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## PREFACE

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Summarized in this report is published information pertaining to the
West Africa Smallpox Eradication/Measles Control Program and information
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## I. CURRENT SMALLPOX MORBIDITY

According to notifications received by the World Health Organization through November $17,1966,6,591$ cases of smallpox have been reported from the 19 countries participating in the West Africa Smallpox Eradication/Measles Control Program. This compares with 5,604 cases reported during a comparable time period in 1965, an increase of 18 percent. The numbers of cases reported by country are shown in the table on page 2 .

In Dahomey, 154 cases have been reported during September and October (week nos. $35-42$ ). This increase in reported cases is depicted in figure 1 on page 3 which presents the cases by week of report for 1966 . Of the 154 cases, 68 were reported from the circumscription of Allada and 58 from the circumscription of Ouidah, both in southern Dahomey. Six deaths were recorded in Ouidah. Three additional cases were reported from Cotonou during the week ending October 9.

In Mali, nine cases of smallpox were reported from the Cercle of Tenenhou in Mopti Region during the week ending November 4. This is the first report of smallpox from this cercle since March when 2 cases were reported.

In Niger, 37 cases, including 5 deaths, have been reported from the Cercle of Tera during the 4 -week period ending November 7. Tera is in Western Niger, close to the Upper Volta border. Smallpox in Niger, by month of report, is shown in figure 2 (page 4) for the years 1960-1966. The incidence of smallpox steadily dropped through 1964 and then increased in 1965 with a further increase thus far in 1966. Reported smallpox in Niger has followed the same annual trend and seasonal pattern as seen in Nigeria (see Surveillance Report No. 2, September 1, 1966). The geographic distribution of cases in Niger and Northern Nigeria will be presented in a future surveillance report.

A sharp increase in cases has been reported from Togo. Of 128 cases reported since September 5, 108 were from the circumscription of Nouatja in the Region des Plateaus (see figure 3, page 5). Of the 108 cases, 48 were fatal, indicating either a high case-fatality ratio or additional cases with milder symptoms that have not yet been reported. An additional 15 cases have been reported from the circumscription of Atapame, also in the Region des Plateaux in south central Togo. Only 10 cases were reported to WHO by Togo in 1965.

## Reported Smallpox Cases <br> in 19 West African Countries 1966*

| Country | Most Recent Reporting Date | Cumulative No. of Cases |  | Comments - 1966 Incidence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | in 1966 | 1966 | 1965** |  |
| Cameroon | April 30 | $3(r)$ | $0(r)$ | 2 cases reported from Division of Mayo-Danai and one case from |
| C.A.R. | *** | 0 | 0 |  |
| Chad | *** | 0 | 74(i) |  |
| Congo (B) | April 3 | 2 | 63 |  |
| Dahomey | Nov. 8 | 460 | 162 | 145 cases reported from Circumscription of Allada, 58 from Circumscription of Ouidah and 52 from Circumscription of Aplahoue. |
| Gabon | *** | 0 | 1 |  |
| Gambia | March 15 | 3 | 1 | 3 cases from Upper River, Division. |
| Ghana | June 10 | 12(i, r | 6 |  |
| Guinea | Aug. 13 | 5 | 51 | Telimélé Region removed from the infected area list during week ending November 3. |
| Ivory Coast | *** | 0 | 8 |  |
| Liberia | *** | 0 | 49 |  |
| Mali | Nov. 4 | 279 | 545 | 78 cases reported from Cercle of San, 72 from Cercle of Nioro, and 55 from Cercle of Dire. |
| Mauritania | Aug. 11 | **** | 0 | Smallpox reported present in Cercle of Hodh Occidental as of August 11. |
| Niger | Nov. 14 | 900 | 385 | 168 cases reported from Cercle of Niamey, 149 from Cercle of Tillabery and 132 from Cercle of Dosso. |
| Nigeria | Oct. 8 | 4569 | 4180 | $\frac{\text { Provinces }}{\text { Northern }} \quad \frac{\text { No. of Cases }}{4052}$ |
|  |  |  |  | Western 297 |
|  |  |  |  | Mid-Western 115 |
|  |  |  |  | Lagos (City) 91 |
|  |  |  |  | Eastern 14 |
| Senegal | *** | 0 | 0 |  |
| Sierra Leone | Sept. 24 | 123(i) | 56 | 86 cases reported from Eastern Province. |
| Togo | Nov. 13 | 168 | 10 | 128 cases reported since Sept. 5, including 108 cases and 48 deaths from circumscription of Nouatja. |
| Upper Volta | Aug. 17 | 67 | 13 | Cercle of Dori removed from infected area list week ending November 17. |
|  | Total | 6591 | 5604 |  |
|  | received by WHO le time period reported to WHO | hrough No 1965 <br> though No | $\begin{aligned} & 24,196 \\ & 24,196 \end{aligned}$ | (i) Includes imported cases <br> (r) Revised |



