



GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON
CHOLERA CONTROL

**LABORATORY
WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

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2022 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LWG

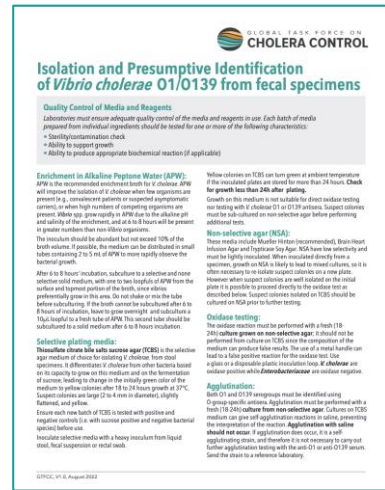
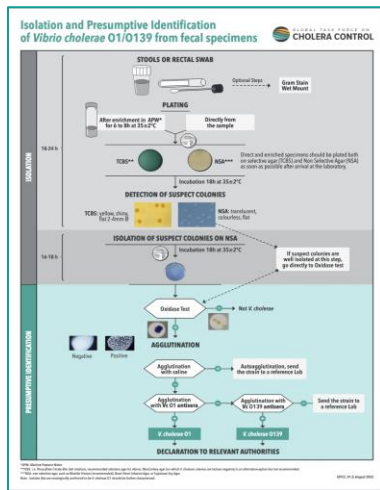
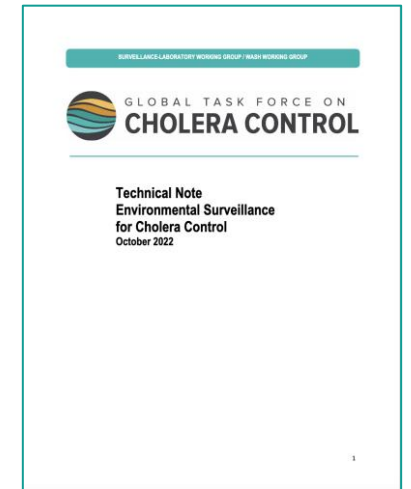
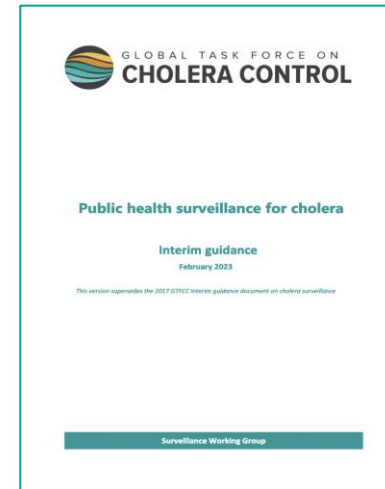
Guidance

Surveillance recommendations

who, when, where, how to test for cholera ?

Recommendations for environmental surveillance

when & why test water for cholera ?



Tools

Job Aid & Fact Sheet for Culture of VC

how to culture VC

To access documents: https://www.gtfcc.org/resources/?r_intervention=laboratory

COMING IN 2023

Dedicated resources for specific projects (consultants, funding)

Volunteer focal points/focus groups to develop initial drafts of documents

*** Activities led by partners for which GTFCC LWG will be consulted**

New guidance

**Minimum standards for cholera lab capacity
Guidance for PCR**

New tools

**Job Aid for Stool Specimen Collection
Fact Sheet for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing
Set of lab referral & reporting forms
Cholera lab capacity assessment toolkit
Cholera lab diagnostics training materials**

New activities

**Piloting of lab capacity assessments in 4 countries
Execution of cholera diagnostics trainings
Revision of RDT TPP*
Development of TPP for molecular diagnostics*
Independent evaluation of commercial PCR kits***

WHAT WE AIM FOR AND WHAT WE NEED

The LWG aims to:

- **Continue to develop and provide guidance and tools to support laboratories**
- **Develop much needed activities such as the mapping of existing capacities, to help initiate broader conversations about needs and mechanisms for provision**
- **Support training for lab personnel on a broader scale and in a more systematic way**
- **Connect and find synergies with laboratory networks at regional/sub-regional levels**

The LWG needs:

- ✓ **Continued support for LWG members engagement in the document development process**
- ✓ **Countries engagement in lab capacity assessment and diagnostics training activities**
- ✓ **Continued support/facilitation of communication with cholera laboratories**

Thank you

Together we can
#endcholera



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