

Cholera Deaths in Northwest Syria

Death case No 12

1- A 40-year-old man

Al Omer camp, Atmeh community, Dana subdistrict, Harim district, Idleb governorate.
He had a history of epilepsy, asthma, and retardation.

Date of onset: 19-Nov-2022, with acute watery diarrhea (15 times a day), without vomiting.

On 20-Nov-2022 at 9.00 AM, the patient came to the Charitable Atmeh Hospital, Where the necessary steps are taken, and then transferred the patient to the CTU in Atma by civil defense. At CTU, the patient was treated.

The patient was not cooperative at all while receiving the medical service and was refusing all forms of intervention.

At 9.00 PM, the CTU discharged the patient to his home for fear of drowning in the pool and for fear of the rest of the patients (he was transferred to the house by the Civil Defense)

On 21-Nov-2022 at 9.00 AM, the patient died at home.

Now in the home, there is a suspected cholera case, the sample was taken

WASH situation

- Source of drinking water is a controlled tank (Ataa and GREEN HANDS organizations)
- sanitation is open pits

Possible reasons

- The patient's family did not know that the patient had cholera, and no one told them that
- The difficulty of managing the case in the CTU (due to the patient's mental retardation), which led to the patient's discharge home

Recommendations

- train and support the CTUs to manage private cases such as (mental retardation, chronic diseases, and COVID-19....)
- Deliver more messages to the population about cholera across all lines (health centers - community health workers - local councils...)