

VHF

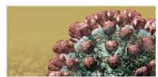
Viral haemorrhagic fever is a general term for a severe illness, sometimes associated with bleeding, that may be caused by a number of viruses. In our plan we focus on specific VHFs (Ebola, Marburg, CCHF, Lassa fever, Lujo), that can occur in Africa and have risk of person to person transmission. They can spread within a hospital setting, and have a high case-fatality rate and are difficult to recognize. There are also a lack of effective treatments apart from supporting care. The outbreaks occur periodically, but unpredictably. The provision of Medical care to ill patients can be challenging in any setting, particularly resource limited remote environments where VHFs tend to occur. Clinical care must be strengthened with minimising the risk of transmission to others, including health workers. The ability to confirm the diagnosis of VHF requires highly specialized reference laboratories, so mostly the samples are immediately sent the appropriate reference laboratory.



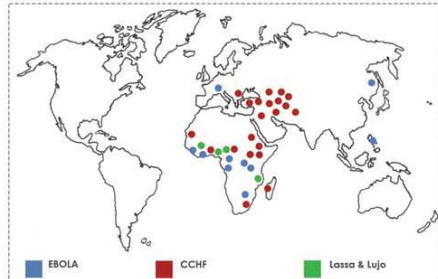
EBOLA/ Marburg Occuring contact with infected animals (bats, apes), and subsequent transmission via contact with such patient's infected blood and body fluids. Can be transmitted via coming into contact with contaminated items (medical material, eating utensils) Incubation period is about 2 to 21 days. They usually begin with symptoms like flu; fever, weakness, myalgia, anorexia, they are followed by vomiting and diarrhea. Bleeding often only appears in the later stages.



CCHF Transmitted via a tick from infected domestic or wild animals, but also can be transmitted by contacting with blood or body fluids from infected animals or humans, but also occurs in hospitals due to improper sterilisation of medical equipment. Rabinirin can be used against Lassa and CCHF. For CCHF, the incubation period is usually 3-7 days, and the haemorrhagic period is short and usually begins between the third and fifth days of infection, and appears with haematomas and petechiae.

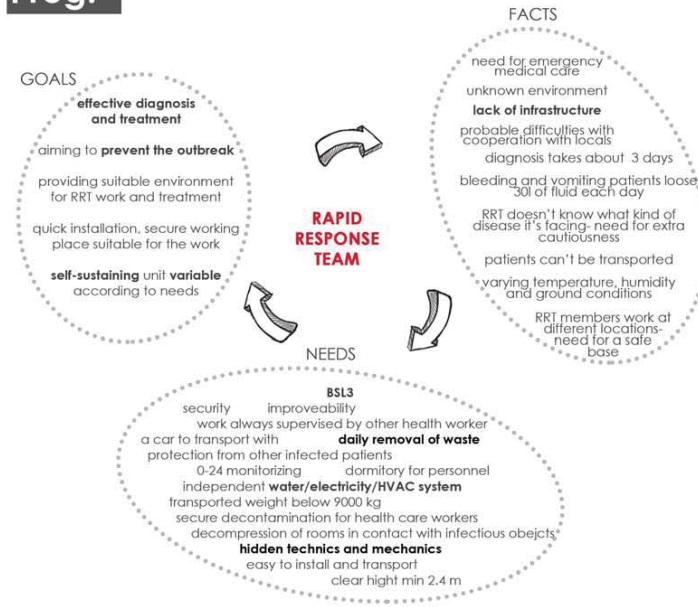


Lassa and Lujo (Arenaviridae family) Infection by exposure to the excreta of its reservoir Mastomys natalensis. Secondary transmission also occurs by person-to-person contacts. Lassa fever is endemic in West Africa with an estimated tens of thousands of cases annually, with highest incidence in Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Guinea, Liberia. Incubation period takes from 6 days to 3 weeks. Classic symptoms of Lassa fever are swollen face and neck, which are not seen in Ebola/Marbourg. In the first week the infected patient shows very common symptoms: sore throat, diarrhea, low blood pressure, general weakness. After 7 days it's followed by oedemas of face and neck, mucosal and internal bleeding.

