# Ebola in Liberia: Two Points in an Epidemic

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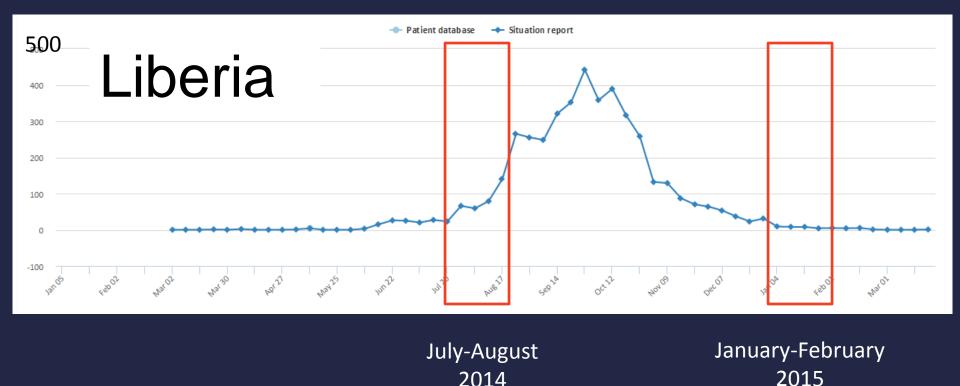
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<u>As of June 3, 2015</u> Cases: 27,145 Deaths: 11,147

# *Confirmed* Weekly Ebola Cases January 2014 – March 2015



http://apps.who.int/ebola/en/ebola-situation-report/situation-reports/ebola-situation-report-25-march-2015

	<b>United States</b>	Liberia
Gross Domestic Product per capita	\$46,400	\$454 (184 <sup>th</sup> /189 countries)
Health care spending per capita per year	\$6,719	\$15
Physicians per 100,000 pop.	242	< 2

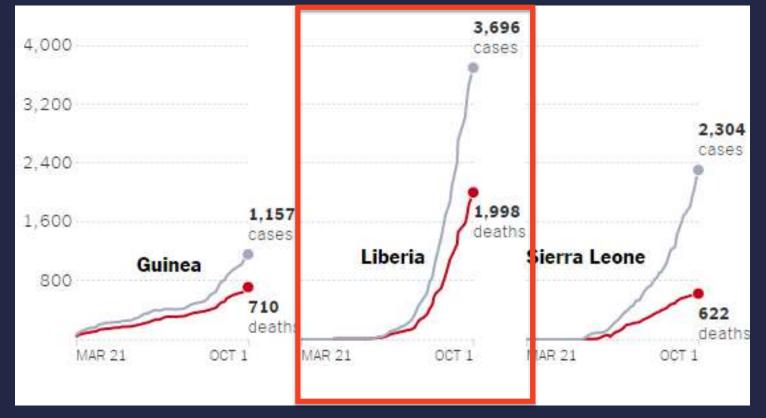
Civil war (1989–2003): poor literacy, weak infrastructure



Liberian Observer, "First West Point Ebola Body Removed Wednesday." August 14, 2014

# What do you need to stop an Ebola epidemic?

#### Reported Ebola Cases, Probable/Confirmed, March–October, 2014



What you need to know about the Ebola outbreak. New York Times. Updated: Oct 1, 2014.

## Outbreak Response Goals

- **1.** Organized medical and public health response
- 2. Patient diagnosis and care (Ebola Treatment Units)
  - Careful staff training and support
  - Personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - Adequate facilities and safe transportation to facilities
  - Accurate and available laboratory testing
  - Therapeutics (medications, IV fluids, treatment protocols)

#### 3. Stop transmission

- Case identification and isolation
- Contact tracing
- Infection control (health care settings, safe burials, waste disposal)
- ? Vaccine

#### 4. Community engagement and education

### Ebola in Liberia: Part One

### July-August, 2014



#### **1. Organized medical and public health response**

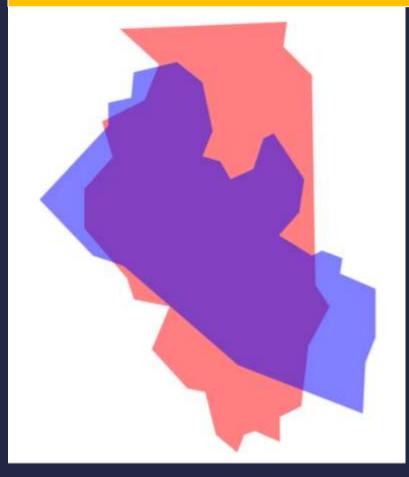


Republic of Liberia Ministry of Health and Social Welfare website: www.mohsw.gov.lr/content\_display.php?press\_id=84&sub=press\_release



