

Managing a Security Response to the Ebola Epidemic in Liberia

Introduction

One of the major crises seen in Liberia in 2014 include the epidemic of <u>Ebola</u>; this highlighted the major problems that exist within the society especially within the area of public health and security. This instance analyse the case of how different actors dealt with the crisis, and what can be learned for future public health emergencies.

Background

The Ebola virus, with relatively higher death-probability rate, was a huge threat to Liberia, an emerging nation slowly rising from the ashes of civil war. As people got infected, there was a need to have and efficient response. Congestion in health facilities was common, while people's fear coupled with inadequate adherence to WHO guidelines led to civil unrest and no trust in public health facilities.

Strategic Response

Because of the nature of the threats posed by the Ebola outbreak, the actions needed to address it also had to be diverse. To curb the spread of the disease, health ministers of Liberia alongside the permission of the world health organization, WHO and other groups of people such as 'doctors without borders' put measures in place.

Conclusion

The nature of the Liberian ebola epidemic advancing a sociolegal security analysis is therefore conservative, however, the security responses to the crisis produced significant effects. It will enable all the stakeholders involved to make improvements to the response and gain knowledge of the future prospective of more enhanced public health structures.

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