Appendix 1. Chronology of hepatitis E outbreak data collection activities in Arichpur, Bangladesh 2008 - 2009

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| Dates | Outbreak activities |
| November - December 2008 | 4 pregnant women die with acute jaundice illness in East Arichpur |
| First week of January 2009 | Maternal deaths are reported to public health authorities |
| January 12 - February 23, 2009 | Outbreak team conducts house-to-house survey to identify cases of acute jaundice occurring during August 2008 - January 2009Blood samples collected from suspect cases residing on the same housing compounds as persons who died with acute jaundice for laboratory testingAnthropologists conduct interviews and group discussions with community residents about perceptions about the cause of the outbreakWater collected from various distribution points for testing for thermotolerant coliforms |
| March 5 - April 15, 2009 | Outbreak team conducts a survey selecting every fifth household in East Arichpur to list all incidence pregnancies starting between January 2008 and February 2009, including the pregnancy outcomes and acute jaundice illness among pregnant women |
| May 2009 | Cases and controls are enrolled for the risk factor studies on HEV disease and risk factors for jaundice-associated deaths |