

## b The yellow fever outbreak in Angola and Democratic Republic of Congo

The yellow fever (YF) outbreaks in Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have claimed nearly 400 (369 and 16, respectively) deaths and resulted in suspected YF in more than 6000 people (3867 and 2269, respectively) in the past eight months. The YF outbreak was first detected in Angola in January 2016 (with cases dating back to December 2015), and then spread to DRC with cases notified from late March 2016. More than 16 million people have been vaccinated in Angola and the DRC in an attempt to control the outbreak. Mass vaccination campaigns have covered most of the affected parts of Angola, but additional vaccination campaigns are currently underway to maximize coverage in the two affected countries. Fractional dosing of the vaccine is being implemented in the campaigns in Kinshasa to increase coverage with limited vaccine stocks available. As a result, the outbreak appears to be declining in Angola where no new cases were confirmed in the past six weeks, during the month

of July until 12 of August 2016. No deaths were reported amongst the suspected cases since the week of 29 July to 4 August.

Travellers to the affected countries and other yellow fever endemic areas are required to be vaccinated with YF vaccine at least 10 days before departure or risk being denied entry into South Africa upon return.

The World Health Organization situation report on the outbreak is available on the following link: <http://who.int/emergencies/yellow-fever/situation-reports/8-july-2016/en/>

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