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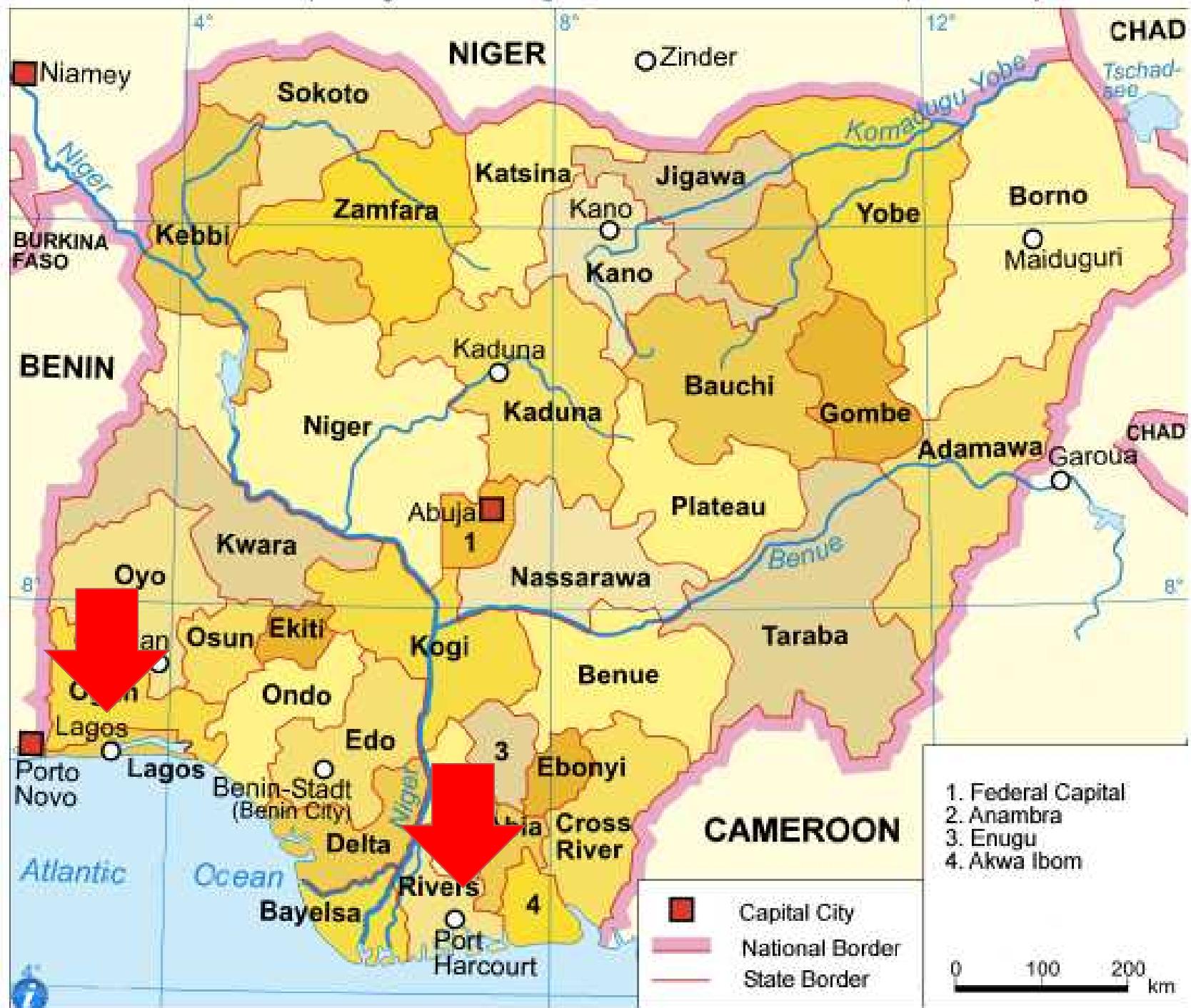
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