Source: WHO Reports

Figure 1
Smallpox Cases by Week of Report Dahomey, 1966




Source: WHO Reports

Figure 3
Smallpox Cases by Date of Report Togo, 1966

II. MEASLES IN WEST AFRICA
A. Cases, Deaths and Vaccinations, 1960-1966

Tables 1-19 presented in this section of the Surveillance Report represent the best data available to the Smallpox Eradication Program at the present time regarding measles incidence and vaccinations from 1960 to 1966 in the 19 -country Regional area. These data have been gleaned from a variety of sources including publications. The WHO records listed on the following page represent the source of the morbidity and mortality data except where otherwise indicated. With the exception of 1963, data on the number of vaccinations administered has been abstracted from reports of Ministries of Health, OCCGB and OCEAC.

## TABLES 1-19

MEASLES CASES, DEATHS, AND VACCINATIONS
WEST AND WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA, 1960-1966

## SOURCES OF DATA (Unless otherwise footnoted)

Morbidity and Mortality Data
1960: WHO Annual Epidemiological and Vital Statistics, Vol. 13, Part II (1963).
1961: WHO Annual Epidemiological and Vital Statistics, Vol. 14, Part II (1964).
1962: Who World Health Statistics Annual, 1962; Vol. II (1965).
1963: WHO Epidem. vital Statistics Rep., 1965; 18, No. 2, 57-96.
1964: WHO Epidem. vital Statistics Rep., 1966; 19, No. 2, 58-84.

1965-1966: WHO Wpidem. vital Statistics Rep., 1966; 19, No. 7-8, 335-432.
Vaccination Data
1963: WHO World Health Statistics Annual, 1962; Vol. II (1965).
1964-1966: Reports from Ministries of Health (SNGE), OCCGE, and OCEAC.

## SYMBOLS USED

* Preliminary, approximate or estimated data
... Data not available
+ Data not yet available
- Nil or magnitude negligible


## Table 1 - Cameroon

| Year | Cases |  | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 32,328 |  | 83 | - |
| 1961 | 33,132 |  | 27 | - |
| 1962 | 24,178 |  | 2,110 | - |
| 1963 | 64,467 |  | $743(1)$ | - |
| 1964 | 30,452 |  | $425(1)$ | - |
| 1965 | 21,957 | + | $225,381(2)$ |  |
| 1966 | $4,072(3)$ | + | $366,619(4)$ |  |

(1) Reported by Dr. Garrigue, Chef, SNGE du Cameroun, at the lst Annual Technical Conference of OCEAC, Yaounde, Cameroon, December, 1965.
(2) July-September, 1965.
(3) Through May, 1966.
(4) December, $1965-\mathrm{May}, 1966$.

Table 2 - Central African Republic

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 1,889 | 4 | - |
| 1961 | 3,475 | 15 | - |
| 1962 | 4,565 | 62 | - |
| 1963 | $5,462(1)$ | $82(2)$ | - |
| 1964 | $\ldots$ | + | - |
| 1965 | $\ldots$ | + | - |
| 1966 | $\ldots$ | + | - |
|  |  |  |  |
| (1) 11 months; no data for July. |  |  |  |
| (2) Reported by Dr. Garrigue; See footnote (1) for Cameroon. |  |  |  |

## Table 3 - Chad

| Year | Cases |  | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1960 | 4,167 |  | 34 | - |
| 1961 | 5,483 |  | 114 | - |
| 1962 | 6,045 |  | 91 | - |
| 1963 | 5,784 |  | $55(1)$ | - |
| 1964 | 6,085 | $84(1)$ | - |  |
| 1965 | 9,715 | + | $54,657(2)$ |  |
|  |  |  | + |  |
| 1966 | $7,692(3)$ |  | + | $17,878(4)$ |

(1) Reported by Dr. Garrigue; See footnote (1) for Cameroon.
(2) November, 1965 - January, 1966.
(3) Through June, 1966.
(4) February, 1966.

