



# SITUATION REPORT

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<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>2018 LASSA FEVER OUTBREAK IN NIGERIA</b>
<b>SERIAL NUMBER:</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>EPI-WEEK:</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>28 January, 2018</b>

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In the reporting Week 04 (January 22-28, 2018) fifteen new confirmed<sup>ii</sup> cases and two deaths were recorded from five States Edo (6), Ondo (4), Delta (1), Imo(1) and Taraba (3)
- From 1st – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018, a total of 297 suspected<sup>i</sup> cases, and 22 deaths have been reported from 13 active<sup>iv</sup> States- (Edo, Ondo, Bauchi, Nasarawa, Ebonyi, Anambra, Benue, Kogi, Imo, Plateau, Lagos, Taraba and Delta). *Figure 1*
- Since the beginning of 2018, 80 cases have been classified as: 77 confirmed cases, 3 probable cases with 21 deaths (18 in confirmed and 3 in probable) -*Table 1*
- Case Fatality Rate in confirmed and probable cases is 27.6% and 7.4% for all cases (including probable, confirmed and suspected)
- Ten Health Care workers have been affected in four states –Ebonyi (7), Nasarawa (1) Kogi (1) and Benue (1) with four deaths in Ebonyi (3) and Kogi (1)
- NCDC staff and NFELTP residents (National RRT) deployed to Ebonyi, Ondo and Edo states to support the States
- Irrua Specialist Hospital has 43 cases on admission this weekend. FMC Owo has 18 isolation beds, all occupied. Colleagues in Irrua are also providing clinical management advise for other hospitals
- A total of 415 contacts have been identified and are currently under follow up
- NCDC supplied Irrua and Owo tents and beds this weekend for their surge capacity
- NCDC in collaborating with ALIMA in Edo and Ondo States for assessment of isolation Centres
- National Lassa fever Emergency Operations Centre(EOC) continues to coordinate the response
- Letter of notification of Lassa fever EOC Activation sent to 36 states and FCT
- Setup of 24 hours Lassa fever case management helpdesk -09062654453