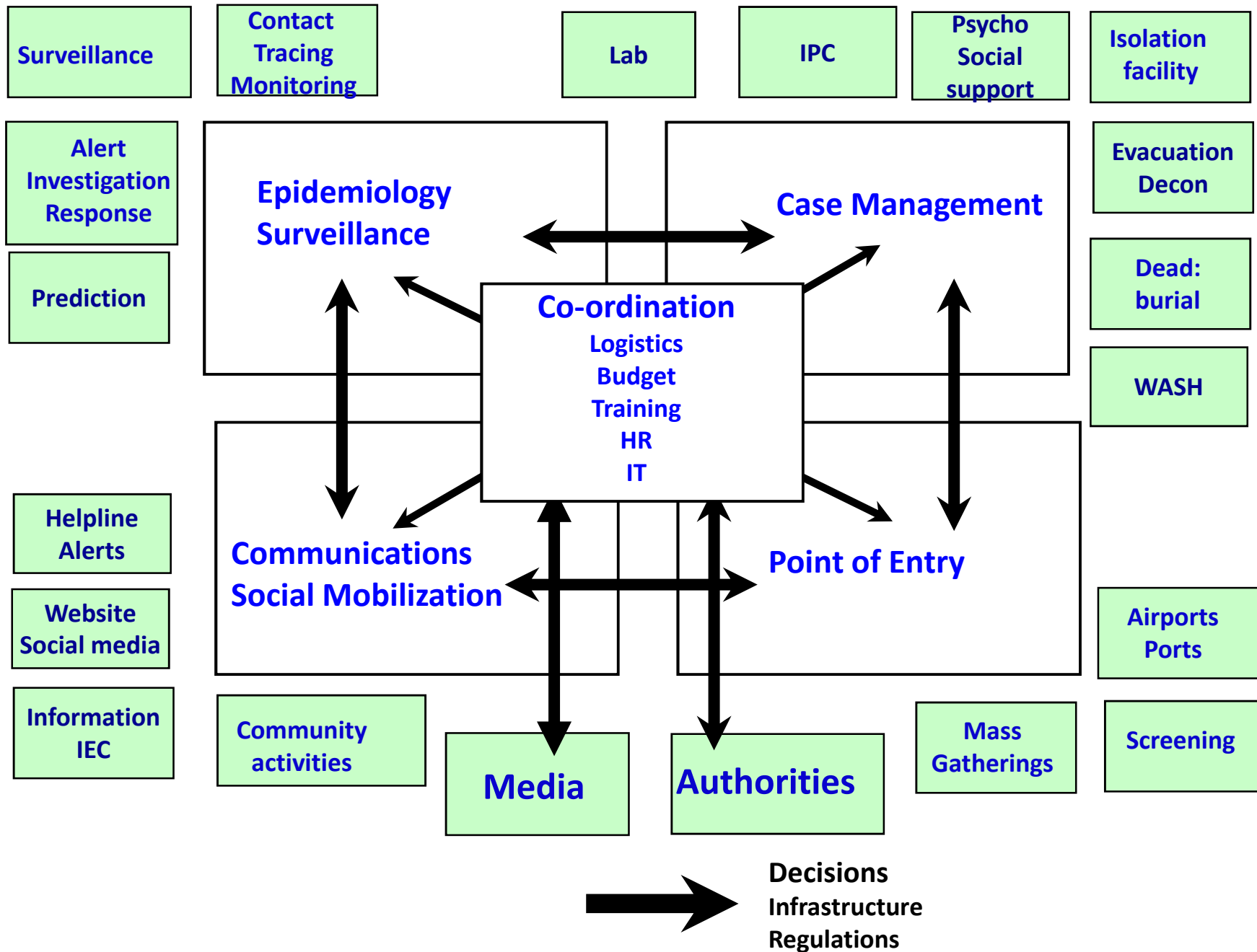
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