Ebola: From Ground Zero to Zero Cases

CDC Museum launches exhibition of historic West African Ebola epidemic

In one arresting photo, a weary nurse in Sierra Leone rests her head as a colleague rallies coworkers. In another, work-hardened hands tenderly hold photos of sick and deceased loved ones. Wooden crosses, meant to mark graves and stained with West African clay, encourage the viewer to stop and be glad these few crosses were not needed after all.

**EBOLA: People + Public Health + Political Will** is on display now through May 25, 2018.

Visitors take a journey from the early days of the outbreak through its terrifying spread through crowded urban centers. The terrible impact of the humanitarian crisis is reflected in a photo of a tired, frightened family quarantined in their home, cordoned off from the world by police tape and stigma.

The narrative unfolds further as the exhibition shines a light on the heroic efforts of public health workers. CDC and other parts of the U.S. government, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, other governments, private donors, the CDC Foundation, and many international aid organizations mobilized massive resources.

Hope can be seen in a photo showing the smiles of a CDC staffer and local aid workers, floating on a raft down a river in Sierra Leone. A photo of the young men of the local burial teams shows pride and defiance of circumstances.

“This exhibition will show what life was like for people who lived through and battled the outbreak,” said CDC Acting Director Anne Schuchat, M.D. “I hope people will leave the exhibition with the knowledge that, with commitment and will, we can change the world and make it a safer, healthier place for everyone.”

For more information, visit **Ebola: People + Public Health + Political Will** or call 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636).