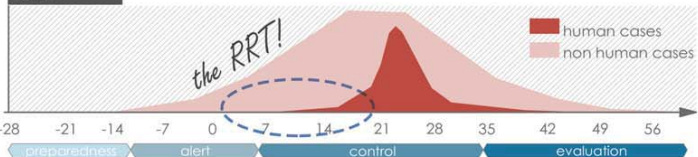


- > developing countries
- > high humidity
- > high average temperature
- > large temperature range
- > poor infrastructure
- > lack of public transport system
- > unrest amongst tribes and countries
- > mixed religion: christianism, islam, totemism

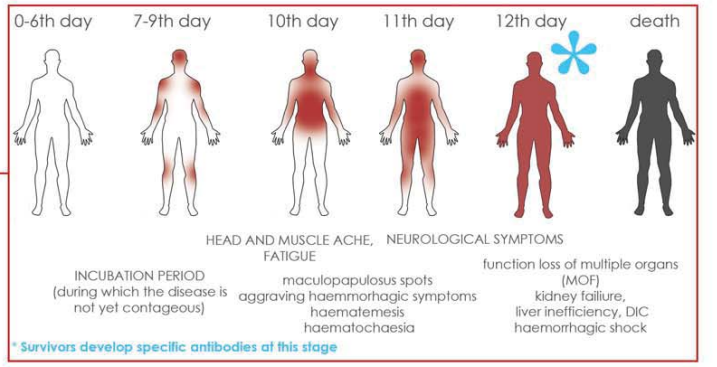
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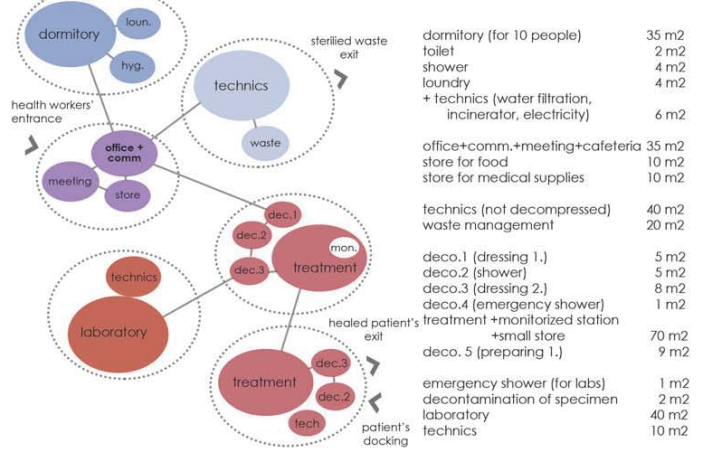
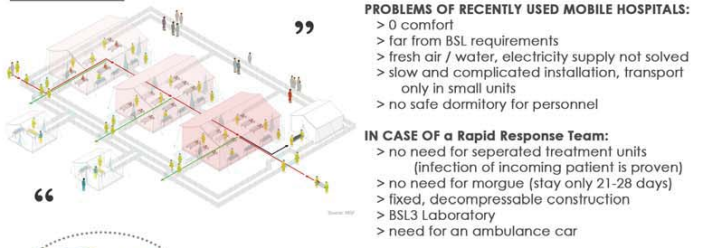
RRT



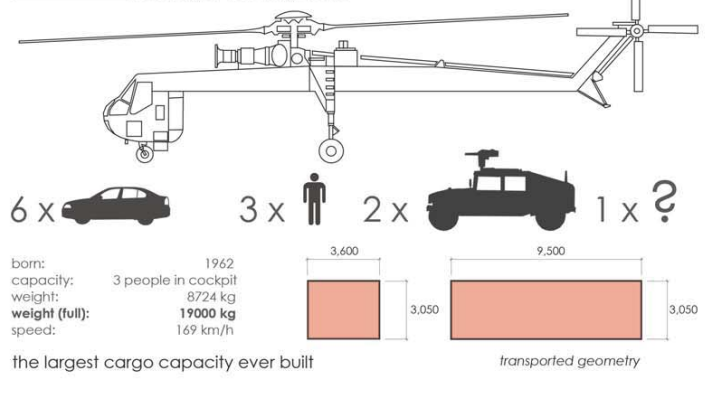
- PRECAUTIONS**
- > educating people
 - > cooperation with healthcare workers, farmers
 - > monitoring populations
- SUSPECT OF EPIDEMIC:**
- > unusually many deaths in primate populations
 - > suspicious symptoms in human(s)
- ACTIONS:**
- > requiring supply
 - > establishment of a mobile hospital suitable for treating many patients
 - > arrival of trained personnel
 - > the lab of the RRT is still working,
- ACTIONS:**
- > supervising the territory for at least 21 days after the release of last patient
 - > collecting specimen and documenting the events and actions taken



