



***Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak
Red Cross/Red Crescent Response***

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Ebola Response



Overview of Red Cross/Red Crescent Response



16 countries
with Red Cross
operations



**4,084 trained
volunteers** (active this
week)



**6 emergency
appeals**
(Guinea, Liberia, Sierra
Leone, Nigeria, Senegal, and
coordination)



Prepared to help
39 million people

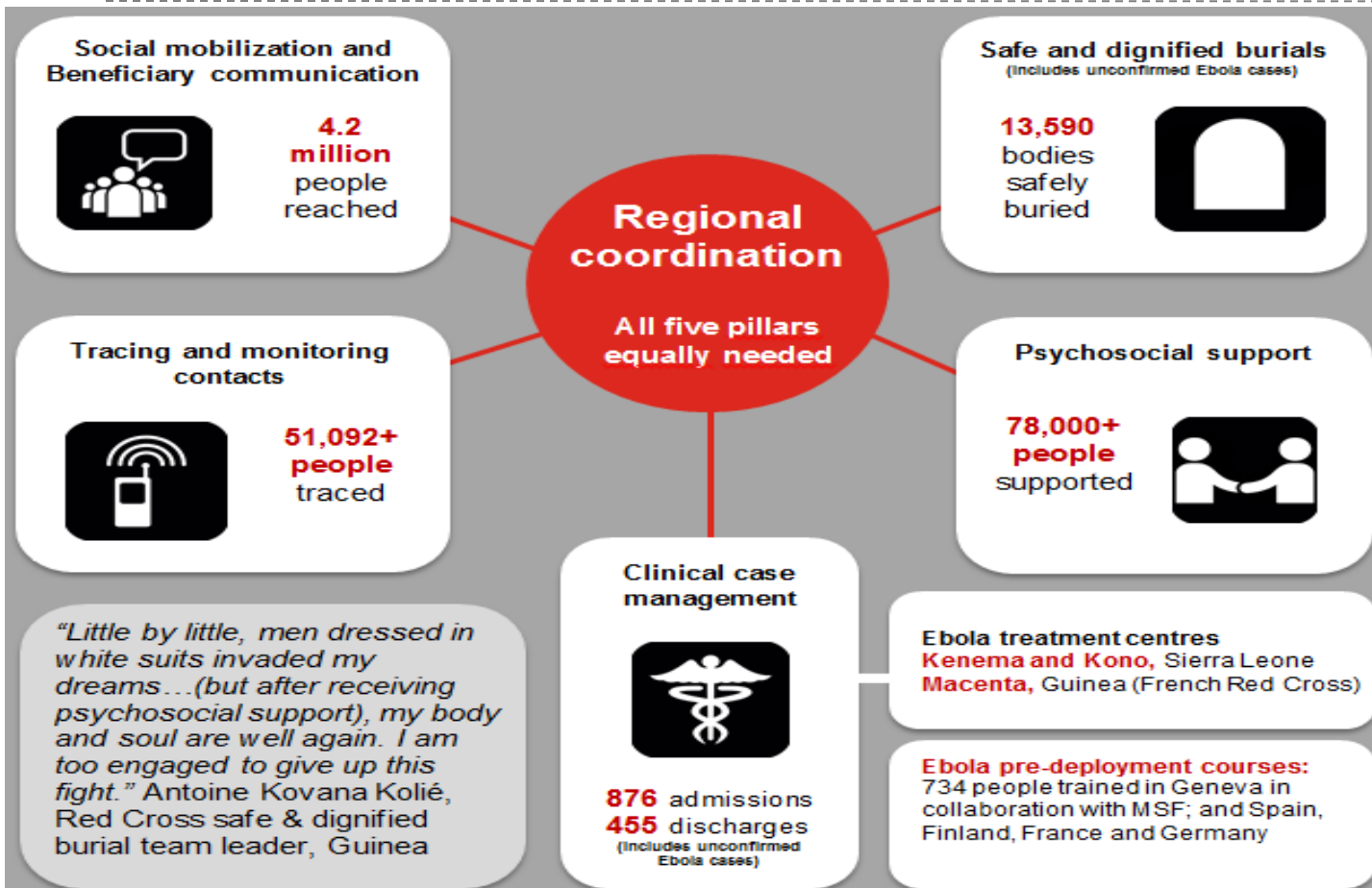


370+ international
Red Cross Red Crescent
staff deployed



1,000+ volunteers and
staff have provided safe and
dignified burials in Guinea,
Liberia and Sierra Leone

