



Response to Ebola: Mapping religious networks and FIOs

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This document includes information we have assembled (public sources and private communications) that illustrates responses to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa by a range of faith-inspired organizations (FIOs) and communities.

Faith-Inspired Organizations

- Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance Liberia Forum)
- Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)
- Afro-Medical Community Health and Welfare Service
- Against Ebola in Guinea Conakry
- Assemblies of God World Missions
- Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone
- Baptist Global Response
- Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God
- CAFOD
- Caritas International - *Monsignor Robert Vitillo*
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Christian Aid
- Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH)
- Christian Health Association of Liberia (CHAL)
- Church Aid Inc. (CAI)
- Church of Latter Day Saints
- Church of the Nazarene
- Community Health Global Network (CHGN)
- Community of Sant' Egidio
- Cooper Adventist Hospital
- Curby Memorial Presbyterian Church in Liberia
- Episcopal Church of Liberia
- Episcopal Relief & Development
- Eternal Love Winning Africa (ELWA)
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Feba Radio
- Focus 1000
- French Development Agency (AFD)
- German Institute for Medical Mission (DIFÄM)
- Hands of Hope Foundation
- Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary
- Humanity First
- IMA World Health
- Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- Islamic Development Bank
- Islamic Relief USA
- Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention (LBMEC)
- Liberian Council of Churches
- Medical Mission Institute Würzburg
- Medical Teams International
- Misereor
- More than Me
- New Water in the Desert Assembly Church
- Operation Blessing International
- Religions for Peace
- Salvation Army
- Samaritan's Purse
- Serving in Mission (SIM)

- Tearfund
- The Free Pentecostal Global Mission Church
- The Lutheran Church of Liberia
- The Religious Leaders Task Force on Ebola
- Tony Blair Foundation - *Banke Adetayo and Ian Linden*
- United Methodist Communication
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- USAID
- US Ambassador to the Holy See, Kenneth Hackett
- Waterloo Adventist Hospital
- Women of Hope International
- World Council of Churches
- World Health Organization
- World Relief partners Association of Evangelicals of Liberia and the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone
- World Vision
- Young Life Africa

Religious Landscape¹ in Affected Countries

	GUINEA	LIBERIA	SIERRA LEONE
Population²	11.7 million	4.3 million	6.1 million
Urban	36%	48%	38%
Muslim	70-85%	12-20%	45-78%
Christian	4-10% – Roman Catholic – Evangelical – Anglican – Baptist – Jehovah’s Witnesses – Seventh-Day Adventist	40-85% – Methodist – Lutheran – Baptist – Episcopalian – Presbyterian – Roman Catholic – Pentecostal – Evangelical	11-27% – Methodist – Presbyterian – Baptist – Seventh-Day Adventist – Lutheran – Pentecostal – Roman Catholic – Evangelical
Ethnoreligionist³	5-25%	4-40%	2-40%

¹ Religious data from CIA Fact Book, US State Department

Religious Freedom Country Reports (2013), World Bank, Oxford University Press World Christian Encyclopedia Volume 1 (2001).

² World Bank DataBank 2013

³ Many people practice traditional indigenous religions and Christianity or Islam.

Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance Liberia Forum)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Liberia</i>	The Lutheran Church in Liberia and ACT Alliance donated personal protective equipment (PPEs) and other medical supplies that allowed the Phebe Hospital and Curran Lutheran Hospital to reopen. ¹ The ACT Alliance-Liberia Forum has also turned over a seven-bed Ebola Holding Unit to the Phebe Hospital, donated rice for families of health workers, and offered risk benefits for health workers. ²
<i>Keywords and Interventions: medical supplies, personal protective equipment, ETU, food, risk benefits</i>	

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Seventh-Day Adventist, Country focus: Sierra Leone, Liberia</i>	ADRA has partnered with Loma Linda University, Adventist Health International, and Global Medic to provide medical equipment and supplies to the Cooper Adventist Hospital and the Liberian Ministry of Health. ³ In Sierra Leone, ADRA manages 12 decontamination teams and 5 replacement teams to disinfect Ebola patients' homes. In Liberia, ADRA conducted prevention educational campaigns, distributed solidarity kits to over 800 survivors, and distributed WFP staple foods to over 134,000 beneficiaries. ⁴ Given the high rate of infection among medical staff at Cooper and Waterloo Adventist Hospital, both facilities were closed and placed under quarantine. Cooper reopened in mid-November to provide non-Ebola services to patients; Waterloo reopened on December 17 as an Ebola treatment and holding center, and the hospital is actively treating patients. ADRA has been providing psychological counseling and support to victims of Ebola and their families. They are also training staff and volunteers to spread messages around the community in public spaces - markets, churches, and bus stations. ⁵
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Medical supplies, psychological counseling, training, community awareness and sensitization</i>	

Afro-Medical Community Health and Welfare Service	
<i>Faith Affiliation: n/a Country focus: Liberia</i>	Afro-Medical Community Health and Welfare Service runs three community health clinics in Liberia and facilities are mainly addressing non-Ebola health cases, such as malaria, delivering babies, treating typhoid and more. They also engage in identifying Ebola orphans, quarantined families, and survivors, linking them with other NGOs and the government to provide supplementary feeding. They provide food and other basic supplies to families because while in quarantine, they have no means of finding food. These people are stigmatized. The organization is also seeking help to
<i>Keywords and Interventions: food, support for orphans and families, non-Ebola healthcare</i>	

¹ <http://crofsblogs.typepad.com/h5n1/2014/09/ebola-in-liberia-phebe-hospital-gets-large-donation.html>

² <http://www.liberianewsagency.org/pagesnews.php?nid=2727>

³ http://www.adra.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=12773&security=1581&news_iv_ctrl=1584

⁴ Email with Elizabeth Foulkes, Jan. 26, 2015.

