



# GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON CHOLERA CONTROL

## The Case Management of the Cholera Outbreak in Lebanon



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**Case Management Working Group**  
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**Veyrier sur Lac, France**



# Cholera Outbreak: 'Serious Threat' to the Middle East

- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Syrian Ministry of Health declared the outbreak
- **Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** Lebanese MOH confirmed 2 cholera cases
- Immediate action: **National Cholera Taskforce**

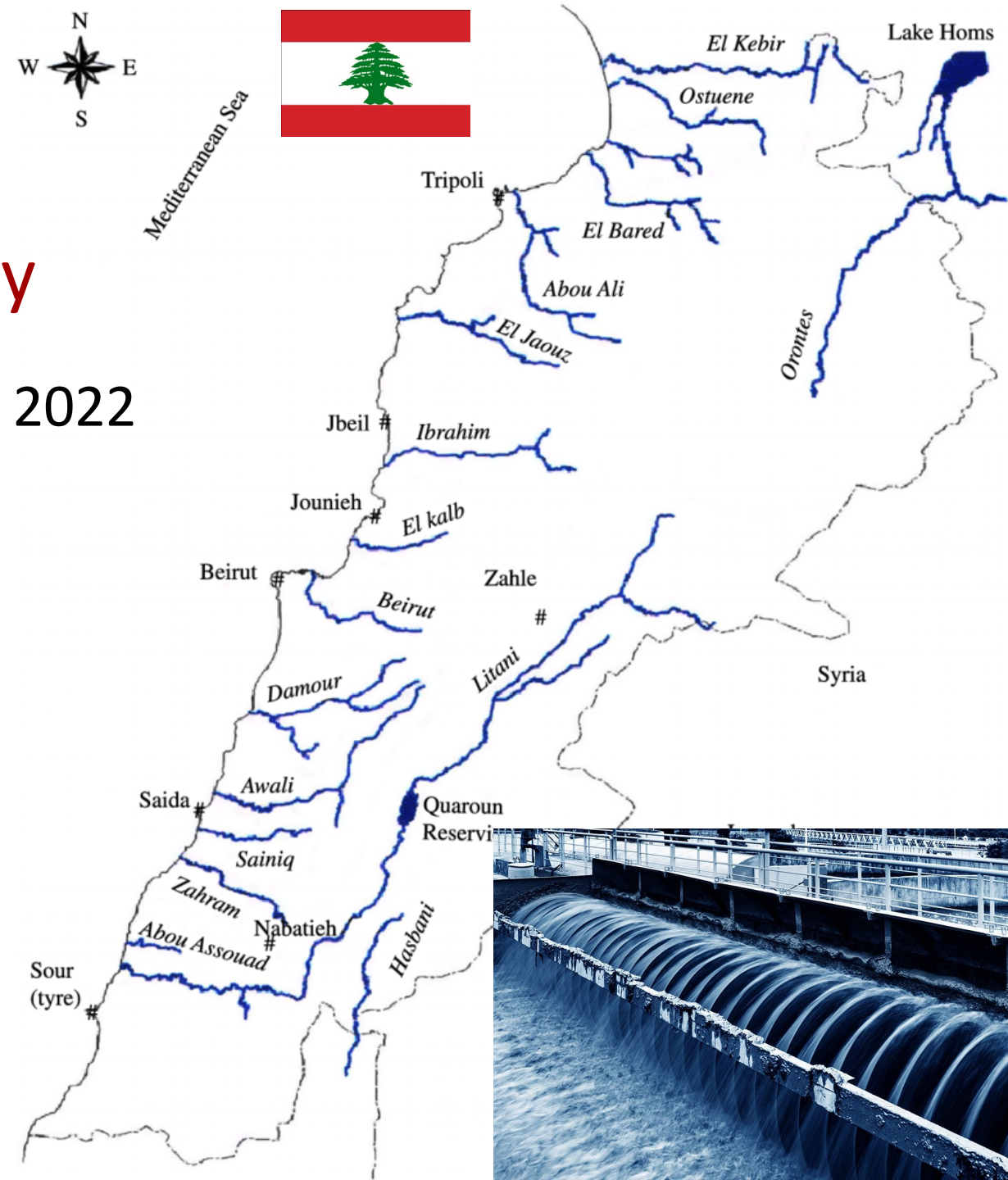




# Cholera Outbreak: Origin

## Lebanon: Rivers as Water Supply

- Economic collapse, 1\$ = 40,000LL / Oct 2022
- Power shortage, 0-1 h a day
- High fuel costs \$
- Non-functioning water pumps
- Waste management: major problem
