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MOZAMBIQUE

*To the Point*

## ***Cholera worsens***

Mozambique's much vaunted progress in preventive medicine lies in a shambles. When last week the World Health Organisation declared the country a cholera-affected zone it was reported that in southern Mozambique the health services were totally disorganised. A wave of dysentery had spread among residents.

South African health authorities in Natal have been alerted against a particularly virulent strain of cholera known as El Toro which has been detected in areas near the border with the Republic.

Durban regional health director J van Rensburg said that medical teams were carrying out frequent tests in the north of Zululand bordering Mozambique. The area has been declared "high risk". Special measures have been taken in Durban and Richards Bay ports for any vessels from or to Mozambique.