

Deaths from cholera

The number of deaths from the 1990 cholera outbreaks in six of Mozambique's 11 provinces rose in December from 170 to 192, according to Health Ministry sources quoted by the daily paper *Noticias* on 4 January.

In the same month, the number of confirmed cases of the disease rose from 2,809 to 3,891.

The worst hit area was the central province of Zambezia, with 1,922 cases and 91 deaths.

In Tete, the province which first recorded an outbreak, in April 1990, there were 1,402 notified cases and 42 deaths. After the first outbreak had apparently run its course, the disease reappeared in Tete city and the nearby district of Moatize in November.

In Maputo city, where the outbreak began in October, there were 77 cases of cholera and four deaths.

However, the country's second largest city, Beira, is now held to be free of the disease, with the last confirmed case on 17 September.

The other provinces affected are Nampula and Niassa in the north.

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