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#### 2. Patient diagnosis and care: safe transportation





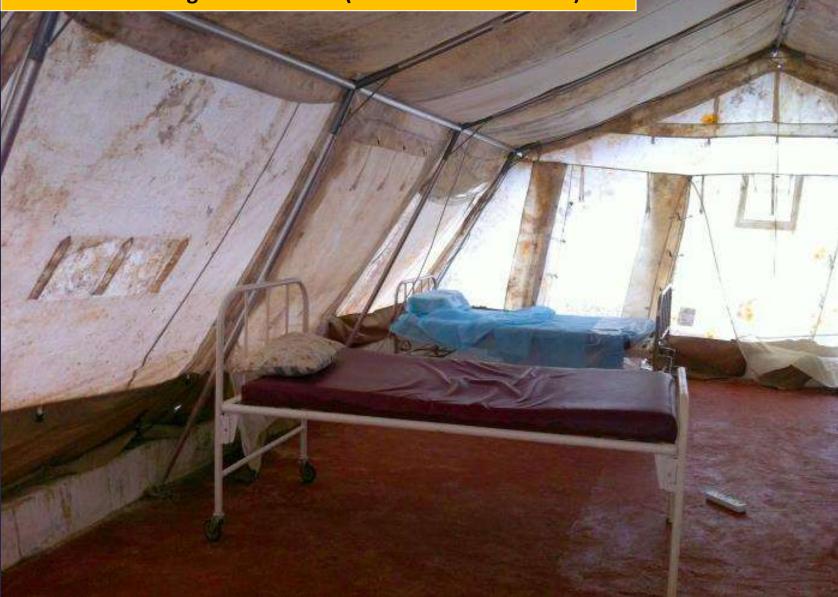
Most of Liberia's hinterland unpaved roads become virtually impassable during the Rainy Season

#### Bad Roads Hamper Deliveries Of Needed Ebola Emergency Materials

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CREDITS: (LEFT TO RIGHT) MAMBU MOMOH; SIMBIRIE JALLOH; PARDIS SABETI (2); MIKE DUBOSE The five co-authors of a Science study who contracted Ebola and died.

#### Ebola's heavy toll on study authors

#### 3. Stop transmission: case finding

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#### **3. Stop transmission: infection control**





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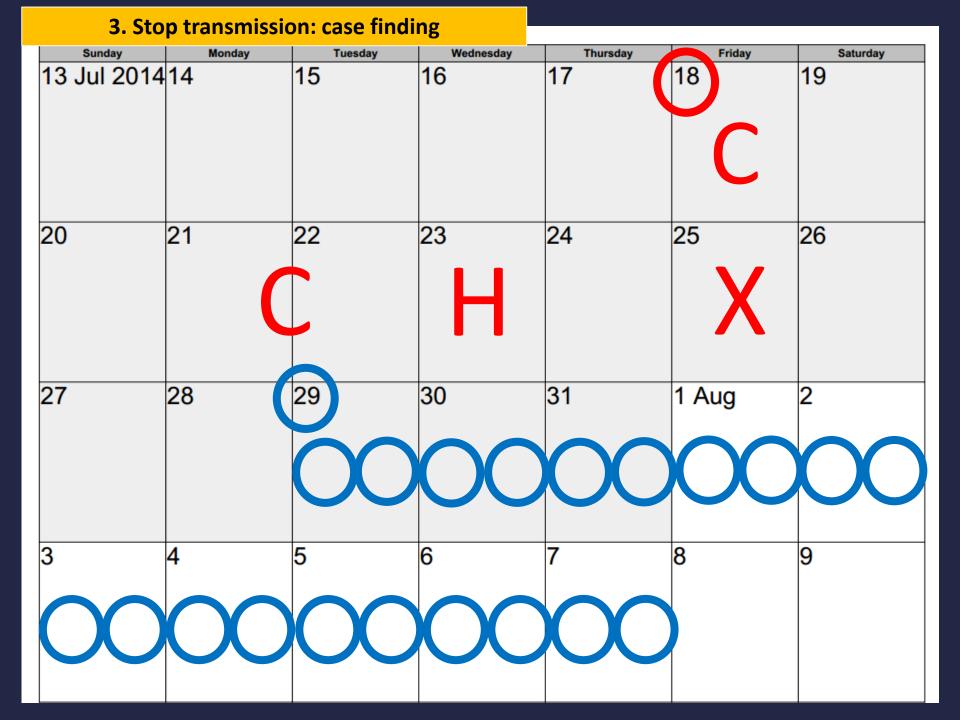
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# One County in July

