

PAHO: No cholera or any other epidemics in The Bahamas post-Dorian



Pan American Health Organization

Nassau, September 12 (RHC)– Despite health concerns in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is assuring that no cholera or any other epidemics have been found in The Bahamas.

PAHO added that none of the islands is under quarantine.

Abaco and Grand Bahama experienced severe flooding – with some communities left completely under water – after Hurricane Dorian battered the two islands last week.

And while floods can potentially increase the transmission of water-borne and communicable diseases, both PAHO and the Ministry of Health in the Bahamas say there have not been any detected cholera cases, nor any increased number of infectious diseases.

The Ministry of Health and PAHO issued a joint statement, recommending that the population in the affected areas drink and use safe water and also continue to practice good hygiene such as hand washing to prevent water-borne diseases.

Responding to concerns about dead bodies remaining, the statement noted that “contrary to common belief, there is no evidence that corpses pose a significant risk of disease epidemics. This is because most agents, virus and bacteria do not survive long in the human body after death.”

The Ministry of Health said it is monitoring the health situation closely and will keep the public updated.

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