- Inexistent sanitary infra-structure
- No quality control
- > 80% of the population living poverty



# Waste Water, Irrigation of Crops

- Untreated waste water is used to irrigate the crops
- Unsafe vegetables production
- Possible contamination and further spread of the cholera outbreak







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## National Cholera Control and Prevention Task Force

### WASH - Safe drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- Chlorination of drinking water
- Ensuring power energy for water filtration / pumping
- Surveillance and routine testing
- Education and public awareness
- Directing waste water for better management

### Laboratory Capacity Building

- Ensure access to early diagnosis and timely life-saving support for cholera patients



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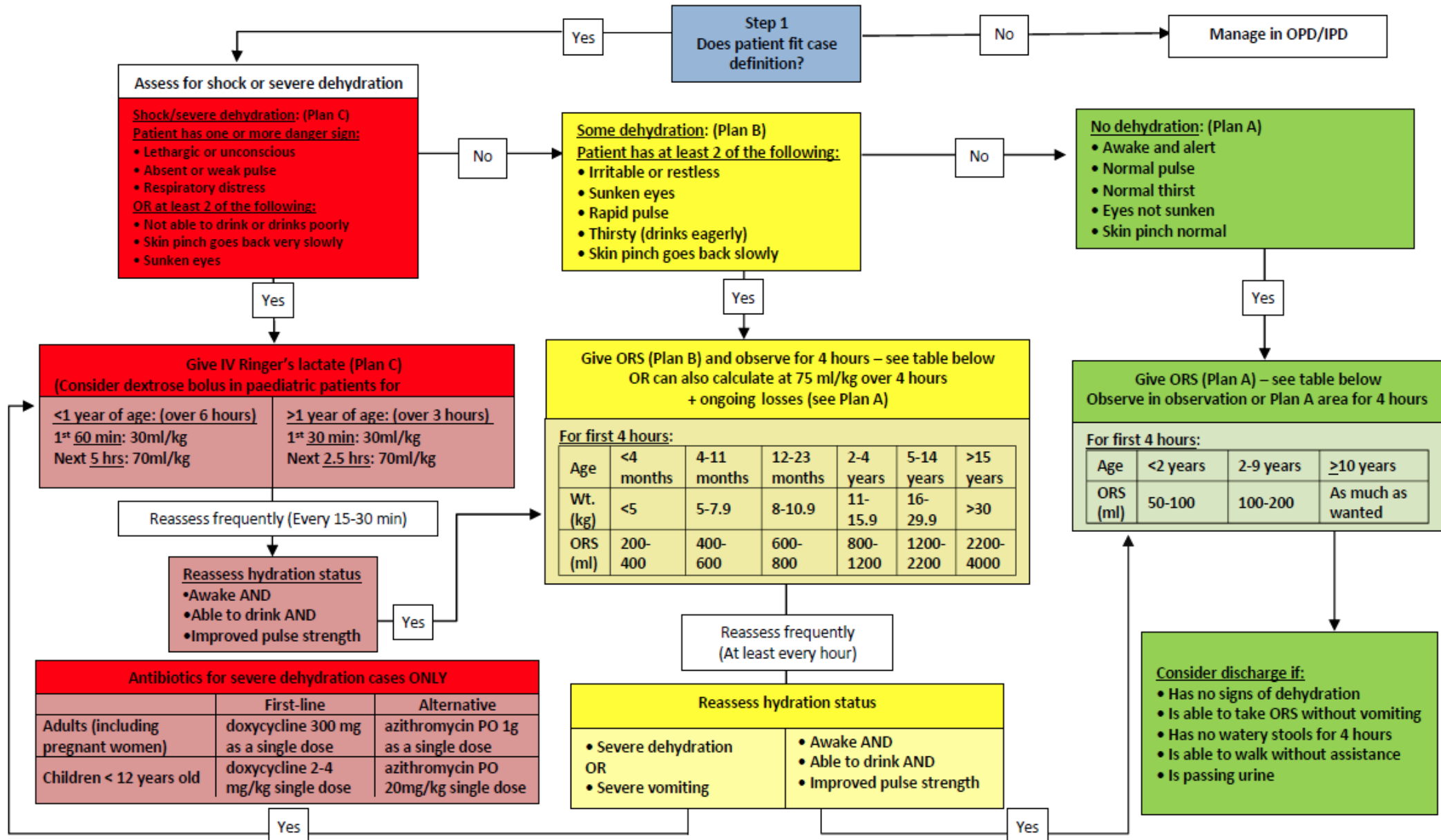


