Ebola, West Africa 2014/15

Room for improvement?

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Overview

I  Survived not saved.

II  Inevitable ?  - From outbreak to public health disaster.

III  Ending the current epidemic

IV  Improving epidemic response is not enough.
Survived – not saved.
Looking for heroes?
No chance to stop this?

From outbreak to public health disaster
Cumulative cases over time

Source WHO
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22/6/14 MSF: „Out of control“

Source WHO
8/8/14 WHO: PHEIC

Source WHO
Deployment of International response in Liberia

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„German“ ETU in Monrovia opened 22/12/14
The current needs:

- a more flexible direct response
- epidemic surveillance
- preparedness everywhere
- ongoing outreach and referral
- contact tracing
- response to the secondary healthcare crisis
Improving epidemic response is not enough!
1 end the epidemic
2 restablish the health care systems
3 reconsider epidemic response systems
4 better health care for everyone, everywhere
5 more research for neglected diseases/populations
Thank you!

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Pushed to the Limit and Beyond
A year into the largest ever Ebola outbreak