



DIVISION OF GLOBAL HEALTH PROTECTION

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Global Disease Detection: From SARS to Ebola

Experience to inform the future

Deadly disease threats are out there—some we know about, and some we have yet to discover. To prevent future epidemics like [SARS](#) and [Ebola](#), we must find emerging diseases and stop them where they occur, before it's too late. CDC has devoted a [series of articles and infographics](#) to the boots-on-the-ground resourcefulness and scientific innovation of its [Global Disease Detection program](#), which is helping countries around the world prevent, detect, and respond to outbreaks before they become epidemics. [Learn more](#) about how it's done.

5 things to know:

1. In 2014 alone, CDC's Global Disease Detection Centers assisted countries with [319 outbreaks around the world](#). Only one of these was Ebola.
2. Sometimes, stopping disease in its tracks means [traveling over 200 days per year](#), getting [lost in remote villages](#), or swabbing the nose of a [wild African buffalo](#).
3. For over a decade, our [10 Centers worldwide](#) have been strengthening laboratories, responding to outbreaks, training the workforce, and forming strong ties in countries.
4. The Global Disease Detection Program was [one of the first ways](#) we systematically approached our commitment to [global health security](#).
5. Since 2006, the program has discovered [12 pathogens](#) that were completely new to the world.

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