⁵ <http://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/adra-teams-up-with-4-adventist-groups-in-ebola-outbreak>

	improve infection control at their facilities to continue to address primary health cases. ⁶
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Diallo: Against Ebola in Guinea Conakry	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Islam,</i> <i>Country focus: Guinea</i>	600 Imams and Christian clergy in Conakry are receiving training to teach their congregations to protect themselves from Ebola. ⁷
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i> <i>Religious leader training</i>	

Assemblies of God World Missions	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Assemblies of God,</i> <i>Country focus: all</i>	Assemblies of God World Missions is sending medical and food supplies through Convoy of Hope and HealthCare Ministries to AG leadership in Sierra Leone, who will distribute goods to pastors and churches. ⁸
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i> <i>supplies</i>	

Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Baptist,</i> <i>Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	A Baptist Ebola Task Force has been formed in Sierra Leone. The Baptist Convention of Sierra Leone coordinator of social ministries, Samuel Conteh, reports that the Task Force will “coordinate the sensitization of Ebola outbreak in its various churches and other public places” and that chlorine tabs and sanitation buckets are being provided to churches to encourage hygienic practices. ⁹
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i> <i>Sanitation buckets and chlorine</i>	

Baptist Global Response	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Southern Baptist</i> <i>Country focus: Togo</i>	The Southern Baptist Convention has left its missionaries in place in Guinea and Liberia. ¹⁰ Southern Baptists are responding through an education campaign in Togo, West Africa, ahead of any reported cases there; the Baptist Convention of Togo intends to distribute 15,000 Ebola brochures across Togo, utilizing local Baptist associations and pastors to get the information to church members. Outreach will include televised public service announcements nationwide, and local evangelists will distribute pamphlets to outlying villages. ¹¹
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i> <i>Community awareness and prevention</i>	

⁶ Report from Patience Flomo, CEO, Afro-Medical Community Health and Welfare Service, posted on <http://www.ccih.org/ccih-connector-october-2014#news>

⁷ <http://www.helpoint.net/5192.html>

⁸ <http://worldmissions.ag.org/details1.cfm>

⁹ <http://www.bwanet.org/news/news-releases/413-2014-ebola-outbreak>

¹⁰ <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/ebola-virus-outbreak/ebola-epidemic-poses-dilemma-church-aid-groups-n171116>

¹¹ <http://www.bpnews.net/43477/ebola-kills-6-in-baptist-womans-family>

Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Catholic, Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	The hospital held training sessions for workers to better screen and triage Ebola patients. Additionally, the hospital offers outreach programs to give food and basic needs to quarantine families, providing health education, monitoring their physical health, and administering basic medical treatment. ¹² Negotiating with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, the hospital hopes to create a standard Ebola suspect care unit. They also organized an engagement session with the religious leaders in the 146 villages in Marampa to encourage and educate them to fight Ebola. ¹³
<i>Keywords and Interventions: food assistance, training healthcare workers, religious leader training</i>	

CAFOD	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Catholic, Country focus: Sierra Leone and Liberia</i>	CAFOD, the official aid agency of the Catholic Church of England and Wales, has partnered with organizations in Sierra Leone and Liberia to train priests, parish volunteers, imams, spiritualists, and traditional healers. They are increasing awareness on good hygiene, safe burial practices, and handwashing, as well as distributing hygiene kits. ¹⁴
<i>Keywords and Interventions: social mobilization</i>	

Caritas Internationalis - Monsignor Robert Vitillo	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Catholic, Country focus: all</i>	<p>Father Vitillo, based on a recent visit to Liberia, emphasizes that "Liberians are faith-filled people and will listen to their priests, ministers, and lay leaders." In Monrovia, HIV educators have been enlisted to raise awareness about Ebola, because they already have established networks in communities. Local musicians are working with Caritas to make jingles, which have been distributed to 3,000 taxi drivers. The Church is encouraging people to alter their burial practices and reach out to orphans.¹⁵</p> <p>Caritas has published a guideline handbook prepared by Father Vitillo that provides accurate information on Ebola treatment and prevention, as well as relevant pastoral perspectives and scripture references on Ebola.¹⁶ In early January 2015, the Vatican earmarked \$3.55 million dollars to go to Caritas Internationalis and the Ebola response.¹⁷</p>
<i>Keywords and Interventions: social mobilization</i>	

¹² <http://sierraleonehsjdbcn.org/2014/10/28/ebola-virus-outbreak-in-sierra-leone/>

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ebola-crisis-appeal>

¹⁵ <http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/caritas-official-gives-inside-look-at-ebola-fight>

¹⁶ <https://www.dropbox.com/s/pesckks8j7iz8kg/CI%20guidelines%20-%20as%20of%2026sept2014.doc?n=22637231>

¹⁷ <http://awoko.org/2015/01/10/sierra-leone-news-vatican-to-send-3-5-million-to-help-church-response-to-ebola/>

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Catholic, Country focus: all</i>	<p>Catholic Relief Services is providing PPEs, essential medicines, and other supplies to ensure that Ebola and routine health care services are available. They are also training health care workers to screen for Ebola. CRS is placing handwashing stations in public locations, developing radio and TV health messages, and mobilizing volunteers to conduct house-to-house sensitization campaigns. By educating priests and imams, CRS hopes to expand Ebola education into churches and mosques.</p> <p>CRS funded a household survey on public knowledge, attitudes, and practices relating to Ebola in Sierra Leone. They discovered that, while there is a high level of knowledge about the disease, including prevention methods, high levels of stigma persist.¹⁸ In addition, the study found that radio is the preferred means for receiving messages and that 95 percent of respondents reported some behavior change (washing hands with soap and water).¹⁹</p> <p>CRS is conducting a needs assessment on the impact of the Ebola crisis on food supplies and agricultural productivity in the coming planting season.</p>
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Supply provision, training health care workers, handwashing stations, social mobilization, radio, food assistance, research</i>	

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: n/a, Country focus: all</i>	<p>Monique Tuyisenge-Onyegbula of CDC worked on community sensibilization and education on Ebola in Guinea. CDC will work to engage religious leaders in order to gain access to communities resisting health messaging. They will also work to dispel rumors, including that individuals buried by the Red Cross will not go to heaven.²⁰</p> <p>On October 22, CDC held an Ebola call for Faith- and Community-based Organizations. Recommendations for FBO-CBOs in fighting ebola include decreasing stigma, promoting compassion, building resilience in communities, promote healthy habits, and link resources to the community. Faith and community leaders are not expected to provide direct care unless they are trained and equipped through the health system.</p>
<i>Keywords and Interventions: reducing stigma, communication and education</i>	

Christian Aid	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	<p>With the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone, Network of people living with HIV (NETHIPS), the SEND Foundation, RADA, and other partners, Christian Aid is distributing medical supplies and training community</p>
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i>	

¹⁸ <http://newswire.crs.org/new-report-shows-ebola-misconceptions-stigma-persist-in-sierra-leone/>

¹⁹ "Study on Public Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Relating to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Prevention and Medical Care in Sierra Leone." UNICEF, FOCUS 1000, and Catholic Relief Services. Sept 2014.

