



South Sudan

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Total population:	10,913,161
Gender F/M (%):	50.5 / 49.5
Population, age group <15 / ≥ 15 years (%):	44 / 56
Life expectancy at birth (F/M, years)(2020):	65 / 61
GDP (PPP int \$)(2020):	1 235
Income status:	Low income
Administrative level, number of divisions:	2 nd sub-national administrative level, 80

EPIDEMIOLOGY

	VL	CL	PKDL
Endemicity status:	Endemic	Non endemic	Endemic
Number of new cases (incidence):	1 058	No data	16
Number of relapses:	28	No data	N/A
Total number of cases:	1 102	No data	16
Imported cases (#, %):	0, 0%	No data	N/A
Gender distribution (% F):	39 ¹	N/A	No data
Age group distribution (% <5 / 5-14 / >14): ²	15 / 33 / 35	N/A	No data
Incidence rate (cases/10,000 population in endemic areas):	6.26	No data	N/A
Number of endemic 2 nd sub-national administrative level divisions:	14	No data	N/A
Population at risk (% & # at risk / total population): ³	16% 1,715,751/10,913,161	0% 0/10,913,161	N/A
Was there any outbreak?	No	No data	N/A
Number of new foci: ⁴	0	No data	N/A

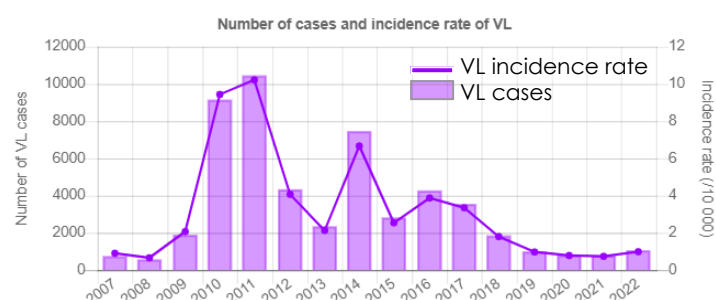
Monthly distribution of new cases (January-December)

2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
VL	97	84	121	112	91	88	76	82	89	87	65	66

N/A not applicable; VL = visceral leishmaniasis; CL = cutaneous leishmaniasis; PKDL = post-kala-azar dermal leishmaniasis



Number of new cases and Incidence rate/10,000 at the national level from 2007 to 2022



¹Relapse in this country is defined as: "A patient who returns with VL symptoms and has a positive parasitological test after having successfully been treated with antileishmanial medicines and discharged"

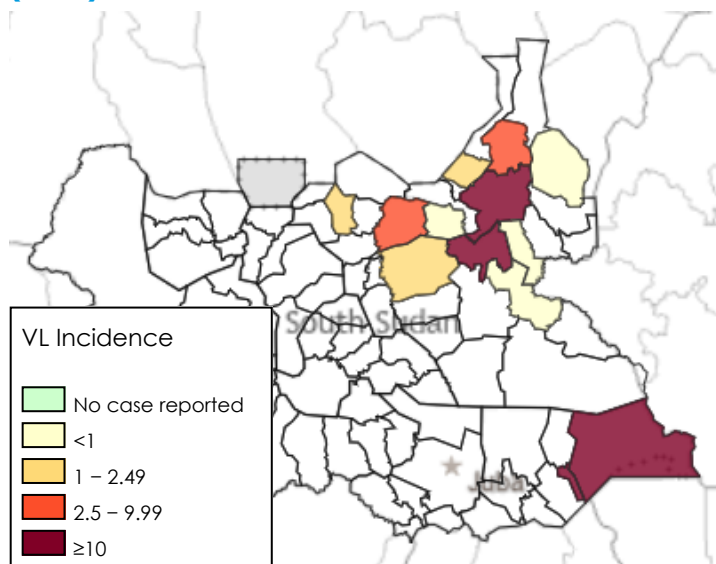
²Gender unknown for 124 new VL cases

³Age unknown for 188 new VL cases

⁴Defined as "Number of people living in 2nd sub-national administrative level endemic areas"

⁵Defined as "In this reporting period, an area at the 2nd sub-national administrative level reporting cases for the first time ever"

Disease distribution of new VL cases at 2nd sub-national administrative level per 10,000 population (2022)



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CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE

Year Leishmaniasis National Control Programme (LNCP) was established:	No data
Type of surveillance (CL / VL):	N/A / Integrated
Is there a vector control programme?	No
Type of insecticide used for Indoor residual Spraying (IRS):	No data
Year latest national guidelines (CL / VL):	N/A / 2015
Is leishmaniasis notifiable (mandatory report)? (CL / VL):	N/A / No
Is there a reservoir host control programme?	No data
Number of leishmaniasis health facilities (CL / VL):	N/A / 21

DIAGNOSIS FOR NEW CASES

	VL	CL	PKDL
Number of people screened actively for:	586	N/A	N/A
Number of people screened passively for:	8 374	No data	N/A
VL cases diagnosed by RDT (% , # RDT+ / new VL cases):	99% (1 058/1 074)	N/A	N/A
Proportion of positive RDT (% , # RDT+ / total RDT):	13% (1 058/8 374)	N/A	N/A
Cases diagnosed by direct exam (parasitology) (% , # slides + / new cases):	0% (1/1 074)	No data	N/A
Proportion of positive slides (% , # slides + / total slides):	2% (1/57)	No data	N/A
Cases diagnosed clinically (% , # clinical cases / new cases):	0% (0/1 074)	No data	N/A
Percentage of cases with HIV-VL coinfection:	3% (28/1 102)	N/A	N/A

N/A not applicable; RDT = rapid diagnostic test; HIV = human immunodeficiency virus

TREATMENT AND MEDICINES

► Is treatment provided for free in the public sector? (CL / VL):	N/A / Yes
► Antileishmanial medicines included in the National Medicine List:	Amphotericin B deoxycholate, Liposomal amphotericin B, Meglumine antimoniate, Paromomycin, Sodium stibogluconate (SSG)

INITIAL TREATMENT OUTCOME FOR NEW CASES

	VL	CL
Cases that completed treatment (% , # completed treatment / new cases):	165% (1 773/1 074)	No data
Initial cure rate (% , # cases initially cured / new cases):	108% (1 164/1 074)	No data
Failure rate (% , # cases with treatment failure / new cases): ⁵	No data	No data
Case fatality rate (% , # cases who died / new cases):	3% (29/1 074)	No data

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⁵Failure in this country is defined as: "A VL patient who has failed to respond despite taking adequate and appropriate treatment"



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