

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a dense forest in West Africa. The road is reddish-brown and leads into the distance, flanked by tall, dark trees. The sky is overcast and grey.

# **Ebola, West Africa 2014/15**

***Room for improvement ?***

**Potsdam Spring Dialogues 2015**

**• Development and Peace Foundation**

**Maximilian Gertler, Médecins sans Frontières**

# Overview



I Survived not saved.

II Inevitable ? - From outbreak to public health disaster.

III Ending the current epidemic

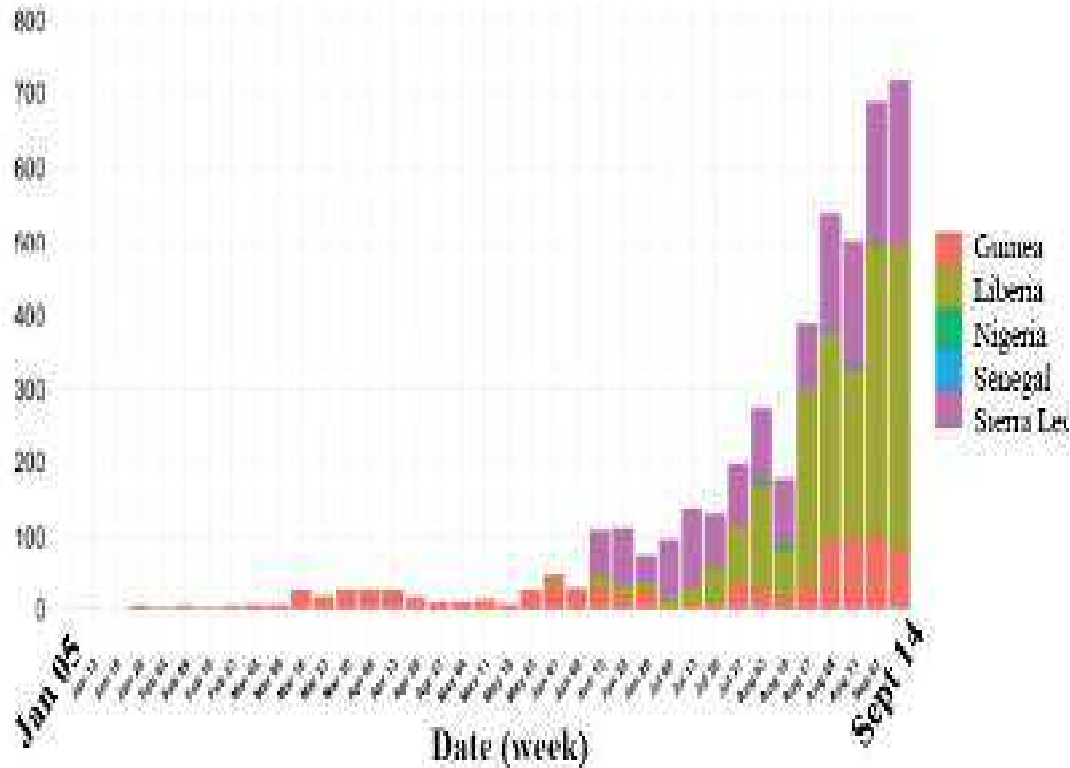
IV Improving epidemic response is not enough.



