

A global comprehensive VPD surveillance strategy for Immunization Agenda 2030: WHO Surveillance guidelines

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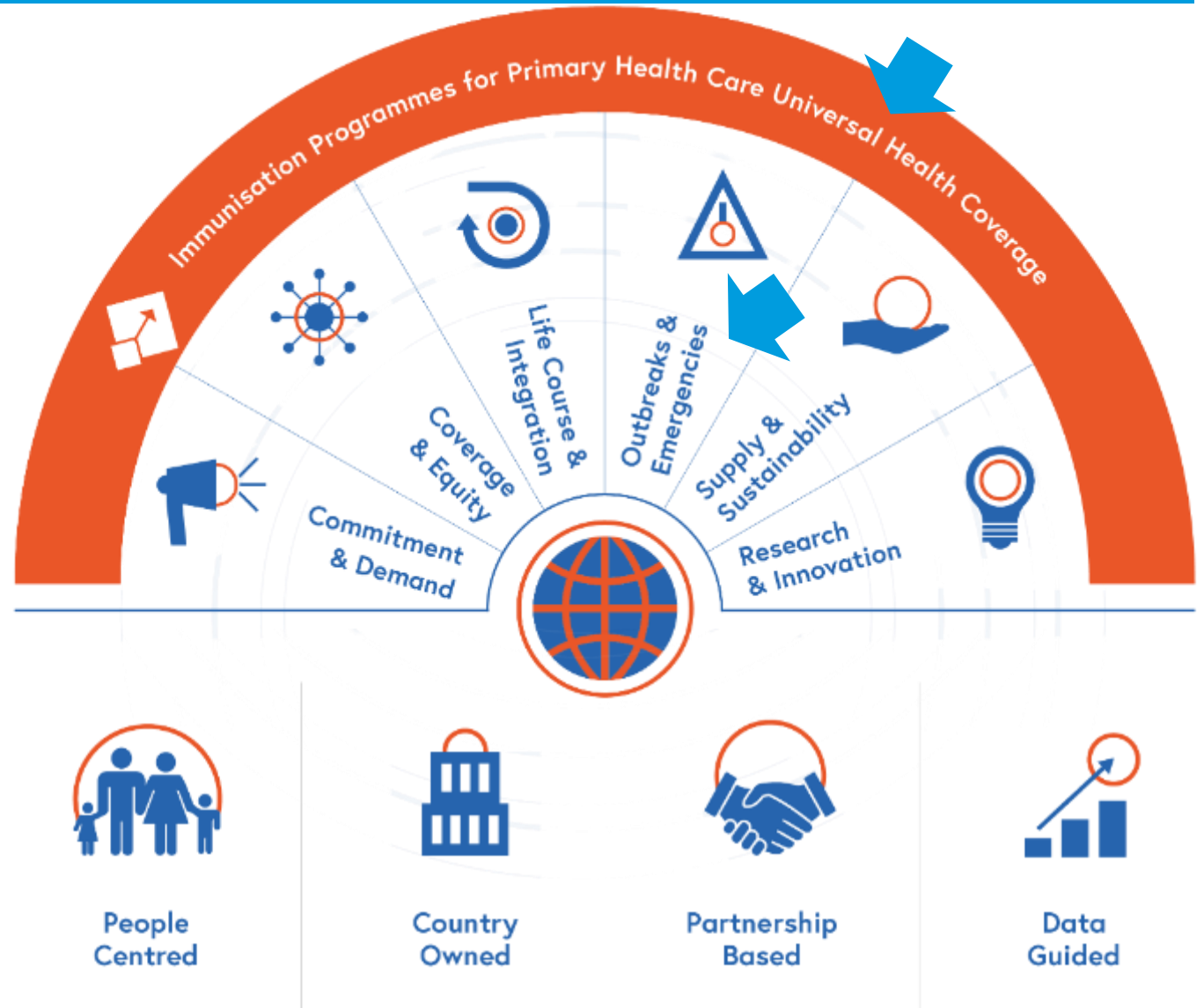
Immunization Agenda 2030 proposes a strategic framework

VPD surveillance embedded in SPI and SP5

7 Strategic Priorities

informed by

4 Core Principles for action



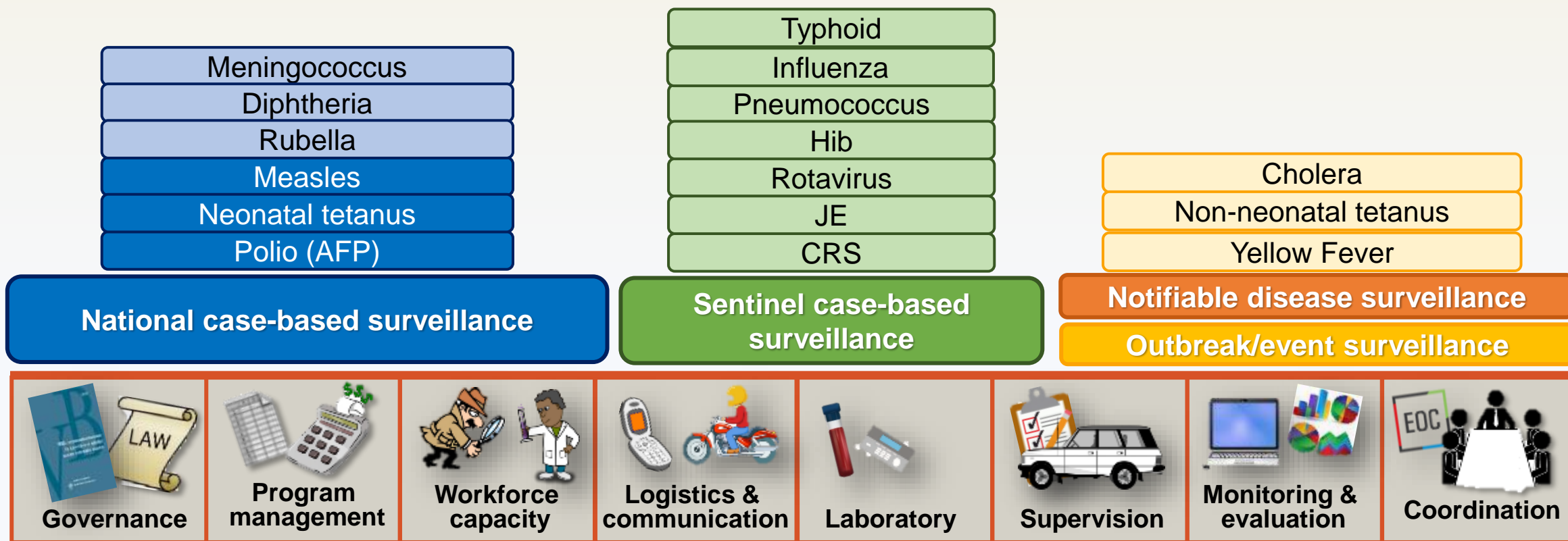
WHO's role in vaccine-preventable disease (VPD) surveillance

- To help countries generate data (for action) and monitor VPD trends globally
- To lead, coordinate, and advocate for surveillance activities with countries and partners
- To set global norms and standards for surveillance including quality assurance and control systems → [VPD surveillance standards](#)
- To support countries with technical assistance and evidence-based policy decisions
- To build on surveillance platforms and inform immunization program monitoring and policy



Our vision

All countries have sustainable, high-quality VPD surveillance systems, supported by strong laboratories, that detect and confirm cases and outbreaks and generate useful data to guide outbreak prevention and response, immunisation program management, and vaccine policy to decrease the burden of VPDs as efficiently and effectively as possible



