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**RESOLUTION**

**RESURGENCE OF CHOLERA IN THE WHO AFRICAN REGION: CURRENT  
SITUATION AND WAY FORWARD** (document AFR/RC57/3)

The Regional Committee,

Aware of the worsening situation of cholera since the early 1990s in the African Region and its link with poverty and underdevelopment;

Recognizing the complexity of cholera prevention and control involving different sectors, civil society, municipalities and communities;

Cognizant of the need for national multisectoral programmes to ensure universal access to safe drinking water and sanitation;

Acknowledging the need to put in place a multisectoral national cholera coordination mechanism with representation from the key government sectors (health, water, sanitation, fisheries, environment, agriculture, interior, security, education), communities, civil society, private sector, nongovernmental organizations and partners;

Concerned with the reactive nature of the health sector response often in the form of emergency response;

Having reviewed the document "Resurgence of cholera in the WHO African Region: Current situation and way forward" as well as the report of the Programme Subcommittee relating thereto:

1. ENDORSES the report on the resurgence of cholera in the WHO African Region: Current situation and way forward;
2. URGES Members States:
  - (a) to mobilize resources for strengthening programmes for safe water and food supplies and environmental sanitation, thus ensuring improved coverage of these services;

- (b) to put cholera prevention and control among the priority agendas of governments at the highest level; to ensure multisectoral coordination involving key sectors (health, water, sanitation, fisheries, food hygiene, environment, agriculture, interior, security, education), communities, civil society, private sector, nongovernmental organizations and partners;
  - (c) to develop integrated multisectoral medium- and long-term plans, including environmental sanitation, to resolve the cholera situation in their countries;
  - (d) to strengthen national capacity for surveillance, early detection, investigation, laboratory confirmation, sharing of information and effective response, including case management, for rapid containment of any outbreaks of cholera;
  - (e) to disseminate socioculturally-sensitive health promotion materials targeting different audiences for promoting personal hygiene and healthy behaviours, and changing risky behaviours for cholera;
  - (f) to enhance cross-border collaboration, coordination and timely sharing of information for cholera prevention and control activities.
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
- (a) to continue supporting countries in building national capacity in terms of provision of technical updated guidelines and protocols;
  - (b) to provide technical support for the development, execution and evaluation of integrated and comprehensive plans on prevention and control of cholera;
  - (c) to work with partners to mobilize resources in support of implementation of these plans;
  - (d) to support Member States in tracking progress achieved towards prevention and control of cholera in their respective countries;
  - (e) to support countries to strengthen surveillance, information sharing and intercountry collaboration, including cross-border activities.