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## HEALTH ISSUES IN AFRICA (WHO)

Dr. EBRAHIM SAMBA, the World Health Organization's Regional Director for Africa, reviews health issues facing the African continent in light of the recent outbreak of the Ebola virus in Zaire. Africa's health problems and the resurgence of certain diseases are caused by the poor living conditions and the lack of resources allocated to improve the general health situation. Africa still spends billions of dollars on arms. WHO plans to strengthen its presence in Africa to provide African countries with technical support and advice. Dr. Samba believes that international cooperation is an effective tool in containing the Ebola virus.

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