## Table 4 - Congo (Brazzaville)

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 7,053 | 52 | - |
| 1961 | 5,030 | 54 | - |
| 1962 | 7,413 | 148 | - |
| 1963 | 7,141 | $305(1)$ | - |
| 1964 | 8,160 | $173(1)$ | - |
| 1965 | 9,619 | + | - |
| 1966 | $7,655(2)$ | + | + |

(1) Reported by Dr. Garrigue; See footnote (1) for Cameroon. (2) Through June, 1966.

## Table 5 - Dahomey

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 14,590 | 61 | - |
| 1961 | 13,526 | 56 | - |
| 1962 | 11,622 | 224 | - |
| 1963 | 5,884 | + | - |
| 1964 | 11,932 | + | $6,242(1)$ |
| 1965 | 23,914 | + | $79,656(2)$ |
| 1966 | $3,023(3)$ | + |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| (1) $1963-1964$ campaign. |  |  |  |
| (2) $1964-1965$ campaign. |  |  |  |
| (3) Through February, 1966. |  |  |  |

Table 6 - Gabon

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1960 | 2,710 | 10 | - |
| 1961 | 5,029 | 13 | - |
| 1962 | 2,674 | 26 | - |
| 1963 | 4,619 | + | - |
| 1964 | 2,171 | + | - |
| 1965 | 4,525 | + | - |
| 1966 | $2,592(1)$ | + | + |

(1) Through May, 1966.

## Table 7 - Gambia

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 690 | 49 | - |
| 1961 | 1,526 | 29 | - |
| 1962 | 2,044 | 55 | - |
| 1963 | $5,113(1)$ | $146(1)$ | - |
| 1964 | $803(1)$ | $9(1)$ | - |
| 1965 | $1,297(1)$ | $16(1)$ | - |
| 1966 | $1,493(2)$ | + | - |
|  |  |  |  |

(1) Data for 1963 through 1965 kindly supplied by Dr. J. A. Mahoney, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health.
(2) Through week no. 28 (week ending July 16).

Table 8 - Ghana

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | ... | ... |  |
| 1961 | . | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1962 | ... | . $\cdot$ | - |
| 1963 | ... | ... | - |
| 1964 | ... | ... | - |
| 1965 | ... | ... | - |
| 1966 | + | * | + |

Table 9 - Guinea

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 5,085 | 55 | - |
| 1961 | ... | ... | - |
| 1962 | ... | $\cdots$ | - |
| 1963 | ... | + | - |
| 1964 | 6,617 | + | 122,106(1) |
| 1965 | 4,827 | + | 80,853(2) |
| 1966 | 2,173(3) | + | + |
| (1) 1964-65 campaign. <br> (2) 1965-66 campaign. <br> (3) Through March, 19 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

## Table 10 - Ivory Coast

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 40,093(1) | 203(1) | - |
| 1961 | 29,074 | 126 | - |
| 1962 | 26,257 | 92 | - |
| 1963 | 47,142 | + | - |
| 1964 | 22,035(2) | + | - |
| 1965 | 38,875 | + | 225,729(3) |
| 1966 | 6,076(4) | + | + |

(1) 11 months only; no data for September.
(2) 7 months only; no data for August through December.
(3) 1964-65 campaign.
(4) Through February, 1966.