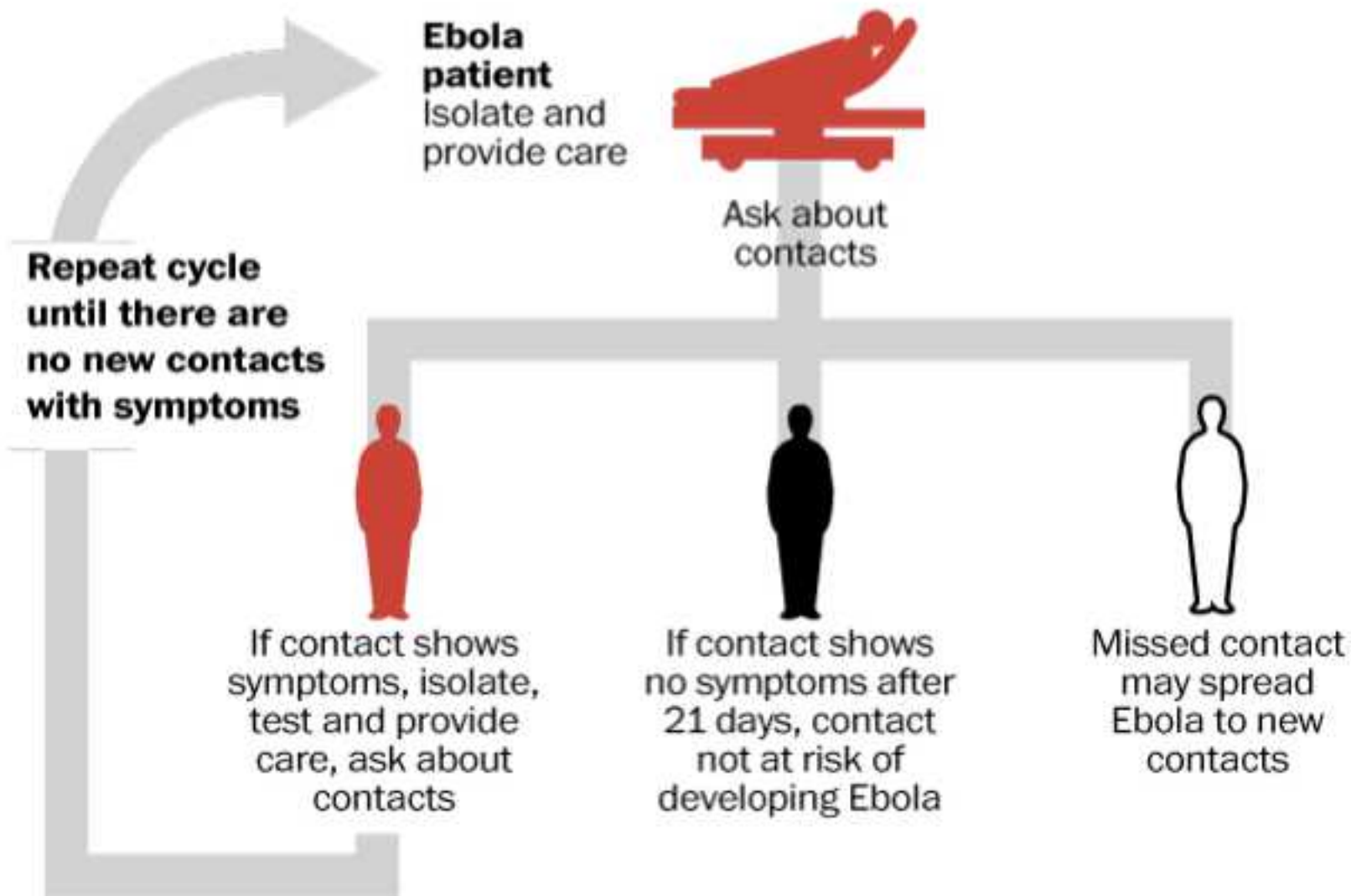
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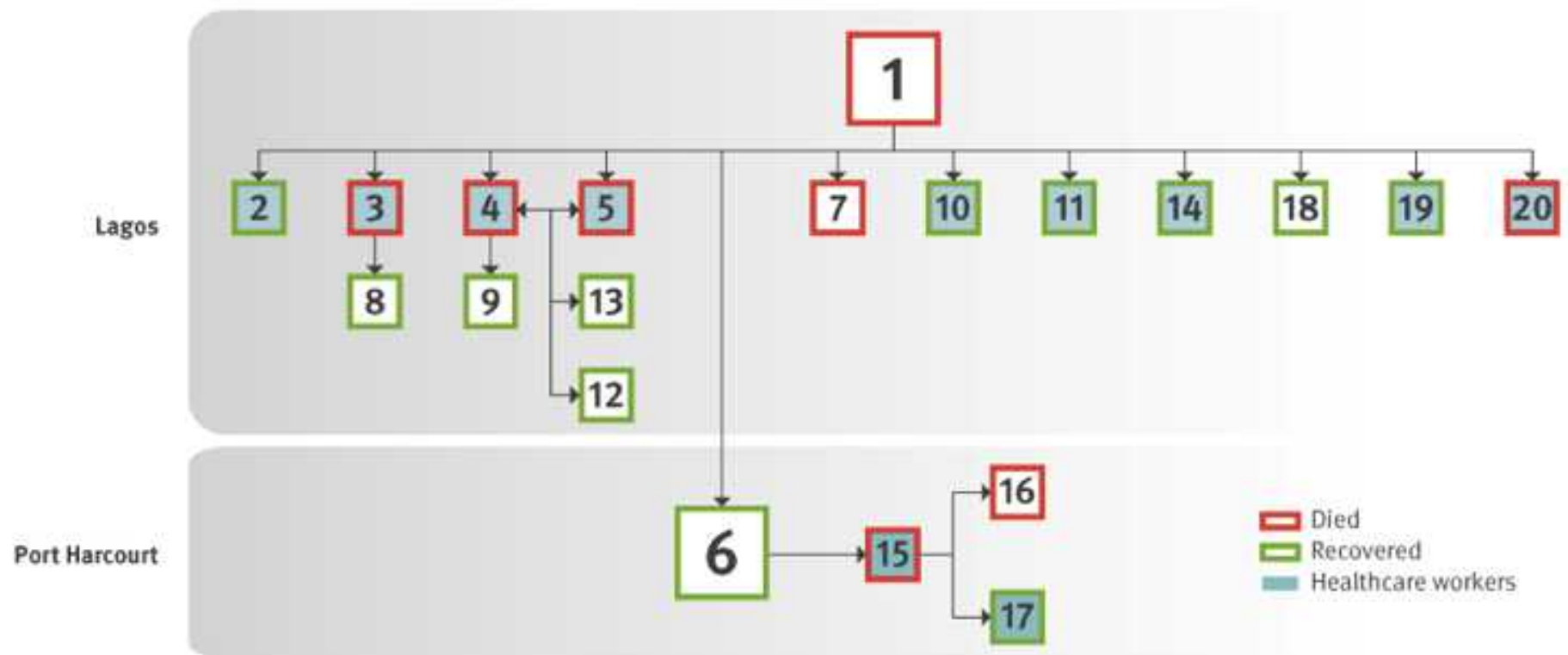
Contact tracing can stop the Ebola outbreak in its tracks.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Washington Post





