LINKING MEDICINES WHEN IT MATTERS MOST: A LOOK AT EBOLA IN LIBERIA

Each link in a country’s integrated supply chain plays a critical role in bringing medicines to as many people as possible. During the Ebola virus disease (EVD) epidemic of 2014, Liberia’s young healthcare system and developing supply chain struggled to respond to the number of people exposed.

THE JOURNEY

CHALLENGE

There was a significant underestimate of the number of cases of EVD in Liberia until the situation had worsened.

SOLUTION

Many countries, like France and Italy, started working on increasing the development of orphaned or neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) treatments and medicines.

PREPARATION

The national and local supply chain was prepared to meet the increased demand for medicines.

SOLUTION

Private companies like AbbVie and Johnson & Johnson initiated a program to make medicines available to combat NTDs.

CHALLENGE

Liberia did not have the laboratory capacity to manage and treat the increased number of EVD patients.

SOLUTION

The government of Liberia activated an international logistics hub to produce and supply medical necessities to meet the needs of the affected population.

FINDING SOLUTIONS

Integrated supply chains are necessary to bring medicines to the people who need them.

By partnering with organizations like Healthcare Ready, Liberia was able to take advantage of the goods available to respond to the epidemic.