## Healthcare capacity building

- Case Management and Hospital Support – WHO, LSIDM
- Infection Prevention and Control empowerment
- Support primary health care centers for cholera management
- Provide rapid diagnostic tests to support national capacity and field testing
- Strengthen risk communication and community engagement
- Public Educational Campaigns
- External Funding / 100% costs for hospital admission
- 5 governmental, 2 private, and 2 field hospitals



# Cholera Case Management



## Assess for shock or severe dehydration

### Shock/severe dehydration: (Plan C)

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### Some dehydration: (Plan B)

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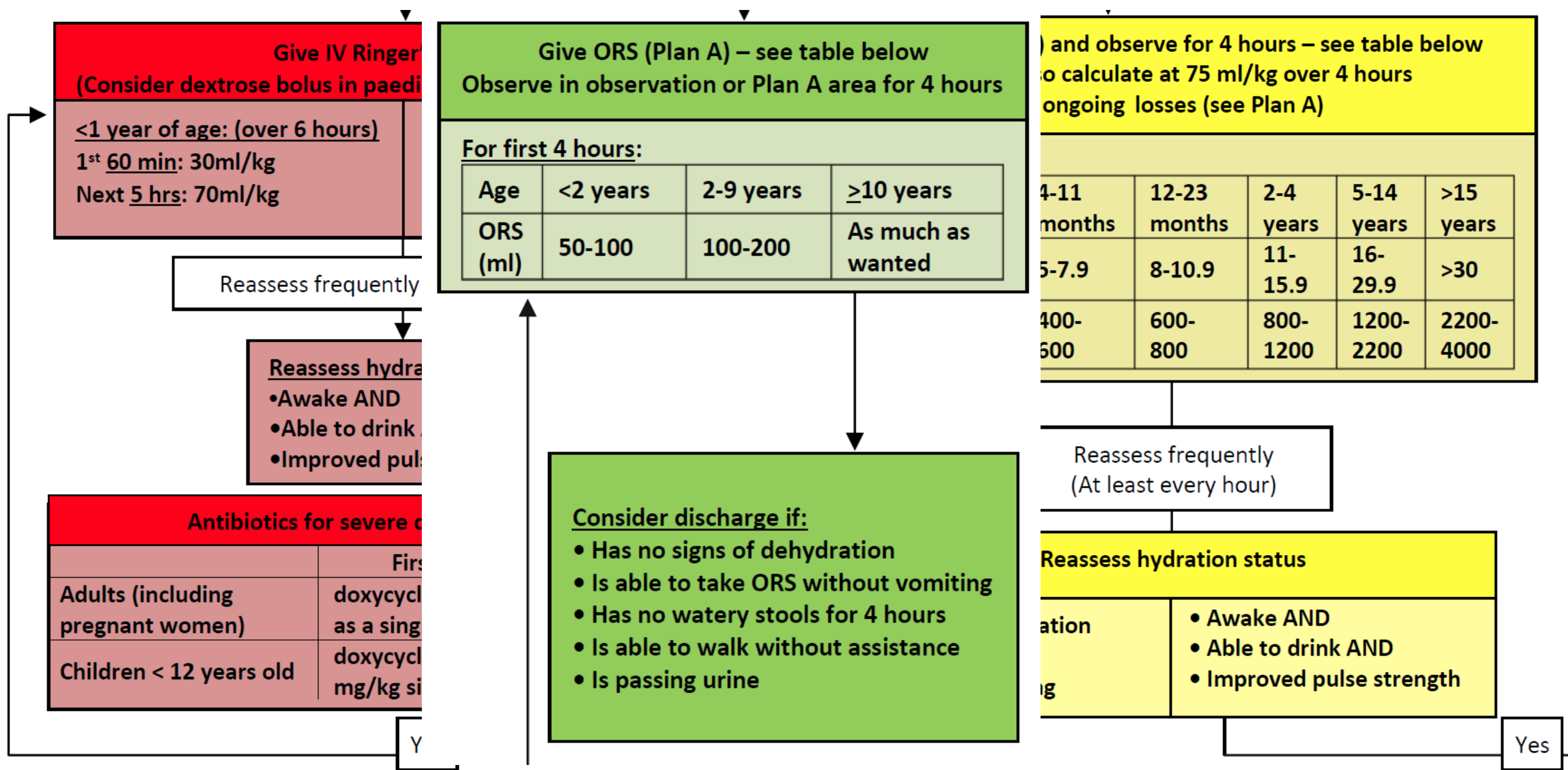
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### No dehydration: (Plan A)