Surveillance support functions

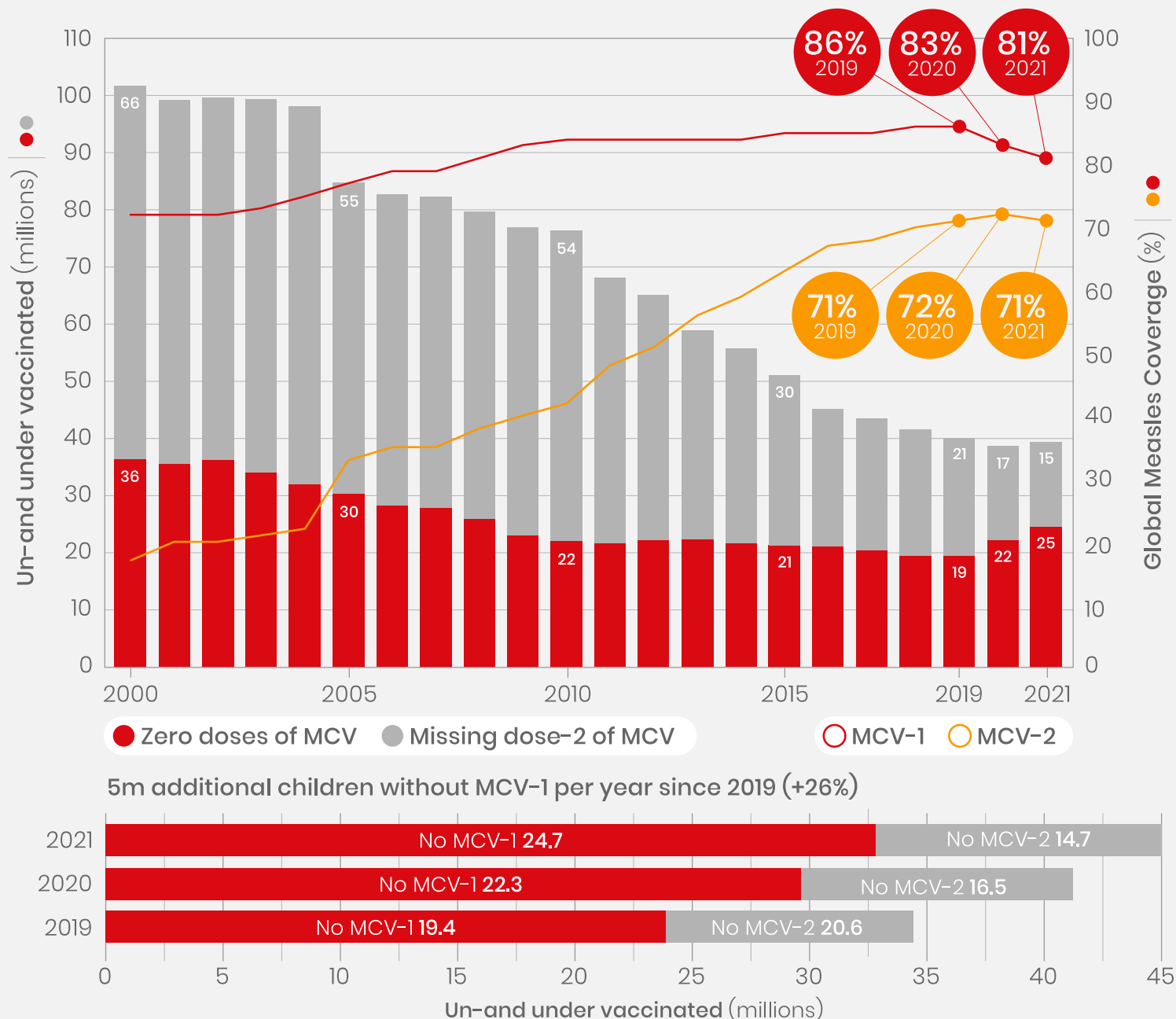
First dose measles coverage dropped to 81% in 2021, leaving 5 million more children unvaccinated compared to in 2019

Coverage of the first dose of measles-containing vaccine (MCV-1) dropped to **81% in 2021, the lowest level since 2008.**

This leaves 25 million children vulnerable. An additional 15 million children received only a first dose, but not a needed second dose through regular public health services.

Supplemental Immunization Activities (including campaigns) continue to be required to ensure that all children receive the 2 doses that will protect them from measles.

This data is collected through the Joint Reporting Format (JRF) reported annually by MOH to WHO and UNICEF for VPD case aggregates and vaccine coverage.



Different VPD syndromes are surveilled according to end objectives of program and historical evolution of programs

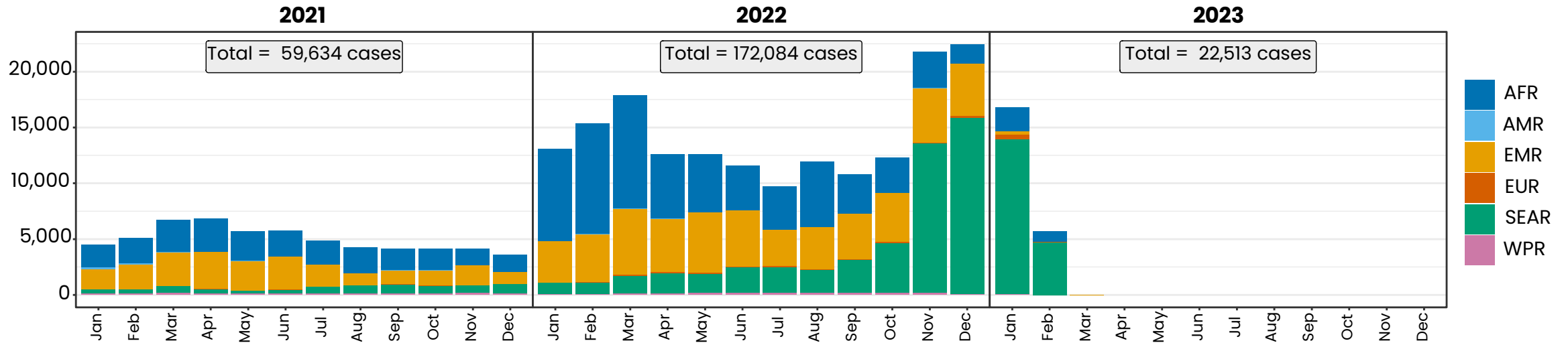
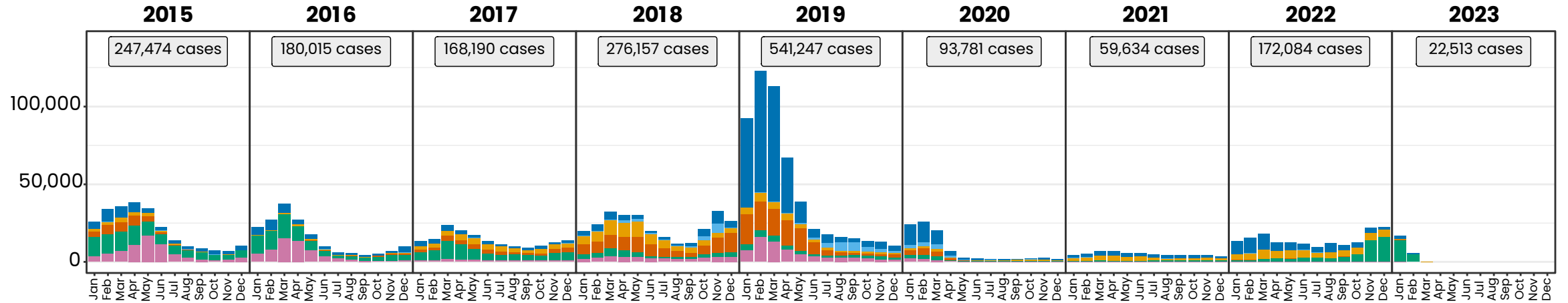
SOME EXAMPLES

Global case-based surveillance on total population for regional measles elimination goals