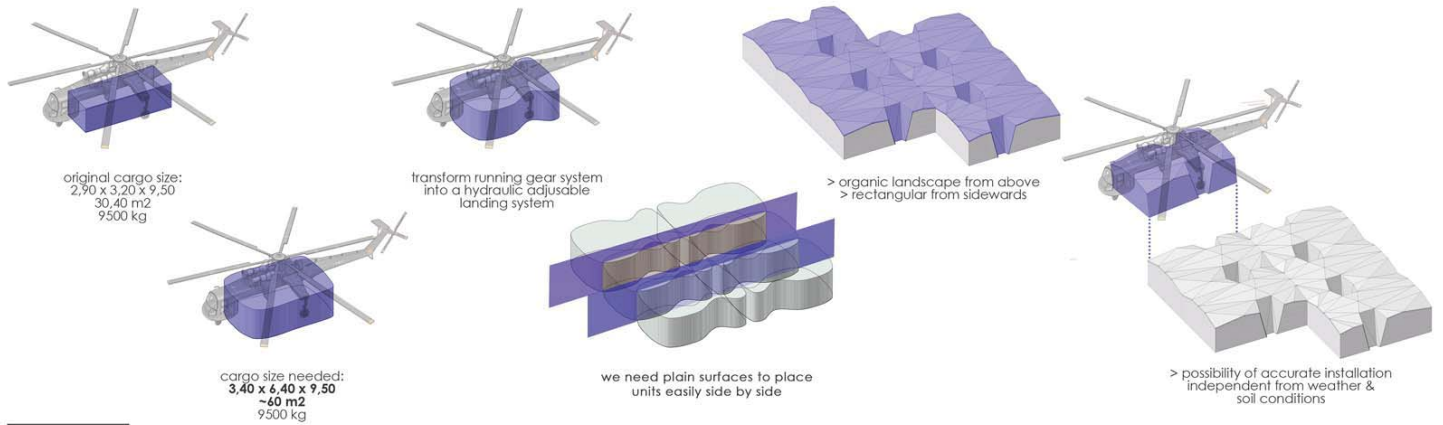
Brief



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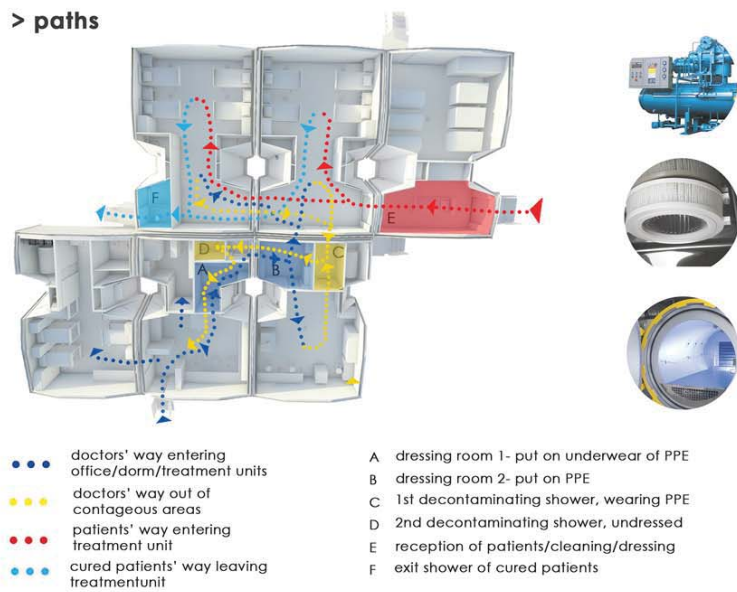


