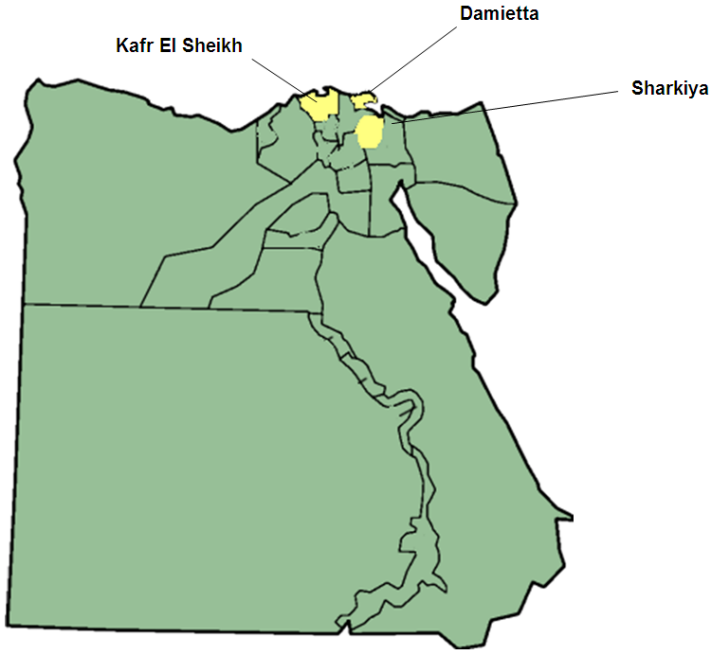


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Location:	Event:	Comments
Egypt	A(H5N1) – Human	<p><b>Map 1. Damietta, Kafr el Sheikh and Sharkiya governorates, Egypt</b></p>  <p>The map shows the outline of Egypt with its governorates. Three governorates in the northern part of the country are highlighted in yellow: Kafr El Sheikh, Damietta, and Sharkiya. Lines connect the labels to their respective locations on the map.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011, the Egyptian Ministry of Health reported 3 new human A(H5N1) cases in Damietta, Kafr el Sheikh and Sharkiya governorate (cf. map 1).</li> <li>• They are all hospitalized.</li> <li>• To date, no further details are available regarding these cases.</li> </ul>

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

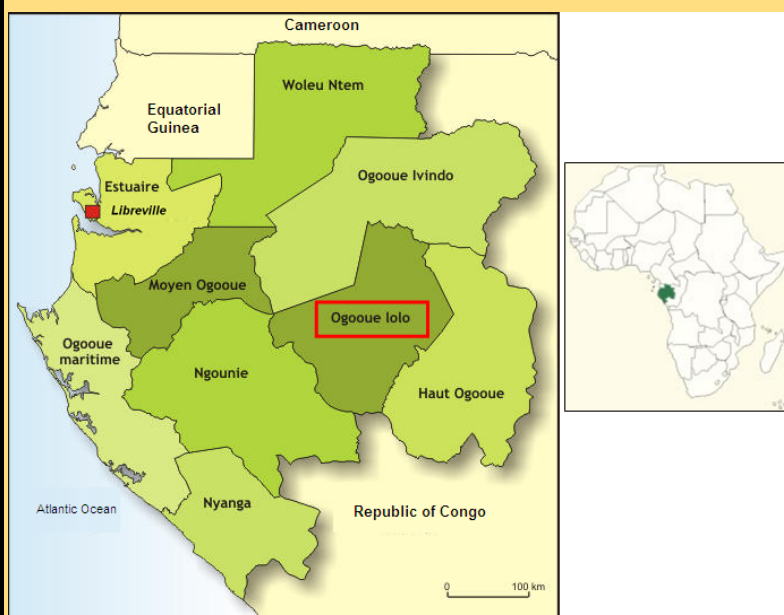
Area: Gabon

Event: Poliomyelitis

Comments

- On 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Gabonese health authorities reported a case of poliomyelitis (WPV1) in Ogooué-lolo province in the south-eastern part of the country (cf. map 2).
- The date of onset of symptom is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011.
- To date, we do not have any details regarding control measures nor immunization campaign implemented.

**Map 2. Ogooué-lolo province, Gabon**



- The last polio case reported by the country to WHO was in 1996.
- Since beginning of October 2010, a polio outbreak (WPV1) has been occurring in the Republic of Congo, a neighbouring country, with nearly 300 confirmed cases.
- To date, no details are available regarding the viral strain circulating in Gabon. The introduction of the virus via the Republic of Congo is a hypothesis.