- Awake and alert
- Normal pulse
- Normal thirst
- Eyes not sunken
- Skin pinch normal







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## Vaccination campaign, Vaccine Provision/Delivery

### Oral cholera vaccination of high risk communities

- \* Healthcare workers
  - \* Refugee camps
  - \* High risk areas
  - \* Prisoners
- Total quantity provided:
    - \* WHO: 600.000 + 600.000 doses
    - \* Sanofi: 13.000 doses
  - Protocol: 1 dose given instead of 2 / worldwide shortage



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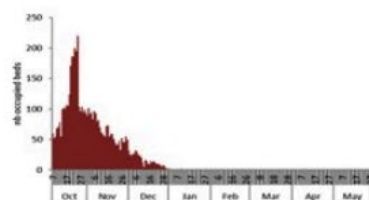
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## Cholera Surveillance Report 2 June 2023

All cases (suspected and confirmed)		Confirmed Cases		Deaths (confirmed)	
New (past 24 h)	Cumulative	New (past 24 h)	Cumulative	New	Cumulative
14	8007	0	671	0	23

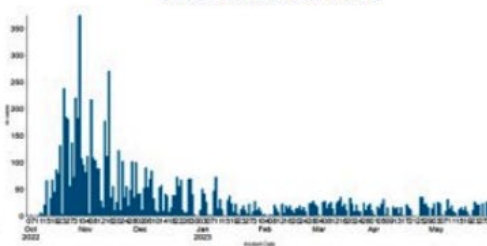
Occupied hospital beds  
(suspected and confirmed)



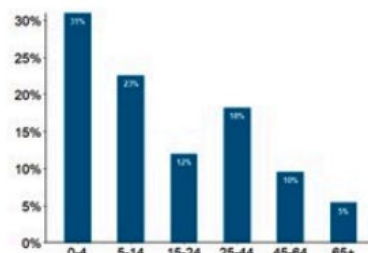
By locality (confirmed cases)



By date of report  
(suspected and confirmed)

