 and stealing livestock. There is heightening of the ethnic clashes between Goula and Kara in the prefecture of Vakaga with displacement of the population. About 3,000 are displaced in Birao, and 4,000 other in the surrounding areas. Heavy rains and floods continue in Bangui, about 10,813 people are now homeless after the destruction of 1,524 houses according to a rapid assessment done by the Red Cross. Many actions are being taken by WHO and other partners to respond to the needs of displaced people from the ethnic clashes and the floods.

**Chad:** This week the security situation is generally calm but characterized by frequent banditry activities on the roads. Meningitis outbreak still ongoing: 2 suspected cases without death were reported in week 26 in eastern Chad. From week 1 to 26 of 2009, a total of 62 suspected cases with 6 deaths (CFR: 9.6%) have been reported in the 8 districts of eastern Chad. Measles: 23 suspected cases were reported in eastern Chad in week 26 bringing the cumulative total to 1,086 cases with 8 deaths from week 1 to 26\*.

**DRC: North Kivu:** There is ongoing insecurity with clashes between the FDLR rebels and the FARDC (National Army) on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2009, in Kisheguru (Rutshuru territory) during which 25 houses have been burnt down. Another attack was launched by the FDLR on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 in Kaseghe, North of Kanyabayonga. **South Kivu:** Civilians were attacked by FDLR in Kibanda and Bitale on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June

2009. Cholera: cases continue to increase in South Kivu with 68 new cases without death reported in week 26. From week 1 to 26 a total of 3,780 cases with 31 deaths (CFR: 0.8%) were reported. WHO is supporting the rehabilitation of the Cholera Treatment Center for a better case management\*.

**Ethiopia:** According to a national needs assessment, the food security situation in producing areas is of concern. The 2009 crop production is below average, indicating approximately 70 to 90 per cent loss in some areas. Water and livestock feed supply shortages are reported in most lowland district. WFP also reports that poor performance of crops and livestock condition have contributed to deteriorated food security situation in most areas in East and West Hararghe zones. **AWD:** According to the Federal Ministry of Health, 589 new cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea with 9 deaths have been reported from Somali, Oromiya and SNNP Regions last week. A total of 19 districts have reported active cases in week 26. A cumulative total of 2,093 AWD cases and 56 deaths (CFR 2.7%) have been reported from 1<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009\*.

**Kenya: Influenza A H1N1:** Since first confirmed cases was reported on 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2009, a total of 21 cases have been confirmed and over 70 suspected cases (close contacts) being investigated as of July 8<sup>th</sup>. The outbreak of cholera (no updated): cumulatively total of 4,128 cases and 86 deaths (CFR: 2.1 %) since January 2009\*.

**Niger:** Tension remains high since the dissolution of the constitutional court by the President on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2009. There is planning to hold a referendum for a new constitution. **Malnutrition and current epidemics:** (No update received).

**Countries Under Surveillance**

**Angola:** Cholera epidemic continues to spread. In week 26, three provinces reported a total of 23 new cases without death. Since the beginning of the year 2009, a total of 1,236 cases with 35 deaths (CFR: 2.8%) have been reported\*.

**Burkina Faso:** Meningitis: From week 1 to 27 in 2009, a total of 4,052 suspected cases with 521 deaths (CFR: 12.8%) have been reported. There is no district in epidemic or alert phase\*.

**Congo:** Campaign for the 12<sup>th</sup> of July presidential election has started since the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2009. We are still monitoring the situation.

**Madagascar:** Political situation remains calm. Peace talks have been suspended on 16<sup>th</sup> June by the International Contact Group\*\*.

**Mozambique:** Outbreak of unknown disease started on 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 in Tsangano district bordering Neno district of Malawi. A total of 103 cases and 14 deaths (CFR: 13.6%) were reported\*. WHO is supporting the investigation and the reinforcement of the surveillance.

**Nigeria:** Insecurity in the Delta: The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), has intensified the attacks on oil firms. Mili-

tants on 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2009 claimed to have blown up Chevron's manifold in Okan, which accounts for 80 per cent of its offshore operations in the Deep South\*\*. Meningitis outbreak: No update received.

**Togo:** Floods following the heavy rains in Lomé in June 2009. About 7,500 people were displaced and found refuge with relatives\*. The Government and partners are assisting the population.

**Zimbabwe: Cholera outbreak:** The decline continues in all the provinces. 0 Cases and 0 deaths added on 7<sup>th</sup> of July. A total of 98,591 cases and 4,288 deaths (CFR: 4.3%) have been reported as of 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2009\*.

**Pandemic Inf A H1N1 phase in the WHO African Region:** The number of confirmed cases and countries affected is increasing in our region. 63 confirmed cases in 8 countries (South Africa - 31, Kenya - 15, Algeria - 7, Cape Verde - 3, Ethiopia - 3, Cote d'Ivoire - 2, Mauritius - 1, Uganda - 1) have been reported as of 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2009. No death has been reported\*