

# ALERT ON EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE (EVD)

## • INTRODUCTION



Ebola virus disease (EVD) is a severe, often fatal illness, with high death rate. The illness affects humans and animals such as fruit bats and monkeys. Ebola first appeared in 1976 in two simultaneous outbreaks, in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan, respectively. Since March 2014, the World Health Organization was informed regarding EVD outbreaks involving West African countries (i.e. Guinea and Liberia).

## • MODE OF TRANSMISSION

You may be exposed to the ebola virus through direct contact with:

- Bodily fluids of a person who is sick with or has died from EVD (e.g. blood, vomit, pee, poop and other fluids).
- Objects contaminated with the virus (e.g. needles, medical equipment etc.).
- Infected animals (by contact with blood or fluids or infected meats).