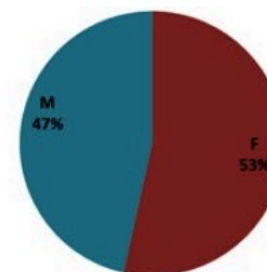


By age group  
(suspected and confirmed cases)

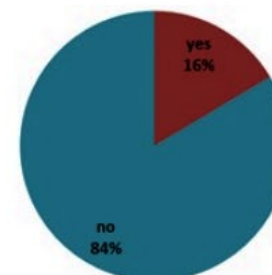


Call Centers  
1760 (Red Cross)  
1787 (MOPH)

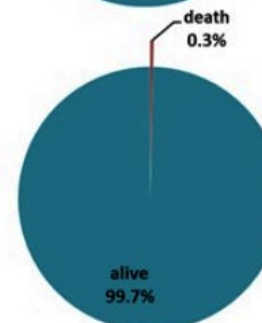
By Sex  
(suspected and confirmed)



By Hospital Admission  
(suspected and confirmed)



By Outcome  
(suspected and confirmed)

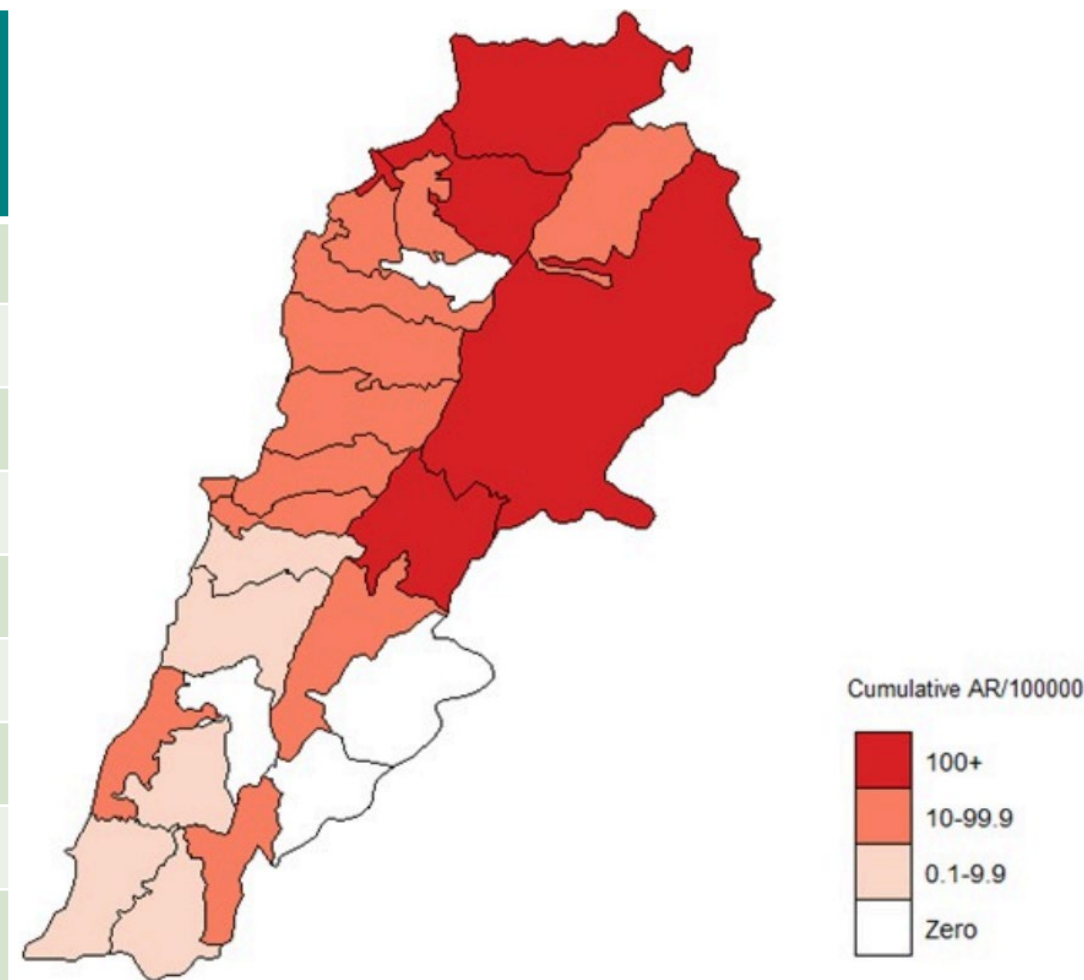






# Lebanon – Cholera Epidemiologic Situation

Months	Total Confirmed Cases	Total Cumulative Cases	Total Cumulative Death
October 2022	390	1703	17
November 2022	622	4594	20
December 2022	670	5810	23
January 2023	671	6358	23
February 2023	671	6654	23
March 2023	671	7180	23
April 2023	671	7551	23
May 2023	671	7967	23
June 2023	<b>671</b>	<b>8007</b>	<b>23</b>



# MOPH - June 5, 2023

## End of Cholera Outbreak in Lebanon

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023



- Implementing **WASH** across all areas
- Daily **monitoring** and epidemiologic **surveillance** of all acute watery diarrheal cases and contact tracing
- Provision of **diagnostic** testing
- Implementation of **cholera case management**
- Increase the **capacity building** of Public Hospitals admitting cholera cases
- **Water and Waste Testing** in all areas across Lebanon
- Providing the **Oral Cholera Vaccination**
- **Collaboration** with all involved ministries
- Broad diffusion of **awareness and education** through media and gathering



# Key Achievements & Success Factors

## Cholera Case Management - Lebanon

- **Rapid Response** and Multi-Taskforce collaboration