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Table 11 - Liberia
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| Year | Cases | Deaths | $\underline{\text { Vaccinations }}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1960 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1962 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1963 | $\ldots$ | + | - |
| 1964 |  | + | - |
| 1965 |  |  |  |
| 1966 |  | + | - |
|  |  |  |  |
| (1) Through April, 1966 |  |  |  |

Table 12 - Mali

| Year | $\underline{\text { Cases }}$ |  | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 1960 | 14,637 |  | 556 | - |
| 1961 | 21,361 | 589 | - |  |
| 1962 | 23,974 |  | 499 | - |
| 1963 | $\cdots$ | + | 28,190 |  |
| 1964 | 32,246 |  | $927(1)$ | $\cdots$ |
| 1965 | 17,588 | + | 314,579 |  |
| 1966 | $16,946(2)$ | + | $80,000(3)$ |  |

(1) Plan Décennal (1966-1976) de Developpement des Services de Sante: Republique du Mali, Bamako (1966).
(2) Through June, 1966
(3) Through February, 1966; approximately 350,000 doses scheduled to be administered by the end of 1966 .

## Table 13 - Mauritania

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 2,297 | 48 | - |
| 1961 | 2,578 | 44 | - |
| 1962 | 6,937 | 174 | - |
| 1963 | 2,693 | + | 5,309 |
| 1964 | 3,248 | + | - |
| 1965 | 883 | + | 37,962(1) |
| 1966 | 929(2) | + | + |

(1) 1964-65 Campaign through April, 1965.
(2) Through May, 1966

Table 14 - Niger

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 8,903 | 375 | - |
| 1961 | 19,781 | 1,316 |  |
| 1962 | 15,058 | 1,447 | - |
| 1963 | 10,493 | $+$ | 16,000 |
| 1964 | 14,502 | + | + |
| 1965 | 24,421 | 584 (1) | 277,344(1) |
| 1966 | 5,384(2) | 35(1,3) | 111,047(1,3) |
| (1) <br> (2) <br> (3) | du Niger: <br> gh June, 1 <br> th March, | Statistique | nsuelle, Mar |

Table 15 - Nigeria

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 20,326 |  | 125 |
| 1961 | $26,543(1)$ | 408 | - |
| 1962 | 36,894 | 624 | - |
| 1963 | 56,322 | $896(2)$ | - |
| 1964 | 82,300 | $1349(2)$ | - |
| 1965 | 80,132 | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1966 | $62,646(3)$ | $\ldots$ | - |
|  |  |  |  |

(1) Ministry of Health slightly different; See Table 15A
(2) Source: Federal Ministry of Health, Lagos, Nigeria
(3) Through Week No. 28 (Week ending July 16).

Table 15A
Notification of Measles Cases and Deaths by Region Nigeria, 1961-1964

| Year | North |  | East |  | West |  | Midwest |  | Lagos |  | A11 <br> Nigeria |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cases | D | Cases | D | Cases | D | Cases | D | Cases | D | Cases | D |
| 1961 | 10898 | 145 | 5102 | 76 | 8115 | 15 | Part of |  | 1978 | 165 | 26093 | 402 |
| 1962 | 19319 | 389 | 5376 | 84 | 9432 | 35 | Western |  | 2747 | 116 | 36894 | 624 |
| 1963 | 23667 | 377 | 16235 | 107 | 11923 | 88 | Region |  | 4697 | 324 | 56522 | 896 |
| 1964 | 49960 | 854 | 15991 | 115 | 8724 | 55 | 1600 | 0 | 5457 | 325 | 81732 | 1349 |

Source: Federal Ministry of Health, Lagos, Nigeria

## Table 16 - Senegal

| Year | $\underline{\text { Cases }}$ |  | Deaths |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 11,527 |  | Vaccinations |
| 1960 | 15,607 | 214 | - |
| 1961 | 18,647 | 89 | - |
| 1962 | 21,847 | 210 | - |
| 1964 | 22,263 | + | - |
| 1965 | 24,301 | + | - |
| 1966 | $12,960(1)$ | + | - |
|  |  |  |  |
| (1) Through March, 1966. |  |  |  |

## Table 17 - Sierra Leone

| Year | Cases |  | Deaths |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Vaccinations |
| 1960 | $\ldots, 160$ | $\ldots$ | - |
| $1961(1)$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1962 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1963 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1964 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1965 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | - |
| 1966 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

(1) "Epidemic of unprecedented violence recorded in 1961" from Sierra Leone Ministry of Health National Health Plan, 19651975, Freetown, 1965.

