

RISK OF MENINGITIS EPIDEMICS IN AFRICA: HIGH THREAT IN 2018-2019

A new meningococcal meningitis clone of serogroup C is expanding in Sub-Saharan Africa, associated with a huge risk of a major epidemic in the next two years.



The new strain is hyper invasive

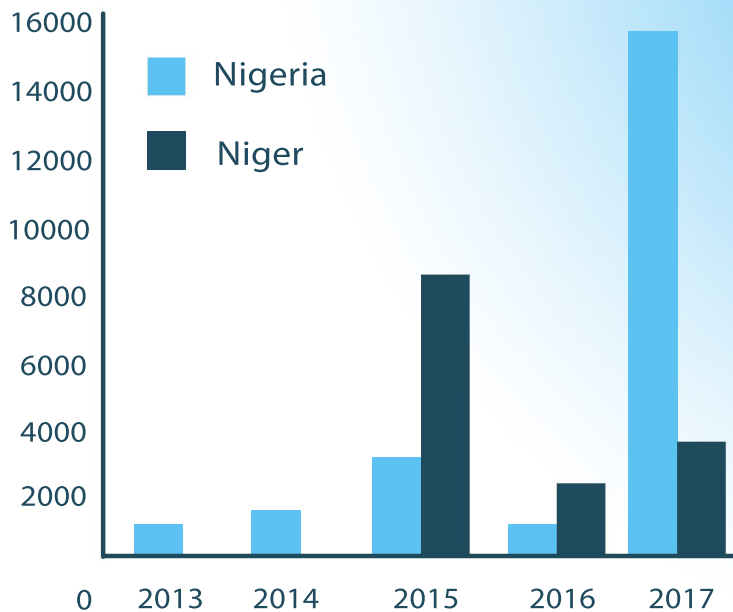


Population immunity is low



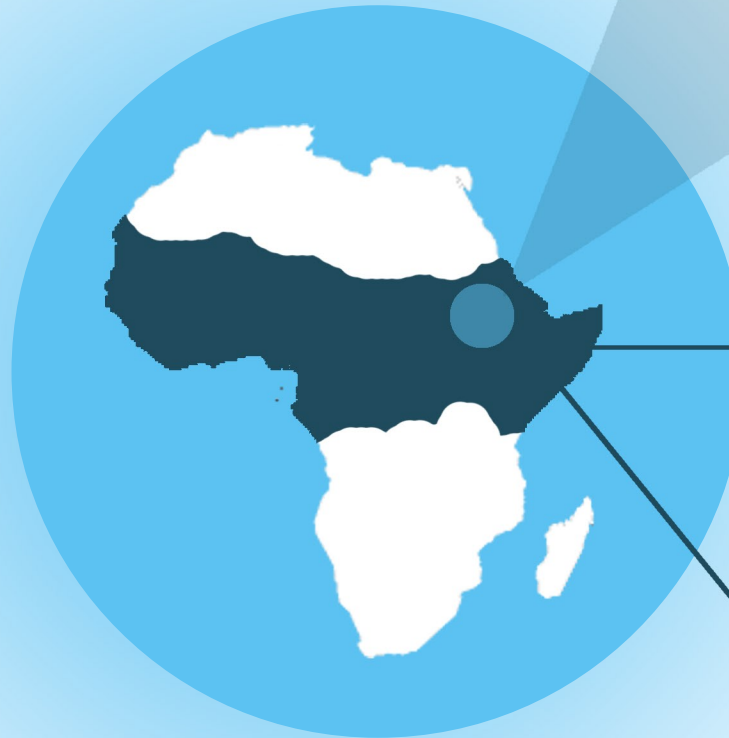
Spread to neighbouring countries

Number of suspected meningitis cases during Nm C outbreaks, 2013-2017



28 000
72 000

NEW CASES
COULD OCCUR
IN 2018-2019



**insufficient
vaccine stockpile**

The current international vaccine stockpile is not sufficient to cope with the eventual response needs.

**>10 million
doses needed**

ACTIONS FOR WHO AND PARTNERS



Increase global vaccine availability



Increase preparedness in countries

Additional C-containing vaccine doses, preferably from a conjugate vaccine, would be necessary to complement the current stockpile levels for 2018-2019.