

Emergency Response



Who We Are

Amref Health Africa is an Africa-based non-profit committed to improving the health of people in Africa by partnering with and empowering communities. The cornerstone of our work is training local health workers in the communities we serve and building strong health systems from the grassroots level up. We use African solutions to tackle African health challenges with African expertise.

Our Response to Emergencies

During infectious disease outbreaks, droughts, famines, and other humanitarian crises, we combine:



Immediate relief for those suffering the most

with



long-term solutions that will prevent future emergencies

Stopping the Ebola Outbreak in Guinea: A major challenge in stopping the 2014 Ebola outbreak was resistance from communities, many of whom did not believe that Ebola even existed or distrusted government hospitals and health workers. We trained over 540 members of community-based organizations in Guinea to teach their friends, families and neighbors about Ebola and what they can do themselves to stop the spread of the virus through home visits and public meetings. We also trained local health workers to improve their skills in identifying potential cases of Ebola and to ensure that those patients received the care they need. This repaired trust within the communities and improved the health system so that it can serve all peoples' health needs beyond the epidemic.



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Relief for South Sudanese Refugees in Uganda: Thousands of South Sudanese fleeing war and famine have settled in northern Uganda. Although refugees are given the right to work and access social services in Uganda, accessing health services and water and sanitation has been challenging. We ensure that both refugee children and children from host communities are provided with nutritional supplements to stay in school, where we have trained teachers to provide health, nutrition and sanitation education. We also provide pregnant women with essential antenatal care by mobilizing midwives to go out to the settlements. To expand access to water and sanitation, we trained community-elected volunteers to build and repair sustainable water sources, showers, and toilets in both the settlements and host communities.