



# WASH Rapid Response Teams in cholera responses

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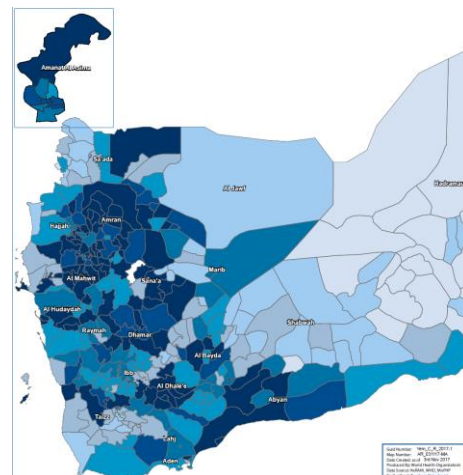
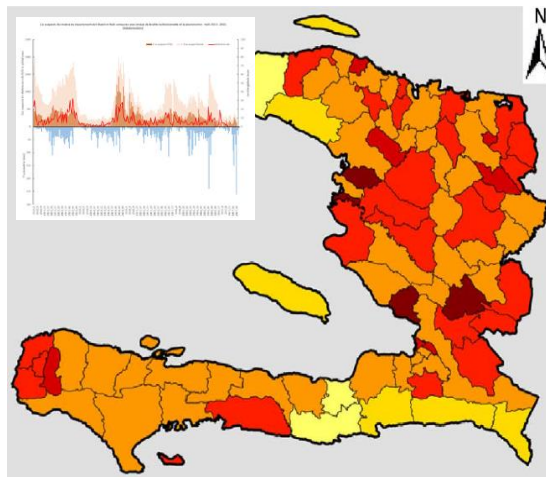
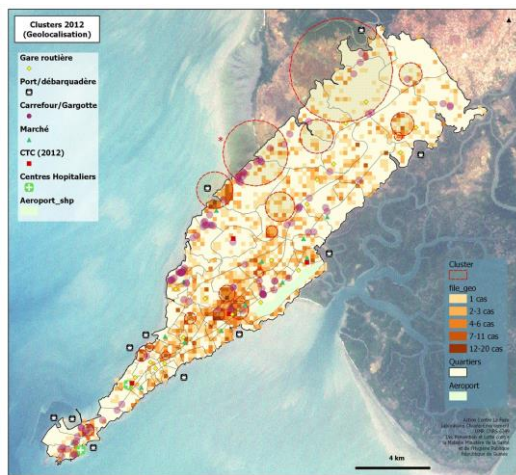
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# Overview of cholera situations and use of RRTs

Experiences from Guinea Conakry (ACF, 2012), Haiti (UNICEF, 2014-2018) and Yemen (UNICEF, 2017-2018)

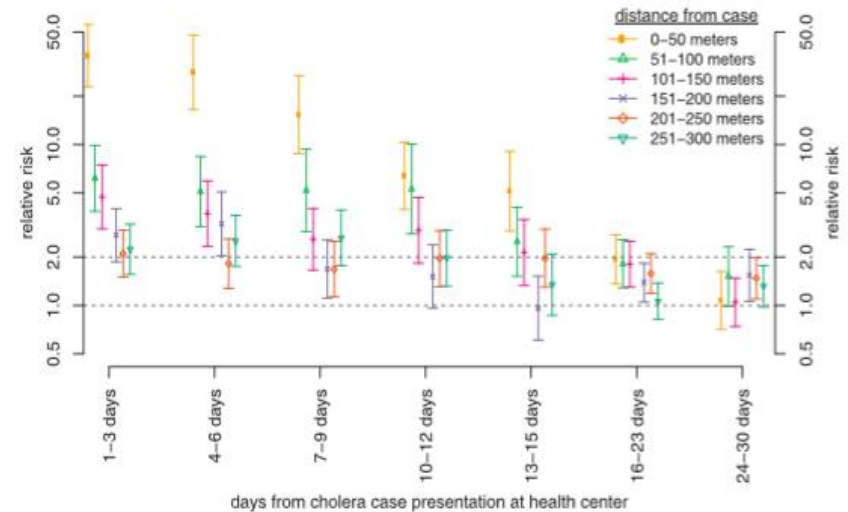


# Rationale for the use of WASH RRTs in cholera responses

**Household contacts of patients with cholera are at high risk of infection.** The risk for cholera infection is specifically high (>100 higher) during **the week after** the index patient seeks hospital care than it is for the general population (George et al., 2016).

