

Burden of Typhoid in Uganda

Uganda is a typhoid-endemic country. The Global Burden of Disease study estimated that, in 2019, there were at least:

41,734 typhoid cases (102 cases per 100,000)

635 typhoid deaths

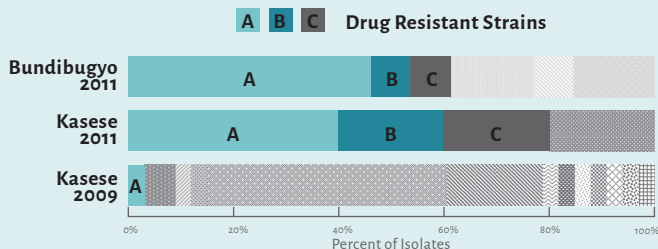
48,627 disability-adjusted **life-years lost** to typhoid¹

While typhoid is rarely fatal, the recovery is long and difficult. The disease takes time, money, and productivity from those infected and their families and is associated with numerous long-term complications.

Drug-resistant typhoid strains are a growing problem in Uganda, regionally, and across the globe.



During an outbreak in Bundibugyo and Kasese Districts from 2008 to 2011, multidrug-resistant strains increased from just 5% of isolates in 2009 to 83% of isolates in 2011.²



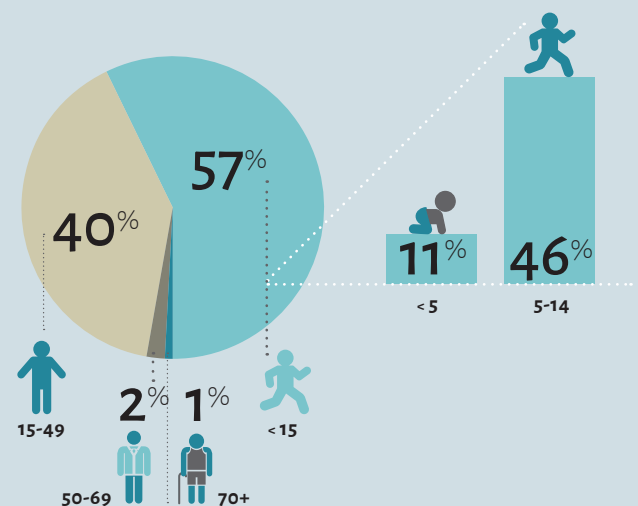
During the 2015 outbreak in Kampala, which caused over 10,000 suspected cases, one analysis found that 22.7% of isolates had multidrug resistance genes, and all showed reduced susceptibility to ciprofloxacin.³



As drug-resistant typhoid becomes more common, it will become more difficult to treat and **force the use of more expensive and less readily-available** treatment options.

Most typhoid cases in Uganda occur in children **younger than 15 years old.**

TYPHOID CASES IN UGANDA BY AGE (2019)



Typhoid conjugate vaccines (TCVs) in Uganda

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends the introduction of prequalified TCVs be prioritized in countries with a high burden of typhoid disease or a high burden of drug-resistant typhoid. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance support for introduction is **available now**.

Prequalified TCVs are highly effective and safe for children as young as 6 months of age. Recent data from Malawi show TCV is safe and 84% effective in preventing typhoid.⁴ TCVs:



Require **one dose**;



Are **more effective and may be longer-lasting** than other typhoid vaccines; and



Can be **co-administered with measles-rubella and meningococcal A** vaccines.⁵

Findings from an economic analysis predict that, even in the absence of a Gavi subsidy, a catch-up campaign with TCV could be cost-effective in Uganda.⁶

Let's Take on Typhoid in Uganda

- ✓ Typhoid is endemic in Uganda, with more than **41,000** cases per year.
- ✓ Uganda's burden of typhoid is most heavily borne by children **under 15** years of age.
- ✓ Data show an increase in **drug-resistant typhoid** in Uganda, regionally, and globally.
- ✓ **TCVs** are safe, effective, and WHO-recommended for routine immunization as part of a cost-effective, integrated approach to typhoid prevention and control alongside safe water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions.
- ✓ **Gavi support** for TCV introduction is available **now**.

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