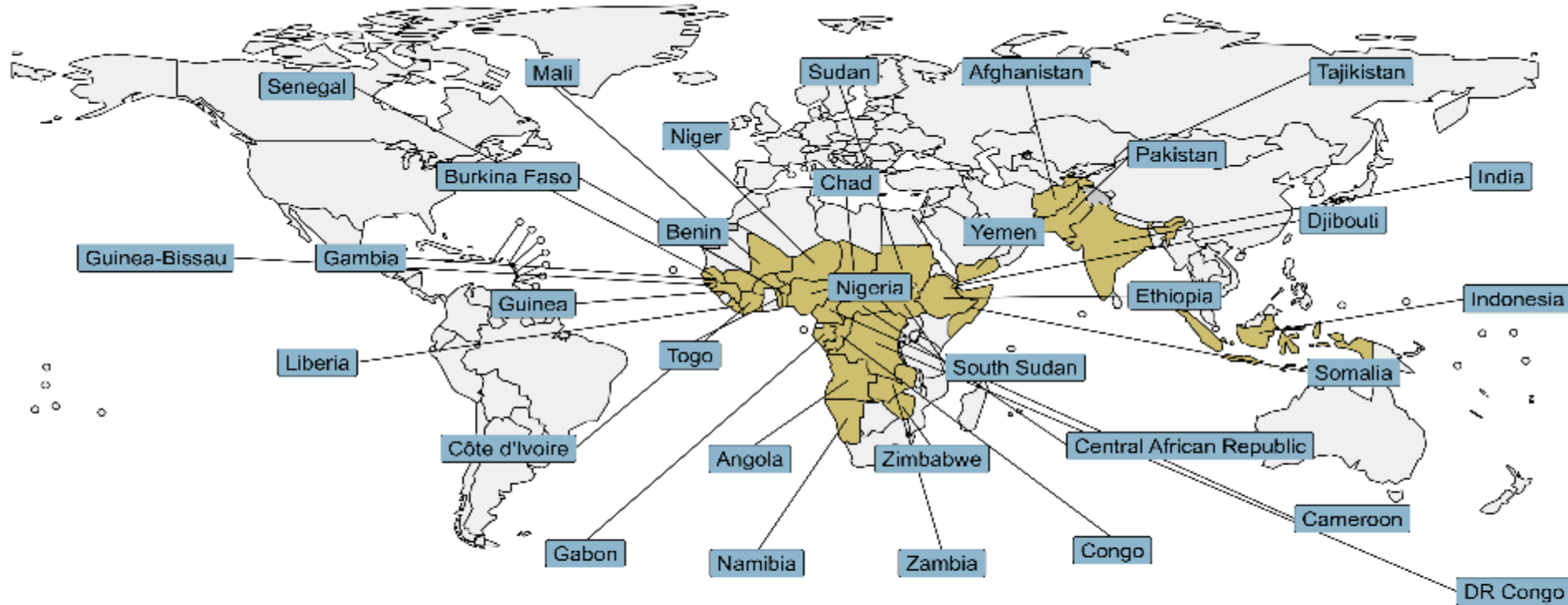
[Immunization Analysis and Insights \(who.int\)](#)

MEASLES /RUBELLA SURVEILLANCE - IVB

Measles case distribution by month and WHO Region (2015–2023)



Large or disruptive outbreaks (last 12 months)

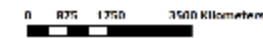


Country	Cases	Rate/M
Liberia	5,240	988.18
Somalia	15,825	899.27
Yemen	20,556	610.03
Gabon	1,249	522.81
Zimbabwe	5,139	314.88
Djibouti	189	168.62
South Sudan	1,762	161.46
Afghanistan	4,698	114.23
Cameroon	3,050	109.26
Angola	3,373	94.78
Nigeria	16,328	74.71
Togo	643	72.67
Guinea-Bissau	141	66.97
Ethiopia	7,454	60.42
Tajikistan	509	51.14
Congo	297	49.75
Côte d'Ivoire	1,392	49.43
Gambia	132	48.78
Mali	1,027	45.46
DR Congo	4,238	42.80
Burkina Faso	939	41.41
Niger	1,079	41.17
India	55,852	39.41
Senegal	637	36.79
Zambia	690	34.47
Benin	441	33.03
Pakistan	7,177	30.43
Central African Republic	164	29.40
Sudan	1,275	27.20
Guinea	367	26.48
Chad	468	26.41
Namibia	64	24.93
Indonesia	6,549	23.77



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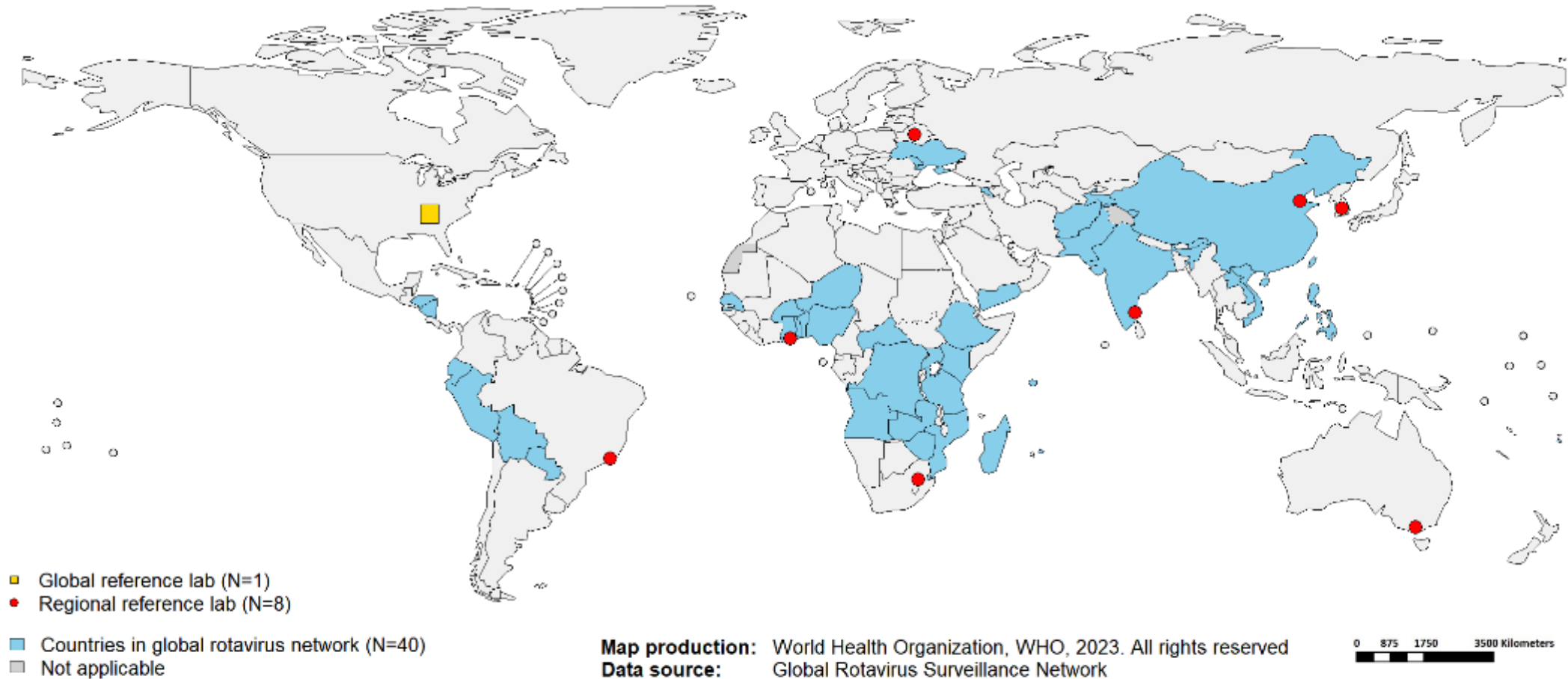
In the frame of tracking progress towards the goals of Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030), an indicator has been developed by a working group in order to represent large and disruptive measles outbreaks. This indicator is defined as an incidence equal or greater than 20 reported measles cases per million population over a period of 12 months. It is important to note that measles outbreak definitions vary between countries and regions according to local context and level of progress towards regional elimination goals. This definition of large and disruptive outbreaks aims to complement and not replace the national and regional definitions, while also providing a degree of global standardization and permitting tracking of progress against a common metric.