## Table 18 - Togo

| Year | Cases | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1960 | 12,118(1) | 30(1) | - |
| 1961 | 10,440 | 39 | - |
| 1962 | 12,220 | 77 | - |
| 1963 | 20,216 | + | - |
| 1964 | 14,955 | + | - |
| 1965 | 17,760 | + | - |
| 1966 | 9,725(2) | + | 118,353(3) |
| (1) 18,087 cases and 82 deaths reported in the 1961 Des Service de la Sante Publique du Togo. |  |  |  |
| (2) Through April, 1966. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Table 19 - Upper Volta

| Year | Cases |  | Deaths | Vaccinations |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1960 | 28,056 | 611 | - |  |
| 1961 | 16,507 |  | 456 | - |
| 1962 | 27,924 | 1,027 | $638(1)$ |  |
| 1963 | 7,109 | $290(2)$ | 756,224 |  |
| 1964 | 7,129 |  | $211(2)$ | 33,652 |
| 1965 | 21,225 | + | $26,738(3)$ |  |
|  |  | + | + | + |

(1) Meyer, H.M, et al: Response of Volta children to live attenuated measles virus vaccine. Bull. Wld. H1th. Org. 1964, 30:769-781.
(2) 1964 Rapport Annuel: Service des Grandes Endemies.
(3) Through October, 1965.

## B. Seasonal Distribution

In Western Nigeria, Morley has reported measles as a disease that reaches epidemic proportions during the latter part of the dry season declining with the onset of the rains(1). The seasonal distribution of reported measles in Nigeria and the francophone countries corresponds to Morley's findings with the peak in reported cases occurring from March through May. Presuming a month's delay between onset and reporting of cases, the peak incidence of disease would be expected to occur during the period February through April, which roughly corresponds to the latter part of the dry season in many of these countries. Reported cases of measles in Nigeria are presented for 1965 and the first 28 weeks of 1966 by four-week periods in figure 4 (2). The seasonal peak during week 9 through 20 is clearly distinguishable in both years. It should be noted also that there has been an increase in reported cases in 1966.

In 1951, measles cases by month of report were available for the 14 francophone countries in West and West-Central Africa (3). Of these, 10 reported at least 1,000 cases (4). The total number of cases reported for the 10 countries was 19,479 and these same countries reported 203,487 cases in 1965(2). Despite the ten-fold increase in reported cases of measles over a 14 -year interval, the seasonal pattern has essentially remained the same with the exception of a sharper peak and an apparent shift in the peak from March to April (see figure 5).

[^0]Figure 4
Reported Measles in Nigeria by Four-Week Periods, 1965-1966


Source: WHO Reports

Figure 5
Measles by Month of Report
Percent Distribution
Selected Countries, West Africa ${ }^{(4)}$
1951 and 1965


Source: WHO Reports

## C. Age Distribution

Dr. David C. Morley of the Institute of Child Health, University of London, has kindly provided the Smallpox Bradication Program with data on the age distribution of hospitalized measles cases in several West African countries. These data, shown in the table below, are taken largely from voluntary agency hospitals although in the case of the Western Nigerian figures, two-thirds of them come from figures collected at University College Hospital in Ibadan.

In each country, at least 82 percent of the hospitalized cases were under age 5 and in Eastern and Western Nigeria, over 90 percent of the cases were under age 5. With the exception of Western Nigeria, the median age ranged from 21 to 30 months of age.

Table
Age Distribution of Hospitalized Measles in West Africa Percent Distribution by Age

| No. in Group | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sierra Leone } \\ & 800 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Ghana } \\ 5059 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { E. Nigeria } \\ & 3799 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N. Nigeria } \\ 946 \end{gathered}$ | W. Nigeria 6759 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age in (Years) |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<1$ | 26.3 | 20.4 | 23.9 | 20.9 | 33.1 |
| 1 | 23.1 | 28.7 | 30.7 | 21.4 | 35.3 |
| 2 | 16.2 | 16.4 | 17.1 | 18.0 | 14.5 |
| 3 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 13.3 | 13.0 | 8.0 |
| 4 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 8.9 | 4.2 |
| 5 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 2.2 |
| 6 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 3.6 | 1.1 |
| 7 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 0.6 |
| 8 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.4 |
| 9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| 10 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| 11+ | 1.8 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.2 |
| Percent under age 5 | 85.1 | 85.6 | 91.6 | 82.2 | 95.1 |
| Median Age (months) | 29.1 | 24.7 | 21.5 | 29.1 | 16.5 |

