

****CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN CYCLONE-HIT MOZAMBIQUE****

Following cyclone Idai in Mozambique, the World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed an outbreak of cholera in Beira. A total of 1052 cases were reported as at April 1st. More cases are expected since over 100 000 people are living in temporary shelters with unsafe water supply and poor sanitation and are at high risk of infection.

Healthcare workers are advised to suspect cholera in patients with acute onset of watery diarrhoea, particularly if there is a history of travel to cyclone-affected areas.

For more information, visit: http://www.nicd.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/CHOLERA-ALERTforHCW_3-April-2019.pdf

Cholera poses a major public health threat. To help prevent the spread of the disease, the Ministry of Health in Mozambique started a 6-day emergency vaccination campaign yesterday. For more information: <https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/combating-cholera-in-mozambique>