Notes: Based on data received 2023-03 and covering the period between 2022-02 and 2023-01 - Incidence: Number of cases / 1M population - Population Data: World population prospects, 2019 revision

Sentinel site surveillance in selected countries

**ROTAVIRUS AND OTHER PEDIATRIC DIARRHEA
SURVEILLANCE - IVB**

Countries reporting data to the Global Rotavirus Surveillance Network, 2021

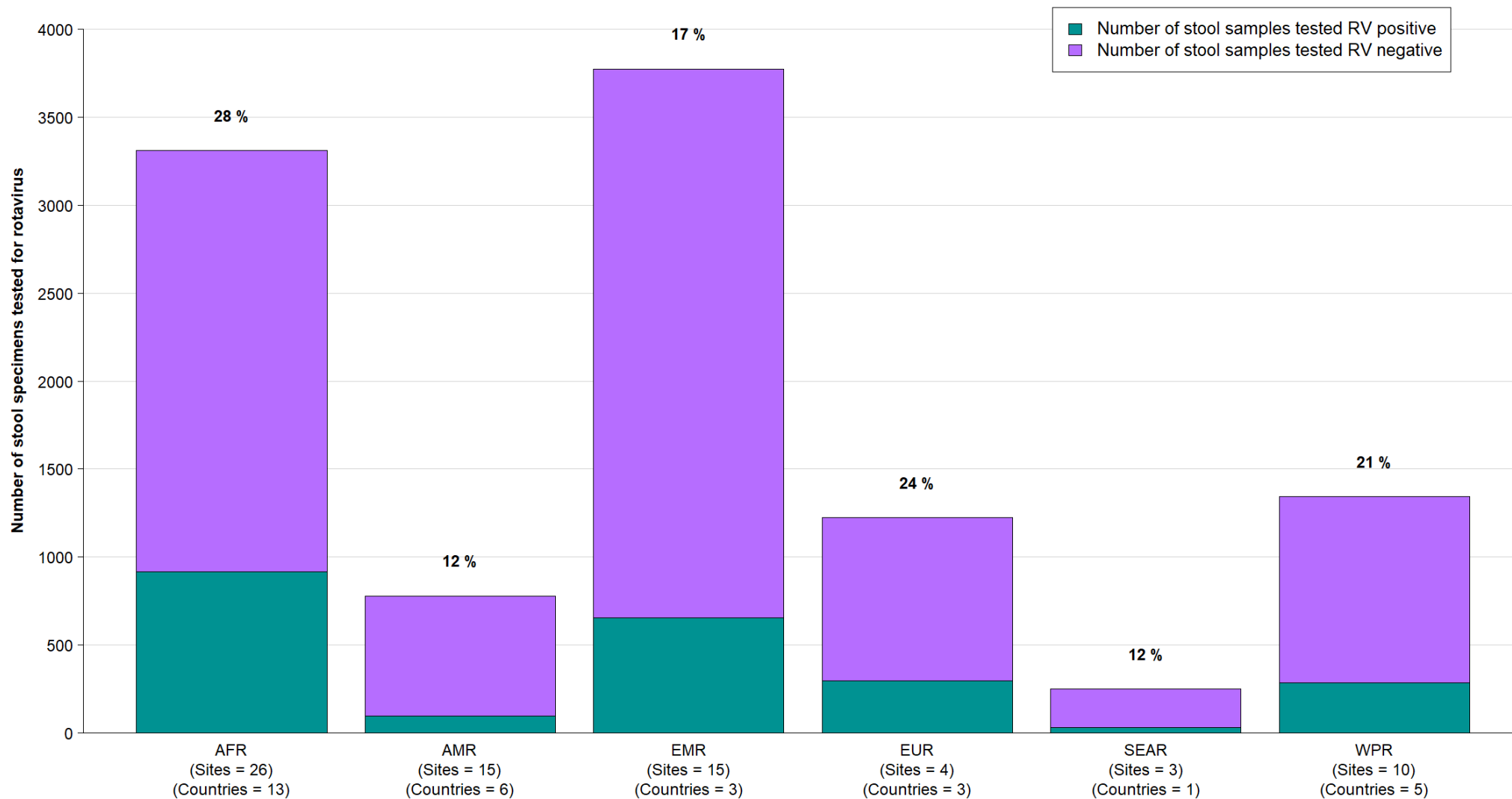


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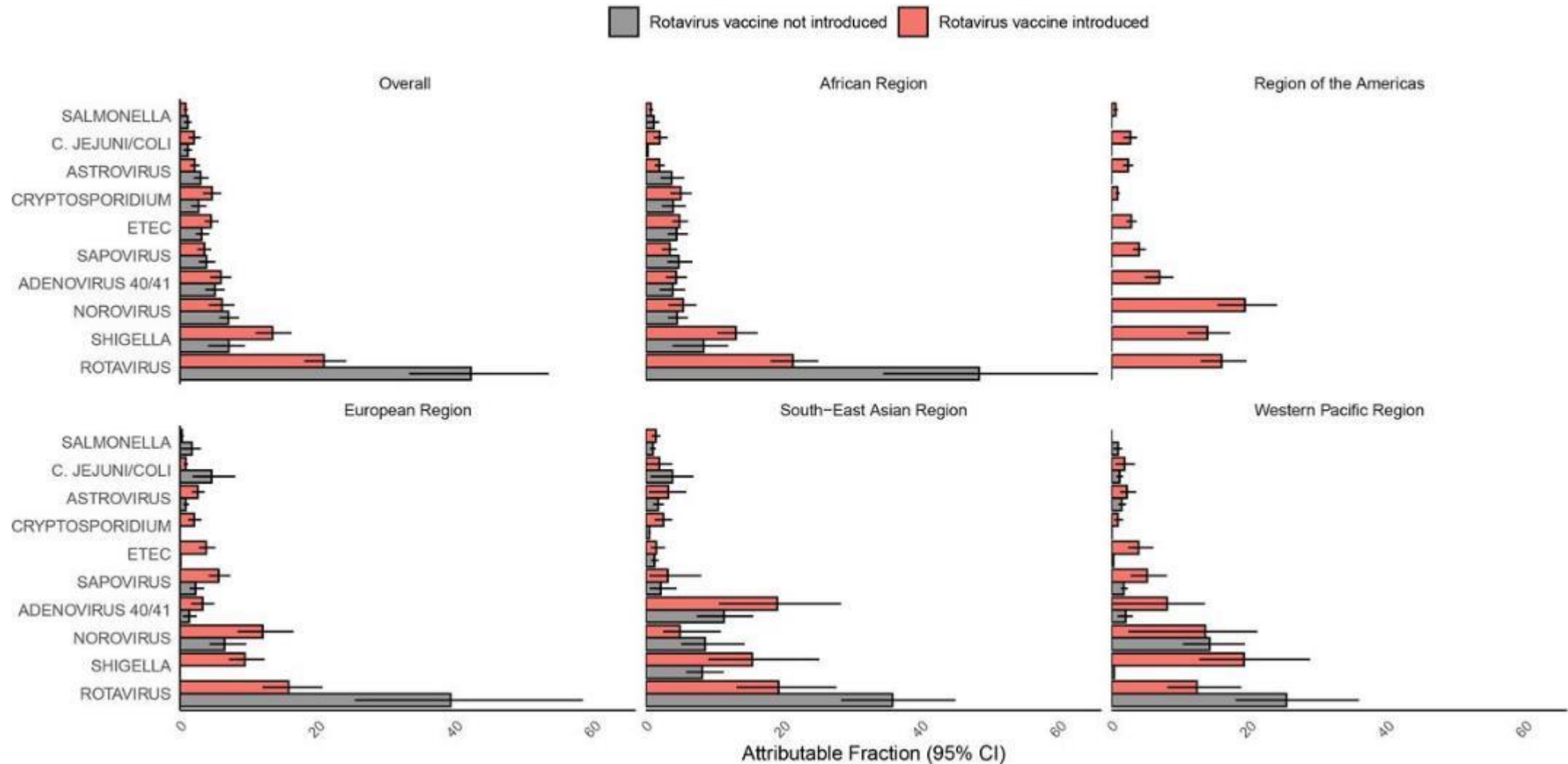


Rotavirus positivity rate in GRSN by WHO Region, 2021



Note: limited to surveillance sites with cases reported in at least 10 of 12 months and at least 80 cases reported per year (except in sites where rotavirus vaccine has been introduced)

Pathogen-specific attributable fractions of hospitalised diarrhoea in children less than 5 years of age in 2017–2018 in Global Pediatric Diarrhea Surveillance both overall and by geographic region to by rotavirus vaccination introduction status as of 2017



