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Modeling the Nigerian public health competencies in developing responsive public health care systems in early filovirus (Ebola) outbreaks in developing Africa

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Recent re-emergence of the filovirus Ebola outbreak in West Africa has stirred up a narrative of a poor health and economies infrastructures of the developing countries of these West African states. The narratives hold that infectious diseases pose a huge public health challenge in the spaces where contacts with largely unknown reservoirs occur and where poor early warning systems as well as preparedness are handicapped by slow mobilization of responsive public health care resources. Complicated by fear of the viruses becoming endemic; the work understudies the recent Ebola virus in West Africa and the Nigerian responsive case study. The work focuses on development of the Nigeria model of a responsive systemic public health engagement in improving potentials for containment of infectious disease outbreaks at the national level. We argued that as the Nigerian case; that there was inherent capacity for development of a quick responsive system model after the resource capacity of any national health care system which ultimately determined spreads of infectious disease as it defines the difference between stemmed case of outbreak or full epidemic as success depends on how swiftly resources can quickly be made available in stemming new outbreaks.

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