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- A(H5N1) Human influenza – none
- A(H5N1) Avian influenza – none
- “INSIDE” Events: None
- “OUTSIDE” events:
 - Cholera – Côte d’Ivoire

Location: World	Event: A(H5N1) – Human	<u>Comments</u>
No human case of A(H5N1) reported this week		
Location: World	Event: A(H5N1) – Epizootic	<u>Comments</u>
No new avian influenza outbreak reported this week		

REPORT OF NEW HEALTH EVENTS OCCURRING OUTSIDE THE EPISOUTH AREA
(Not occurring in one or several EpiSouth countries)

Area: Côte d'Ivoire

Event: Cholera

Comments

- On 27th January 2011, the Ivorian health authorities reported an outbreak of 35 cases of cholera including 7 deaths, in Abidjan, the economic capital of the country. This cholera outbreak is ongoing since mid January 2011.
- The affected districts are North Adjame, Williamsville and Bramakote, which are all located in Adjame municipality in northern Abidjan (cf. map).
- A *Vibrio cholerae* has been isolated and identified by the Pasteur Institute of Côte d'Ivoire.
- To date, the origin of the contamination and the measures taken to control the epidemic are still unknown.

In Côte d'Ivoire, the cholera is endemo-epidemic.

- In 2001, 2002 and 2003, major epidemics have been notified by Ivorian health authorities to WHO, with 5 912, 2 821 and 1 034 cases respectively. During 2001 and 2002 epidemics, cases have already been reported in Abidjan.
- This outbreak of cholera cases is not unexpected in Abidjan regarding water and sanitation access in those deprived districts where it occurs.
- Adjame municipality hosts one of the biggest market of the city, as well as a major international train station. Given the location of the cases and the unstable current political context (very tight in Ajame), an extension of the epidemic to the rest of the economic capital, other areas in the country or to neighbouring countries cannot be excluded. Therefore the situation will be followed carefully.

Map . Abidjan municipalities, Côte d'Ivoire