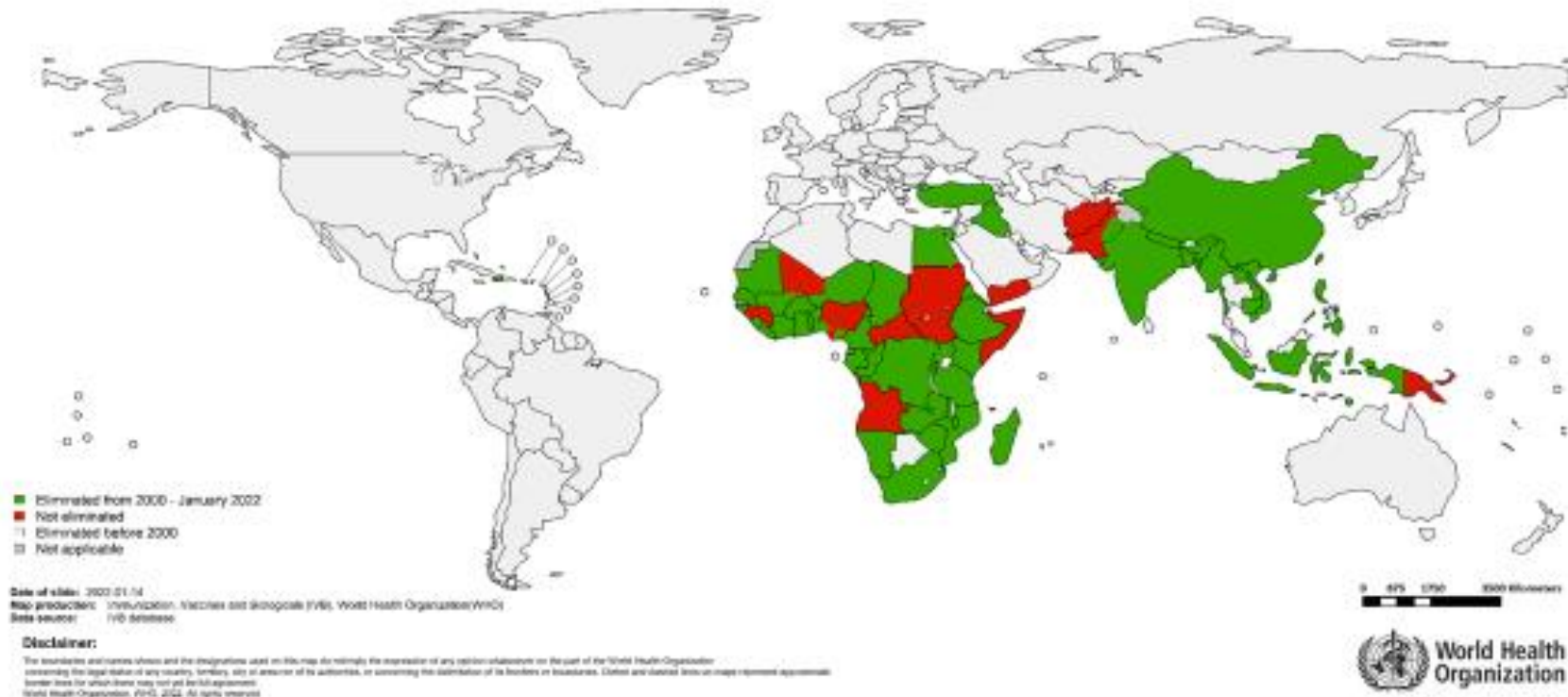
Population wide surveillance with initial validation
by a sample survey (no lab component)

NEONATAL TETANUS SURVEILLANCE - IVB

47/59 (80%) Countries eliminated MNT between 2000 & Dec 2022

*(Plus Punjab province of Pakistan; southern regions of Mali and southern zones of Nigeria)

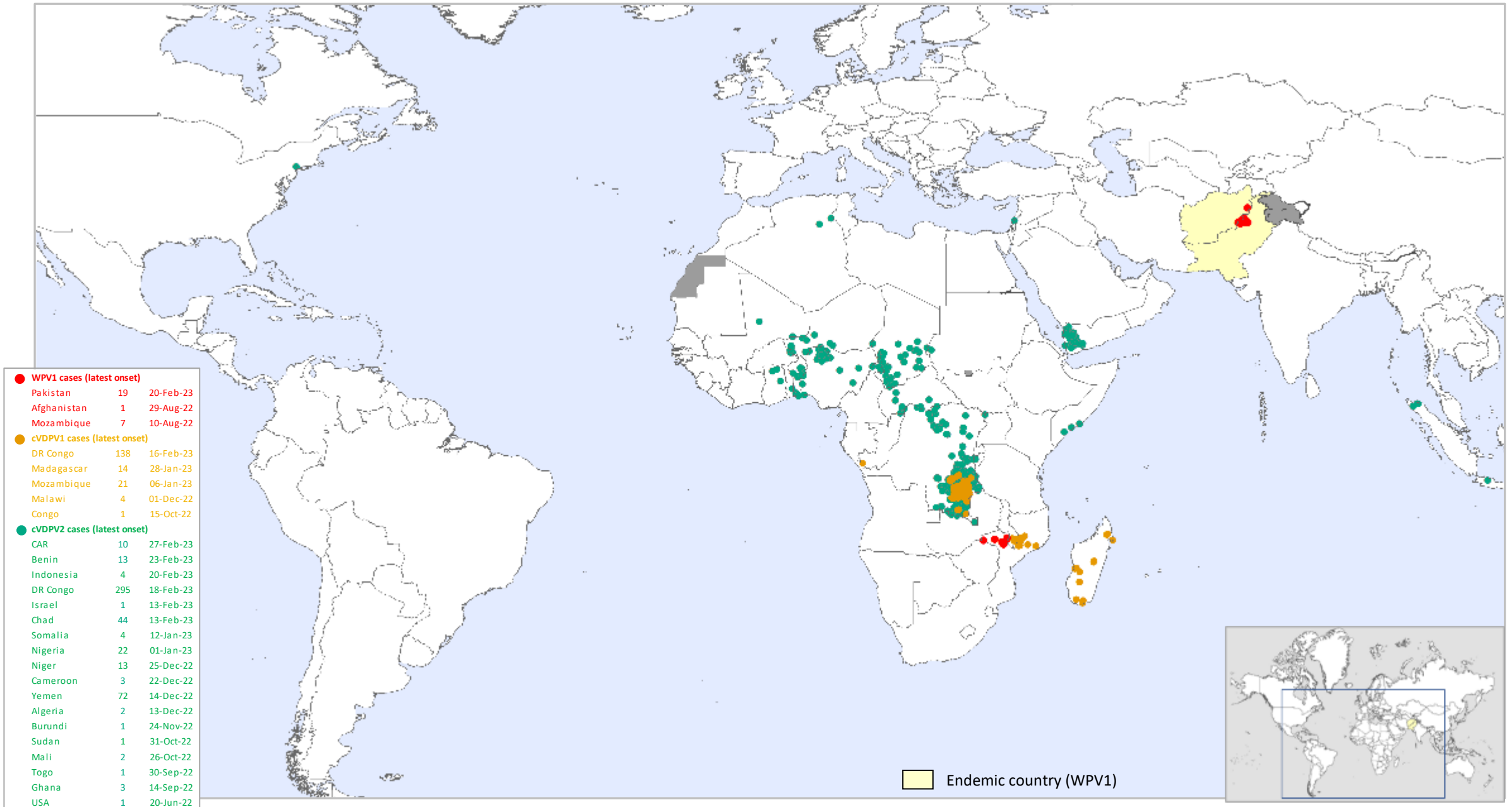
Elimination status of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT)



Global case-based surveillance with eradication objective – mainly population <15 years old