# Looking for heroes ?

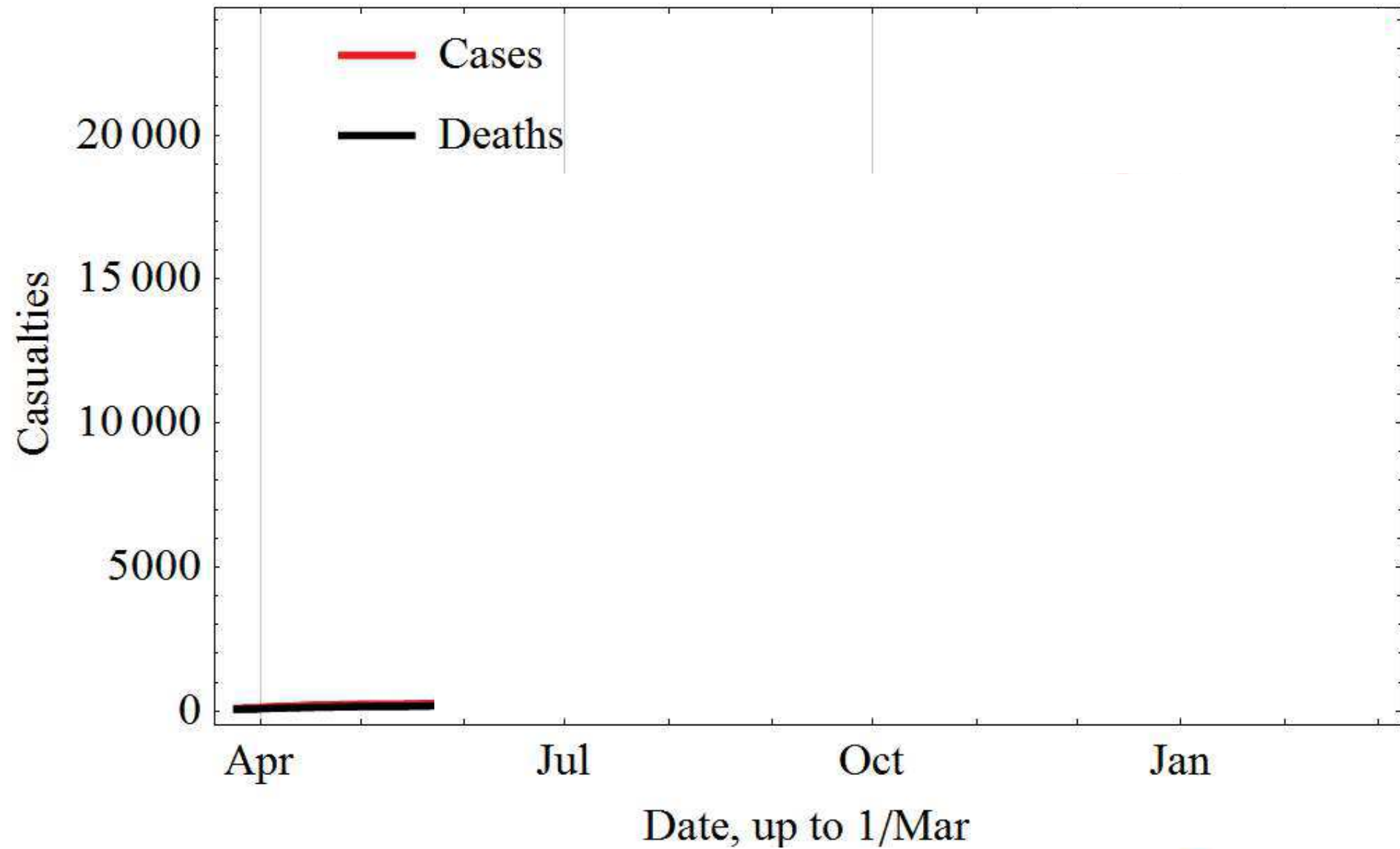


# No chance to stop this?



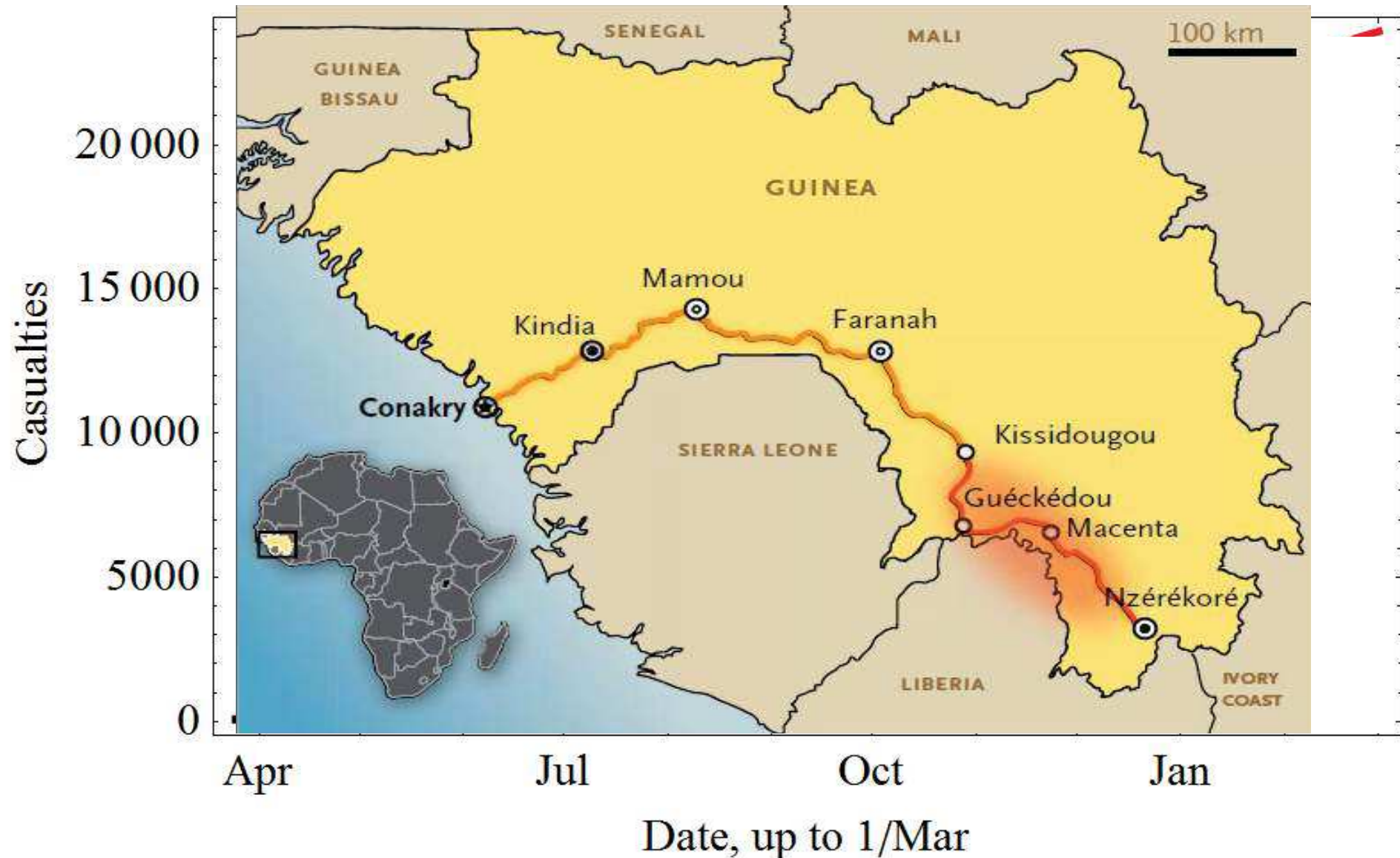
## From outbreak to public health disaster

