

# Typhoid fever in Mozambique

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MAPUTO. — Typhoid fever has broken out in Mozambique and health officials have warned that it might spread quickly.

"The future, in the short term, is extremely sombre," said Dr Avertino Barreto, head of the epidemiology department in the ministry of health.

"I fear high levels of mortality, since in Mozambique typhoid fever, like so many other epidemic diseases, finds fertile ground for spreading rapidly.

"In Maputo and Beira we live in the midst of permanent rubbish dumps. We cannot allow this to continue."

Fourteen typhoid cases have so far been diagnosed in Sofala province in central Mozambique.

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