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Shifting the paradigm upstream in outbreak control

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Agenda



- Emerging Infectious Disease
- The consequences of Ebola
- Why Private Sector and infrastructure
- Sendai
- Way forward



Impacts of the Highly Improbable?

Emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, 1990-2013



What are EID and what we know?

- 75% of emerging disease threats arise from animal reservoirs (zoonotic) - EID events are increasing in terms of frequency and impact
- The "human-animal-ecosystem interface" is at the center of new disease emergence
- Emergence is closely linked to geographic "hot spots"





Existing regulatory framework



Contributing to One World, One Health*

A Strategic Framework for Reducing Risks of Infectious Diseases at the Animal–Human–Ecosystems Interface

14 October 2008

Consultation Document

Produced by:







Global Level of Preparedness

IHR core capacities implementation status, 2014 (160 reporting countries)

World Health Organization



Ebolavirus Ecology

Enzootic Cycle

New evidence strongly implicates bats as the reservoir hosts for ebolaviruses, though the means of local enzootic maintainance and transmission of the virus within bat populations remain unknown.

Ebolaviruses:

Ebola virus (formerly Zaire virus) Sudan virus Taï Forest virus Bundibugyo virus Reston virus (non-human)

Epizootic Cycle

Epizootics caused by ebolaviruses appear sporadically, producing high mortality among non-human primates and duikers and may precede human outbreaks. Epidemics caused by ebolaviruses produce acute disease among humans, with the exception of Reston virus which does not produce detectable disease in humans. Little is known about how the virus first passes to humans, triggering waves of human-to-human transmission, and an epidemic.

Following initial human infection through contact with an infected bat or other wild animal, human-to-human transmission often occurs. Human-to-human transmission is a predominant feature of epidemics.

Ebola human toll



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http://apps.who.int/ebola/ebola-situation-reports

Social impacts

- •Fewer people seek medical care for fear of stigma
- •Weakened health system -> increase of morbidity
- •High mortality among health care workers
- Food insecurity
- Lack of education due to school closure
- Commercial closure & increase of unemployment
- Diminished trust in governments
- Increase of ethnic divisions & altered cultural norm
- •Further increased poverty & reduced resilience
- •STIGMA

http://www.africa.undp.org/content/dam/rba/docs/Reports/ebola-west-africa.pdf http://www.uneca.org/sites/default/files/PublicationFiles/eca_ebola_report_final_eng_0.pdf



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The Economic Impacts of 2014-2015 Ebola outbreak - World Bank (2015)

Macro impacts (2014-2017)



Ebola threaten business continuity

•Main challenges faced by all companies operating in West Africa:

How to keep operations going and protect their workforce?Options:

Projects on hold/minimum presence

•Closure of operations – lead by traditional trigger factors

•Continuation of operations with implementation of unrealistic mitigation measures

•Continuation of operations with adapted triggers and implementation of appropriate mitigation measures



E. Pezennec & A. Willemse (2014) Ebola and Pandemic Threat. 9th HSE Excellence Europe conference proceedings

Why private sector and infrastructure development?

Emergence & re-emergence

Land use change

Human encroachment, extractive industries, deforestation, habitat fragmentation, biodiversity loss, urbanisation & urban planning

Food and agricultural systems

Intensifying/expanding farming systems, greater livestock density, trade networks & globalisation, unregulated/irregular use of drugs & vaccines, livestock mixing patterns, biosecurity

Human behaviour

Hunting & consumption practices, cultural patterns & processes, travel capabilities, breakdown of governance, antimicrobial usage patterns

Environmental systems

Climate change, natural disasters, periodic climate systems



Ebola lessons learned

Importance of strengthened health and
 veterinary systems and the challenges doing
 so -> One health

Risk management should be multi
sectorial and participative. Private
companies contributed not merely financially
but through their core competencies

•Management of risks start at project design with a comprehensive impact assessment

•Continuum from prevention, to preparedness, response and restoration





New with Sendai Framework

•Hyogo Framework for Action recognised biological hazards but not epidemic and pandemics within the context of disaster risk reduction.

•Sendai affirms the commitment to work together to promote health centred emergency and disaster risk management, including epidemics and pandemics.

•Shifted focus to risk management, instead of disaster.

•Recognize the need of multidisciplinary approach to detect, prevent and respond (e.g One Health)

•"Enhance cooperation between health authorities and stakeholders to strengthen country capacity for DRM for health, implementation of IHR and building of resilient health systems.



Shifting the paradigm upstream



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