concept

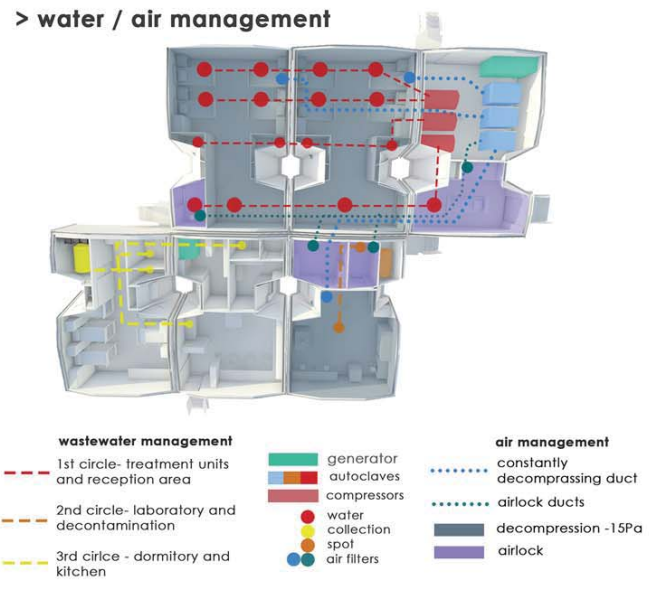


functions

> paths



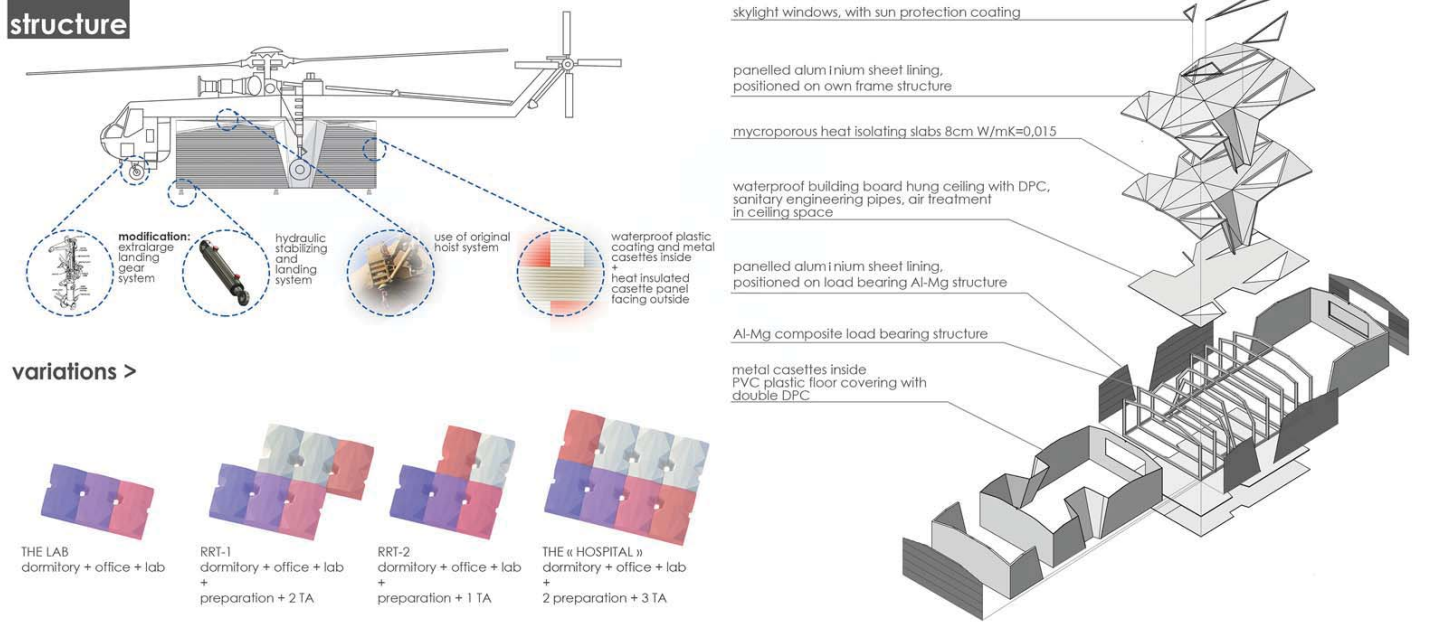
> water / air management



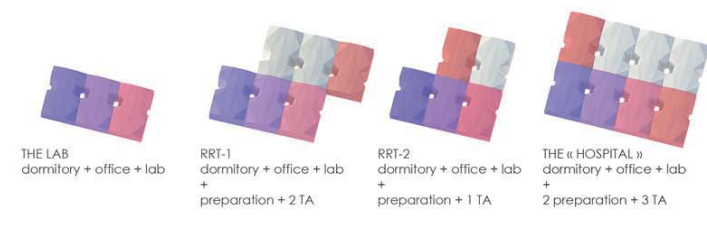
process

1. WHO gets information about a possible human infection
2. WHO alarms RRT closest to the critical area
Rapid Response Unit is prepared to takeoff
3. RRT/RRU is planted on site, 1. dorm/office/lab 2. treatment unit(s)/ mechanics
4. RRT canvases the area anthropologist/coordinator contacts local authorities, develop a strategy to contact people
5. epidemiologist/doctors collect specimen, goal: identifying the type of disease and **FINDING PATIENT 0 and people in having contacted them** ONLY CONFIRMED INFECTED PATIENTS are isolated and carried to treatment
6. constant observation of the area, evaluation of the risk of an outbreak taking further measures if necessary

