

# Cost of the Ebola Epidemic



## Impact of Ebola on the Healthcare System

### Healthcare providers were at highest risk



**881** doctors, nurses,  
and midwives were infected  
with Ebola in West Africa



**513** died  
because of Ebola



**8%** reduction of healthcare workforce from Ebola in Liberia



**23%** decrease in health services  
delivery in Sierra Leone

Healthcare workers caring for patients with Ebola were among those at highest risk for contracting the disease. From the start of the outbreak through November 2015, a total of 881 confirmed health worker infections were reported in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, and there were 513 reported deaths.<sup>8</sup> Liberia lost 8% of its doctors, nurses, and midwives to Ebola; Sierra Leone and Guinea lost 7% and 1% of their healthcare workers, respectively.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>7</sup>The World Bank. 2015. Summary on the Ebola Recovery Plan: Liberia - Economic Stabilization and Recovery Plan (ESRP). April 15. Accessed January 20, 2016. <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/ebola/brief/summary-on-the-ebola-recovery-plan-liberia-economic-stabilization-and-recovery-plan-esrp>.

<sup>8</sup>World Health Organization. 2015. "Ebola Situation Report - 4 November 2015." Accessed January 20, 2016. [http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/192654/1/ebolasitrep\\_4Nov2015\\_eng.pdf?ua=1](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/192654/1/ebolasitrep_4Nov2015_eng.pdf?ua=1).

<sup>9</sup>David K Evans, Markus Goldstein, Anna Popova. 2015. "Health-care worker mortality and the legacy of the Ebola epidemic." *The Lancet Global Health* 3 (8): e439–e440. Accessed December 22, 2015. doi:10.1016/S2214-109X(15)00065-0. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214109X15000650>