²⁰ Email from Monique Tuyisenge-Onyegbula

<i>medical supplies, health training</i>	health volunteers. They are mainly using preexisting structures set up to deal with HIV to spread preventive messages about Ebola. ²¹
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Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: all</i>	CCIH and several of its members have been involved or are planning to explore how to best mobilize FBOs and community groups. Along with Accord Network, CCIH held a conference call on September 23 to hear from members engaged in the Ebola Crisis, featuring Ken Isaacs from Samaritan's Purse and Roger Sandberg of Medical Teams International. ²² They have also established an Ebola-specific listserv ²³ for disseminating ideas and posing questions, as well as a webpage ²⁴ for posting FBO Ebola resources.
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Coordination of Christian actors</i>	

Christian Health Association of Liberia (CHAL)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Liberia</i>	With funding from DIFAEM Germany, the CHAL distributed over \$25,000 worth of PPE, including goggles, gloves, and buckets, to 12 health facilities. ²⁵ CHAL also trained over 77 health care providers on prevention strategies and how to properly use the PPE in a day long training and distribution campaign. The Grand Bassau county representative, Gabriel Smith, and Sinoe County Development Superintendent, Romeo Quieh, led the sessions. ²⁶
<i>Keywords and Interventions: PPE distribution and training</i>	

Church of Latter Day Saints	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Latter Day Saints, Country focus: Sierra Leone and Liberia</i>	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has evacuated all 274 missionaries that were in Sierra Leone and Liberia. ²⁷
<i>Keywords and Interventions: n/a</i>	

Church Aid Inc. (CAI)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Pentecostal, Country focus: Liberia</i>	CAI, the relief and development arm of Apostolic Pentecostal Church, has taken a community-based approach to fight Ebola. The organization performs contact tracing and holds training workshops and programs on prevention awareness in Brewerville, Bajor, Klay, Sinje, etc. Additionally, CAI provides psychosocial support to survivors through the work of 20 counselors. Their efforts have
<i>Keywords and Interventions: contact tracing, training, psychosocial support</i>	

²¹ <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/areas-of-concern/ebola-in-sierra-leone.aspx>

²² Full audio of the call available https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/28332247/Accord-Ebola_Conference_Call-23Sep2014.mp3

²³ To join, send a blank email to ebola-join@ccih.org

²⁴ <http://www.ccih.org/ebola/581-fbo-ebola-resources.html>

²⁵ <http://challiberia.org/work/ebola/>

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=30963187>; <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865608240/LDS-missionaries-evacuated-due-to-Ebola-outbreak-safely-underway-to-new-assignments.html?pg=all>; <http://www.mormonnewsroom.org/article/missionaries-serving-two-african-nations-reassigned>

	reached an estimated 36,000 unique individuals in these communities. ²⁸
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Community Health Global Network (CHGN)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: all</i>	The Community Health Global Network created a Community Ebola Toolkit, which is a collection of resources focused on community awareness raising and prevention with various resources that also address patient care, contact tracing, proper burial practices, and psychosocial support. ²⁹
<i>Keywords and Interventions: community awareness training</i>	

Community of Sant' Egidio	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Guinea</i>	The Community of Sant' Egidio is working on "Depistage" at a clinic in Conakry, Guinea, which serves 2600 circulating patients and family members. Through a combination of monitoring, sensitization, and information dissemination, experts are hoping to reduce risky behaviors and stigma associated with Ebola. ^{30,31}
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Community awareness, patient monitoring</i>	

Church of the Nazarene	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Sierra Leone and Liberia</i>	The Church of the Nazarene has partnered with the Liberian government to spread messages about Ebola through a radio ministry. Active participation of churches in Sierra Leone and Liberia in education, health promotion, and distribution of handwashing buckets has been essential. ³²
<i>Keywords and Interventions: hand washing, prayer, community education</i>	

Cooper Adventist Hospital	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Seventh-Day Adventist, Country focus: Liberia</i>	The Cooper Adventist Hospital, which is currently free from EVD, has foreign staff on missions. They need basic supplies to ensure that safety of physicians and patients is maintained. The Hospital will be treating EVD patients once it received isolation tents and other necessary supplies. ³³
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Direct hospital treatment and care</i>	

²⁸ Email from via CCIH listserv sent Jan. 12, 2015.

²⁹ <http://www.chgn.org/ebolatoolkit/>

³⁰ Email from Gianni Guidotti

³¹ http://www.santegidio.org/pageID/3/langID/en/itemID/9895/Guinea_Conakry_Ebola_Emergency.html

³² <http://firstfridayletter.worldmethodistcouncil.org/2014/09/church-of-the-nazarene-continues-response-as-ebola-outbreak-worsens/>

³³ <http://www.ahiglobal.org/main/ebola-crisis/>,

https://secure2.convio.net/ccadra/site/Donation2;jsessionid=7CDE7E24C3F88373779CF61B8DC62549.app262a?df_id=4420&4420.donation=form1

Curby Memorial Presbyterian Church in Liberia	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Presbyterian, Country focus: Liberia</i>	The Presbyterian Church is focussing on building effective partnerships and educating its congregations about Ebola. ³⁴
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Community awareness</i>	

Episcopal Church of Liberia	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Episcopal, Anglican Country focus: Liberia</i>	In the initial months of the outbreak the Episcopal Church of Liberia distributed food packages, hand washing stations, and posters about Ebola prevention. The Church also operates 3 hospitals. ³⁵ The Episcopal Church of Liberia is now moving away from relief services to post-Ebola recovery programming, including livelihood and agricultural support to survivor families and continuing faith based messaging and counseling. The Church continues to be an active participant of the government-initiated Ebola Task Force at national and regional levels. ³⁶
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Community awareness, food donation, livelihood and agriculture support, contact/case tracing</i>	

Episcopal Relief & Development	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Episcopal, Anglican Country focus: Liberia</i>	Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with the Episcopal Church of Liberia and the Anglican Diocese of Bo in Sierra Leone in post-Ebola recovery activities such as survivor family livelihood support (early maturing agricultural seeds and implements), faith-based messaging and counseling, linking OVCs with established services and mainstreaming Ebola care into other activities, including establishing and training community-based disaster preparedness committees. The Diocese of Bo in Sierra Leone is continuing to provide targeted relief services in distribution of food and sanitation supplies.
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Community awareness, community training, sanitation supplies, food parcels, livelihood support</i>	

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Lutheran, Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has sent \$100,000 to support the Ebola response in Liberia and Sierra Leone. This money will be used for food rations, knowledge dissemination, and the construction of an isolation unit at Phebe Hospital in Liberia. ³⁷
<i>Keywords and Interventions: isolation unit, food assistance, community awareness</i>	

³⁴ <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2014/9/12/battling-ebola-prayer-and-accurate-information/>

³⁵ <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/75/75th-celebration-stories/responding-to-the-ebola-crisis-a-collective-effort>

³⁶ Email from Nagulan Nesiha, ERD programme officer, January 27, 2015.