**POLIO (ACUTE FLACCID PARALYSIS)
SURVEILLANCE – POLIO ERADICATION**

Global WPV1 & cVDPV Cases¹, Previous 12 Months²

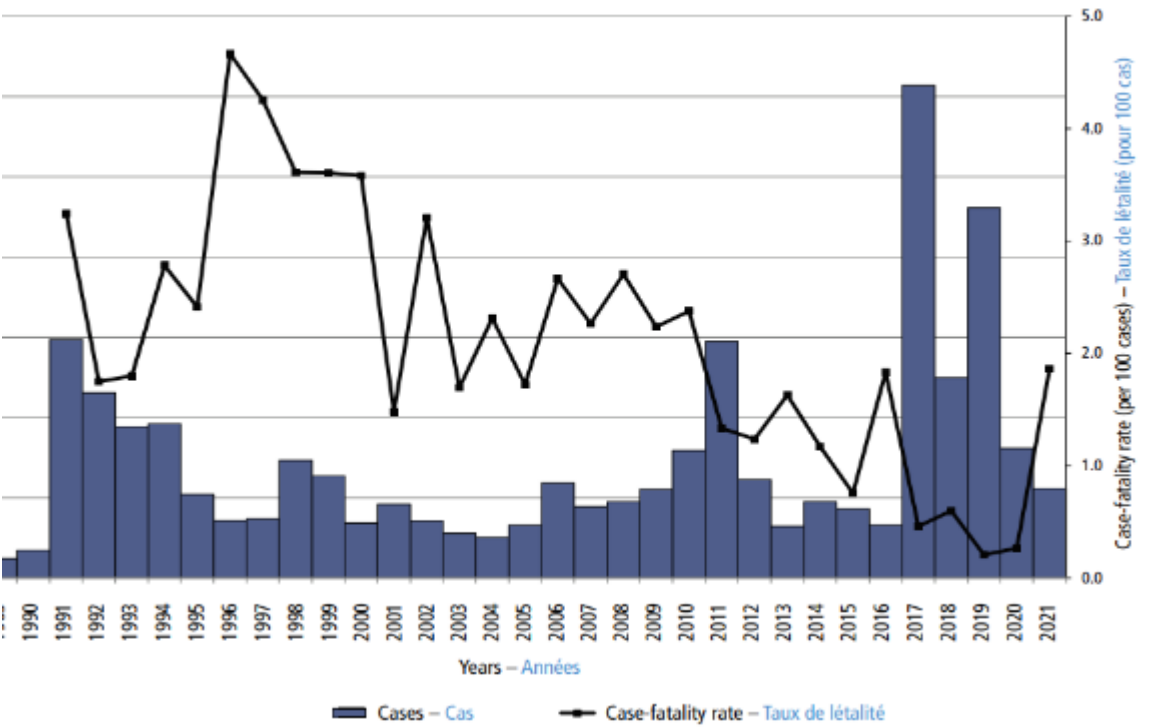


¹Excludes viruses detected from environmental surveillance; ²Onset of paralysis: 12 Apr. 2022 to 11 Apr. 2023

Health facility-based, community-based and event-based surveillance for detecting and responding to outbreaks

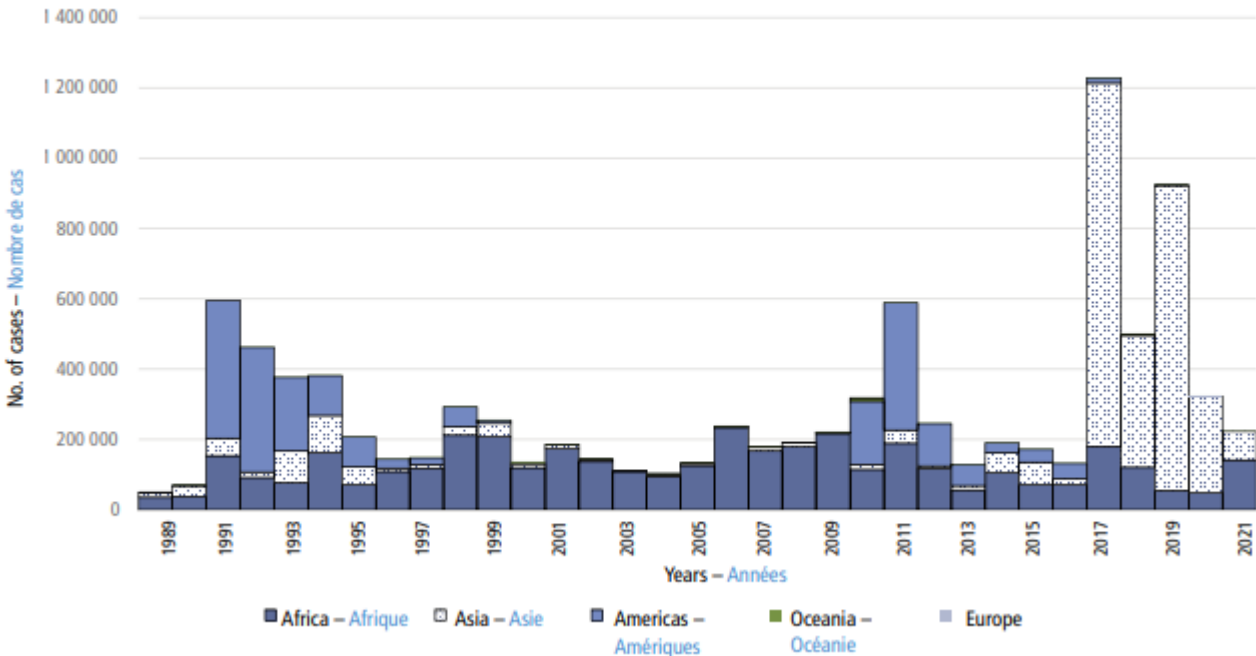
CHOLERA – WHO EMERGENCIES PROGRAM (WHE)

cholera cases and mortality reported by year, 1989–2021
holéra et létalité par année, 1989-2021



TRENDS OF OFFICIAL ANNUAL REPORTING TO WHO BY MEMBER STATES

Figure 2 Cholera cases reported to WHO by year and by continent, 1989–2021
Figure 2 Cas de choléra déclarés à l'OMS par année et par continent, 1989-2021



Weekly epidemiological record
 16 SEPTEMBER 2022, 97th YEAR
 No 37, 2022, 97, 453–464 <http://www.who.int/wer>

[WER9737-453-464-eng-fre.pdf \(who.int\)](http://www.who.int/wer/97/37/453-464-eng-fre.pdf)

MORE RESOURCES EXAMPLES

Open WHO online courses:

<https://openwho.org/courses/cholera-introduction-en>

<https://openwho.org/courses/cholera-eprep>

GTFCC Resources:

<https://www.gtfcc.org/resources/>

Cholera: Introduction

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This introductory level course provides a general overview of cholera including prevention and control principles. In addition, the course also helps you understand the Global Task Force for Cholera Control (GTFCC) and the Global Preparedness and Control Centres (GPCC). The target audience for this course is personnel responsible for prevention and control of cholera including health workers in affected countries. Photo credit: WHO/Chris Anon.

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Overview Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by ingestion of contaminated water or food. It can be fatal, especially in children and the elderly, and death is preventable with timely treatment. Cholera is an indicator of inequity and lack of social development. Its prevention and control depend on implementing and sustaining long-term activities across sectors.

This Global Task Force for Cholera Control is a global partnership of WHO, the GTFCC, and you. It aims to reduce cholera deaths and illness.

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Certificate Requirements

CASE MANAGEMENT

✓ Technical guidance

Interim technical note on the treatment of cholera in pregnant women

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Technical note on water, sanitation and hygiene and infection prevention and control in Cholera treatment structures

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Tool for identification of cholera hotspots

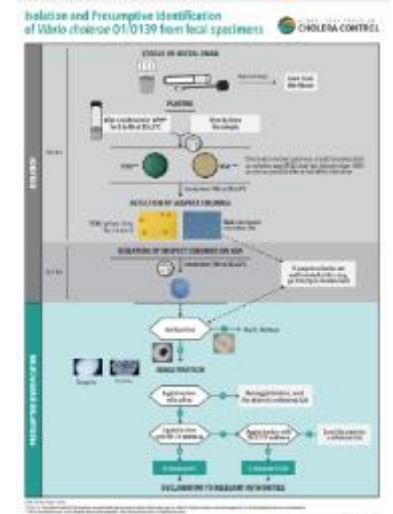
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SURVEILLANCE

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Guidance and tool for countries to identify priority areas for intervention

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Combination of case based and aggregate surveillance in different countries of Africa meningitis belt

MENINGITIS SURVEILLANCE – WHE (WITH SOME LAB SUPPORT FROM IVB)

MenAfriNet II 2019-2023 — 4 pillars

1. MenAfriNet Consortium

- Framework for partner collaboration to promote surveillance best practices in the meningitis belt