Those living **within 50 m of a confirmed cholera case had 36 times** the risk of becoming a cholera case in the first 3 days [...]. The relative risk gradually declined in space and time, but remained significantly high up to 450 metres away within 3 days of case presentation, and up to 150 m away within 23 days (Debes et al., 2016).

**increased risk of at least 200-meters during the 5-days immediately following case presentation to a clinic.** Risk was highest for those living closest to cases and diminished in time and space similarly across settings (Azman et al., 2018).



**Strong spatial clustering of exposures at a small spatial scale** in a cholera endemic population suggests a role for more highly targeted interventions (Bi et al., 2016).



# RRTs operations for cholera control

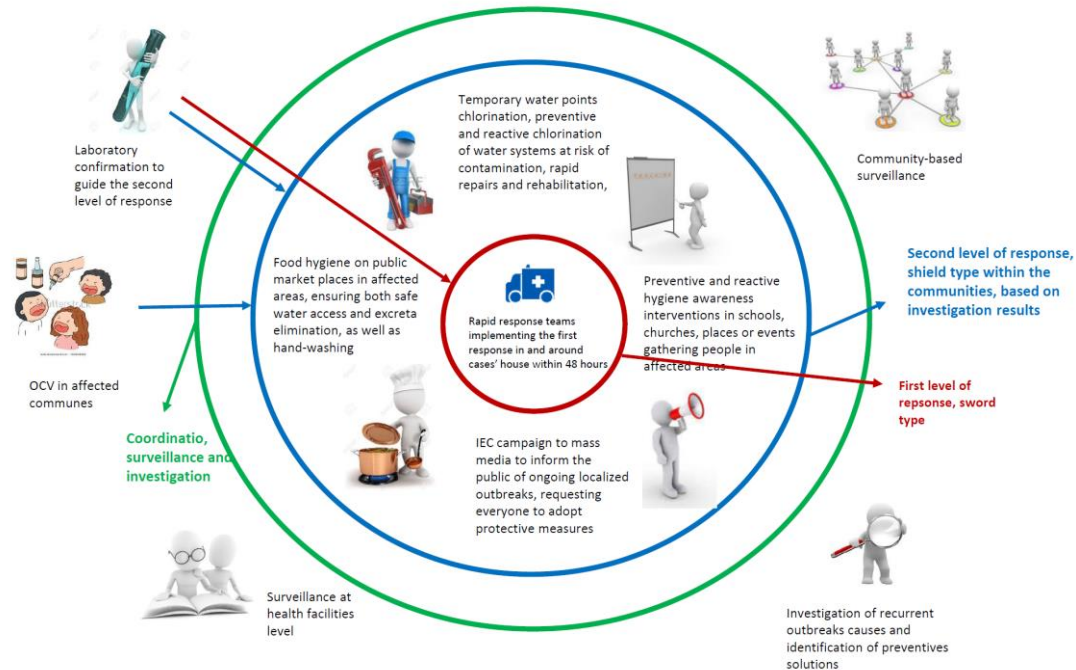
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# RRTs operations for cholera control

## Types of intervention:



## Cholera transmission control system in Haiti:



# Impact of RRTs interventions

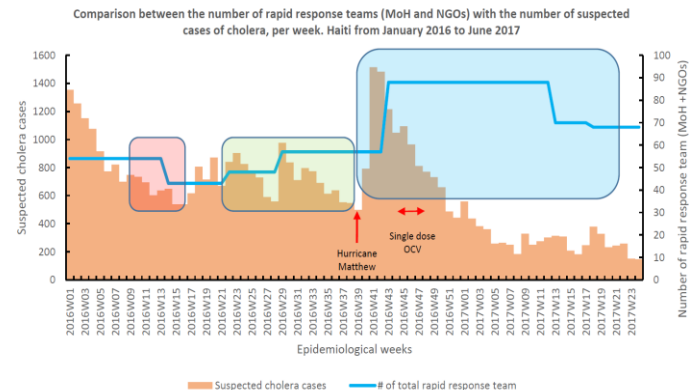


A RCT designed in Bangladesh in line with activities recommended by RRTs at household level found the intervention **highly effective in reducing symptomatic cholera and increasing hand washing with soap and treatment of water during the 1-week high-risk period for household contacts of cholera patients.**



Haiti: 13,468 cases 2017 (w1-w52)  
= decrease of 68% from 2016 (41,421)  
= lowest reported cases since the outbreak started in October 2010.

