-Funding remains crucial in 2017 to take a big step towards the elimination of cholera

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Current situation

From 1st January to 10 June 2017, the MSPP registered 7,113 suspected cholera cases and 83 related deaths, in comparison to the 18,486 suspected cases and 173 deaths for the same period in 2016. This downward trend, if maintained, is an opportunity to take this year a big step towards the elimination of the transmission, in case funding is available and rapid response is accordingly intensified. As of 31 December 2016, Haitian and international efforts have succeeded in reducing the cholera cases and fatalities in Haiti by almost 88% since the peak in 2011 (350,000 cases).

However, the country is still extremely vulnerable to cholera, particularly in the West, Centre, Artibonite and North departments. Furthermore, the impending rainy season represents an additional risk. Even though the number of cases remains lower than in 2016, support to the Ministry of Health remains crucial to strengthen investigations and the rapid response to specific cases, as well as to reinforce the activities under the umbrella of the National Plan for the Elimination of Cholera.

Funding overview and response 2010-2017

Funding is still the biggest constraint and funds are urgently needed to maintain the rapid response during the rainy season at the end of 2017. The estimated funding needed to maintain the surveillance, prevention, rapid response and medical assistance in 2017 totals 76.1 $M; and funding falls short by $15M. Between October 2010 and April 2017, the UN and partners have supported the Haitian authorities in mobilizing more than $350 million for the cholera response. For 2017, as of 24 April, the UN has mobilized more than $17.7 million for the cholera response in Haiti through different instruments, such as the UN Haiti Cholera Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund ($2.6 million) and the Humanitarian Response Plan, including US4.5 million for MDM, UNICEF and PAHO, and $US2.6 million raised by UNICEF from Japan for 2017/2018.

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