

Waves of Grace (Ebola attack in Liberia)

Watch the UN produced Virtual Reality video called "Waves of Grace". To get the full experience, it is recommended to watch the movie with Virtual Reality glasses.

The video is about a Liberian woman who survived the Ebola virus in 2014. She uses her immunity of the virus to work with orphaned children – and it is enlightening that survivors pose no threats to their surroundings. Her testimony shows her commitment in rebuilding her country, but also a powerful message about raising awareness of global crises, and how the civil population can contribute and help.

Watch the video – and discuss:

- Is it important that the international community react and act in cases like Ebola? Why?
- Why should it not just be the neighbor countries, which are alert and react in case of crisis?
- What can the international community do?

For further research - find out more about:

- Which humanitarian organisations work to help in crises like Ebola – and what do they do?
- Which one of UN's specialized agencies are involved in crises like Ebola?

Find out more about Ebola at WHO website: <http://www.who.int/ebola/en/>

Brief background information on the UN's role in the Ebola crisis

On August 8, 2014 the WHO declared the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was a public health emergency of international concern, and launched emergency plans to prevent the spread to neighboring countries. On 28 August 2014, the WHO published a "roadmap" to intensify international efforts. On 16 September 2014, an overview of needs and requirements document was presented to UN member states. The document covered the following six months activities in the three most affected countries, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

On September 19, 2014 the UN General Assembly approved a new mission for fight against Ebola. WHO aims to support the prevention against Ebola outbreak in monitoring and supporting the vulnerable countries to develop contingency plans. When an outbreak is detected WHO supports among others: monitoring, hiring, compensation of affected communities, laboratory services, infection control and assistance for safe burial practices.

United Nations World Food Program (WFP) has so far provided food assistance to more than 430,000 people affected by the Ebola crisis in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. During the UN "Mission for Ebola Emergency Response" (UNMEER) WFP increases its efforts to support the overall humanitarian response through food, logistical support for health personnel, planes, helicopters, ships and build treatment centers. The UN also support campaigns and information to the civilian population, community engagement and social mobilization.

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