2. Case Based Surveillance

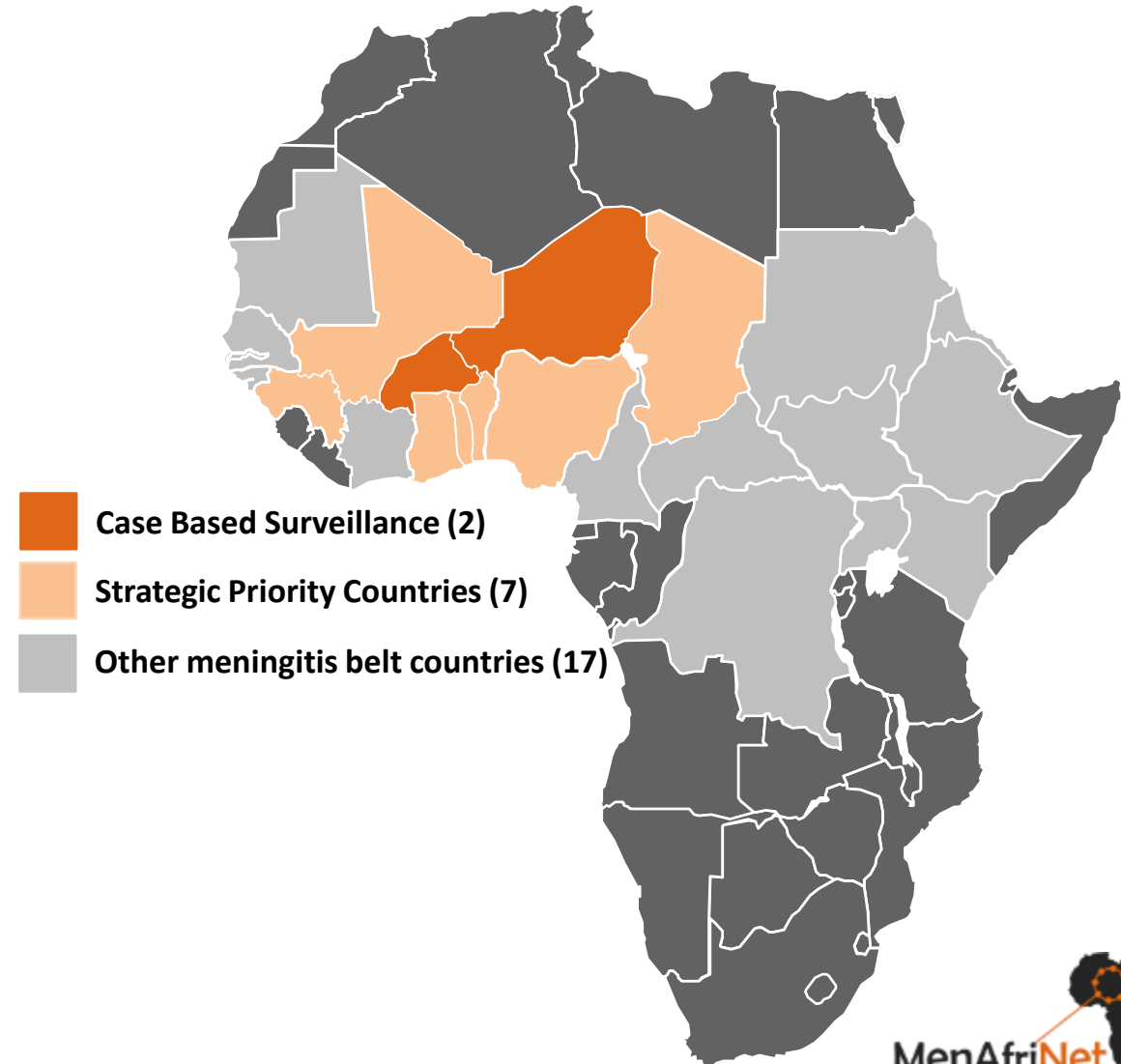
- Improved data efficiency/timeliness, >80% specimen collection, transport, confirmation testing

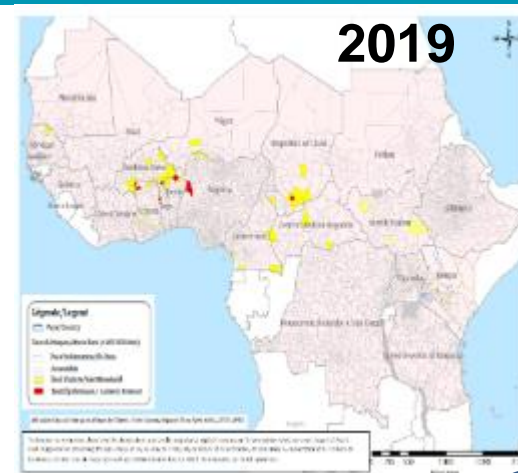
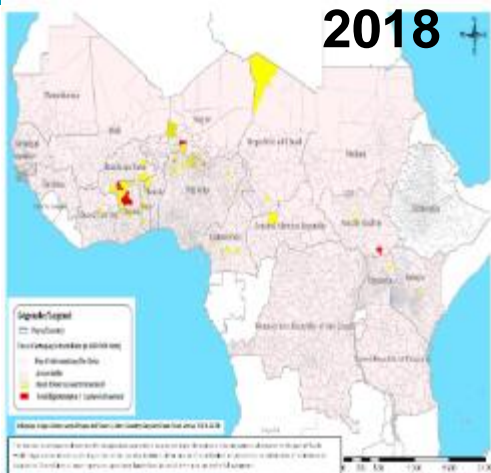
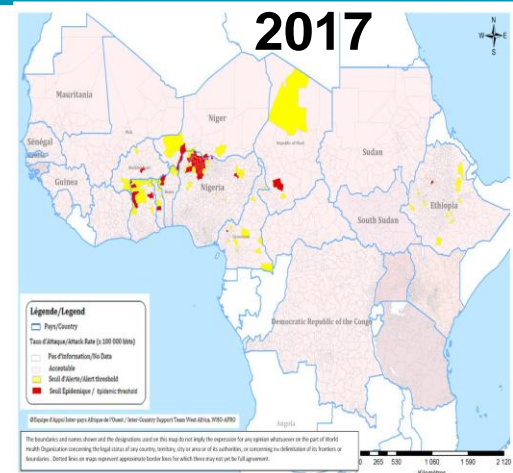
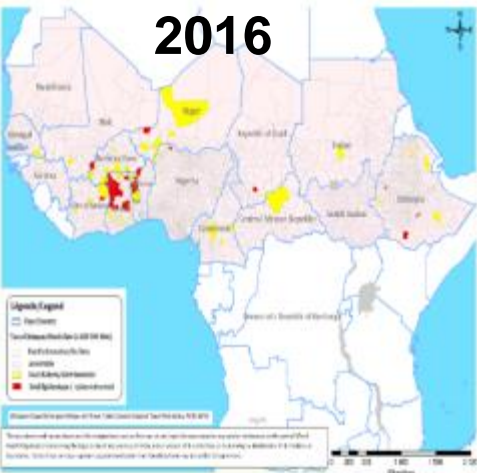
3. Strategic Priority Countries

- Ensure a minimum package of surveillance & lab confirmation in priority countries at high risk for epidemics
- MenAfriNet Toolkit of standardized surveillance and laboratory materials to guide targeted assistance

4. Research & Evaluation

- Monitor epidemiologic trends and emerging non-A strains
- Evaluate the effectiveness of existing bacterial meningitis vaccine programs
- Measure the impact of future multivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccines on disease and carriage





Meningitis Weekly Bulletin Semaine/Week 26
Inter country Support Team - West Africa 2020

Bulletin hebdomadaire de retro-information sur la méningite cérébrospinale
Weekly feedback bulletin on cerebrospinal meningitis
22 to 28 June, 2020

Table 1: Situation épidémiologique / Epidemiological Situation

Pays	Cas	Décès	Léthalité (%)	District en Alerte	District en Epidémie	Complétude (%)
Bénin	7	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Burkina Faso	22	2	9.1	0	0	100.0
Burundi	4	0	0.0	0	0	84.7
Cameroun	6	0	0.0	0	0	71.4
Centrafrique	3	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Côte d'Ivoire	2	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Ethiopia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ghana	4	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Guinée	4	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Guinée Bissau	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gambie	0	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Kenya	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mali	12	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Mauritanie	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niger	2	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Nigeria	4	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
RD Congo**	123	7	5.7	-	-	11.5
Sénégal	10	1	10.0	0	0	101.3
South Sudan	0	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Soudan	3	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Tanzania	2	0	0.0	0	0	97.6
Togo	4	0	0.0	0	0	100.0
Uganda	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	212	10	4.7	0	0	52.0

Table 3: Synthèse des données de laboratoire par pays / Summary of Laboratory Data by Country
(Semaines notifiées / Reported weeks 01 - 26, 2020)

