



Beyond the Outbreak: Strategies for Post-Ebola Recovery

An Online Toolkit

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Toolkit Resources Include:

- Tools and training materials
- Stories and interventions
- National guidelines and policies
- Priorities and lessons learned
- Journal articles



Helping Survivors Recover



Rebuilding Health Systems



Global Health Security

Beyond the Outbreak is an online toolkit for organizations and individuals involved in recovery efforts following an infectious disease outbreak, such as the 2014-2016 Ebola virus disease (EVD) epidemic in West Africa. The toolkit is a resource for governments, donors, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), implementing partners, and survivor groups. It provides guidance and templates for responding to issues related to health systems recovery and survivor care after a major outbreak.

The toolkit was produced by the USAID-funded Ebola Transmission Prevention & Survivor Services (ETP&SS) program, implemented by the Advancing Partners & Communities project and managed by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI). The ETP&SS program was conducted in Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia—the three countries most affected by the Ebola outbreak, and toolkit resources include mostly those produced by ETP&SS and its partners.



People who survived the Ebola virus disease often suffer from mental health issues and health conditions that require specialty care, such as cataracts and joint pain. Survivors were also impacted by stigma and economic hardship because many survivors lost their livelihoods and support networks, as family members passed away after contracting Ebola. Establishing survivor associations has proven to be an effective way of supporting and empowering the survivor population. The toolkit features guidance for those working with Ebola survivors recovering after an outbreak.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL SURVIVOR NETWORKS

Video



Yusuf Kabba, President of the Sierra Leone Association of Ebola Survivors talks about the challenges faced by Ebola survivor

Technical Brief

 Building Capacity within the Sierra Leone Association of Ebola Survivors

Tool

 Organizational Capacity Assessment Tool - Measures overall capacity of an organization in five key areas

Success Story

 Finding Strength Together: Capacity Building for Ebola Survivor Associations Leads to Job Opportunities – Guinea

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Success Story



Ebola Survivors Become Leaders and Advocates in Their Communities – Liberia

Training Curriculum

 EVD Survivor Clinical Guidelines Training Curriculum

Tool

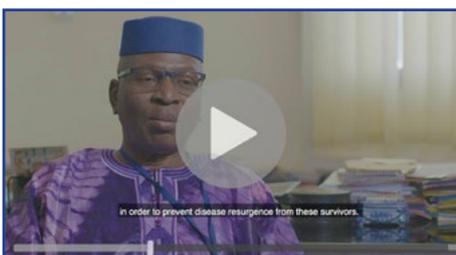
 A Worksheet for Advocacy Goals and Objectives

Journal Article

 Beyond the crisis: did the Ebola epidemic improve resilience of Liberia's health system?

MONITORING THE HEALTH STATUS OF SURVIVORS

Video



Interview with Dr. Sakoba Keita, Director of Guinea's National Health Security Agency, about lessons from the post-Ebola recovery

Reflection

 Ebola Transmission Prevention Two Years into the Post-Ebola Period: Use of Sentinel Sites for Surveillance in Guinea

Tool

 Ebola Virus in Semen: A Guide for Survivors

Policy

 SA Ceint Policy - Guinea's national policy on surveillance of its Ebola survivors



The West African Ebola outbreak devastated the already fragile health systems in Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia. Hundreds of health workers died from the virus, and patients stopped visiting health facilities from fear of cross-infection. The outbreak exposed critical gaps in these health systems, revealing the need to strengthen health services and infection control to prevent future outbreaks. The toolkit provides guidance for rebuilding and sustaining health systems after an infectious disease outbreak.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH PERSPECTIVES

Video



Ministry of Health officials from Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia share perspectives on their country's post-Ebola response strategy, including priority actions, benefits, best practices, challenges and gaps, and what might have been done differently.

Guidelines

 Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone national guidelines on health care of EVD survivors

UPGRADING SPECIALTY SERVICES

Video



Cataract surgery program helped survivors regain their sight – Liberia

Tool

 Psychological First Aid Pocket Guide

Reflection

 The Positive Impact of Infrastructure Interventions on a Public Health System – Liberia

Job Aid

 Community Health Worker Job Aid – Sierra Leone



Although the threat of infectious diseases is not new, the potential for rapid spread and ensuing devastation has greatly increased due to globalization. The Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA), an international partnership, was established in February 2014 with the vision of keeping the world safe from global health threats posed by infectious diseases. The toolkit includes global health security lessons from the Ebola outbreak in West Africa as well as from other disease outbreaks.

Journal Article



Delays in Global Disease Outbreak Responses: Lessons from H1N1, Ebola, and Zika.

Technical Briefs

Post-Ebola Health Challenges in West Africa

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