Seven francophone countries reported age distribution data to the World Health Organization for the year 1962. These countries included Cameroon, Dahomey, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo as shown in the table below:

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF MEASLES*<br>West Africa, 1962<br>Countries with Available Data

| Age | Cameroon | Dahomey | Mali | Mauritania | Niger | Senegal** | Togo** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<1$ | 6,033 | 2,140 | 7,330 | 1,397 | 3,044 | 4,374 | 4,636 |
| 1-4 | 12,858 | 4,189 | 9,444 | 2,730 | 6,091 | 8,466 | 5,087 |
| 5-14 | 5,287 | 3,256 | 6,200 | 2,616 | 5,376 | 5,679 | 1,787 |
| 15+ | - | 2,037 | - | 194 | 547 | 128 | 710 |
| Unk. | - | - | 1,000 | - | - | - | $-$ |
| TOTAL | 24,178 | 11,622 | 23,974 | 6,937 | 15,058 | 18,647 | 12,220 |
| Percent under |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| age 5 | 78.1 | 54.5 | 73.0 | 59.5 | 60.7 | 68.9 | 79.6 |

[^1]The percentage of reported cases under 5 years of age ranges from only 55 percent in Dahomey to 80 percent in Togo. Even the maximum figure of 80 percent in Togo falls below the minimum percentage of cases under five years of age seen in Morley's series of hospitalized cases.

However, studies by Morley(1) and Hendrickse(2) suggest that greater than 80 percent of measles cases occur in children less than five years of age, as seen in the hospitalized series of cases, rather than only 50 to 80 percent, as seen in reported data. Morley has studied measles in the village of Ilesha in Western Nigeria on a langitudinal basis, with both numerator and denominator data available, and has reported that over half the children in the village had had measles by age three(1). Antibody studies in Eastern Nigeria by Hendrickse show the seropositivity rate increasing sharply at two years of age and reaching 84 percent by five years of age(2).
(1) Morley, D.C.: Measles in Nigeria. Amer. J. Dis. Child. 103, 230-233 1962).
(2) Hendrickse, R.G. et al: Measles Vaccination - Report of a large scale trial of further attenuated measles vaccine in Nigeria. J. Trop. Med. Hyg. 69, 112-116 (1966).

An excellent review of the worldwide leprosy problem has recently been published in the Bulletin of the World Health Organization (Bechelli, L, M. and and Dominguez, V.M., 1966 Bull. Wld. H1th. Org., 34, 811-826). Data presented for the 19 countries participating in the Smallpox Eradication/Measles Control Program has been abstracted and are presented in table III on page 24.

## IV. DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT

A demographic report was included in Surveillance Report No. 4 (October 15, 1966). Table 5 of that demographic report presented population estimates for the capital cities and cities of 100,000 or more inhabitants in West and West-Central Africa. Since that date, new population estimates for several cities have been published in the 1965 United Nations Demographic Yearbook and a revised table 5 is presented on page 25.

New population estimates are included for Accra, Kumasi and SekondiTakoradi in Ghana; Nouakchott, Mauritania; and for three cities in Nigeria Mushin, Ogbomosho and Oshogbo. In addition, new urban area estimates are available for Bangui, C.A.R.; Brazzaville, Congo(B); Libreville, Gabon: Bathurst, Gambia; Accra, Kumasi, and Sekondi-Takoradi in Ghana; Conakry, Guinea; Abidjan, Ivory Coast and Bamako, Mali.

