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Network for Communicable Disease Control in Southern Europe and Mediterranean Countries

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- A(H5N1) Human influenza none
- A(H5N1) Avian influenza none
- "OUTSIDE" Events:
 - World Pandemic (H1N1) 2009
 - Kenya Cholera
- "INSIDE" Events: None.

Area: World Event: A(H5N1) – Human

No influenza A(H5N1) human cases reported this week.

Area: World Event: A(H5N1) – Epizootic

No avian influenza outbreak reported this week.

REPORT OF NEW HEALTH EVENTS OCCURING <u>OUTSIDE</u> THE EPISOUTH AREA (not occurring in one or several EpiSouth countries)

Area: World Event: Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Comments

- Since 24 April 2009, the (H1N1) 2009 pandemic continues to spread worldwide reaching a total count of **140,477 cases** and 806 deaths (Table 1 and Map 1)
- On 16 July 2009, WHO recommended to no longer count individual cases of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 in largely affected countries and where community transmission has been established.
- **Table 2** summarises the pandemic (H1N1) 2009 situation among EpiSouth countries as of 23 July 2009 at 11:00 AM.
- Figure 1 describes the number of pandemic (H1N1) 2009 cases reported per week among EpiSouth countries since the beginning of the pandemic and up to 21/07/2009.
- Each country has its own case definition. Moreover, in any given country, the case definition may change overtime. These two elements must be taken into consideration when interpreting the progression of reported cases.
- Updates are regularly posted on EpiSouth's website, with new available elements.

REPORT OF NEW HEALTH EVENTS OCCURRING OUTSIDE THE EPISOUTH AREA (Not occurring in EpiSouth countries) Area: Kenya Event: cholera **Comments** Since the beginning of June 2009, Kenyan authorities have reported several outbreaks of acute diarrhea. Cholera has been suspected in the districts of Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, Malindi and Lamu on the coastal region. (cf Map 2.) Upon investigation, 26 cases of cholera were confirmed, including 4 deaths, in Mombasa, Kilifi and Malindi. Map 2. Kenyan Coast. Cholera is endemic in Kenya, thus the occurrence of these cases does not constitute an unusual event. Mombasa, Lamu and Malindi districts ake Turkana **ETHIOPIA** are particularly touristy regions. Moyale The situation will thus be followed with North East Kenya attention especially in the specific BOMA context of El Niño. LIA UGANDA Rift Valley Wajir 0 Equator Kisumu Nyeri Nakuru Central Kenya Nairobi ... Musoma Lamu Pate Island Malindi TANZANIA Indian Ocean © 2003 HR

REPORT of NEW HEALTH EVENTS OCCURING <u>INSIDE</u> THE EPISOUTH AREA (Occurring in one or several EpiSouth countries)

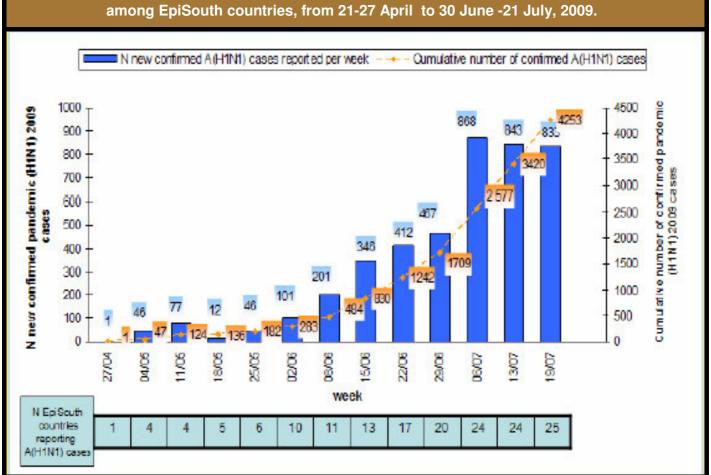
No events reported this week

Table 1. Number of confirmed pandemic (H1N1) 2009 cases up to 21/07/09, 11:00 am.

Country	Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 confirmed cases		Number of affected
	Total	Death	countries
Total EpiSouth countries*	4,927	5	25
Total Americas	87,519	700	42
Total Europe (non EpiSouth)	13,879	29	25
Total Asia	17,720	<i>30</i>	18
Total Middle-East (non EpiSouth)	528	0	11
Total Oceania	15,734	42	16
Total Sub-Saharan Africa	170	0	14
Total World	140,477	806	151

According to case definition and national official declaration. To date, data from countries with community transmission are not updated on a daily basis; therefore they should be interpreted carefully.

Figure 1. Number of new confirmed pandemic (H1N1) 2009 cases per week among EpiSouth countries, from 21-27 April to 30 June -21 July, 2009.



^{*}As of 23 July 2009 for EpiSouth countries

Table 2. Number of confirmed pandemic (H1N1) 2009 cases among EpiSouth countries, up to 23/07/09, 11:00 am.§

Country	Total A(H1N1) confirmed cases	Deaths
Albania	1	0
Algeria	14	0
Bosnia	2	0
Bulgaria	24	0
Croatia	26	0
Cyprus	297	0
Egypt	157	1
France (Metropolitan)	483	0
FYROM (Macedonia)	13	0
Greece	323	0
Israel	1,094	0
Italy	258	0
Jordan	43	0
Lebanon	79	0
Malta	111	0
Montenegro	18	0
Morocco	35	0
Palestine	80	0
Romania	71	0
Serbia	102	0
Slovenia	72	0
Syria	5	0
Spain	1,484	4
Tunisia	14	0
Turkey	116	0
Total	4,927	5

- To date, the total number of confirmed cases reported in the EpiSouth region is **4,927 cases** including **5 deaths.**
- Albania has reported its first confirmed case. Thus, 25 of 26 EpiSouth member countries have reported confirmed pandemic (H1N1) 2009 cases.
- 3 new deaths have been notified:
 - 2 residents of Madrid (Spain): a male aged 71 y. with underlying respiratory condition and a healthy female aged 33 y. (on vacation in Mallorca)
 - 1 in Egypt: a female, aged 25 y. returning from the Umra pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia.
- Spain and Israel remain the countries with the highest number of cases in the EpiSouth region: 1484 and 1094 cases respectively.

§ Italy: Most recent update from 18 July 2009. France: has ceased counting of cases since 07 July 2009.