Pays	Nombre LCR au CSF	En cours	LCR négative	NmA	NmX	NmC	NmY	NmW	NmZ	Autres	S. Pneum	Hib	Autres Pathogènes
Bénin	668	0	626	0	0	16	9	0	3	0	12	2	0
Burkina Faso	302	0	212	0	0	5	37	0	0	0	43	4	1
Burundi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameroun	39	0	36	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Centrafrique	160	9	142	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	
Côte d'Ivoire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ghana	648	0	486	0	0	38	4	0	0	0	68	3	49
Guinée	175	0	150	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	12	0
Guinée Bissau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gambie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kenya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mali	279	0	228	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	26	0
Mauritanie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niger	128	0	98	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	17	10	0
Nigeria	47	0	36	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	6	2	0
Sénégal	186	0	182	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RD Congo***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Sudan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soudan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tanzania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tchad	253	2	200	18	0	0	0	0	3	0	23	5	2
Togo	500	0	468	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	18	1	11
Uganda	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3 385	11	2 882	0	1	26	87	0	16	0	228	65	69

Commentaires / Comments:
Un total cumulé de 3 385 LCR a été collecté par les 12 pays qui à ce jour ont partagé leurs données. Des germes ont été identifiés dans 492 prélèvements collectés (14,5% taux de positivité) réparti par ordre d'importance : le S.pn (46,3%), NmX (17,7%), Hib (13,2%), NmC (5,3%) et NmW (3,3%).
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Impact of MenAfriVac in nine countries of the African meningitis belt, 2010-15; an analysis of surveillance data

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Summary
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MenAfriVac introduction has led to substantial reductions in the incidence of suspected meningitis and epidemic risk, and a substantial effect on confirmed group A meningococcal meningitis. It is important to continue strengthening surveillance to monitor vaccine performance and remain vigilant against threats from other meningococcal serogroups and other pathogens.

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Meningococcal Meningitis Surveillance in the African Meningitis Belt, 2004-2013

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Enhanced meningitis surveillance: data for action

- 24 reporting countries
- weekly aggregated district level data (IDSR-based)
- incidence-based alert and epidemic thresholds
- laboratory results
- compiled and published in AFRO Bulletin (IST-West), since 2003
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/meningitis/epidemiological/en/>

Case based entire population surveillance – Eliminate Yellow Fever Epidemics (EYE)

**YELLOW FEVER – WHE WITH LAB SUPPORT FROM
IVB**

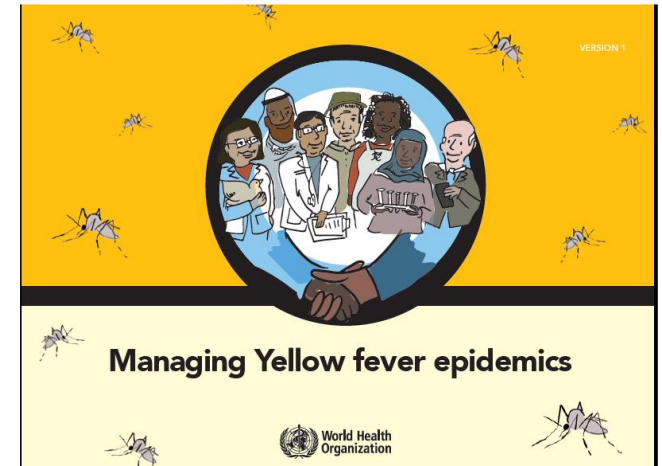
Yellow Fever Surveillance standards

Case-based surveillance is the surveillance standard for Yellow fever disease in humans.

As yellow fever is a vector borne disease, a multi-faceted “One Health” approach is promoted. Surveillance of mosquito vector and non-human primates can provide valuable insight on yellow fever virus circulation.

Tools:

- **VPD Surveillance Standards for Yellow Fever ([link here](#))**
- **EYE Booklet on Managing Yellow Fever Epidemics & Outbreak Toolbox**



Surveillance data outputs - examples

Yellow Fever Outbreak Timelines



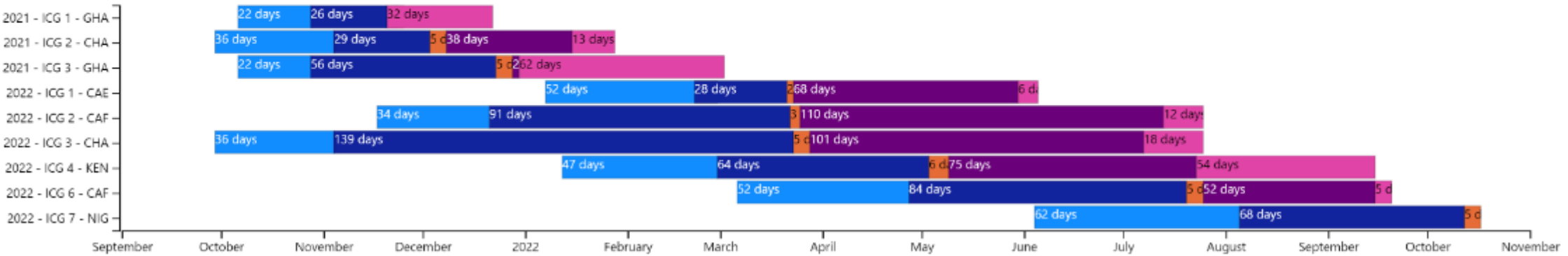
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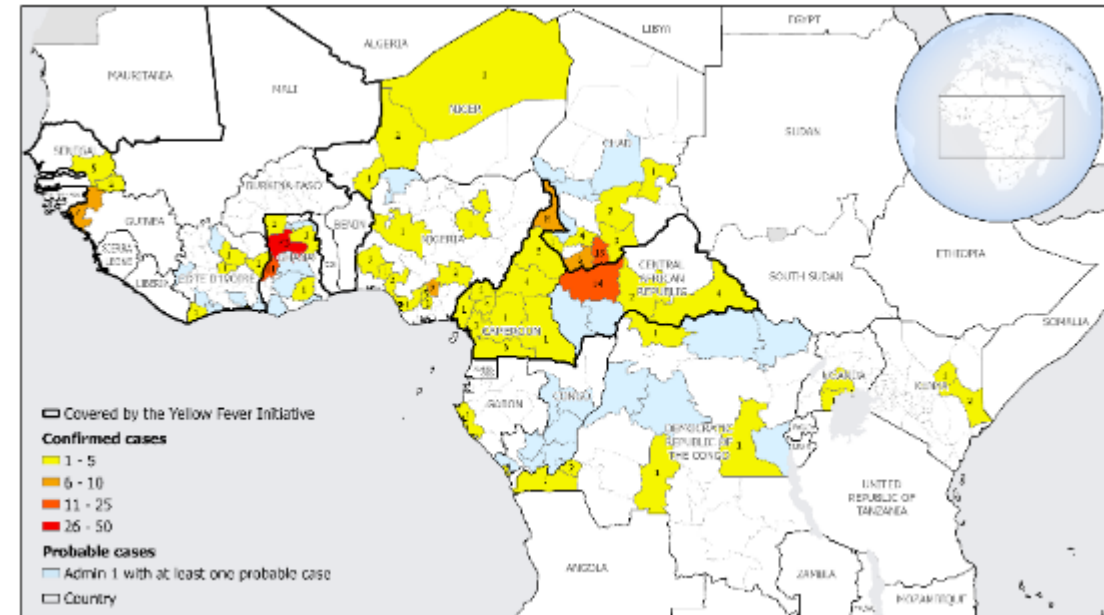
Country

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1. Onset -> Notified 2. Notified -> ICG Request 3. ICG Request -> ICG Decision 4. ICG Decision -> Campaign Start 5. Campaign Start -> End



YF confirmed cases (1st Jan 2021 – 13th Nov 2022), incl. late 2020 Senegal & Guinea outbreaks



Summary

1. IA 2030 envisions WHO supporting a global system of comprehensive VPD surveillance (VPDS) across Member States
2. Comprehensive VPDS encompasses different surveillance mechanisms for different end objectives of surveillance, but lays down certain minimum standards
3. Historically, VPDS for different syndromes has evolved across different departments in country systems as well as within WHO
4. There is now much stronger collaboration and information sharing (daily for outbreak flags) between WHO departments and similar guidance to countries
5. We work towards a coordinated comprehensive VPDS, to build this complex global “mosaic” of VPD surveillance
6. Ideally, disease surveillance systems in countries and supported by WHO and other partner agencies would seamlessly share and access information.

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- Lab networks and data support teams for different VPDs
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