³⁷ <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7699>

Eternal Love Winning Africa (ELWA)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Liberia</i>	Founded by SIM (Serving in Mission) and receiving funding from Samaritan's Purse ³⁸ , the ELWA Hospital located in Paynesville City, Monrovia, Liberia has missionaries that have cared for numerous Ebola patients. Missionaries converted the ELWA hospital chapel to an Ebola ward. ³⁹
<i>Keywords and Interventions: treatment</i>	

Feba Radio	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	Feba Radio in the UK partnered with FEBC Australia to purchase 1,000 solar powered and wind up radios from Lifeline Technologies Ltd so local community leaders would have access to media. ⁴⁰ Partner organizations on the ground delivered the radios to selected areas in Sierra Leone based on need. ⁴¹
<i>Keywords and Interventions: radio distribution</i>	

Focus 1000	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Muslim, Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	Partnering with UNICEF and CRS, Focus 1000 conducted a national study entitled "Study on Public Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Related to EVD Prevention and Medical Care in Sierra Leone." ⁴² With CRS and World Vision, the organization is also producing a toolkit on Ebola messaging to deliver to faith leaders. ⁴³ Focus 1000 has also partnered with the Christian Action Group (CHRISTAG) and the Islamic Action Group (IAG) to inform religious leaders about proper burial practices and to encourage reaching out to their congregations. ⁴⁴
<i>Keywords and Interventions: research, partnerships with religious leaders</i>	

French Development Agency (AFD)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: n/a Country focus: n/a</i>	The French Development Agency held a meeting with the College des Bernadins in Paris in November to discuss the cultural and religious dimensions of Ebola interventions.
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Host meeting on religious dimensions</i>	

German Institute for Medical Mission (DIFÄM)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Sierra Leone, Liberia</i>	Under the leadership of DIFÄM director Dr. Gisela Schneider, DIFÄM partners with local organizations to train hospital professionals and volunteers in villages to identify suspected Ebola cases and properly

³⁸ <http://www.elwaministries.com/2014/07/01/elwa-ebola-update/>

³⁹ <http://www.npr.org/blogs/goatsandsoda/2014/12/28/373657728/these-dedicated-ebola-fighters-are-men-and-women-on-a-mission>

⁴⁰ <http://www.febe.org.uk/blog/sierra-leone-shipment-arrives-help-efforts-fight-ebola>

⁴¹ <http://www.febe.org.uk/blog/feba-sends-1000-radios-combat-ebola>

⁴² <http://focus1000.org/EBOLA>

⁴³ <http://www.ccih.org/activities/information-sharing/news/47-general/600-churches-on-front-lines-of-ebola-crisis.html>

⁴⁴ http://news.sl/drwebsite/publish/article_200526599.shtml

<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i>	maintain and isolate sick patients. In their October trip, DIFÄM trained 113 health staff and 106 health workers in Liberia. ⁴⁵ In Sierra Leone with director Sheku Mansarai, a consortium of nine organizations trained 4,000 volunteers in prevention and control of infection. ⁴⁶
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Hands of Hope Foundation	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Liberia</i>	The Hands of Hope Foundation currently operates three temporary health clinics in Weala, Liberia. ⁴⁷ Additionally, the organization has donated over \$1 million dollars in donations and supplies for these communities. ⁴⁸
<i>Keywords and Interventions: medical supplies</i>	

Humanity First	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Muslim Country focus: Sierra Leone and Liberia</i>	Humanity First is sending medical supplies, including PPE, disposable goggles, and disposable masks, to local clinics and humanitarian organizations that are serving Ebola patients. Their partners include Ahmadiyya Muslim Clinics, Liberia Medical and Dental Association, and the Government of Liberia through the National Ministry of Health and Embassy of Liberia in the US. ⁴⁹ Humanity First is also training staff at partner hospitals, implementing social mobilization programs, providing care for orphans, sending food and water, and running testing laboratories. ⁵⁰
<i>Keywords and Interventions: medical supplies, social mobilization, orphan care</i>	

IMA World Health	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Liberia</i>	IMA World Health, along with the Lutheran World Relief, American Baptist Churches USA, Week of Compassion, and Church of the Brethren are providing management support to the Christian Health Association of Liberia (CHAL), which is directly responding to Ebola. CHAL is both distributing personal protective equipment to health facilities and heading a public awareness campaign. ⁵¹
<i>Keywords and Interventions: personal protective equipment, public awareness campaign.</i>	

Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Muslim and Christian, Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	The Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone launched a week-long nationwide fasting, prayer, and education campaign in support of the campaign against Ebola. They agreed that all bishops and imams should include Ebola messaging in weekly services and ceremonies. ⁵² Collaborating with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, the Council
<i>Keywords and Interventions: prayer, education, social</i>	

⁴⁵ <http://info.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/blog/intensives-training-ein-unverhofftes-wiedersehen>

⁴⁶ <http://info.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/blog/ebola-aufbauarbeit-sierra-leone-epidemie>

⁴⁷ <http://www.hohfoundation.org/#!/hoh-liberia/c248a>

⁴⁸ http://thesouthern.com/lifestyles/leisure/hands-of-hope-foundation-provides-much-needed-supplies-to-fight/article_4782f0e6-9e04-595c-ab70-61eeec8f684f.html

⁴⁹ http://usa.humanityfirst.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=265

⁵⁰ <http://uk.humanityfirst.org/content/what-is-ebola#>

⁵¹ <http://imaworldhealth.org/ima-responds-to-ebola-outbreak/>

⁵² <http://www.worldpolicy.org/blog/2015/01/13/ebola-nexus-religion-and-health>

<i>mobilization</i>	shared the message of the Ebola outbreak and launched social mobilization exercises to reach broader networks outside of Freetown. ⁵³
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International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	
<i>Faith Affiliation: n/a, Country focus: all</i>	Miscommunications and misunderstandings regarding Ebola are challenges to responders because the public widely believes that isolation centers are places that people only enter, not leave. Moreover, leaders may spread untrue statements, such as a religious leader in Sierra Leone who told people that washing with salt and water at night could prevent Ebola. IFRC is cohosting a forum dedicated to sharing lessons on ways to improve messaging and debunk myths surrounding Ebola. IFRC is pushing for a multistakeholder effort in mass communication strategies, that involve the private and public sectors, as well as media and community leaders. ⁵⁴
<i>Keywords and Interventions: training, mass communication through religious leaders</i>	

