

Situation of Cholera Outbreak in Kirkuk Governorate (as of 15 October)
Ministry of Health- Iraq and the WHO Representative's Office Iraq

The cholera outbreak reported since 23 September in Kirkuk has been showing a decline in severity and numbers. Most of the cases reported after 4 October have mild to moderate dehydration unlike the beginning when most of the cases were reported as having moderate to severe dehydration. Most of the cases are reported from the center of Kirkuk followed by Hawjah and Daquoq.

Health Impact:-

Since 4 October, 69 new cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) has been reported from Kirkuk with no new confirmed case out of these cases. These results have further been confirmed by re-examining the cases in the Central Public Health Lab in Baghdad which is accredited by WHO.

The available data from the preventive health department of DoH Kirkuk reveals that:

- 85 % of the cases are male and 15% are female.
- 97% cases are for patients aged more than 5 years and 3% cases below 5 years.
- The above cases are under recovery treatment and most of them left the hospital by the IV fluids (Ringer lactate sol) while others are treated by the antibiotics mainly tetracycline and doxydar (sensitive to all AB except Amoxcillin and Metheprim).
- No death cases are registered till now.
- In Babil, Saleheldin and Diayla governorates, Many cases of watery diarrhea cases have been registered. No confirmed cases of cholera have been noticed till now.
- The measures taken by MOH Baghdad and DOH Kirkuk on preventive aspect are adding tremendous value to prevention efforts.
- WHO and UNICEF are supporting the preventive efforts. The school awareness program in collaboration with UNICEF is proving to be useful public health intervention which is witnessed in the reduction of new cases reported to the health system

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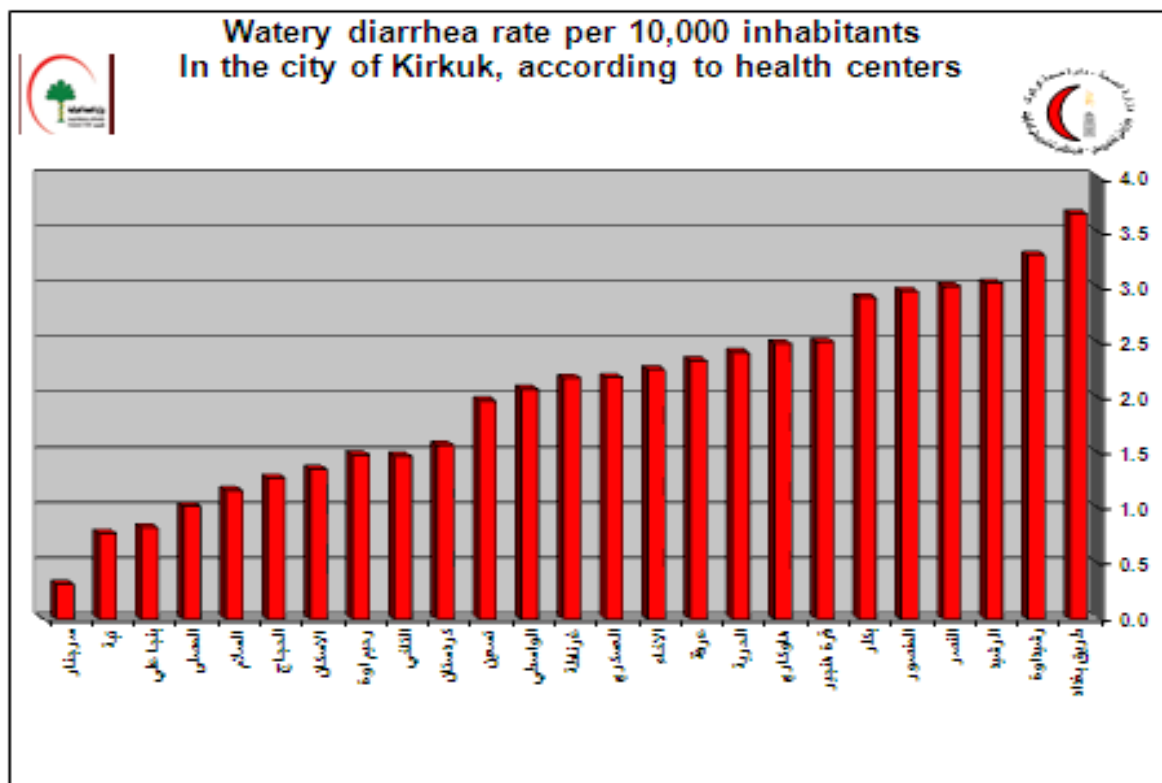
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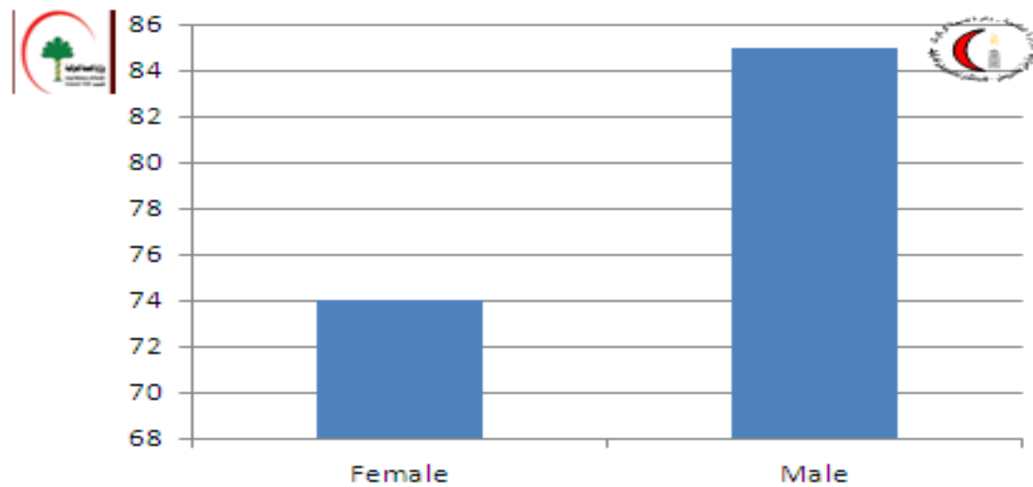
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% of watery diarrhea (cholera) cases in 2012 by sex



% watery diarrhea (cholera) in 2012 by age

