EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE

ADDRESSING THE PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECT OF THE EPIDEMIC

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Liberian Association of Worcester County
EVD FOREIGN DISEASE

• LOCALS BELIEVE EVD IS FROM THE WEST

• DISTRUST OF HCWs

• HIGH DEATH RATES AMONG HCWs

• PAST FEAR INVOLVING VACCINATIONS
POLICE PREVENT EBOLA RIOTS
IMPACT ON LOCAL CULTURE

• DISCRIMINATION

• STIGMATIZATION

• BLAME

• DEATH
With sincere regret, I must report that Navarro College is not able to offer you acceptance for the Spring 2015 term. Unfortunately, Navarro College is not accepting international students from countries with confirmed Ebola cases.

Although you may be disappointed, my personal wish is that you find fulfillment studying at another fine college.

Please find enclosed herein your original documents for your records.

All requests for housing deposit refunds should be sent to nc.international@navarrocollege.edu. Please include your name and a U.S. address for us to send the deposit.

Thank you for applying to Navarro College and we send our best wishes for a successful academic career.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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Director of International Programs
FAMILIES

• SEPARATION FROM LOVED ONES
• FAMILIES UNABLE TO CARE FOR LOVED ONES
• CHILDREN ARE BEING MADE ORPHANS
• OVER 500 CHILDREN ARE ORPHANS
• HIGH DEATH RATE IN SOME COMMUNITIES
CULTURE

- LACK OF PERSONAL TOUCH
- LACK OF HUGGING
- KISSING NOW A TABOO
- INTIMACY AFFECTED
ISOLATION UNITS

• FAMILIES UNABLE TO BE WITH LOVED ONES

• COMMUNICATION VIA CELL PHONES

• TREATMENT BY TOTAL STRANGERS (faces masked)
  LACK OF HUMAN TOUCH

• DAILY UNCERTAINTY-21 DAYS QUARANTINE

  “Waiting to know syndrome”
MASKED MEN?
SCHOOL CLOSURES

• SCHOOLS SUSPENDED IN SIERRA LEONE

• SCHOOL CLOSURE IN LIBERIA

• REJECTION OF KIDS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

• XENOPHOBIA?
OVERSEAS TRAVEL

• INCREASED SCRUTINY OF NATIONALS FROM AFFECTED COUNTRIES
• CALLS FOR TRAVEL BAN/QUARANTINE
• KACI HICKOX OF MAINE
• FAMILIES OVERSEAS ARE SEPARATED
• NATIONALS FROM AFFECTED COUNTRIES, RESIDING OVERSEAS ARE SCRUTINIZED
IMPACT ON HEALTHCARE

• MISTRUST OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

• HIGH DEATH RATE OF HCW’S

• INCREASED DEATH RATE FROM NON-EVD ILLNESSES (MALARIA, THYPhOID, ETC).

• NEED FOR EXPATRIATES (HCWs)
DEATH AND BURIAL

• BURIAL vs CREMATION

• ISLAMIC BURIAL vs CHRISTIAN BURIAL
RECOMMENDATIONS

• REDUCE DISCRIMINATION
• REDUCE STIGMATIZATION
• ALLOW TRAINED FAMILY MEMBERS WITH PPE’S TO CARE FOR LOVED ONES
• ALLOW LOCAL SURVIVORS TO CARE FOR OTHERS IN THEIR AFFECTED COMMUNITIES
• CARE FOR ORPHANS AND SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN.
LIFE AFTER EBOLA
REFERENCES


PHOTOS FROM THE BBC.COM/PLAN INTERNATIONAL