**Continuing this strategy seems essential** while ambitious long-term water and sanitation projects are conducted in vulnerable areas (Rebaudet et al., 2018).



# RRTs operation costs



In **Haiti** in 2017, an average of 57 teams of 4 people were permanently available for response at a cost of **10,700 USD per team per month**, including NGO direct and indirect support costs, all required logistic and about 5% for rapid repairs of water systems.

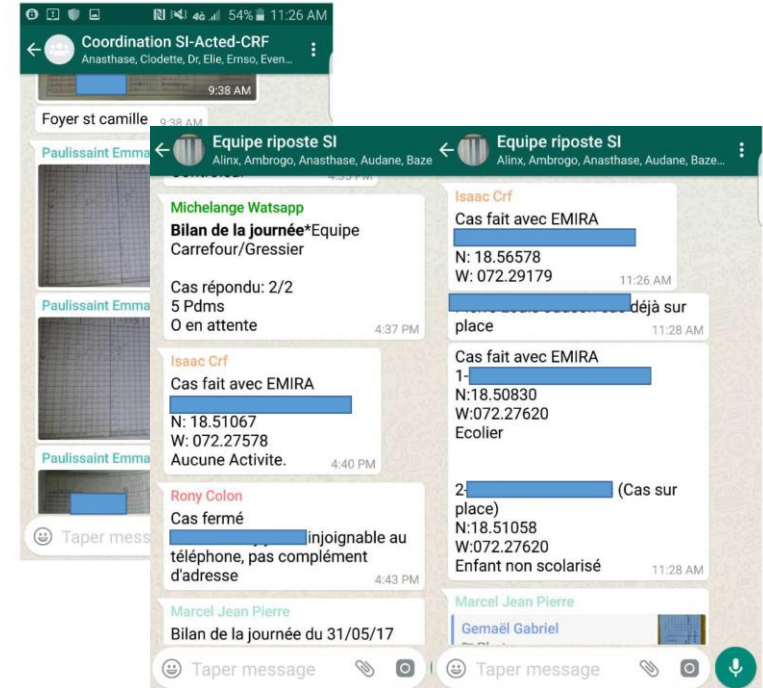


In **Yemen** in 2017, 300 teams of 5 people were introduced (4 technicians and 1 driver) for a average cost of **3500 USD per team per month**, excluding supplies cost. Household kits cost approximately 12 USD per household and 10% of the overall budget was also reserved for quick WASH rehabilitation works in communities.

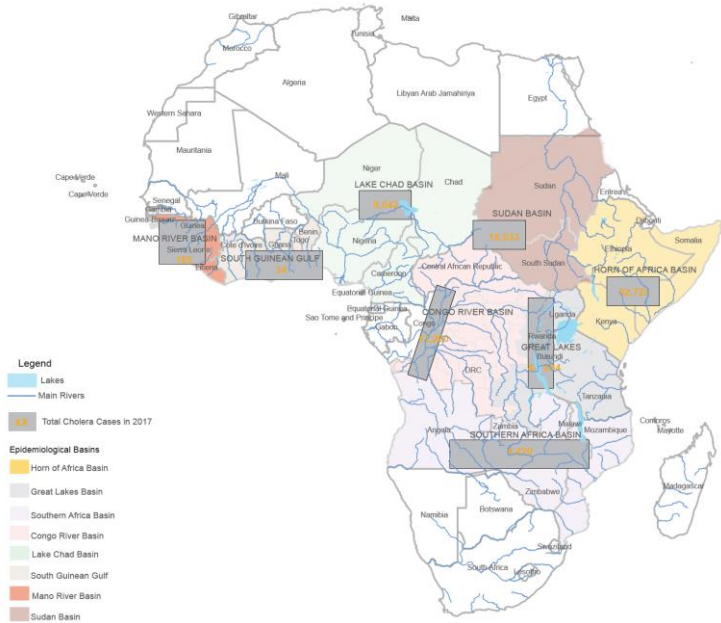


# Challenges and lessons learnt

- Epidemiology expertise
- Quality of surveillance data
- Efficient collection and communication of data
- Coordination across sectors and actors
- Logistics and costs
- Impact measurement
- Population acceptance
- Geographical accessibility and responder flexibility
- Teams adaptability
- Funds predictability
- OCV and Rapid Response Teams



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