Table III*
Leprosy in West and West-Central Africa

| Country | Date of Prevalence Rates ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Leprosy Patients |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Registered |  | Estinated ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  | Treated |  |  |
|  |  | No. | Rate ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | No. | Rate ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | No. | \% Reg. | \% Est. |
| Cameroon | Jan. 1965(1) | 43,942 | 9.6 | 115,000(1) | 25.4 | 34,718 | 79.0 | 30.2 |
| C.A.R. | Dec. 1963 (2) | 66,781 | 53.4 | 117,000(3) | 93.4 | 53,510 | 80.1 | 45.7 |
| Chad | May 1965(3) | 52,093 | 19.2 | 103,000(3) | 38.0 | 30,980 | 59.5 | 30.1 |
| Congo (B) | Nov. 1964(3) | 17,875 | 21.8 | 30,500(3) | 37.3 | 8,338 | 46.6 | 27.8 |
| Dahomey | Dec. 1963(4) | 36,053 | 16.4 | 63,000(3) | 28.7 | 26,317 | 73.0 | 41.8 |
| Gabon | Mar. 1965(3) | 10,629 | 23.2 | 18,000(3) | 40.0 | 7,416 | 69.8 | 41.2 |
| Gambia | Mar. 1964(2) | 5,587 | 17.7 | 14,000(4) | 44.2 | 5,567 | 100.0 | 39.8 |
| Ghana | June 1964(5) | 25,183 | 3.4 | 63,000(4) | 8.6 |  |  |  |
| Guinea | Dec. 1963(2) | 64,431 | 19.2 | 161,000(4) | 48.0 | 50,842 | 78.9 | 31.6 |
| I. Coast | Jan. 1964(4) | 110,419 | 30.1 | 183,000(3) | 49.9 | 86,819 | 78.6 | 47.4 |
| Liberia | Dec. 1963(2) | 5,000 | 5.0 | 21,500(1) | 21.5 | 5,000 | 100.0 | 23.2 |
| Mali | Dec. 1963(4) | 92,762 | 21.1 | 153,000(3) | 34.8 | 45,098 | 48.6 | 29.5 |
| Mauritania | Dec. 1963(2) | 1,944 | 2.5 | 4,600(4) | 6.0 | 1,009 | 51.9 | 21.9 |
| Niger | Dec. 1963(4) | 23,944 | 7.7 | 41,000(3) | 13.1 | 6,338 | 26.5 | 15.5 |
| Nigeria | Dec. 1963(2) | 363,775 | 9.8 | 675,000(1) | 18.1 | 352,987 | 97.0 | 46.4 |
| Senegal | Dec. 1963(4) | 42,468 | 12.6 | 74,000(3) | 22.0 | 23,441 | 55.2 | 31.7 |
| S. Leone | 1959(6) | 5,300 | 2.4 | 100,000(2) | 45.8 | 4,260 | 80.4 | 4.3 |
| Togo | Dec. 1962(2) | 28,317 | 19.7 | 54,000(3) | 34.5 | 28,317 | 100.0 | 52.4 |
| U. Volta | Dec. 1963(2) | 132,748 | 29.5 | 232,000(3) | 51.6 | 119,917 | 90.3 | 51.7 |

* From table 1 in Bechelli, L.M, and Dominguez, V.M. (1966) The leprosy problem in the world. Bull. Wld. H1th. Org., 34, 811-826.
a Footnotes in this column indicate source of information for prevalence rates.
(1) Government Quarterly Report
(2) WHO Regional Office for Africa
(3) SNGB, Ministere de la Sante Publique
(4) OCCGE
(5) UNICEF Executive Board Rpt.
(6) WHO Conference on Leprosy in Africa, Brazzaville.
$b$ The footnotes in this column (in parentheses) indicate the method by which the estimate was obtained namely:
(1) Who Leprosy Advisory Team (LAT) sample survey.
(2) Government, short-term consultants' and others' estimates.
(3) Registered $+75 \%$ (WHO estimate).
(4) Registered $+150 \%$ (WHO estimate).
c Rates $(0 / 00)$ related to the population of the country for 1963 as given in the Demographic Yearbook of the United Nations.