# Cumulative cases over time

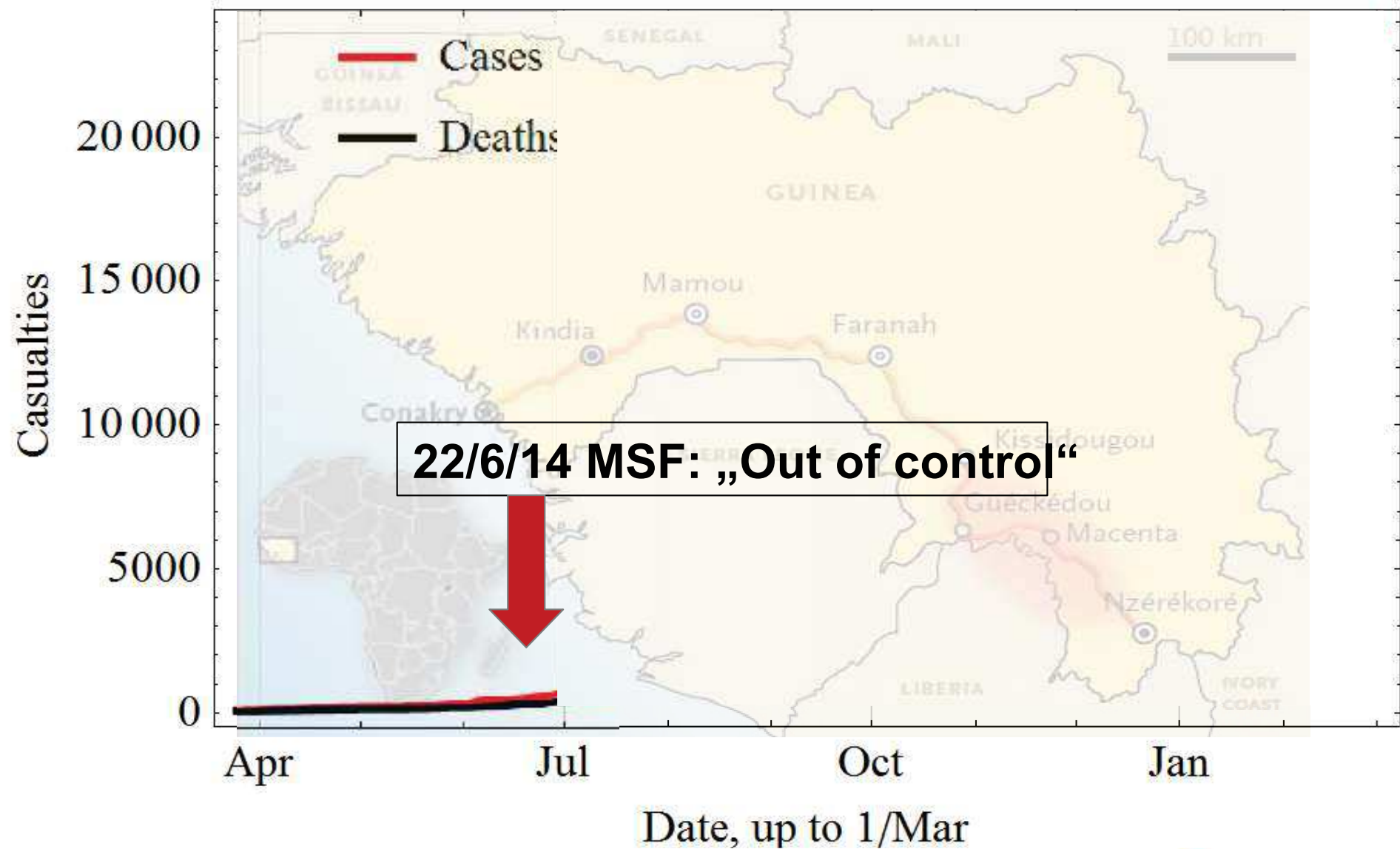


Source WHO

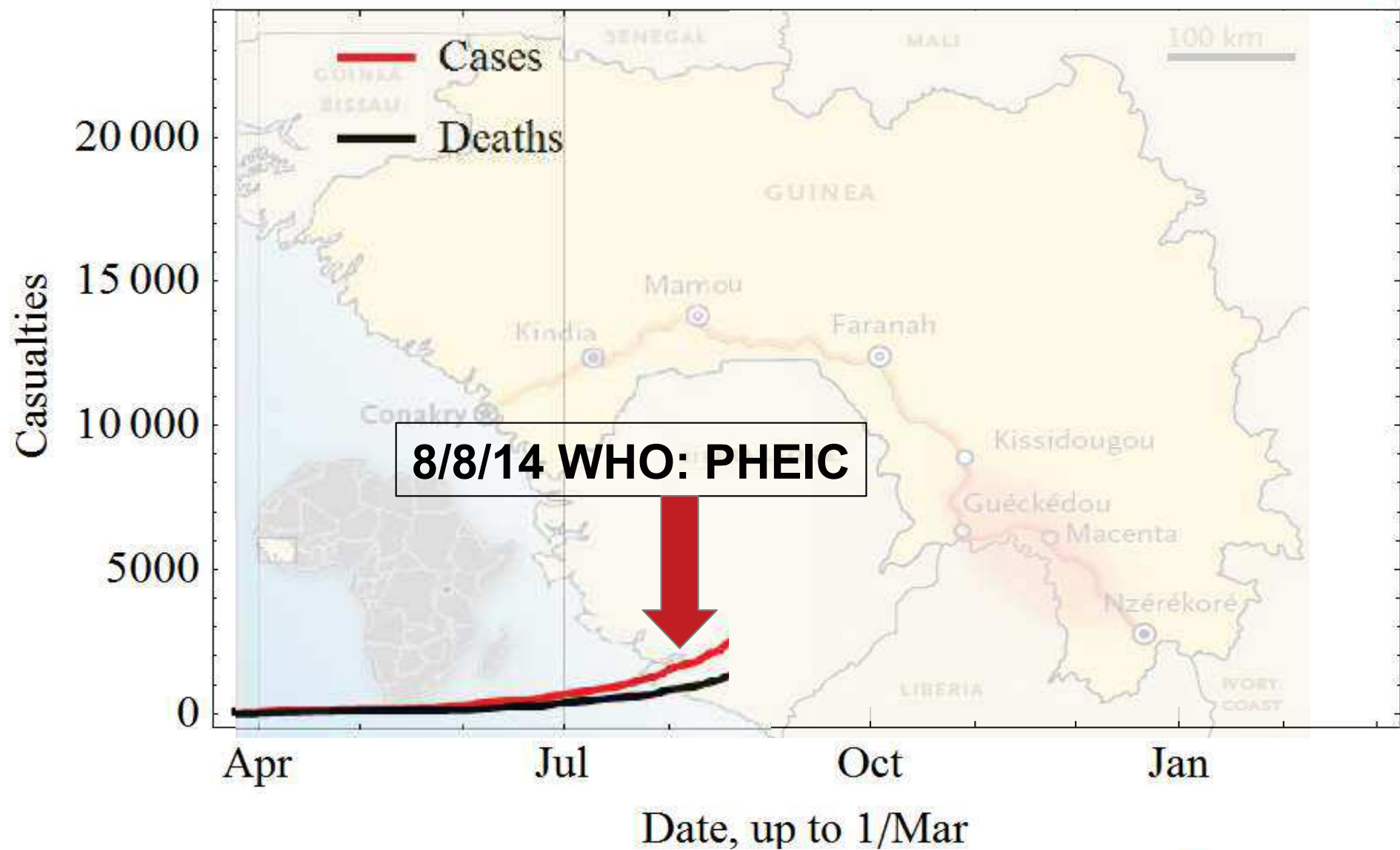