- Official county case count: 4
- Line list: 80+
- 30+ additional burials
- Community rumors/unrest
- PPE available at hospital: 0
- Ebola Treatment beds (Monrovia) available: 0
- Community health workers available: 0



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3. Stop transmission: case finding

Nurse (officer in charge) Vaccinator

Physician assistant Nurse (ER supervisor) Nurse anesthetist Nurse Nurse aide Nurse aide Nurse aide Nurse aide Student nurse

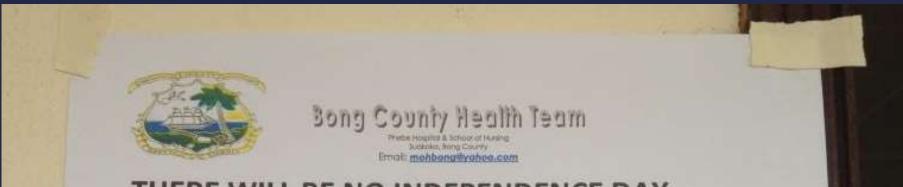
Lab technician Lab aide Lab aide Lab aide X-ray technician Security guard Medication dispenser Cleaner Nurse (officer in charge, OPD)

Nurse

16/21 (76%) died

4. Community engagement and education

### State of Emergency



### THERE WILL BE NO INDEPENDENCE DAY BREAK, WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAY FOR ALL CHT STAFFS DURING THIS PERIOD OF EMMERGENCY.

This measure is to ensure uninterrupted surveillance activities and psychosocial support to the affected families.

Stringent administrative measures will be taken against all those who will stay away from work.

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Bong County Health and Social Welfare Team

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#### 4. Community engagement and education



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### Ebola in Liberia: Part Two

### January-February, 2015

## Confirmed Weekly Ebola Cases



July-August 2014

1 laboratory (Monrovia)
2 Ebola Treatment Units
(20 beds each)

January-February 2015 9+ laboratories 20+ ETUs and

holding centers

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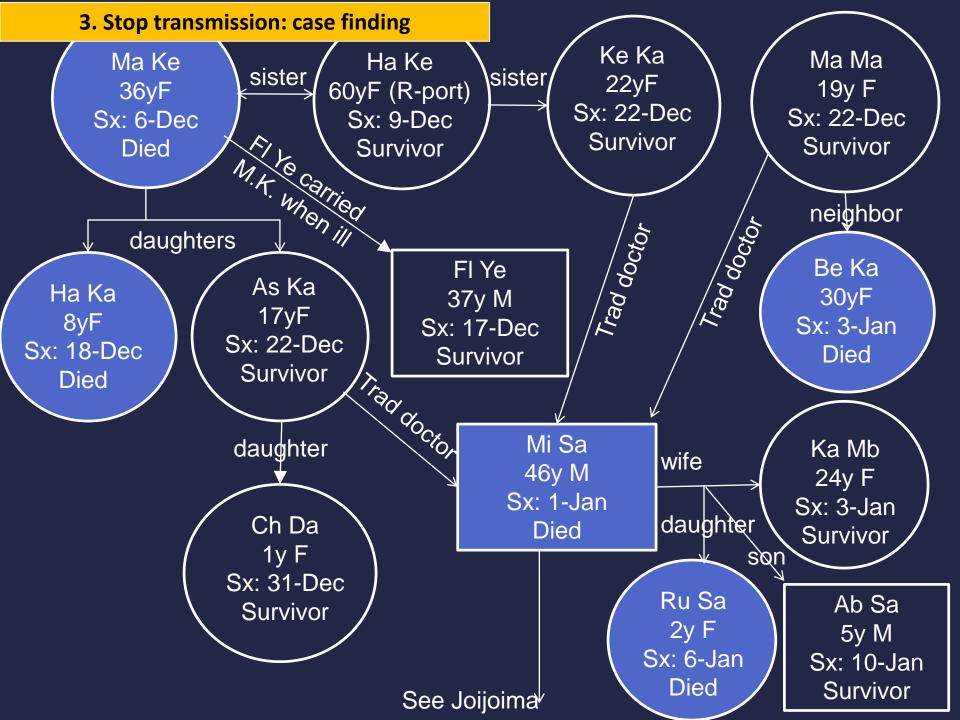