Islamic Development Bank	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Muslim Country focus: all</i>	Dr. Ahmed Mouhamed Ali, the General Manager of the IDB, pledged \$35 million to support Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone in their campaigns against Ebola. The money will be used to provide schools and transportation institutions with equipment that can diagnose the virus as well as establish medical testing centers in each country. ⁵⁵ Additionally, in a conference with the IDB and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, donors pledged \$85 million to strengthen health systems in Ebola-affected countries. ⁵⁶
<i>Keywords and Interventions: n/a</i>	

Islamic Relief USA	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Muslim Country focus: all</i>	Islamic Relief Worldwide and USA have little presence in the three affected countries but is considering how to engage on the ground. Islamic Relief's policy team consulted with WHO to write guidelines on safe burial practices in the Muslim tradition. IRUSA will meet with ambassadors of these countries, plus Senegal, to look for gaps where IRUSA could assist. The organization is also considering how to mobilize in-kind gifts.
<i>Keywords and Interventions: safe burials</i>	

Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention (LBMEC)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Baptist, Country focus: Liberia</i>	The Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention (LBMEC) is using mass electronic text messaging to leaders of Baptist churches in Liberia, encouraging them to follow all preventive practices that

⁵³ <http://www.voanews.com/content/sierra-leone-religious-leaders-to-launch-prayer-against-ebola-campaign/2581117.html>

⁵⁴ <https://www.devex.com/news/the-problem-with-ebola-communication-84283>

⁵⁵ <http://news.yahoo.com/saudi-pledges-35-million-fight-against-ebola-150639792.html>

⁵⁶ <http://kff.org/news-summary/islamic-states-pledge-85m-for-health-systems-strengthening-in-ebola-hit-nations/>

<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i> <i>Text messaging</i>	have been communicated by health experts and the Government of Liberia. ⁵⁷
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Liberian Council of Churches	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian</i> <i>Country focus: Liberia</i>	The Liberian Council of Churches and its subsidiary, the Inter-Religious Council of Liberia, are coordinating religious leaders in the fight against Ebola. In August 2014, LCC led a 3-day nation-wide fast and prayer.
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i> <i>coordination of interfaith efforts, networking</i>	

Medical Mission Institute Würzburg	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Catholic,</i> <i>Country focus: Liberia</i>	The organization offers weekly two-day training courses, as well as e-learning courses, for doctors and health care providers regarding how to best care for Ebola patients while also ensuring their own safety. ⁵⁸
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i> <i>healthcare provider training, Ebola e-courses</i>	

Medical Teams International	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian</i> <i>Country focus: Liberia</i>	Medical Teams International (MTI) has been working in Liberia for the last 10 years with a focus on health systems strengthening. It provide monitoring and supervision to 240 health clinics in Liberia and is currently working to improve Ebola prevention and infection control and to provide supplies to clinics. MTI also monitors and supervises the health clinics at three refugee camps in Liberia for refugees from Côte d'Ivoire. MTI plans to begin emergency home-based care for Ebola patients, which is a stop-gap measure until treatment centers can be built. MTI had a doctor working at the ELWA hospital until the end of July, but is no longer working in Ebola treatment units, and is instead focusing on prevention. ⁵⁹
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i> <i>prevention, supplies to clinics, home-based care</i>	

Misereor	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Catholic,</i> <i>Country focus: Liberia</i>	A German agency of the Catholic Church, Misereor, supports the Mother Pattern College of Health Science in Monrovia, which trains health care providers and works with a team of experts, including the head of the college Sister Barbara Brilliant. The organization advises 18 Catholic health facilities, training the staff on how to protect against infection and treat patients. They have designed improved protective equipment and have an education team that
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i> <i>treatment, healthcare professional training, protective equipment design, education about disease</i>	

⁵⁷ <http://www.bwanet.org/news/news-releases/413-2014-ebola-outbreak>

⁵⁸ <http://medmissio.de/details/ebola-management-und-treatment/236c282a-5686-40c9-8162-a68480d05b1d>

⁵⁹ Report from Roger Sandberg, Director of Emergency Relief and Global Security, Medical Teams International posted online at <http://www.ccih.org/ccih-connector-october-2014#news>

	reaches out to students and village members, training about Ebola infection and progression, as well as how to protect themselves. ⁶⁰ As of October 23, 2014, the organization had spent 400,000 euros on Ebola control. ⁶¹
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Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Roman Catholic, Country focus: Liberia, Sierra Leone</i>	The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary started an awareness campaign in order to educate locals on prevention and to eliminate various myths about the Ebola virus. The Sisters also encourage community members to get tested. Their education efforts include training 50 community members who can spread information to nearly 300 villages. ⁶²
<i>Keywords and Interventions: awareness campaign</i>	

More than Me	
<i>Faith Affiliation: n/a Country focus: Liberia</i>	The More Than Me Academy is a tuition-free all-girls school in the West Point slum in Liberia. Since the Ebola crisis began, More Than Me has shifted its mission to support children who are suspected cases of Ebola, supporting local leaders in health education, managing home health care teams, coordinating ambulance services to ETUs, and filling in critical short-term needs on the front lines of the crisis. This includes financial assistance, supply disbursement, and replacing medical workers in their regular capacities. ⁶³
<i>Keywords and Interventions: free schooling for girls, health education, home care, reintegration</i>	

New Water in the Desert Assembly Church	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Pentecostal, Country focus: Liberia</i>	Church Aid is the relief and development arm of New Water in the Desert Assembly, which is the headquarters church of the Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Liberia. The Special Ebola Response Team of New Water in the Desert Assembly Church conducted an Ebola training for young people. The church is working on increasing community awareness, providing food and PPEs. For example, a workshop for 25 churches was conducted in Montserrado Country. Earlier in October, New Water in the Desert Assembly conducted a 1-week prayer session with pastors. ⁶⁴
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Training and community awareness</i>	

Operation Blessing International	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian Country focus: Liberia</i>	Operation Blessing is providing orphans and their relatives with food and support. The organization is also distributing chlorine generators and hand washing stations to provide disinfectants. ⁶⁵
<i>Keywords and Interventions:</i>	

⁶⁰ <http://www.misereor.de/projekte/nothilfe-wiederaufbau/ebola-krise-westafrika.html>

⁶¹ <http://www.misereor.de/presse/presse-meldungen/presse-meldungen-details/article/misereor-dringend-auf-spenden-fuer-ebola-krise-angewiesen.html>

⁶² <http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/the-irish-nuns-fighting-on-the-front-line-against-ebola-30880204.html>

