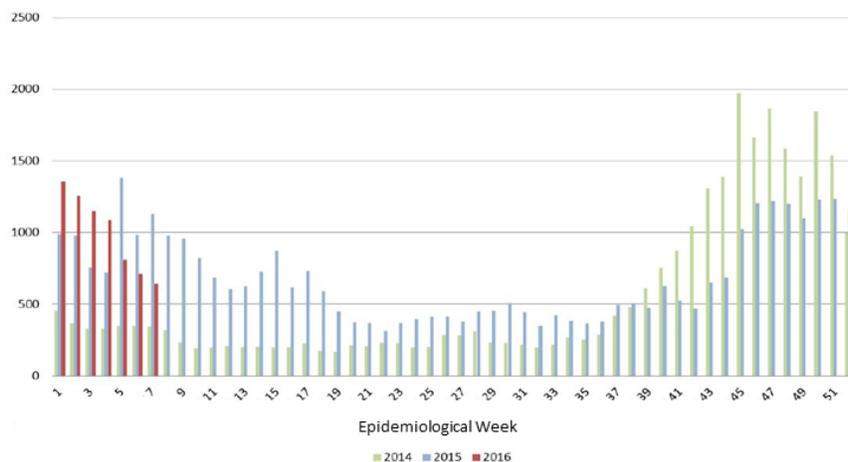


### Cholera in the Americas - Situation summary

- In 2015, a total of 36,654 cholera cases have been recorded from three countries in the Americas: Cuba (65), Haiti (36,045) and the Dominican Republic (544). Haiti alone registered 98% of the total cases in the Region of the Americas.
- In **Cuba**, as of epidemiological week (EW) 7 of 2016, no new cholera cases have been reported.
- In the **Dominican Republic** in 2016, as of EW 7, there were 68 suspected cholera cases reported and no deaths.
- In **Haiti** in 2016, as of EW 7, there were 7,040 suspected cholera cases reported and 88 deaths. In addition, the number of cases registered in the first four epidemiological weeks of 2016 exceeded the number of cases registered for the same period in both 2014 and 2015, followed by a decline of cases with numbers lower than those observed in 2015 (Figure 1).

**Figure 1.** New cholera cases by epidemiological week (EW). Haiti, EW 1 of 2014 to EW 7 of 2016



**Source:** Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Population (MSPP). Direction d'Epidémiologie de Laboratoire et de Recherches (DELR). Rapport du Réseau National de Surveillance. Haiti

## Advice to national authorities

In light of the role of clean water supplies and sanitation measures in reducing the impact of cholera and other waterborne diseases, the Pan American Health Organization/ World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) recommends Member States continue their efforts to ensure and maintain adequate sanitation and access to safe drinking water.

PAHO/WHO encourages Member States to maintain active surveillance systems for early detection of suspected cases, to carry out rapid laboratory diagnosis for confirmation of cases, to provide adequate treatment and to contain the spread of cholera.

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## Related links:

- WHO cholera fact sheet: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs107/en/index.html>
- PAHO cholera health topic: [www.paho.org/cholera](http://www.paho.org/cholera)
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