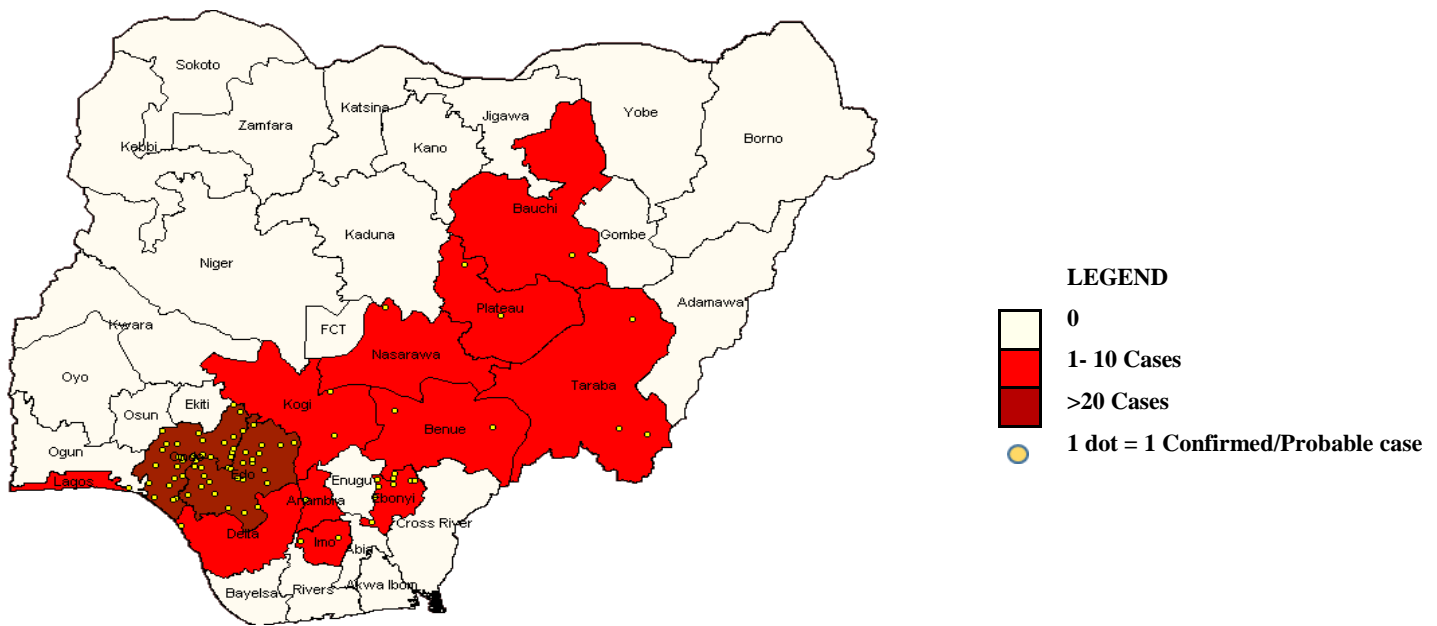


Figure 1. Distribution of Confirmed Lassa Fever cases in Nigeria as at 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

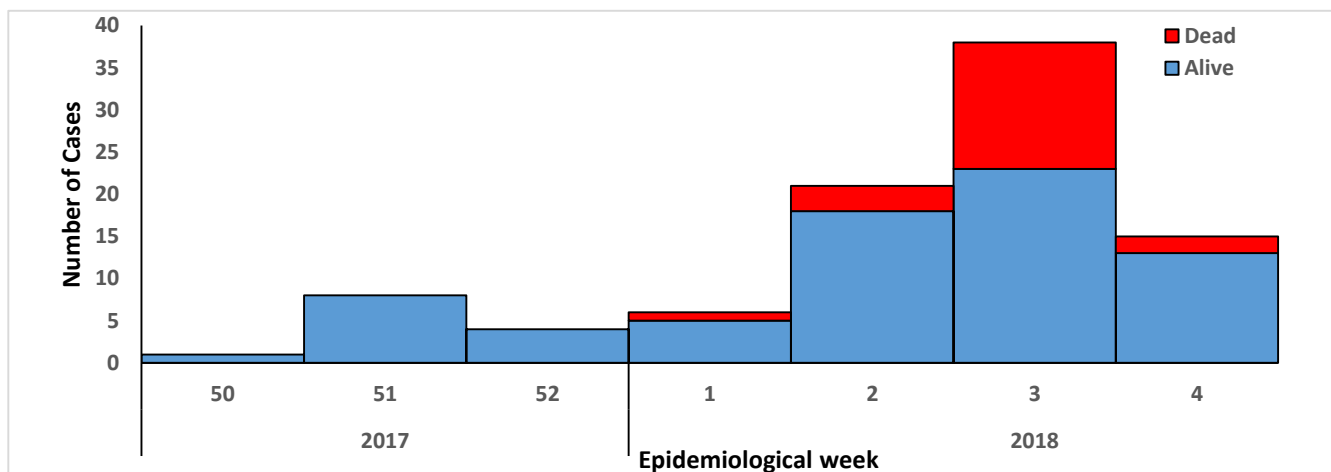


Figure 2. Confirmed and Probable Cases of Lassa fever by epidemiological week in Nigeria – Dec 2017 week 50 – 4 Jan 2018 (N = 80)

<sup>i</sup>Suspected case describes any individual presenting with one or more of the following: malaise, fever, headache, sore throat, cough, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, myalgia, chest pain, hearing loss and either a. History of contact with excreta or urine of rodents b. History of contact with a probable or confirmed Lassa fever case within a period of 21 days of onset of symptoms OR Any person with inexplicable bleeding/hemorrhagia.

<sup>ii</sup>Any suspected case with laboratory confirmation (positive IgM antibody, PCR or virus isolation).

<sup>i</sup>Any suspected case (see definition above) but who died without collection of specimen for laboratory testing

<sup>iii</sup>Any suspected case (see definition above) but who died without collection of specimen for laboratory testing

<sup>iv</sup>“Active” means where there has been at least one confirmed case, and contacts within 21 days post exposure