

EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE

ADDRESSING THE PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECT OF THE EPIDEMIC



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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

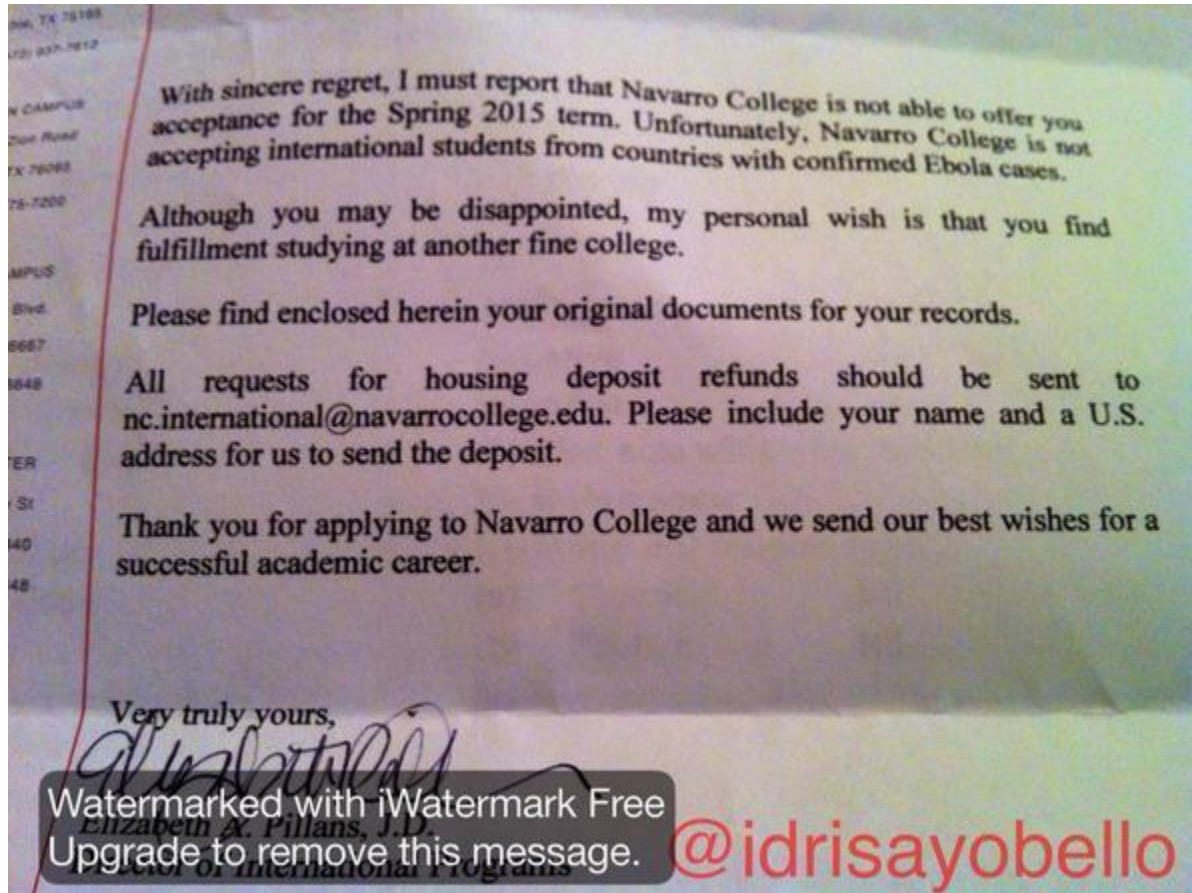


IMPACT ON LOCAL CULTURE

- DISCRIMINATION
- STIGMATIZATION
- BLAME
- DEATH



DISCRIMINATION



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





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NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION
Voter's Card

County: GBARPOU Registration Center Code: 45020

Age: 47 Voter ID Number: 247630783

Sex: M

Name: KHOURY, DANIEL G.



NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION
Voter's Card

County: OMI Registration Center Code: 03070

Age: 42 Voter ID Number: 241180352

Sex: F

Name: CURAY, MAMIE



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



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