Ethics, Ebola and Epidemiological Issues

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CDC FOUNDATION Helping CDC Do More, Faster





CDC Foundation is an **independent**, **nonprofit** 501(c)(3) organization.



Our History

Need identified by four CDC directors



- Established by Congress in 1992
- Began operations in 1995



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§ 280e-11. Establishment and duties of Foundation



Why a Foundation?

- As Federal agency, CDC prohibited from
 - Promoting themselves
 - Soliciting funds
- Belief in the power of partnerships





Value-added for CDC

- CDC Foundation acts as gift mechanism
- Frees CDC to focus on science
- Equips CDC with "no year" funds
- Earns interest on gifts that accrues to CDC benefit
- Brings the speed and flexibility of nonprofit



Value-added for CDC (continued)

- Provides firewall for CDC and science
- Screens and declines collaborators with inappropriate expectations
- Provides access to board of directors
- 26:1 ROI on CDC's investment in Foundation



Who are our partners?

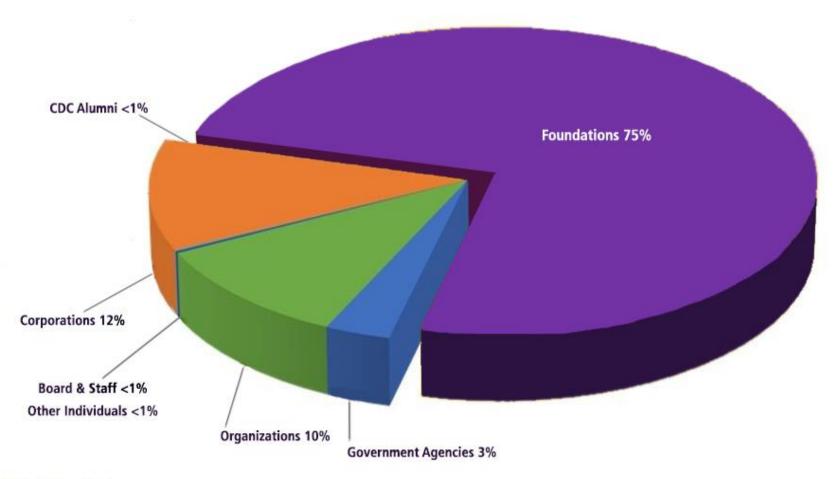
- Corporations and businesses
- Foundations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Educational institutions
- U.S. or foreign government agencies
- Individuals







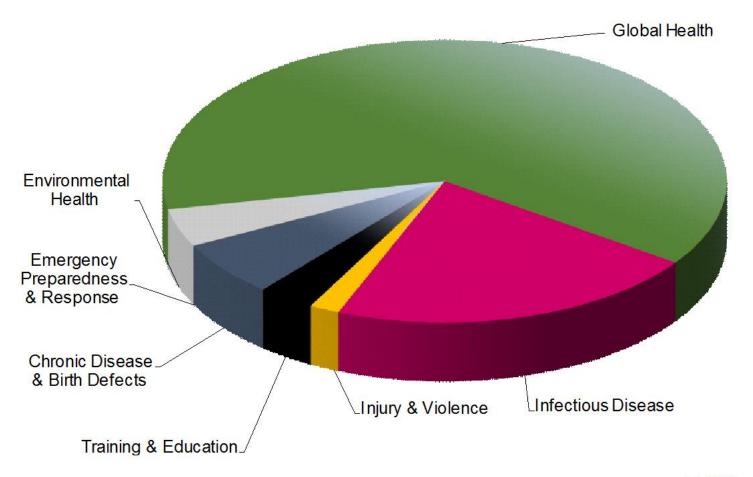
Revenue by source



FY 14-15



Revenue by program category



July 2013 - June 2014





The CDC Foundation annually manages 250 CDC-led programs in the United States and in 73 countries around the world.



Since 1995, CDC Foundation has



- provided more than **\$550 million** to support CDC's work
- launched more than 850 programs
- **built a network** of individuals and organizations committed to CDC and public health



Our accountability



- Awarded highest rating, 4-stars, 8 years in a row
- Exceeding industry standards and outperforming our peers
- 1% of charities receive 4-stars for 8 consecutive years





CDC protects U.S. health security



Safeguarding our nation against dangerous health threats like:

- bioterrorism
- SARS
- pandemic flu
- Ebola



Responding to Emergencies



The 2010 earthquake destroyed public health buildings in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.





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Ebola epidemic

- First case likely in Guinea in late 2013
- Largest outbreak in history
- First outbreak in West Africa
- Cases (28,331); deaths (11,310)
- Largest CDC international response







Role of the CDC

- Hundreds of staff have deployed; more than 1,800 have supported
- Technical lead for U.S. response in W. Africa
- Enhanced traveler screening into U.S.
- Coordination with U.S. healthcare facilities





Advancing CDC's Response to the Ebola Epidemic



The CDC Foundation Global Disaster Response Fund is currently activated to support the response to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa.