Red Cross/Red Crescent Response Strategy



Ebola Response

Respecting local cultures



Communicating with beneficiaries



Key takeaways

- We need to strengthen our engagement with communities to break down barriers of mistrust
- To get to zero cases we must remain vigilant
- As long as one country has one case of Ebola, all three West African countries are at risk
- We cannot allow the Ebola virus disease outbreak to become a silent disaster
- Stopping Ebola is not enough
- Building resilient health systems means listening to local governments and communities

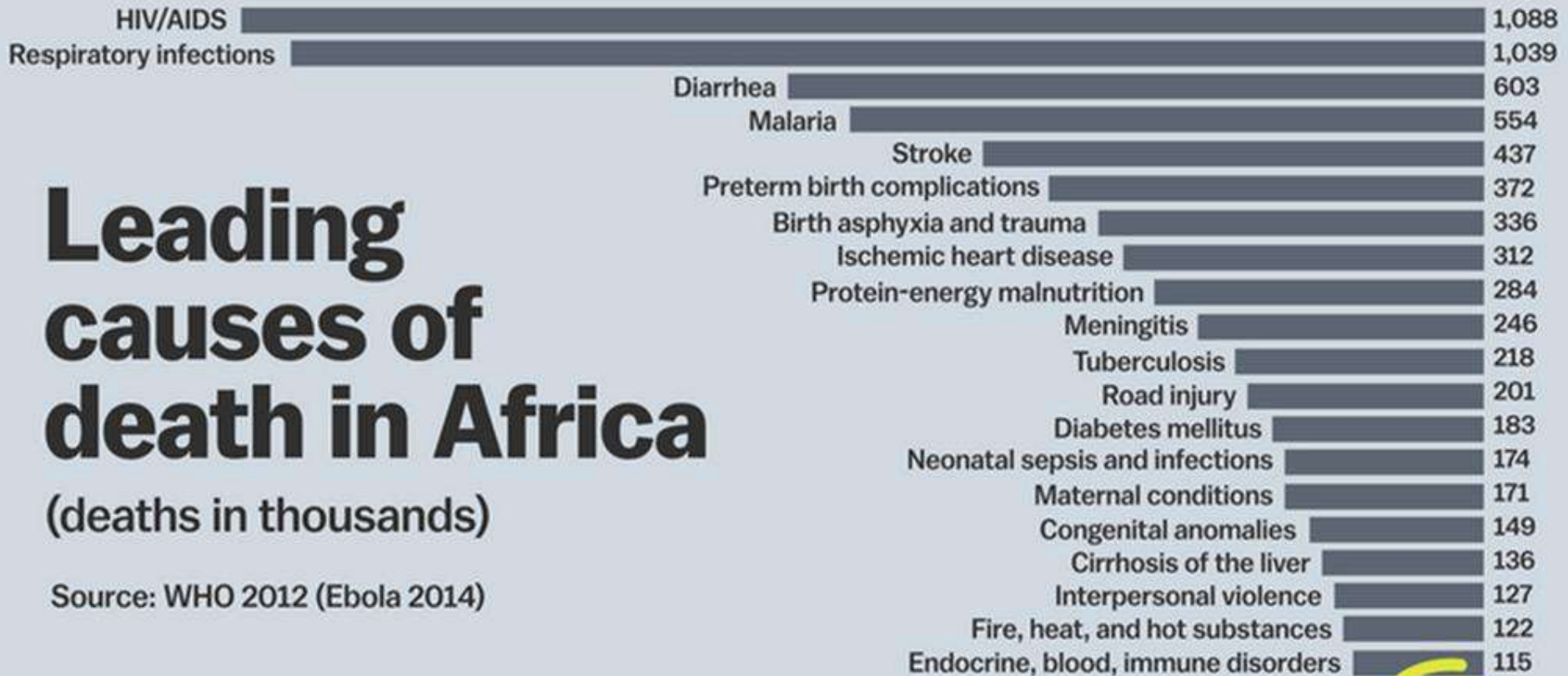


What will happen **after Ebola?**

Leading causes of death in Africa

(deaths in thousands)

Source: WHO 2012 (Ebola 2014)



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