Population of Capital Cities and Cities of 100,000 or More Inhabitants

Latest Available Year
West and West-Central Africa

| Country | City | Date | Population |  | Source of Population Data |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | City Limits | Urban Area |  |
| Cameroon | Douala | 1964 | --- | 187,000** | Estimate |
|  | Yaounde | 1962 | 93,269 | --- | Municipal Census |
| C.A.R. | Bangui | 1964 | 111,266 | 126,602 | Municipal Census |
| Chad | Fort Lamy | 1963 | - | 91,700 | Estimate |
| Congo (B) | Brazzaville | 1961-62 | --- | 136,200 | Municipal Census |
| Dahomey | Cotonou | 1964 | 109,328** | - | Municipal Census |
|  | Porto-Novo | 1964 | 69,500 | --- | Estimate |
| Gabon | Libreville | 1964 | --- | 45,909 | Municipal Census |
| Gambia | Bathurst | 1964 | 28,896 | 42,104 | Estimate |
| Ghana | Accra | 1965 | 484,783 | 557,348(1) | Estimate |
|  | Kumasi | 1965 | 230,499 | 285,400(1) | Estimate |
|  | SekondiTakoradi | 1965 | 104,046 | 170,000(1) | Estimate |
| Guinea | Conakry | 1964 | --- | 175,000 | Estimate |
| Ivory Coast | Abidjan | 1963 | --- | 246,700 | Sample Survey |
| Liberia | Monrovia | 1962 | 80,992** | --- | National Census |
| Mali. | Bamako | 1960 | --- | 130,000** | Sample Survey |
| Mauritania | Nouakchott | 1965 | 15,000 | --- | Estimate |
| Niger | Niamey | 1962 | 40,000 | --- | Estimate |
| Nigeria | Aba | 1963 | 131,003 | --- | National Census |
|  | Abeokuta | 1963 | 187,292 | --- | National Census |
|  | Ado | 1963 | 157,519 | --- | National Census |
|  | Benin | 1963 | 100,694 | --- | National Census |
|  | Ede | 1963 | 134,550 | --- | National Census |
|  | Enugu | 1963 | 138,457 | --- | National Census |
|  | Ibadan | 1963 | 627,379 | --- | National Census |
|  | Ife | 1963 | 130,050 | --- | National Census |
|  | Ikere | 1963 | 107,216 | --- | National Census |
|  | Ilesha | 1963 | 165,822 | --- | National Census |
|  | Ilorin | 1963 | 208,546 | --- | National Census |
|  | Iwo | 1963 | 158,583 | --- | National Census |
|  | Kaduna | 1963 | 149,910 | --- | National Census |
|  | Kano | 1963 | 295,432 | --- | National Census |
|  | Lagos | 1963 | 665,246 | --- | National Census |
|  | Maidurgi | 1963 | 139,965 | --- | National Census |
|  | Mushin | 1963 | 312,063 | --- | National Census |
|  | Ogbomosho | 1963 | 343,279 | --- | National Census |
|  | Onitsha | 1963 | 163,032 | --- | National Census |
|  | Oshogbo | 1963 | 208,966 | --- | National Census |
|  | Oyo | 1963 | 112,349 | --- | National Census |
|  | Port Harcourt | 1963 | 179,563 | --- | National Census |
|  | Zaria | 1963 | 166,170 | --- | National Census |
| Senegal | Dakar | 1961 | --- | 374,700(2) | Sample Survey |
| Sierra Leone | Freetown | 1963 | 127,917 | --- | Census |
| Togo | Lome | 1962 | 80,000 | 90,000 | Estimate |
| Upper Volta | Ouagadougou | 1961 | 59,126 | --- | Municipal Census |

Footnotes: * Supercedes table 5 of Demographic Rprt., Surv. Rprt. \#4 (Oct. 15, 1966)
** Provisional (1) For "city councils"; includes some rural areas.
(2) For commune of Dakar, comprising city proper, the suburban villages and Goree. Source of Data: United Nations Demographic Yearbook, 1965; Table 5.


[^0]:    (1) Morley, D.C.: Measles in Nigeria. Amer. J. Dis. Child., 103, 230-233 (1962).
    (2) Epidem. vital Statist. Rep., 1966, 19, 335-432.
    (3) Epidem. vital Statist. Rep., 1952, 5, 323-370.
    (4) Data from references (2) and (3) included for Cameroon, Congo(B), Dahomey, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo and Upper Volta.

[^1]:    * Source: WHO World Health Statistics Annual, 1962; Vol. II (1965)
    ** Inpatients and outpatients of hospitals and dispensaries.

