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> On Apr 14, 2014, at 7:05 PM, "CHUNGONG, Stella"

> wrote:

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> Dear

> Jean-Bosco,

> I am bringing in

> Isabelle on the discussions, because I am very worried about the
> situation described today, and think we need a drastic to change
> course if we hope to control this outbreak in hospitals and in the
> communities, and stop it further spreading even out of Guinea.

> Isabelle, as a background, a misdiagnosed case in a doctor (diagnosed
> as having malaria instead of Ebola) seen after attending to another
> misdiagnosed case has resulted in huge exposures of HCW and the
> medical community (and their families), including at a private clinic
> where he consulted. These contacts with patients and eventually
> colleagues who took care of him when he fell seriously ill went on
> for over 10 days until he died this weekend.

> As can be imagined, there is panic and fear, and we even risk having
> the hospital abandoned by HCW. In addition, transmission chains were
> identified in the community in Conakry with no links to other cases.
> It would seem 10 cases were also identified in Guekedou. We are not
> clear what is going on there.

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> I understand there

> is a strong need for rapidly becoming more operational, obtaining real
> time information from Guinée Forestière and Conakry, sharing with
> all levels of the organization for immediate risk assessment and
> prompt actions, ensuring that contacts are identified and followed
> etc., working intensely with the HCW particularly after the events of
> the WE, that human resources are deployed in sufficient numbers to
> both urban and rural communities, and most importantly, the
> transmission in hospitals are broken.

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> We will be happy to

> work on these deployments and others, but I also really think we need
> to change strategy urgently. Best regards, Stella.

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> From: NDIHOKUBWAYO, Jean-Bosco

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> Subject: WE NEED SUPPORT....

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> Dear Colleagues
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> The
> situation here is not well as now the outbreak has affected
> Donka hospital with a death, a medical doctor, confirmed
> Ebola yesterday and who certainly contaminated a
> very important number of his colleagues and
> family.
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> It
> becomes clear, as I was suspecting when I arrived here last
> week, that what we see is the tip of an iceberg. In fact,
> with this outbreak becoming a nosocomial problem,
> it is clear that the forthcoming days will be even
> worse. In fact, the number of contacts with this doctor who
> died in Donka hospital yesterday is huge and they will
> certainly generate cases soon.
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> We
> met yesterday night and this morning to try and adjust our
> response and some key measures were taken: limiting the
> number of triage points at Donka hospital and reinforcing
> PPE among health care workers especially those
> working in the triage unit etc.), intensify
> the investigation of the contacts etc..but
> we also need help.
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> I suggest that
> the following staff be deployed in
> the field:
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> Drs TSHIOKO
> and YOTI (experienced for Ebola
> outbreaks)
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> Dr Pascal OBIANG
> from Gabon (he was involved in the Ebola response team
> in Gabon and very recently in DRC)
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> Dr Kebela Ilunga
> from DRC who also managed a quiet number of Ebola outbreak
> in DRC
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> From HQ, it would be
> better if Pierre FROMENTY and Pierre NABET can join us as
> well.
> Thank
> you for your understanding and best
> regards,
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