

10. Responses to a Cholera outbreak – Angola

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With this presentation, David Weatherill from MSF and Sally Crook from Oxfam started the round on Cholera interventions in Urban settings.

The key objective during this presentation was to present an overview of the special characteristics and problems in the urban areas, focused on Luanda – Angola. In this special case, the main problem was related to water and sanitation. Due to the lack of solid waste material treatment, the population was exposed to a higher risk of Cholera spread.

Characteristics:

- Two principle water sources: Main and localized water supply in the city.
- Lack of sanitation.
- Water supply based on water trucks.
- Lack of adequate rubbish treatment system.
- Involvement of man, women and children. Key element of the applied strategy.

Based on this practical experience, the presenters stressed the importance of the application of hygiene promotion strategies at house hold level, complemented by the utilization of “treatment kits” which facilitate the improvement of the living condition of the patients at home after living the CTC. At planning and implementing phases of cholera interventions, the importance of collaboration between organisations (e.g. Oxfam – MSF) was highlighted.