structure

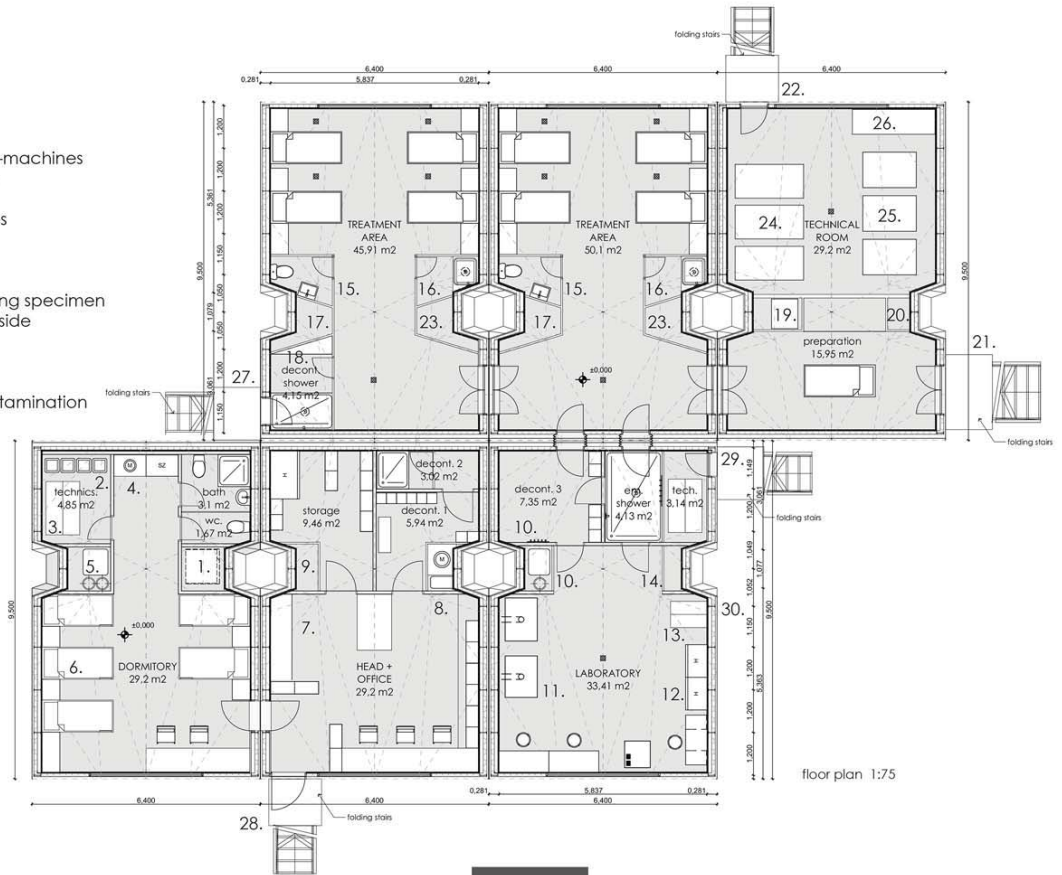


variations >

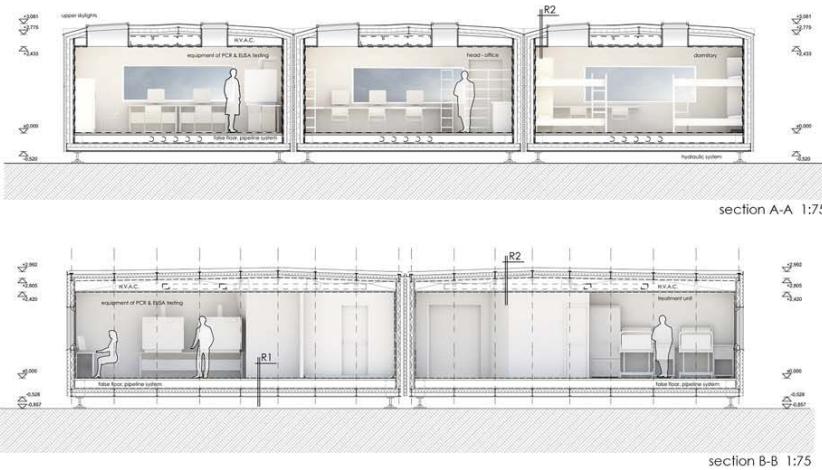


FP with 2 treatment units

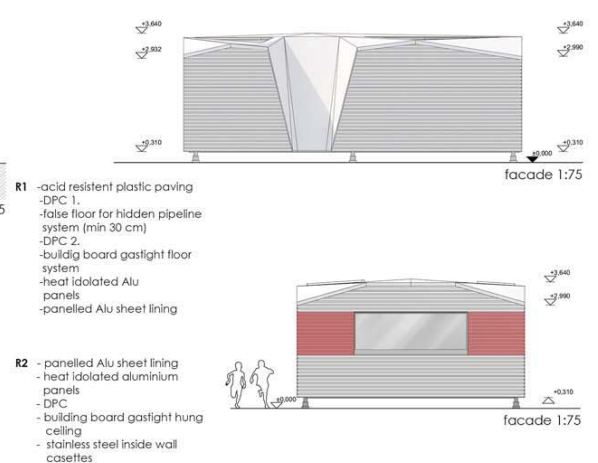
1. water & rainwater container
2. grey-water filter tank
3. sawage filter tank
4. washing & drying machine
5. current diesel generator with fuel tank
6. bunks
7. mini-kitchen with microwave ovens, coffee-machines
8. PPE underwear washing & drying machines
9. AC-system
10. PPE upper wear washing & drying machines
10. lab - current diesel aggregator with tank
11. lab - glovebox for PCR & ELISA testing
12. lab - freezers for preparing specimen
13. lab - air lock & decontamination of incoming specimen
14. lab - waste container, removable from outside
15. staff entrance to sawage filter tank
16. treatment area - showers
17. treatment area - toilettes
18. treatment area - recompression & decontamination shower + wardrobe for cured patients
19. waste tank
20. waste container, removable from outside
21. patients' entrance - door width calculated for hospital trolleys
22. staff entrance to technical room
23. small storage with bedcloth, clothes
24. sawage autoclave and filter tank
25. HVAC equipments
26. current diesel aggregator with tank
27. cured patients' exit
28. staff's entrance + gastight metal doors and glazing



sections



facades



- R1**
- acid resistant plastic paving
 - DPC 1.
 - false floor for hidden pipeline system (min 30 cm)
 - DPC 2.
 - building board gastight floor system
 - heat isolated Alu panels
 - panelled Alu sheet lining
- R2**
- panelled Alu sheet lining
 - heat isolated aluminium panels
 - DPC
 - building board gastight hung ceiling
 - stainless steel inside wall cassettes



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