Numbers

- 20 cases: 8 deaths
- 11 healthcare worker cases
 - 9 acquired infection from index case before diagnosis
 - 5 deaths
- 898 contacts
 - 18,500 face to face visits
- 26,000 households visited
 - radius drawn around homes of cases/contacts



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By Patrick Moser

As the West African Ebola outbreak continues to spread, its impact on families and communities is becoming more pronounced. UNICEF [announced](#) that at least 3,700 children in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone have lost one or both parents to Ebola since the start of the outbreak, and many of them are being rejected by their surviving relatives for fear of infection.

In Nigeria, Ebola survivors and those who have come in contact with infected persons, as well as their families, find that being declared free of the disease is just a first step. They still need to cope with stigmatization.

LAGOS, Nigeria, 30 September 2014 – Martins, 17 lost his mother to Ebola. At times he also feels like he has lost a part of his life.



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Princewell (left), 27, and Martins, 17, lost their mother to the Ebola virus. "Somewhere, somehow, people will get to know," Princewell says. "So I think it's better to let them hear it from us."

After his mother was taken to hospital with symptoms of Ebola, Martins and a 21-year-old brother were medically monitored for 21 days, the maximum incubation period of the Ebola virus.

They were not infected, but Martins says the situation had a profound impact on their lives.

Since their mother – a nurse who had treated the first Ebola patient in Nigeria – fell ill, the two brothers have been staying at a hotel where no one knows them.

"We couldn't go back to the house. People knew what happened over there," he says. "We knew they would start stigmatizing us," he says.

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Lagos female doctor dies of Ebola



By Rosemary Odeleye and Kate Barker

Nigeria's health system is struggling to contain the deadly Ebola virus, which has killed at least 10 people in the country since it was first reported in May 2014. Dr. Rosemary Odeleye, a 40-year-old female doctor, died of the disease on Tuesday.

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Dr. Rosemary Odeleye, a 40-year-old female doctor, died of the disease on Tuesday. She was the first Nigerian doctor to die of Ebola.

Dr. Odeleye was a senior consultant in the infectious diseases department of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital.

She was also a member of the Nigeria's Ebola Virus Task Force.

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President Jonathan (left) with Vice President Adams (second from left) and other officials at a ceremony in Lagos on Tuesday. The ceremony was held to mark the death of Dr. Rosemary Odeleye.

Jega defends INEC's bid to control soldiers at polls

By Peter Obi

President Jonathan's decision to allow soldiers to vote at the polls is a move that is likely to undermine the integrity of the election. The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has asked the president to allow soldiers to vote at the polls, but President Jonathan has refused.