# Cumulative cases over time



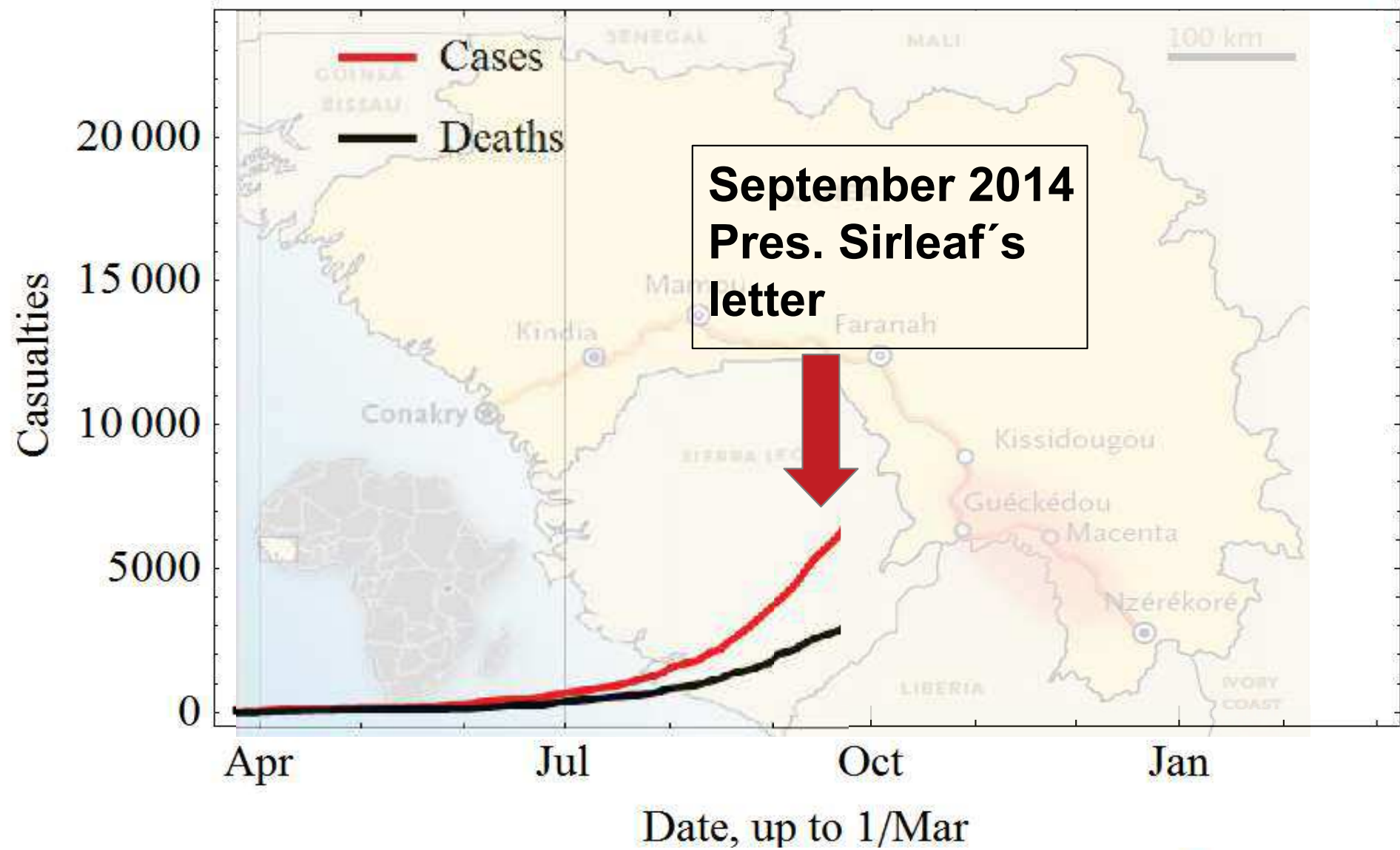
Source WHO

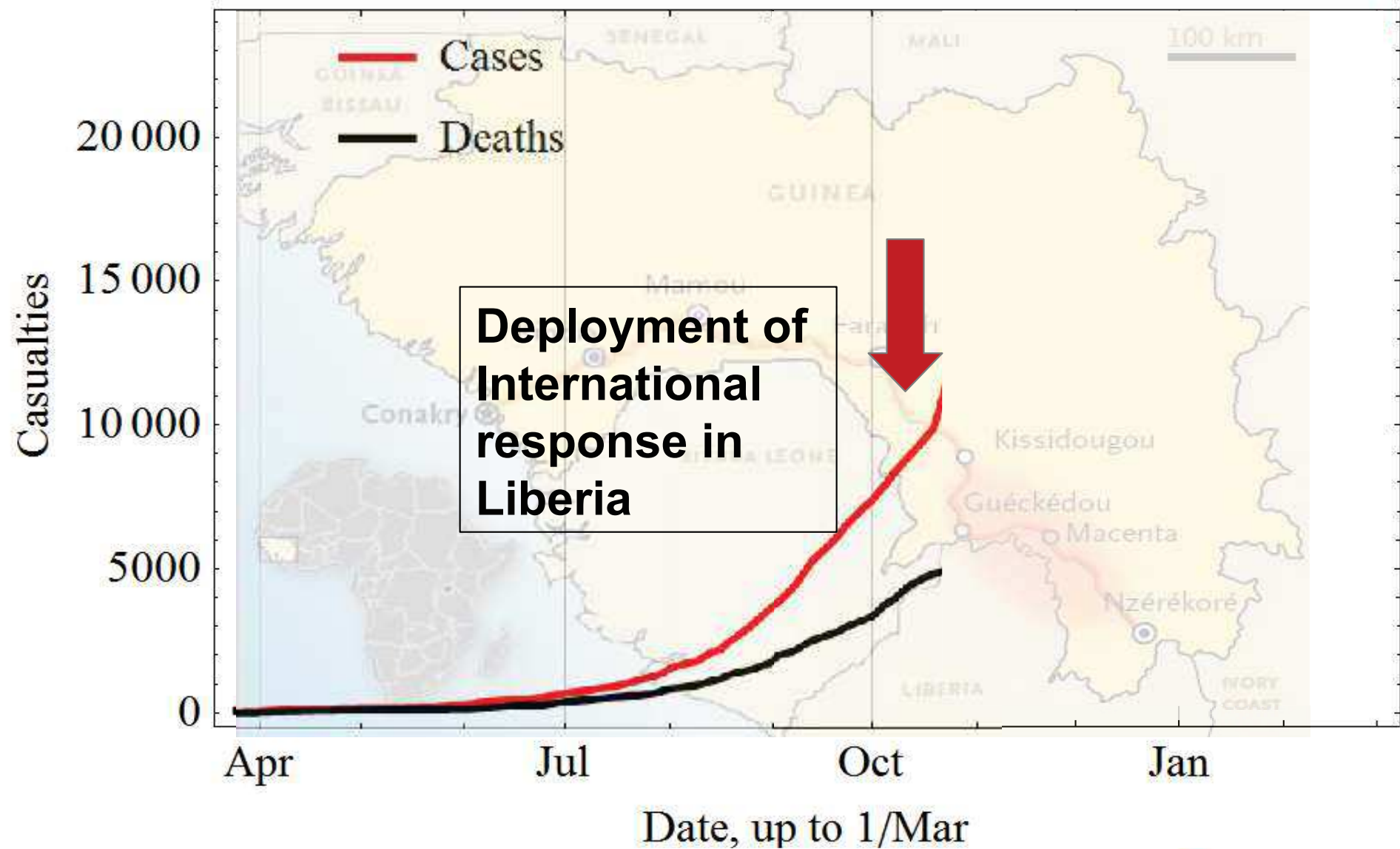


Source WHO