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Global Disaster Response Fund

- Activated three times: Asian tsunami, Haiti earthquake and Ebola
- Ebola: August 7, 2014
- Raised: \$56 million for Ebola







Ebola: The power of public-private partnerships

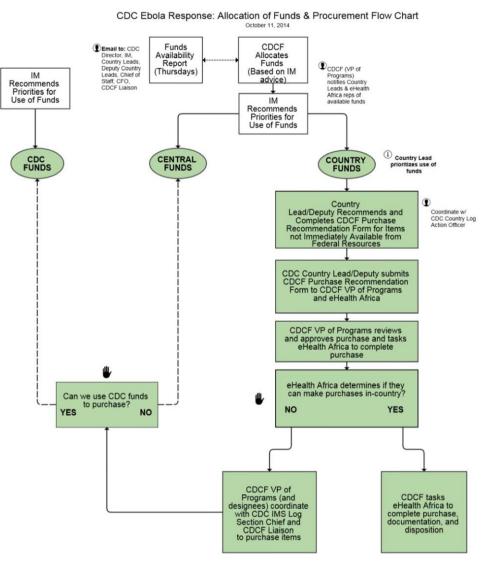


Global Disaster Response Fund

Transportation Technology Emergency Operations Centers



CDCF/CDC SOP





Intent: Rapid, Simple, Accountable Process

- Brief proposal and budget from CDC country teams or CDC/HQ
- Review by CDCF and CDC
- Check for duplication with federal \$
- Approval
- Assignment to in-country private contractor; transfer of funds
- Tracking completion; donor reporting



Donor Funds in Action



206 vehicles for Guinea (shown), Liberia and Sierra Leone



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Emergency operations centers





Touring Emergency Operations Center under construction in Monrovia, Liberia, funded by the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation





Funding for Ebola case monitoring trial program in Liberia, including both tablet computers and training, was made possible through CDC Foundation donors



SURVEILLANCE ALERTS



Western Emergency Response Center in Freetown, supported with computers provided by CDC Foundation donors





CDC microbiologist in Sierra Leone tests samples with lab equipment and supplies provided by the CDC Foundation





A health team funded through the CDC Foundation screens all passengers leaving through Sierra Leone's primary airport

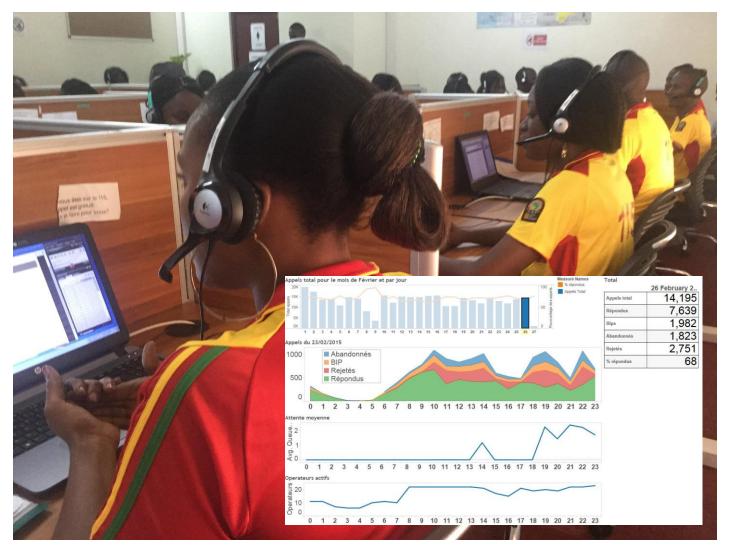




Guinea call center, managed by CDC Foundation partner eHealth Africa, answers Ebola questions and provides assistance



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Ebola call centers in Guinea (shown) and Sierra Leone





CDC Foundation funds helped launch preliminary work on vaccine trial in Sierra Leone until government funds were available





Social mobilization activities (Sierra Leone shown)



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Vaccine trial headquarters renovation in Sierra Leone



Challenges

- Relationships with CDC, including in-country
- Foundation staffing for large-scale response
- Process and documentation
- Recent fire in Guinea EOC



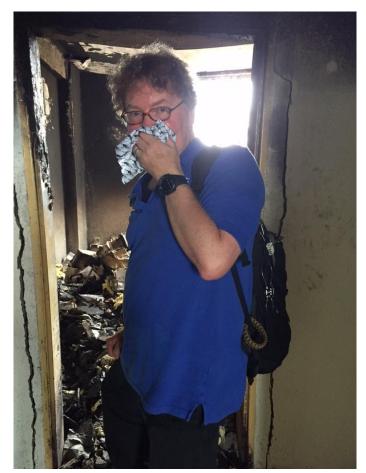


Guinea EOC: Damage to three floors





Fire, Smoke, Water Damage Shut Down EOC





Guinea EOC: Clean-up needed; no funds available

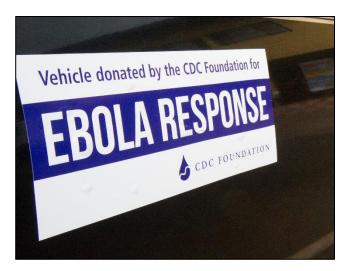




Future plans

- Spend down final funds
- Decide whether to continue raising funds
- Support for ongoing health activities in West Africa







Lessons learned

- Unrestricted funding is key
 in crisis response
- Power of being in full alignment with CDC and CDC director
- Critical to have effective in-country partner
- New construction versus remodel









Questions?

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