



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

MEDIA BRIEFING

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We have continued to record a marked reduction in the number of new cholera cases following the robust interventions we put up.

In the last 24 hours, we had 29 cases compared to the 68 recorded over the same period.

Of the new cases: 3 at Chipata CTU, 11 at Kanyama CTU, Zero at Bauleni CTU, 4 at Chawama CTU, 1 at Matero CTU, 1 at Chelstone CTU and 9 at Heroes Cholera Hospital. There were no deaths recorded in the last 24 hours.

9 cases reported from Heroes Cholera Hospital, 3 are from Chipata sub-district, 4 from Matero sub-district and 2 from Kanyama sub-district.

Lusaka district has reported 92 in total under treatment (17 at CTUs and 75 at the Cholera Hospital) after 64 discharges in the last 24 hours.

A total of eight (8) new suspected cases have been recorded in other districts in the last 24 hours: Four (4) in Mazabuka, Three (3) in Chikankata, and one (1) in Chongwe.

Countrywide – we have a cumulative total of 3260 cases and 74 deaths; of these Lusaka has recorded 3,089 cases, 2,913 of who were successfully treated and discharged as at 06:00 today.

Cumulative death toll in Lusaka is at 68. In other districts a total of 171 cases (149 treated and discharged) and 6 deaths have been recorded cumulatively to-date.

The Oral Cholera Vaccine campaign has had overwhelming response from the public.

As of Day 5 of the campaign, Chawama had recorded 162,742 total vaccinations (68%); Kanyama 217,378 total vaccinated (90%); Matero 195,007 total vaccinated (55%) Chipata 320,746 (87%).

Overall, a total of 895,873 (74%) of the targeted headcount population has been vaccinated.

Despite scaling down risk levels, we are not going to slow down our response efforts but quadruple until we arrest the outbreak.

We are going to maintain the trend and ensure that public health rules are adhere to avoid sliding back and lose what we have gained so far.

I thank you.

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