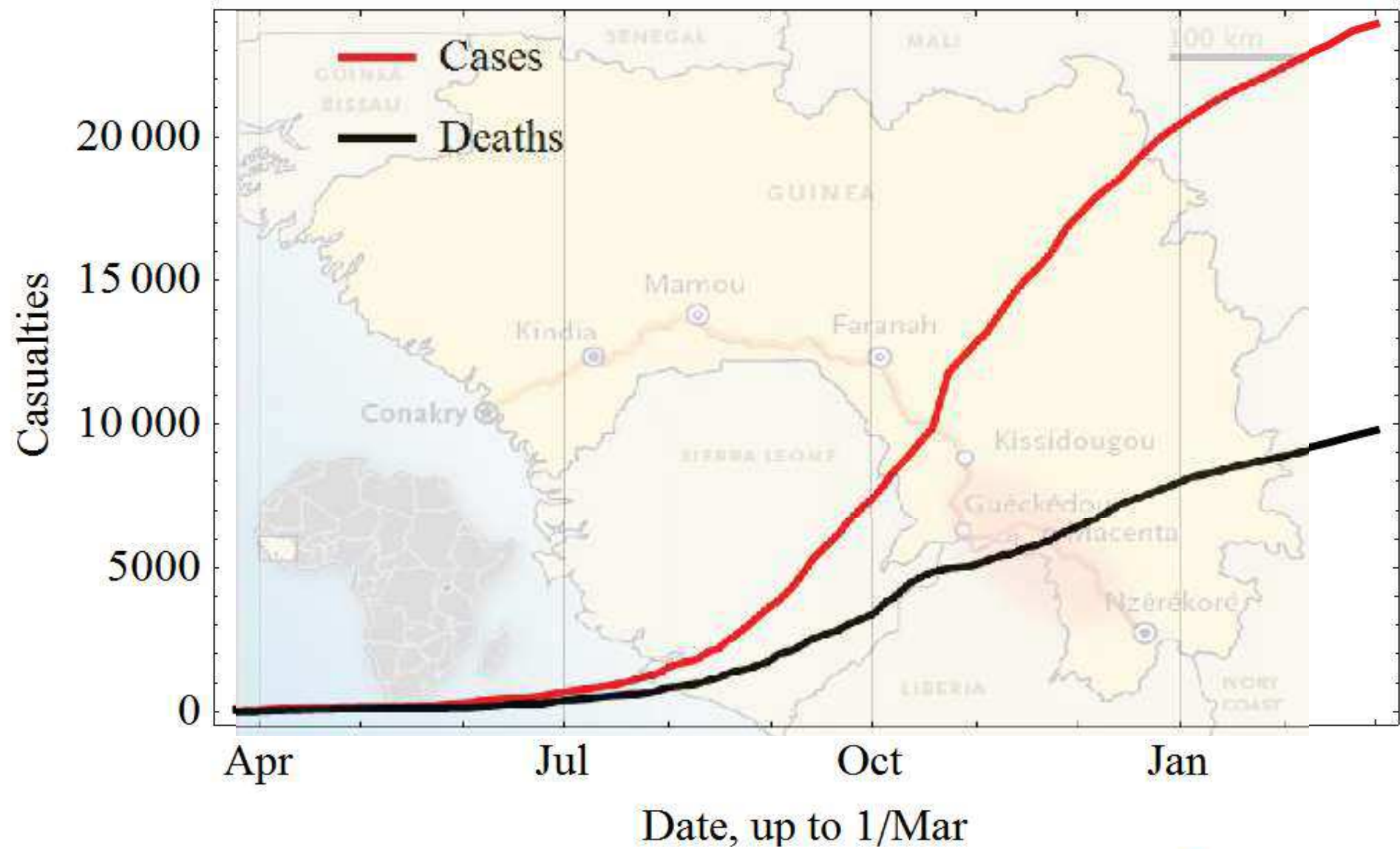


Source WHO

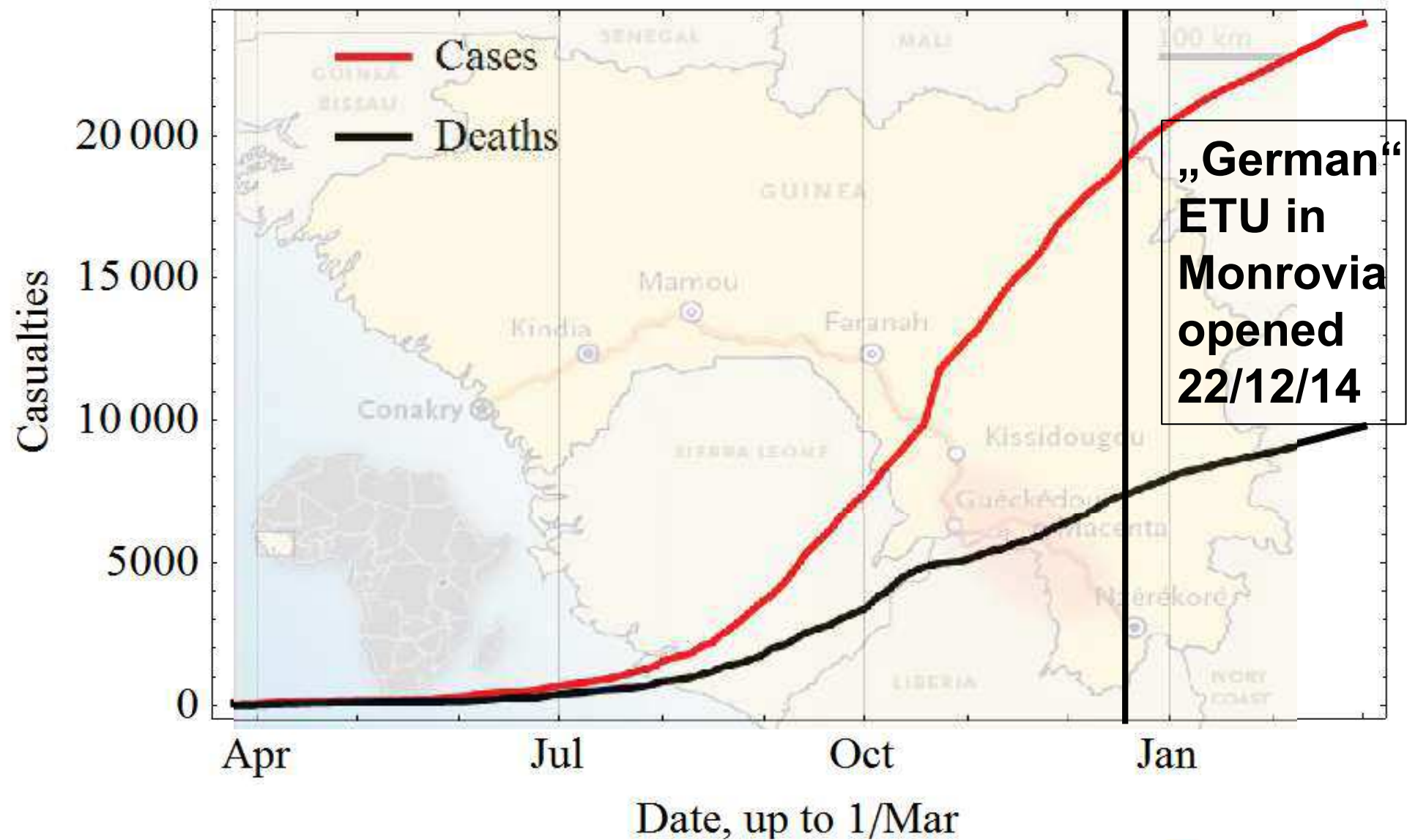




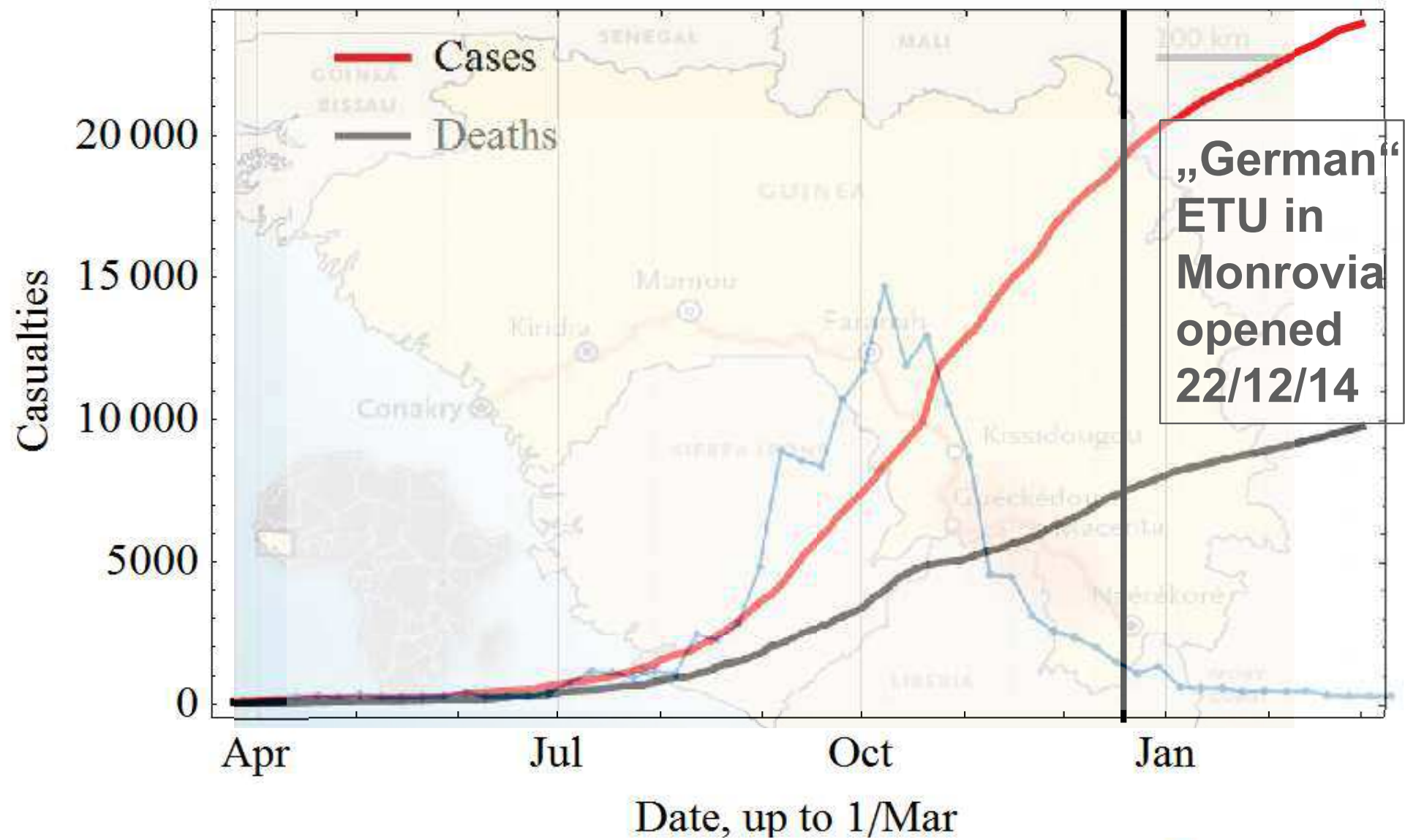
Source WHO



