

Cholera

Issue Brief

Cholera is an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by the consumption of contaminated water or food. This issue brief provides detailed information about cholera to personnel who will be responding to outbreaks in complex emergency situations or in settings where basic environmental infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed. Both Arabic and English materials are available for access.

More guidelines, online courses, posters, and videos can be found in our CHOLERA TOOLBOX www.cholerabox.org

Cholera outbreak in Syria

In September 2022, the Syrian Ministry of Health announced that there had been 15 confirmed cases of cholera and one death. There were at least 936 cases of severe acute watery diarrhea and six related deaths in the country at that time, which may have been caused by the cholera outbreak.

Key Resources

SPHERE Handbook 2018 (Arabic Version)

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Water and Sanitation Mission Assistant (2018)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/sphere-handbook-2018-arabic-version>



Cholera: Introduction Arabic مقدمة الكوليرا:

World Health Organization WHO (2019)

Online Course. This introductory level course provides a general overview of cholera including prevention and control principles. In addition, the course participants will learn about the Global Task Force for Cholera Control (GTFCC) and the Ending Cholera – A Global Roadmap to 2030 strategy. The target audience for this course is personnel responsible for prevention and control of cholera including those involved in cholera outbreak response.

<https://www.medbox.org/document/cholera-introduction-arabic-alkolyra-mkdm>

<https://openwho.org/courses/cholera-introduction-ar>



Cholera Factsheet Arabic

World Health Organization WHO (2016)

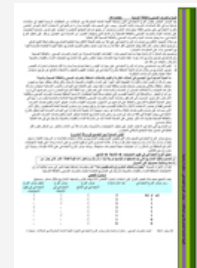
<https://www.medbox.org/document/cholera-factsheet-arabic>



WASH and Gender (IASC) (Arabic)

Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) (2017)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/wash-and-gender-iasc-arabic>



Clinical Guidelines of Cholera

Management of a cholera epidemic (Arabic)

Médecins sans Frontières MSF (2017)

Practical guide for doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians, medical auxiliaries, water and sanitation specialists and logisticians. Online version

<https://www.medbox.org/document/management-of-a-cholera-epidemic-arabic>

<https://medicalguidelines.msf.org/en/viewport/CHOL/english/arabic-37585779.html>



UNICEF Cholera Toolkit. Arabic Version

UNICEF (2016)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/unicef-cholera-toolkit-arabic-version>



Manual on Cholera Management in Emergencies (Arabic Version)

World Health Organization (WHO) (2011)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/manual-on-cholera-management-in-emergencies-arabic-version>



Steps in Managing Cholera (Arabic Version)

World Health Organization (WHO) (2011)

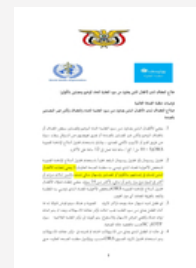
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Fluid management of children with severe acute malnutrition with cholera. Arabic Version

World Health Organization WHO (2017)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/fluid-management-of-children-with-severe-acute-malnutrition-with-cholera-arabic-version>



Management of Acute Diarrhoea

First steps for managing an outbreak of acute diarrhoea. Arabic

World Health Organization (2010)



<https://www.medbox.org/document/first-steps-for-managing-an-outbreak-of-acute-diarrhoea-arabic>

Acute diarrhoeal diseases in complex emergencies: critical steps. Arabic

Global Task Force on Cholera Control (2010); World Health Organization WHO

<https://www.medbox.org/document/acute-diarrhoeal-diseases-in-complex-emergencies-critical-steps-arabic>



Communication and Training

Information & Education Material (IEC)

Oxfam Poster on Water Storage 3 (Arabic)

Oxfam, Yemeni Women Union (2010)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/oxfam-poster-on-water-storage-3-arabic>



Poster on Easy Water Treatment at Home 1 (Arabic)

RELIF International (2011)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/poster-on-easy-water-treatment-at-home-1-arabic>



Hygiene Promotion Module 2-3: WASH Cluster (Arabic)

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Water and Sanitation Mission Assistant (2009)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/hygiene-promotion-module-2-3-wash-cluster-arabic>



Hygiene Training Material (Arabic) - RELIEF Int.

RELIEF International (2012)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/hygiene-training-material-arabic-relief-int>



Guidelines for Community Health Volunteers (Arabic Version) (MoH)

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Water and Sanitation Mission Assistant (2017)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/guidelines-for-community-health-volunteers-arabic-version-moh>



Handwashing before Eating Poster (Arabic Version)

UNICEF (2009)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/handwashing-before-eating-poster-arabic-version>



Hand and Germ Poster (Arabic Version)

UNICEF (2013)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/hand-and-germ-poster-arabic-version>



Household water treatment (Arabic)

Syrian Arab Red Crescent (2017)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/household-water-treatment-arabic>



Cholera Prevention. Arabic Version. Video

SAWBO Scientific Animation without Borders (2017)

Cholera is an intestinal infection caused by bacteria known as *Vibrio cholerae*. The main



symptoms of this disease are diarrhea and vomiting. Transmission of cholera primarily occurs by consumption of contaminated food or drinking water. In the video, which can be used on smart phones, we describe several techniques that can be used to help prevent cholera, including methods of treating water, washing of hands, and seeking medical advice if/when one has the symptoms of cholera.

<https://www.medbox.org/document/cholera-prevention-arabic-version-video>

<http://sawbo-animations.org/video.php?video=//www.youtube.com/embed/DRYwp2qDndU>

Ecosan Training Handout (Arabic) part 1

Ministry of Public Health and Population, Yemen; USAID (2017)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/ecosan-training-handout-yemen-arabic-part-1>



Ecosan Training Handout (Arabic) part 2

Ministry of Public Health and Population, Yemen; USAID (2017)

<https://www.medbox.org/document/ecosan-training-handout-yemen-arabic-part-2>

