

Table 2. Epidemic Potential of Selected Communicable Diseases Following Disaster in Latin America and the Caribbean (27, 28) (Continued)

Disease	Disaster Potential Qualitative/Quantitative*		Geographic Areas at Risk
Hemorrhagic Fevers of Argentinian and Bolivian Types	contamination of food	?	Argentina, Bolivia
Hepatitides Viral			
—Viral Hepatitis A	contamination of water/food, inadequate sanitary facilities	4+	universal
—Viral Hepatitis B	improper sterilization procedures	4+	universal
—Viral Hepatitis, Non-A, Non-B	?	?	universal
Influenza	crowding	4+	universal (pandemics, epidemics, localized and sporadic outbreaks)
Leprosy	interruption of case detection and therapy	?	endemic
Leptospirosis	contamination of water/food, flooding of areas with high water table	?	worldwide
Malaria	availability of water for mosquito breeding	?	Tropical South America, Panama, and Haiti
Measles	introduction of measles to susceptible isolated population	?	universal
Meningitis, Meningococcal	crowding	?	endemic
Pediculosis	crowding, clothing	?	endemic worldwide

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Plague	crowding, inappropriate rodent control, unhygienic conditions	? endemic in certain areas of North and South America
Poliomyelitis	crowding nonimmune groups, contaminated food, inadequate sewage disposal	? worldwide
Rabies	stray dogs	2+ worldwide
Relapsing Fever	overcrowding, malnourishment, poor personal hygiene	2+ endemic
Salmonellosis	overcrowding, contamination of food in mass feeding, poor sanitation	3+ worldwide
Scabies	overcrowding	2+ endemic
Shigellosis	crowding, poor sanitation, malnourishment	4+ worldwide
Streptococcal Diseases caused by Group A (Beta Hemolytic streptococci)	contamination of food	2+ common in temperate zones and semitropical areas
Tetanus	flood, hurricanes, earthquakes	3+ worldwide
Tuberculosis	crowding	1+ worldwide
Typhoid Fever	disruption of usual sanitary control of food and water	2+ worldwide