⁶³ <https://morethanme.org/EbolaResponse.html>

⁶⁴ <http://www.liberianobserver.com/education/nwida-educates-youths-ebola>

⁶⁵ <http://www.ob.org/orphaned-ebola/>

<i>orphan care</i>	
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Religions for Peace	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Interfaith, Country focus: Liberia</i>	The Inter-Religious Council-Religions for Peace is working with senior religious leaders, women, and youth to disseminate messages in Liberia about Ebola through radio, posters, and DVDs. Christian and Muslim religious leaders are provided orientations that equip them to offer psychosocial support, dispel misinformation, and discourage traditional burial rituals. ⁶⁶
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Training religious leaders, radio, posters, DVD</i>	

Salesian Missions	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Catholic, Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	Salesian Missions has opened a new orphan home for children affected by the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone. ⁶⁷
<i>Keywords and Interventions: OVC home</i>	

Salvation Army	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian Country focus: Liberia and Sierra Leone</i>	<p>The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory shares a partnership with Liberia and Sierra Leone. In response to the outbreak The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory is providing sanitizer, chlorine and other chemicals; gloves, mouth guards and safety buckets; food items such as beans, rice and cooking oil; protective wear for approximately 200 medical professionals working with Ebola patients.⁶⁸ In Liberia, the Army has added 40 volunteers to its a mobile medical clinic and distributed PPE in 17 communities where Ebola is prevalent.⁶⁹ Additionally, disinfectant and protective clothing has been supplied to medical practitioners tackling the epidemic.</p> <p>The Salvation Army's primary focus is now on the Eternal Love Winning Africa Hospital, which has become the country's main centre for treating patients diagnosed with or suspected of carrying Ebola. In cooperation with other agencies, The Salvation Army's William Booth Clinic team along with trained emergency responders from the church and charity's headquarters in Monrovia, are partnering to help around 5,000 affected individuals. The Salvation Army has access to a number of family homes that have been quarantined and clean drinking water, food packages and protective clothing continue to be provided.⁷⁰</p>
<i>Keywords and Interventions: supplies, medical services, food, home-based care.</i>	

⁶⁶ Press release

⁶⁷ From USAID call on October 3

⁶⁸ <http://www.salvationarmy.ca/2014/08/07/salvation-army-provides-aid-to-west-africa-in-the-wake-of-deadly-ebola-outbreak/>

⁶⁹ <http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/news/inr100914>

⁷⁰ <http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/news/inr170914b>

Samaritan's Purse	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: all</i>	Samaritan's Purse has sent 100 tons of PPE and supplies to Liberia, most of which will be directed towards Community Care Centers in high-transmission areas. They are training community members and distributing care kits, in addition to scaling up an education program that includes radio broadcasting and church-focused initiatives. ⁷¹ Samaritan's Purse is leaving all front-line doctors and critical staff in place in Liberia, but has pulled nonessential personnel out of the country for safety. ⁷²
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Supplies, community care centers, education campaign</i>	

SIM (Serving in Mission)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Liberia</i>	SIM is running the ELWA 2 Ebola Treatment Center in Monrovia is showing increasing survival rates. ⁷³ 80 patients are receiving care with the assistance of the Ministry of Health. ⁷⁴ SIM is leaving all front-line doctors and critical staff in place in Liberia, but has pulled nonessential personnel out of the country for safety. ⁷⁵
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Direct hospital treatment and care</i>	

Tearfund	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian – Evangelical, Country focus: Sierra Leone and Liberia</i>	In partner with the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone, Tearfund has built improved water and sanitation in Pujehun State. In the face of the Ebola crisis, Tearfund is specifically promoting hygiene kits in Sierra Leone and Liberia, as well as hygiene education. So far, 2,600 families have received hygiene kits. Tearfund also has created presentations, posters, videos, and prayer guides regarding Ebola. ⁷⁶
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Sermons, hygiene education</i>	

The Free Pentecostal Global Mission Church	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Pentecostal, Country focus: Liberia</i>	At the Free Pentecostal Global Mission Church, handwashing stations are placed at the doors. For those that are afraid to attend church for fear of Ebola transmission, sermons are broadcast over the radio. The preachers advertise the national hotline number and act out symptoms and proper responses. ⁷⁷
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Sermons, handwashing stations</i>	

⁷¹ <http://www.samaritanpurse.org/article/fighting-ebola-in-west-africa/>

⁷² <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/ebola-virus-outbreak/ebola-epidemic-poses-dilemma-church-aid-groups-n171116>

⁷³ <http://pressreleases.religionnews.com/2014/09/16/sim-president-encouraged-president-obamas-new-plans-combating-ebola/>

⁷⁴ <http://www.ccih.org/ccih-connector-october-2014#news>

⁷⁵ <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/ebola-virus-outbreak/ebola-epidemic-poses-dilemma-church-aid-groups-n171116>

⁷⁶ <http://www.tearfund.org/en/latest/ebola/>

⁷⁷ <http://time.com/3418173/liberia-monrovia-ebola-church/>

The Lutheran Church of Liberia	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Lutheran,</i> <i>Country focus: Liberia</i>	The Lutheran Church of Liberia is carrying out an awareness campaign on the dangers of Ebola and malaria - especially the difference between the two. ⁷⁸
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Community awareness</i>	

The Religious Leaders Task Force on Ebola	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Interfaith,</i> <i>Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	United Methodist Bishop John Yambasu is chair of the Religious Leaders Task Force on Ebola in Sierra Leone. Christian and Muslim leaders and health workers are being trained on efforts to control Ebola. Pastors and imams that take the training are expected to return to their congregations and preach about Ebola at every prayer session. The task force has eight goals to carry out Ebola awareness, including: radio and TV jingles, recorded CD messages, PA systems on vehicles, work with paramount chiefs and community leaders, place huge banners in public places, organize district networks, train religious leaders and health workers in faith-based health facilities, and work with government and NGOs to provide adequate equipment for health workers. ⁷⁹ The Task Force has also committed to distribute food and non-food items to quarantined houses, delivering millions of Leones worth of items to houses as of January 23, 2015. ⁸⁰
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Radio, TV, PA systems, banners, training religious leaders, training health workers, food</i>	