- **Healthcare facilities empowerment:**
  - Case Management well established
  - Oral rehydration Solution and IV hydration procured
  - IPC coaching and education
  - Laboratory capacity building / RDTs, cultures and susceptibilities
- **WASH**
- **Vaccination**
- **Education, Community Engagement**





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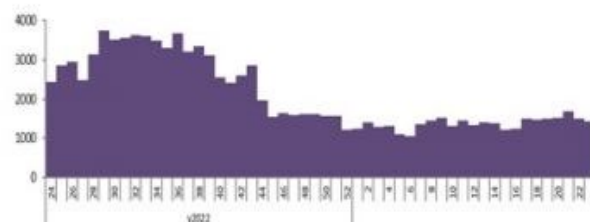


## Acute Watery Diarrhea Surveillance 19 June 2023

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1787 (MOPH)

### Alerts and Announcements

AWD reported by medical centers and dispensaries



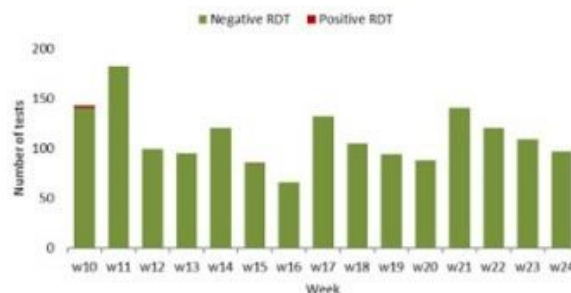
Cholera Outbreak Summary

No confirmed cholera cases since March 2023

Declaration of end of Cholera outbreak

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AWD tested with Cholera Rapid Test



AWD tested for Cholera Stool Culture

Acute Watery Diarrhea: Cholera stool culture results



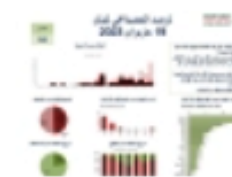
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The MoPH Shuts Down  
Twelve Aesthetic Centers



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Acute Watery Diarrhea  
Surveillance in Lebanon-  
19/6/2023



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Measles Surveillance in  
Lebanon- 19/6/2023

<https://www.moph.gov.lb/en/Media/view/69914/4/acute-watery-diarrhea-surveillance-in-lebanon>

# The Cholera Situation in Lebanon



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