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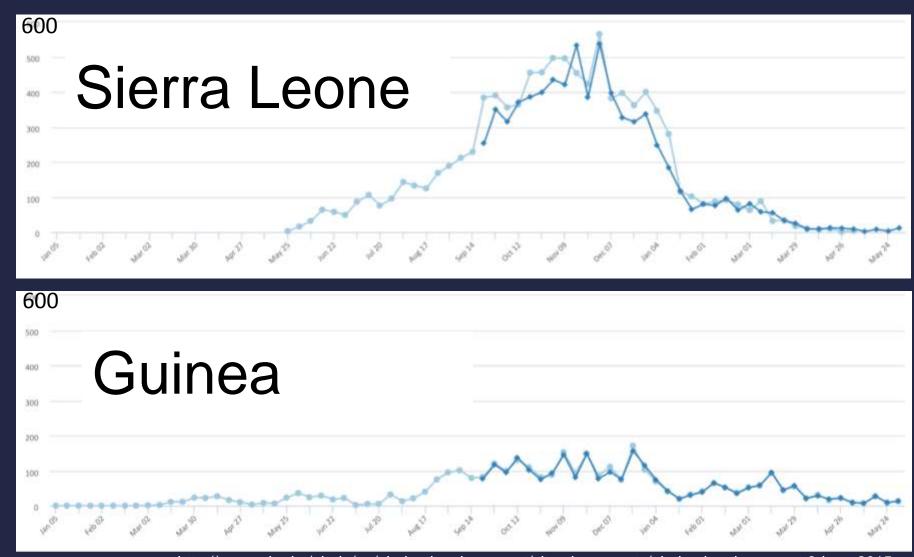




# Outbreak declared over in Liberia on May 9, 2015

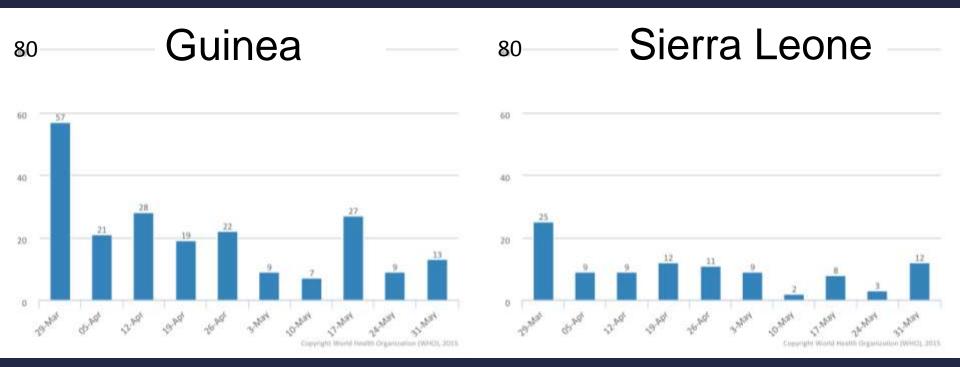


# *Confirmed* Weekly Ebola Cases, January 2014 – May 2015



http://apps.who.int/ebola/en/ebola-situation-report/situation-reports/ebola-situation-report-3-june-2015

# Total confirmed cases by week, March 29 – May 31, 2015



25 new confirmed cases in the week to May 31, 2015, from 4 prefectures in Guinea and 3 districts in Sierra Leone

apps.who.int/ebola/current-situation/ebola-situation-report-3-June-2015

# Final Thoughts

- In West Africa, unprecedented numbers
  - A new setting, not a new disease
  - Epidemic coming under control, but not over
  - Resources are critical
- Health care settings
  - Importance of infection control and protecting health care workers
- Change in how we think about global health security and global interconnectedness
  - Humanitarian response and source control
  - We are all as vulnerable as our weakest point