Tony Blair Foundation - Banke Adetayo and Ian Linden	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Interfaith,</i> <i>Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	Through a Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices survey recently conducted in Sierra Leone it is clear that, while most people recognize the threat of Ebola, many do not know the causes of the disease. There is also building stigma against survivors of Ebola. The study shows that radio jingles and discussions are the most effective messaging platform. Additionally, churches and mosques are encouraged to echo the same messages in a focused and identical manner. ⁸¹ Ian Linden, from the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, reports that the Faiths Act SL infrastructure used to spread anti-malaria health messaging to 2 million people through Christian and Muslim communities in Sierra Leone is now being used to carry out Ebola prevention messaging. ⁸²
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Social mobilization, radio, religious leaders</i>	

United Methodist Communication

⁷⁸ <http://allafrica.com/stories/201408280138.html>

⁷⁹ <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/sierra-leone-task-force-targets-ebola>

⁸⁰ <http://www.sierraexpressmedia.com/?p=72572>

⁸¹ Email from Banke Adetayo

⁸² Email from Ian Linden

<p><i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - United Methodist, Country focus: Sierra Leone and Liberia</i></p>	<p>United Methodist Communications is leveraging emerging technologies to get clear messages about Ebola prevention and encouragement into the hands of clergy in Sierra Leone and Liberia so that they can share these messages in their communities. Text messages are sent daily via FrontlineSMS on behalf of Bishop John Innis (Liberia) and Bishop John Yambasu (Sierra Leone), reaching pastors and 250 World Vision Sierra Leone staff who do not have access to the Internet. The same messages sent through SMS are also posted to the UMChurch’s FaceBook page targeted to followers in Liberia and Sierra Leone, reaching over 260,000 people. UCom has also connected communicators in Liberia and Sierra Leone with organizations like BBC Media Action and Internews to train them on effective communication in times of crisis.</p>
<p><i>Keywords and Interventions: Text messaging, radio</i></p>	<p>Grants for traditional communications have also been provided to Sierra Leone and Liberia to cover the costs for posters, banners, radio announcements and data bundles. Well over 360 additional Freeplay Assist Radios/Cellphone Chargers have been sent to these same pastors to keep phones charged by solar energy, and provide access to radio communications by hand-crank energy. The United Methodist radio station in Monrovia is also being supported, and FrontlineSMS will soon be used to engage the radio listening audience. They have started two-way messaging at the station to facilitate a daily one-hour question and answer session on the Ebola radio program. United Methodist Communications, Chocolate Moose Media, and iheed have collaborated to produce an animated video for use in West Africa that helps dispel myths about how Ebola is spread and promotes prevention of the disease. UCom provided partial funding for Chocolate Moose Media to create the video, which has been produced in 16 languages, including English and French with West African voices and other West African languages. It has been made available to over 250 million mobile users in Africa, and the video is available for download at www.ebolavideo.org.^{83,84}</p>

United Methodist Committee on Relief	
<p><i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - United Methodist, Country focus: Sierra Leone, Liberia</i></p>	<p>In Liberia, UMCOR is supporting the construction of an isolation unit. The Ganta United Methodist Hospital also functions as the center of a public awareness campaign. Hospital staff are both emphasizing the threat of Ebola and encouraging citizens to seek care through pamphlets, radio, and word of mouth. Additionally, Bishop John Innis of Liberia urged United Methodist Pastors, District Superintendents, and Sunday School Teachers to share medical advice with their local churches and districts.⁸⁵</p>
<p><i>Keywords and Interventions: Direct hospital treatment and care, pamphlets, radio, Sunday school, sermons, community</i></p>	

⁸³ <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/life-saving-ebola-messages-in-160-characters-or-less>

⁸⁴ <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/message-superstition-wont-cure-ebola>

⁸⁵ <http://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2014/august/0807ebolaemergency>

<i>education, protection of health workers, psychosocial support</i>	UMCOR has a three-prong approach to confront Ebola, which includes community education about the disease, protection of health workers, and psychosocial counseling for patients and their families. One of the major concerns are belief systems - people are distrustful of health systems, government officials, and foreign organizations. Messages from the church are deemed as more reputable and trustworthy. There is huge potential for religious leaders to impact behavior, so UMCOR is emphasising the need for prevention. ⁸⁶
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US Agency for International Development (USAID)	
<i>Faith Affiliation: n/a</i> <i>Country focus: Liberia</i>	<p>USAID hosted a conference call⁸⁷ October 3 with faith-based and community partners implementing programs in response to Ebola. During this call, USAID relayed that US-based volunteers are being asked to register on one central website (Medical Practitioners⁸⁸ or non-Medical Volunteers⁸⁹). NGOs match volunteers with needs and USAID is not involved in the vetting or placement of volunteers. If an organization has a larger group (e.g. over 20 qualified volunteers) interested in collectively joining the effort, they can contact pwyville-staples@usaid.gov directly.</p> <p>USAID has also worked on burial practices in Liberia.⁹⁰ Burial team support includes organizing burial teams within each county and providing training to ensure safe management of corpses, equipping teams with vehicles for the transfer of corpses, providing decontamination materials and personal protective gear, as well as providing compensation.</p>
<i>Keywords and Interventions: volunteer coordination; burial practices</i>	

US Ambassador to the Holy See, Kenneth Hackett	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Catholic,</i> <i>Country focus: all</i>	While the US and UN are now ramping up their response to Ebola, with a command center being set up in Monrovia, the response will have to be prolonged and diverse in capacity. Education is key - for example Caritas is using their structure to get the message out there, but it is not enough. Similar to when polio reemerged in Pakistan a few years ago, a lack of information and reasonably understood
<i>Keywords and Interventions: n/a</i>	

⁸⁶ http://www.umcor.org/umcor/resources/news-stories/2014/september/0926umcorrespondebola?utm_content=buffer259d0&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

⁸⁷ USAID speakers included Patricia Radar, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator in Policy, Planning & Learning Bureau, former Mission Director in Liberia; Erica Navarro, Deputy Assistant Administrator in our Africa Bureau; and Wade Warren, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Global Health Bureau.