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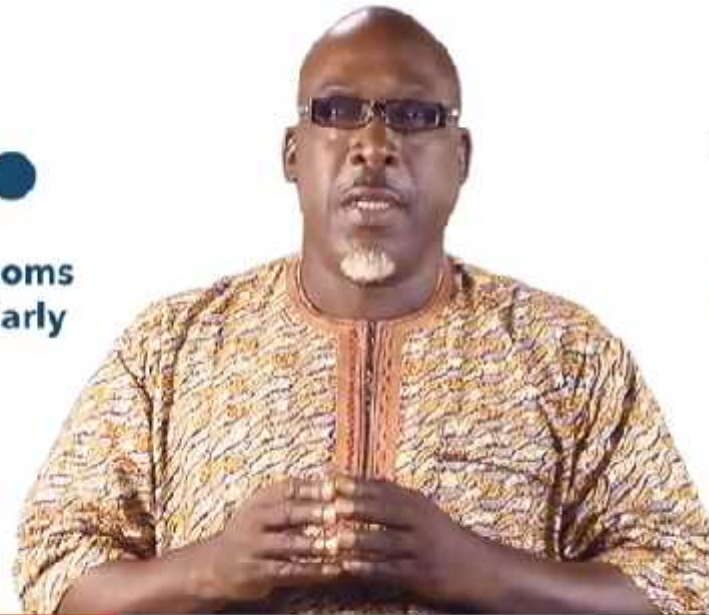
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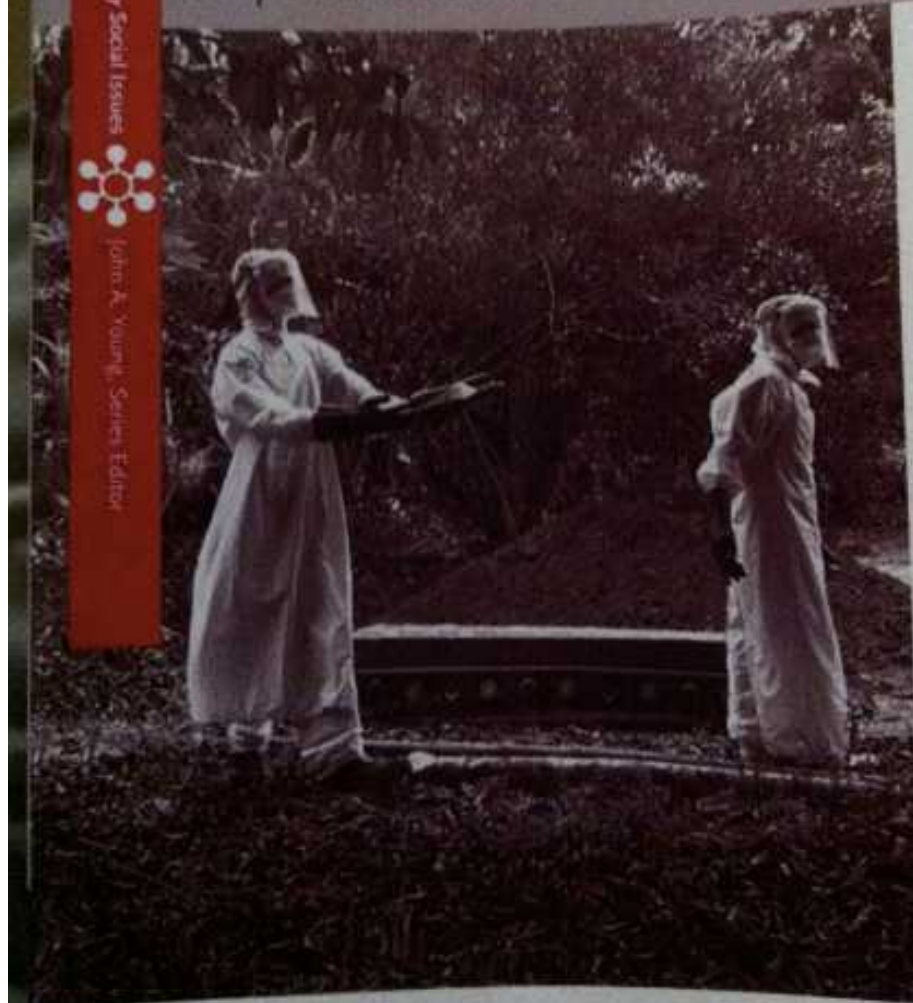
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20 October 2014 – WHO officially declares that Nigeria is now free of Ebola virus transmission. This is a spectacular success story that shows that Ebola can be contained. The story of how Nigeria ended what many believed to be potentially the most explosive Ebola outbreak imaginable is worth telling in detail.

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What can Nigeria's Ebola experience teach the world?

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A Nigerian port health official uses a thermometer to screen Muslim pilgrims for Ebola. Photograph: Sunday Alamba/AP

As the [US confirmed the first case of Ebola outside Africa](#), world leaders and public health specialists are desperately scrambling to control the west African outbreak. One of the few bright spots is the success of Nigeria in controlling the disease, which could have spiralled out of control in Africa's most populous country.

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Nigeria Is Ebola-Free: Here's What They Did Right

Alexandra Sifferlin @acsifferlin | Oct. 19, 2014



It's been 42 days since the last new case

The World Health Organization declared Nigeria free of Ebola on Monday, a containment victory in an outbreak that has stymied other countries' response efforts.

The milestone came at about 11 a.m. local time, or 6 a.m., E.T. The outbreak has killed more than 4,500 in West Africa and remains unchecked in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, so Nigeria is by no means immune to another outbreak.



A school official takes a pupil's temperature using an infrared digital laser thermometer in front of the school premises, at the resumption of private schools, in Lagos, Sept. 22, 2014.

Akintunde Akinleye—Reuters

"It's possible to control Ebola. It's possible to defeat Ebola. We've seen it here in Nigeria," Nigerian Minister of Health Onyebuchi Chukwu told TIME. "If any cases emerge in the future, it will be considered—by international standards—a separate outbreak. If that happens, Nigeria will be ready and able to confront it exactly as we have done with this outbreak."



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