



## Emerging and Reemerging Infectious Diseases, Region of the Americas

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### Update on Yellow Fever in the Americas

**Table 1: Jungle Yellow Fever,  
Reported Cases and Deaths**  
(by country and probable  
infection site,  
Region of the Americas,  
to 1 November 2003)

Country	Cases	Deaths
Bolivia	6	4
Brazil	62	23
Colombia	97	42
Peru	22	13
Venezuela	34	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>96</b>

*Source:* Reports to PAHO by the  
Ministry of Health of the  
respective countries.

From 9 October to 1 November 2003, 12 new laboratory-confirmed cases were reported to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The total number of cumulative cases for this year is 221, with 99 deaths. This is the greatest number of cases reported in the Region since 1998.

Venezuela has been the country reporting an increase of the number of cases (6), with the recent outbreak in the district of Guaranito, state of Portuguesa. Review of the data from Colombia has generated 6 additional cases to be included in this update, despite the fact that they are not of recent appearance.

The countries continue to intensify surveillance and promote vaccination of all residents in the affected areas.

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