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Haiti after Hurricane Matthew: Can a cholera epidemic be avoided?

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The World Health Organization (WHO) is sending a million doses of cholera vaccine to Haiti, where more than 200 cases of the killer disease have been reported since Hurricane Matthew struck on 4 October.

5 But Dr Jean-Luc Poncelet, who is the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and WHO representative in Haiti, warns the vaccine is not a complete solution.

“The top priority is to give people access to safe water. That's the only way we can control cholera”, he says.

10 Chlorine tablets to purify water will be distributed. They are not hard to transport, but much will depend on getting them over damaged roads and bridges to stricken parts of Haiti's battered southern peninsula.

15 Dr Poncelet insists that despite the challenges ahead, Haiti need not be doomed to another huge cholera death toll. The most likely scenario is an increase in the number of cases. For the first time we have access to vaccines in a larger number - a million from the global stock. That will not solve the problem, but it's an additional tool we did not have in the past.

Hurricane Matthew killed at least 1,000 people in Haiti and left 1.4 million in need of aid - including hundreds of thousands who lost their homes and crops. The United Nations (UN) has called for \$120m (£98m) in emergency funds, and aid agencies are rushing to boost relief efforts on the ground.