Source WHO



Source WHO



Source WHO

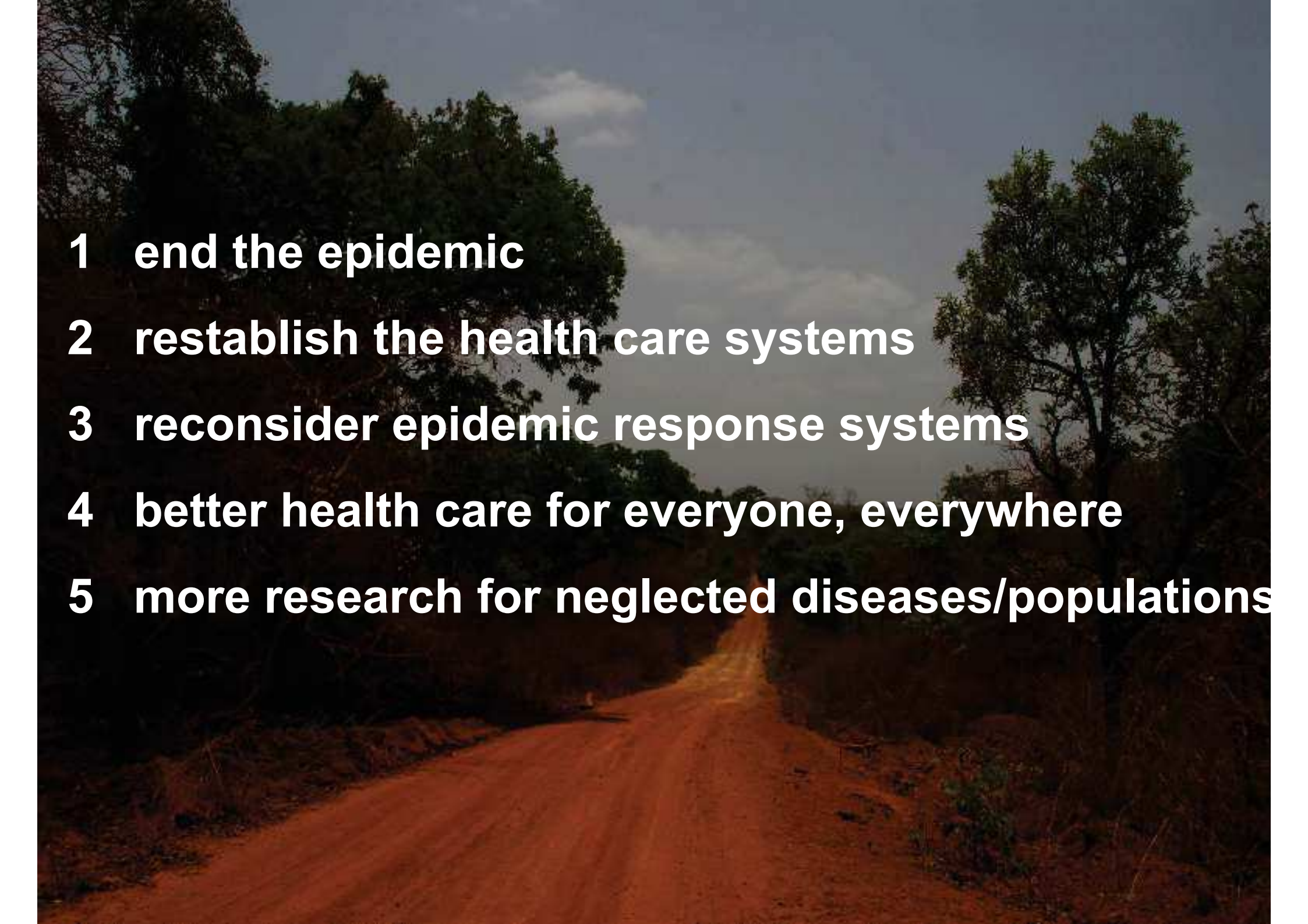
# The current needs:

- 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!

For more  
Information:



[www.aerzte-ohne-grenzen.de](http://www.aerzte-ohne-grenzen.de)

[maximilian.gertler@berlin.msf.org](mailto:maximilian.gertler@berlin.msf.org)



## Pushed to the Limit and Beyond

A year into the largest ever Ebola outbreak

