Good morning, Myriam. What happened to Teta?

She woke up with a high fever and headache, Peter. She says she feels pain all over her body. Maybe she has malaria.

What if it is Ebola? She’s been at the village, attending her cousin’s funeral. She helped wash her. What killed her?

Oh, she had a running stomach and vomited plenty, maybe ate spoiled food.

No, Myriam. Wait small!! Don’t touch her! And remember to always wash your hands with soap or with chlorine if you touched her or her bed by mistake.

Myriam, she might have the Ebola. It starts with fever, sore throat, then vomiting, running stomach, weakness.

Sometimes can also cause rash and bleeding from the nose and mouth, or red eyes.

Oh no! Let’s look if she has a rash somewhere.

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Spread the Message, not the virus

Myriam, she might have the Ebola. It starts with fever, sore throat, then vomiting, running stomach, weakness.
Look, she has rash all over! What will we do now?

Good day sir, my neighbor’s daughter might have Ebola, she has fever and pain and rash all over.

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OK, we need to call for help. She needs to see a doctor now.

Yes, she was at her cousin’s funeral in her home village. ... Thank you sir, we’ll wait for the ambulance.

Wait small, are they going to take her away? No, no, I will not agree. I will find a car and carry her to the village. The medicine man will treat her. I heard that they are doing bad things in those Ebola centers.

Don’t say that Myriam! There is a new Ebola treatment unit in the county, they will treat Teta well there.

Didn’t you see John who had the Ebola and they treated him? Ebola is very bad, the sooner you get Teta to the treatment unit, the better her chances to survive.

If you want to know more about Ebola, why don’t you text E to 6611? There you can learn a lot about the sickness.

Will they take me there too?

No, but you must be careful. Always wash your hands with chlorine or with soap and water.

People will come and spray the whole house, to kill the virus.

Chlorine

People will come and spray the whole house, to kill the virus.
And check your temperature every day, morning and evening, for three weeks. Someone will come often to check on you to make sure you stay healthy.

That would be bad...

I'm selling at the market most of the days from morning to late night.

You must not do that. Stay at home and let Eric go sell for you. Wait first, did he also go to the funeral?

No, he didn't. He was at school. Will he get sick too?

Let's pray he will not. Just make sure you all wash hands often.

While waiting for the ambulance, let's give Teta some water. She looks thirsty.
Always wash with chlorine all linens and objects that had might have been in contact with an Ebola patient.

If you touched them, even their clothes or bedding, wash hands with soap immediately and wash hands every time you come home from the city, too. Always wash with chlorine all linens and objects that had might have been in contact with an Ebola patient.

Dangerous it is, but one can prevent it.

How can we do that?

What a bad sickness this is! We can do nothing to avoid it. Just in the village, 14 people died of it already. And here in the city, the ambulances are passing all the time, every day...

If you see a sick person, stay away and don't touch them.

Don't touch the bodies of people who might have died of Ebola. If you see a corpse, don't touch it, call 4455 and also tell your community leader.

What about those sent home from the Ebola treatment units? Can I get sick from them?

No, once they recovered they will be all right and cannot give Ebola to anybody. You are safe around them.

Let's pray that it's going to be healthy and come back home soon.

Quiz

1. Send an SMS to 0880-014-625 with the answers to the following questions:
   A - Should you touch the body of someone who died of Ebola?
   B - Is chlorine useful in preventing the spread of the Ebola virus?
   C - Is washing your hands plenty time helpful to protect you from Ebola?
   D - What number can you call in case you or someone you know might be sick with the Ebola virus?

2. Find in the images
   A - A soap
   B - A phone
   C - Disinfectant

If you get a fever and were open to Ebola, call 4455 quick quick. The sooner you get care, the better your chance to get well.

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