

Niger Delta Weekly Conflict Update

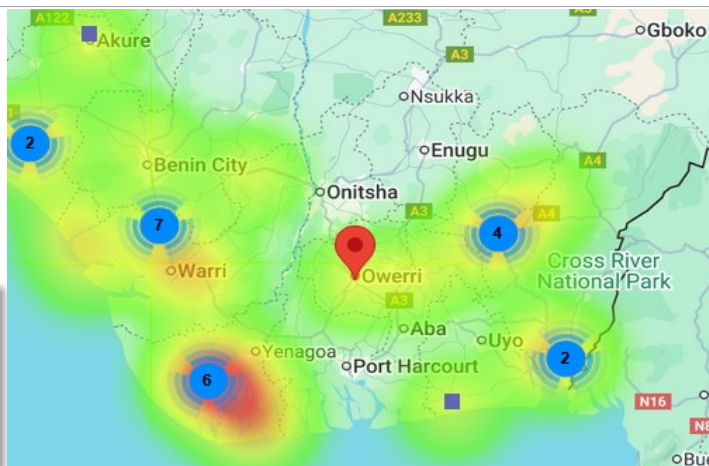
Enhancing Disease Surveillance and Emergency Preparedness

June 22-28, 2025

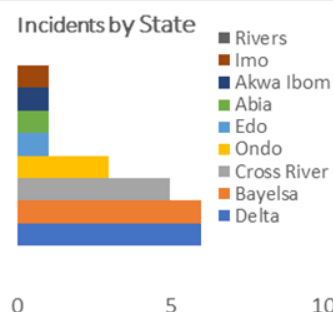
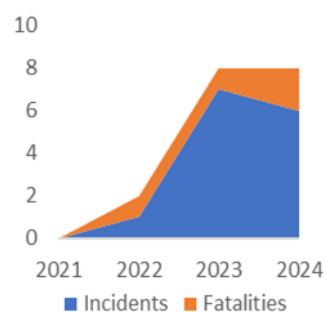
This update highlights the urgent need to strengthen emergency preparedness and disease surveillance in the Niger Delta, following recent outbreaks of Lassa fever and diphtheria in Ondo, Edo, and Imo States. These outbreaks risk overwhelming health facilities and pose serious threats to public health and economic development.



Trends and Flashpoints of Disease Outbreaks in the Niger Delta



Heat Map shows geographical concentration of infectious disease outbreaks in the Niger Delta from January 2021 - May 2025. Sources: All data sources formatted on PIND's P4P Peace Map www.p4pnigerdelta.org



Anticipated Trends and Dynamics

The spread of Lassa fever and diphtheria could overwhelm healthcare facilities and worsen existing health challenges in the region. Without timely containment and improved surveillance, rising infection rates may trigger unrest and escalate conflict dynamics.

Actions Taken to Mitigate the Situation

Health authorities have activated emergency response mechanisms, placed healthcare facilities on high alert, and intensified disease surveillance efforts. However, there is an urgent need to deepen public campaigns to raise awareness and promote preventive measures.



Timeline of Recent Disease Outbreaks in the Niger Delta

June 14, 2025

In Imo State, a recent diphtheria outbreak has reportedly claimed the lives of three pupils in Obibi and Ihiwere communities, Orlu LGA.

June 13, 2025

Data from Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), shows that Ondo State accounted for the highest Lassa fever-related deaths.

June 09, 2025

In Edo State, two individuals reportedly died from diphtheria at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital in Ovia North East LGA.

March 01, 2025

In Ondo State, a 31-year-old physician reportedly died of Lassa fever after returning from an overseas trip.

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Incident Details: Kindly include the State, LGA, Town, Date, and brief incident description.



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