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Awareness Campaign

Awareness on the deadly Ebola Virus in KFYF Project Communities (Clara Town and Soniwein)

Liberians have endured economic hardship and a wide range of challenging issues since the country emerged from the 14 years of civil war eleven years ago. But nothing can be compared to the challenge the country is now experiencing in coping with the current plague of Ebola. The outbreak is the deadliest Ebola outbreak in history and continues to plague West Africa especially Liberia as our leaders social workers and health workers scramble to stop the virus from spreading. It is no doubt that the Ebola virus is a national health crisis, it has attacked our way of life, with serious economic and social consequences and as such, we are compelled to bring the entirety of our national resolve to fight this scourge.

This virus is a serious health issue that has taken over every aspect of life in this West African nation. It has set in panic utterly unknown to the population, with fear of fellow citizens overtaking all aspects of the country's society.

It's gradually becoming a living hell: Restaurants for example, are losing businesses because people are afraid to eat out now, basically on the Liberian market the purchasing demand is being drawn to essentials hygiene products (Such as: Clorox, sanitizers, Chlorine, rexoguard (deltol) and other preventive agents against Ebola)

The Ebola Virus outbreak started in Guinea and spilled over the border to Liberia in March 2014. At least 9 Counties of Liberia have been infected from the virus including: Bomi, Bong, Grand Bassa, Grand Cape Mount, Lofa, Margibi, Nimba, River Cess and Montserrado (that host the Capital City of Liberia, which has the highest infected cases and wide spreading of the virus considering the population). The public health infrastructure of Liberia is weak and is being severely strained as the outbreak grows.

YOCADS

Since 2008 Cooperaxion has been supporting YOCADS a Liberian development organization, in their attempt to give youth in the slums of Monrovia new local perspectives.

Focusing on rebuilding social networks and enhancing trust and confidence, the project offers indirect psychosocial support through a blend of positive leisure-activities, vocational trainings (in local handicrafts and mechanics outlets) and community-benefitting awareness rising activities.



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Soniwein and Clara Town are no exception to the Ebola widely spread pandemic given their localities and congestion. There have been reported cases and deaths of the virus in both communities and adjacent. In the last few weeks, the Ministry of Education had to shut down temporarily because of suspected cases of Ebola among employees, while airlines (including British Airways, Gambia Bird, Arik Air amongst others) have ceased flying their regular routes between Monrovia and several other West African destinations and Europe. People have become afraid to ride on public transportation and sit next to each other because of uncertainty of who is carrying the virus. Schools have been closed including Universities and colleges. The president declared a State of national Emergency on the 6th of August 2014 for three Months, she subsequently abandoned her trip to the Afro-American summit in Washington D.C. and mobilize all security forces including the army to restrict movement of people and to quarantine communities and localities where new cases of outbreak is suspected;

she also ordered the closure of borders with the three neighboring countries (Guinea, Sierra Leone and Ivory Coast) and have deployed health workers at specified locations to carefully check the temperature of people moving about.

As a result of the above and to save guard project staff, beneficiaries as well as community dwellers. We wish to adequately enhance our programs and activities beyond what has previously been done at the Office, Community Hub, soccer and cultural team training as preventive measures. Given the rapid spread of the Ebola Virus in Montserrado County, particularly Monrovia, we therefore wish to increase, intensify and extend our awareness mechanism to the Community town hall and outlets, residents, clinics and public gathering in the both Communities for the period of five Months.