



**Global Measles Summit, Cape Town, South Africa, 17 October 2003**

The Global Measles Summit, organized jointly by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), represents a critical step toward implementing measures for sustainable mortality reduction. Other partners were present such as the CDC, CIDA, DFID, EU, Japan, USAID, UNF, Gates Foundation, ADB, World Bank, Red Cross Movement and others.

The *Cape Town Measles Declaration*, released during the meeting, outlines the WHO-UNICEF strategy to reduce measles deaths which includes achieving and maintaining high routine measles immunization coverage - 'the first opportunity' to infants; providing a 'second opportunity' for measles immunization for all children through periodic supplementary immunization campaigns; ensuring that high quality measles surveillance is in place to detect and respond to outbreaks; and improving management of complicated cases.

The achievements of the Americas in measles mortality reduction were presented by representatives from Haiti, Mexico, and PAHO's Immunization Unit. Africa is already applying lessons learned from the Americas to reduce measles mortality. Experiences from our Region can also be used in Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Western Pacific.

The summit is just a first, but necessary, step towards reducing the burden of measles. The Global Measles Summit will hopefully galvanize both donors and countries into action. Such progress will be well received in the Region of the Americas, whose countries have made great strides in controlling measles and are cognizant that the chief threat is the importation of measles back into the Region because of continued circulation of measles in other regions of the world.

**Table No. 1**  
**Classification of Suspected Measles & Rubella Cases for the Period between Weeks 01-41, 2003**

Subregion and Country		Reported Cases 2003		Measles Confirmed 2003			Measles Confirmed 2002		Year/Week of Last Confir. Case	Rubella Confirmed 2003			Diagnosis of Discarded Cases 2003		
		Total	Under Inv.	Clinic.	Lab.	Total	Week 1-41	Total		Clinic.	Lab.	Total	Dengue	Other	
AND	BOL	441	5	0	0	0	0	0	00/40	0	28	28	0	408	
	COL	1330	9	0	0	0	140	140**	02/39	6	15	21	107	1193	
	ECU	297	1	0	0	0	0	0	01/14	41	20	61	9	226	
	PER	834	41	0	0	0	0	0	00/13	4	65	69	1	723	
	VEN	1441	1	0	0	0	2389	2392	02/47	0	29	29	84	1327	
BRA	BRA	12767	2164	0	0	0	1	1	02/11	86	211	297	0	10306	
CAP	COR	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	99/23	...	...	...	...	17	
	ELS	196	0	0	0	0	0	0	01/19	0	3	3	27	166	
	GUT	451	41	0	0	0	0	0	98/05	0	3	3	1	406	
CAR	HON	243	0	0	0	0	0	0	97/29	0	2	2	49	192	
	NIC	279	0	0	0	0	0	0	94/14	0	3	3	14	262	
	PAN	190	1	0	0	0	0	0	95/49	0	0	0	8	181	
	CAR	223	3	0	0	0	0	0	98/23	0	0	0	22	198	
	LAC	CUB	799	61	0	0	0	0	0	93/27	0	0	0	0	738
	DOR	499	0	0	0	0	0	0	01/23	0	3	3	2	494	
	FGU	18	0	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	18	
MEX	GUA	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	HAI	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	01/39	0	1	1	0	17	
	MAR	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	0	0	
NOA	MEX	2569	1041	0	41	41*	0	0	03/35	0	13	13	0	1474	
	CAN	13	...	0	13	13*	6	6*	03/36	...	...	...	...	...	
	USA	46	...	0	39	39†	26	44§	03/30	0	7	7	...	...	
SOC	ARG	347	18	0	0	0	0	0	00/11	2	8	10	0	319	
	CHI	144	7	0	1	1*	0	0	03/19	0	1	1	0	135	
	PAR	262	0	0	0	0	0	0	98/44	0	11	11	1	250	
	URU	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	0	1	
<b>Total</b>		<b>23426</b>	<b>3394</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2562</b>	<b>2583</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>19051</b>	

... No report received during 2003

\* Due to importation

\*\* 53 cases are imported

† 8 cases are imported

§ 18 cases are imported



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Table No. 2  
Measles Suspected Cases Under Investigation for the Period between Weeks 01-41, 2003

Region	Country	Pending cases 2002	Cumul. 2003	Week of Rash Onset														Unkn.
				1-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	21-24	25-28	29-32	33-36	37	38	39	40	41	
AND	BOL	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
	COL	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	ECU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	VEN	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRA	BRA	0	241	7	2	8	17	10	18	21	24	59	14	24	22	15	...	...
	COR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ELS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GUT	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	2	0	0
	HON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAR	NIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PAN	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	CAR	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	LAC	0	61	5	7	5	6	5	7	2	5	7	12	...	...	...	...	...
	DOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEX	FGU	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GUA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	HAI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	MAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOC	MEX	0	1041*	2	5	17	21	20	56	128	277	431	74	8	2	0	...	...
	CAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOC	ARG	0	10	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
	CHI	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	1
	PAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	URU	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total		0	1397	14	14	31	45	37	81	153	309	500	104	39	30	19	2	19

... No report received through the Measles Elimination Surveillance System

\* Includes all rash and fever illnesses reported to date

Table No. 3  
Measles Surveillance Indicators for the Period between Weeks 01-41, 2003

Region	Country	% Sites reporting Weekly	% Cases Timely Home Visit	% Cases Adequate Sample	% Lab received <=5 days	% Lab Result <=4 days	% Cases Discarded by Lab	Number of Active Municipalities
AND	BOL	...	99	99	80	74	86	0
	COL	88	56	93	69	79	98	0
	ECU	89	42	98	86	93	98	0
	PER	99	97	99	58	99	99	0
	VEN	81	97	99	66	74	100	0
BRA	BRA	92	72	70	61	80	99	0
	COR	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
	ELS	80	53	95	78	88	98	0
	GUT	24	98	99	66	94	99	0
	HON	94	93	99	73	93	100	0
CAR	NIC	100	84	99	85	72	100	0
	PAN	86	88	98	71	99	100	0
	CAR	100	99	96	20	99	99	0
	LAC	95	100	100	...	...	92	0
	DOR	90	100	98	45	95	100	0
MEX	FGU	...	...	...	...	...	100	0
	GUA	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
	HAI	...	83	94	100	88	94	0
	MAR	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
	PUR	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
SOC	MEX	86	98	97	73	33	100	15
	CAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
SOC	USA	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
	ARG	93	25	87	72	83	100	0
	CHI	97	60	89	83	96	98	0
	PAR	89	63	100	85	100	100	0
URU	32	100	100	100	0	...	0	
Total and Average		91	77	80	61	70	99	15

... No report received during 2003

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<http://www.paho.org/english/ad/fch/im/measles.htm>