



SITUATION REPORT

EBOLA RESPONSE IN DRC



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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO

SITUATION

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the Ministry of Public Health declared the 10th Ebola outbreak in August 2018 since the first case was discovered in 1976. After the first case was discovered, the disease quickly spread. At the pace by which Ebola is spreading, it is estimated that there is a great risk of Ebola spreading to other provinces and even beyond the Rwanda and Uganda borders.

In addition Ebola, WHO reports that DRC has the largest endemic of Cholera in the world. Some of the causes of cholera in DRC could be attributed to poor access to water and sanitation with only 31% of the rural population having access to safe water.



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RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response, is committed to walking with communities impacted by these health crises. Through the Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Congo, Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting the following efforts.

- Water Sanitation and Hygiene
- Food Security
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Psychosocial Support

ONE MORE THING...

Lutheran Disaster Response has been responding to the Ebola Crisis for a number of years. In Liberia, through ecumenical and other partners, we accompanied communities through food distributions, shipments of personal protective equipment, training health workers, outreach through education about prevention, and construction of an isolation unit (pictured above) at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Liberia.



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