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**First alert: March 26, 2025 | Cholera Outbreak in South Sudan**

### Sub-Locations Affected

The states of Central Equatoria, Jonglei, Lakes, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Upper Nile, Unity, Warrap, Western Bahr el Ghazal, Western Equatoria, and the Ruweng Administrative Area.



Map of sub location affected

### Event Description

On March 24, 2025, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) reported over 40,000 cases of cholera, including 694 deaths in South Sudan since September 28, 2024 to, the worst outbreak in the past 20 years.

### Epidemiological information

- On March 24, 2025, UNICEF reported that South Sudan has experienced its worst cholera outbreak in 20 years, with over 40,000 cases and 694 fatalities since September 28, 2024.
- From January 1 to February 23, 2025, a total of 18,031 cases and 243 deaths, were reported across 39 counties in nine states and one administrative area (CFR=1.3%). Half of the cases involved children under 15-years-old, and a third of the deaths were among children under 14-years-old.
- Unity, Central Equatoria, and Northern Bahr el Ghazal reported the highest case burden. The rapid spread of cholera was attributed to the influx and dispersion of displaced individuals from Sudan amidst the ongoing conflict and limited hygiene conditions.

## Response Measures

- The WHO holds regular briefings with the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) and Standby Partners (SBP) to coordinate efforts and share updates on the cholera response.
- The Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC) released updated cholera reporting recommendations in 2025, along with a template available in multiple languages. Support for data management and analysis is provided on a case-by-case basis, and coordination with stakeholders continues to strengthen surveillance.
- The GTFCC has published cholera testing guidance and tools for laboratories, accessible in multiple languages. Training materials on sample collection and Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) for healthcare workers are available. Technical support and is offered to help countries develop testing strategies during outbreaks, strengthen laboratory capacity, and assess diagnostic supply needs.
- Oral Cholera Vaccine (OCV) production remains strong due to efforts by suppliers and partners. Vaccination campaigns have been rolled out in high-risk counties (Aweil West, Malakal, Renk, Juba, Mayom. Rubkona and Bor South regions).
- UNICEF collaborates with governments, civil society, and communities to improve access to clean water, reliable sanitation, and promote basic hygiene practices to protect children from infectious diseases.

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