



13 June 2014 - An Ebola outbreak in West Africa has flared up again. The virus began to spread to new areas of Guinea, where over 200 Ebola-related deaths now have been confirmed. Nine further deaths have been reported in Liberia and 12 more in Sierra Leone.

Officials blame the resurgence on ignorance and a lack of experience in handling the virus. Ebola is appearing in countries in West Africa that have never witnessed it before and who do not have established response mechanisms.

The view amongst experts in recent weeks had been that the outbreak in West Africa, which likely began in December, but was first identified in March, was beginning to slow. But that optimism has faded with the resurgence of new cases across West Africa.

The Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), previously known as Ebola Haemorrhagic Fever (EHF) has typically struck in east or central African countries. Ebola is highly contagious and up to 90 percent fatal. There is no vaccine and, while treatment can improve the chances of survival of those infected, there is no cure.

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