⁸⁸ <http://www.cidi.org/health-sector-volunteers/#.VDSFGitdV18>

⁸⁹ <http://www.cidi.org/tools-for-giving/organizations/donations-registry/technical-assistance/#.VDSFVytdV19>

⁹⁰ <http://www.globalcommunities.org/ebola-response>

	<p>approaches hindered the response effort. Responders need to use radio, traditional healers, and churches to get the word out. Ebola and hemorrhagic fevers have been around for decades - both Ambassador Hackett and his wife witnessed outbreaks in the 1970s during their work in Sierra Leone and Cameroon, respectively. However, people did not move around as freely, so outbreaks were limited to small villages. Today, with improved roads and international airports, viruses can hop continents. Hackett's biggest lesson from his past experience is to "move quickly, don't wait."⁹¹</p>
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Waterloo Adventist Hospital	
<p><i>Faith Affiliation: Christian - Seventh-Day Adventist,</i> <i>Country focus: Sierra Leone</i></p>	<p>The Waterloo Adventist Hospital has police stationed at the hospital which take suspect cases of EVD to hospitals that will care for EVD patients. The Hospital will be treating EVD patients once it received isolation tents and other necessary supplies.⁹²</p>
<p><i>Keywords and Interventions: Direct hospital treatment and care</i></p>	

Women of Hope International	
<p><i>Faith Affiliation: Christian,</i> <i>Country focus: Sierra Leone</i></p>	<p>Women of Hope is training groups of women on Ebola prevention and early detection. WHI has observed that mass communication desensitizes communities from receiving differing messages, so they are hoping to emphasize one-on-one education so that people can ask questions and not misinterpret information. They are providing educational materials for low-literacy populations and preventive kits.⁹³ One lesson plan provides a Biblical response to Ebola.⁹⁴</p> <p>The organization also has Ebola resources available online⁹⁵ which they developed for doing community-based education on Ebola in Sierra Leone. These materials have been used in over 10 countries throughout the region and have been translated into dozens of languages. They are designed to be done one-on-one or in small groups to allow people to interact with the material for greater understanding and implementation.</p>
<p><i>Keywords and Interventions: Pamphlets, training, preventative kits, radio, emergency relief</i></p>	

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http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/09/22/us_ambassador_to_holy_see_talks_about_ebola_outbreak_lessons/1107087

⁹² <http://www.ahiglobal.org/main/ebola-crisis/>,

https://secure2.convio.net/ccadra/site/Donation2;jsessionid=7CDE7E24C3F88373779CF61B8DC62549.app262a?df_id=4420&4420.donation=form1

⁹³ <http://www.womenofhopeinternational.org/ebola>

⁹⁴ <http://www.ccih.org/ccih-connector-october-2014#news>

⁹⁵ www.WomenofHopeInternational.org/ebola-resources

World Council of Churches	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: all</i>	The World Council of Churches convened a meeting that included the United Nations and Christian aid organizations. Women should be empowered in the Ebola response, since children and women are 75% of patients. They encourage sensitivity to local culture and traditions while churches and FBOs communicate messages about Ebola. ⁹⁶
<i>Keywords and Interventions: female empowerment</i>	

World Health Organization	
<i>Faith Affiliation: n/a, Country focus: all</i>	The WHO and UN Human Rights Council held an event where authorities highlighted the importance of religious leaders in the fight against stigma. ⁹⁷ The WHO released procedures and protocols for safe and dignified burials in the Christian and Muslim traditions. Specific accommodations are listed, such as sprinkling the body with water rather than bathing the body, performing dry ablutions, and shrouding a deceased patient before placing it in a body bag.
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Reduce stigma, religious burial protocol</i>	

World Relief	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Sierra Leone, Liberia</i>	World Relief Canada partners, the Association of Evangelicals of Liberia and the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone are working with churches and community members to improve awareness and understanding of Ebola among their communities and to help prevent the spread of the disease. ⁹⁸ In Monrovia, the Association of Evangelicals of Liberia administration made some hand washing buckets, Chlorox and powdered soap available for the farming groups within project communities; these have been distributed by the field staff. ⁹⁹
<i>Keywords and Interventions: community engagement</i>	

World Vision	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Sierra Leone</i>	Using the Channels of Hope methodology for HIV/AIDS, World Vision has coordinated and implemented Chiefdom Level Ebola Strategy Meetings in all areas in which World Vision works throughout Sierra Leone. Chiefs and key stake holders gathered to develop action plans that can be implemented at the village level. They discussed topics including perceptions of Ebola, fears and concerns about Ebola, ways to prevent Ebola, and how to help the community fight against Ebola. ¹⁰⁰ Additionally, World Vision organizes training sessions, including an early February event in Dakar to train representatives
<i>Keywords and Interventions: Village leader meetings, community engagement, training religious leaders, medical supplies</i>	

⁹⁶ <http://www.eturbonews.com/50966/world-council-churches-response-ebola>

⁹⁷ <http://www.ecumenicalnews.com/article/religious-leaders-a-key-cog-to-combat-ebola-says-who-official-26600>

⁹⁸ <http://www.worldrelief.ca/ebola-partners-repsond>

⁹⁹ <http://www.worldrelief.ca/ebola-notes-from-the-field>

¹⁰⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/WorldVisionSierraLeone>

	<p>from eight West African countries in order to extend Channels of Hope workshops to their respective faith communities.¹⁰¹</p> <p>World Vision is working with Christian and Muslim religious leaders to follow the advice of health professionals. They present prevention messages during sermons and prayers to worshippers, including washing hands, not shaking hands, even if it is against their culture.¹⁰² World Vision has also shipped medical supplies with McKesson, including PPE, disinfectants, and gloves.¹⁰³</p> <p>World Vision UK is leading a consortium with CRS, CAFOD, and Humanity First (an UK-based Ahmaddiyah Muslim NGO) to implement religion-specific elements of the WHO guidelines for safe and respectful burials across ten districts in Sierra Leone. World Vision is part of a consortium – with London School of Hygiene, Grameen, and Janssen Pharmaceutica, among others – working to scale up Channels of Hope Ebola through prevention and response messages to 10 West African countries in order to orient communities to a potential Ebola vaccine.¹⁰⁴</p>
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Young Life Africa	
<i>Faith Affiliation: Christian, Country focus: Sierra Leone, Liberia</i>	<p>Young Life Africa helps survivors reintegrate into and reunite with their communities through a camp, which has served over 117 children survivors.¹⁰⁵ Additionally, they use community mobilization to encourage the communities to follow the Ministry of Health’s preventative measures. The organization has also assisted in contact tracing and surveillance. Young Life Africa distributed disinfectants, wash buckets, medications, and food to several quarantined educational facilities and communities.¹⁰⁶</p>
<i>Keywords and Interventions: community mobilization, reducing discrimination, health supply distribution</i>	

¹⁰¹ Email with Andrea Kaufmann, Jan. 28, 2015.

¹⁰² <https://www.dropbox.com/s/wlmbnk7dqlodkhh/Interfaith%20Reworked..mp4?dl=0>

¹⁰³ <http://www.worldvision.org/news-stories-videos/ebola-virus-disease-outbreak>

¹⁰⁴ Email with Andrea Kaufmann, Jan. 28, 2015.

¹⁰⁵ <http://allafrica.com/stories/201501220898.html>

¹⁰⁶ Ibid.