

# **Decontamination and the Ebola response**

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**Ground Truth: Sierra Leone**

**Round 2 – 28.04.2015**

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## Data analysis for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of decontamination survey

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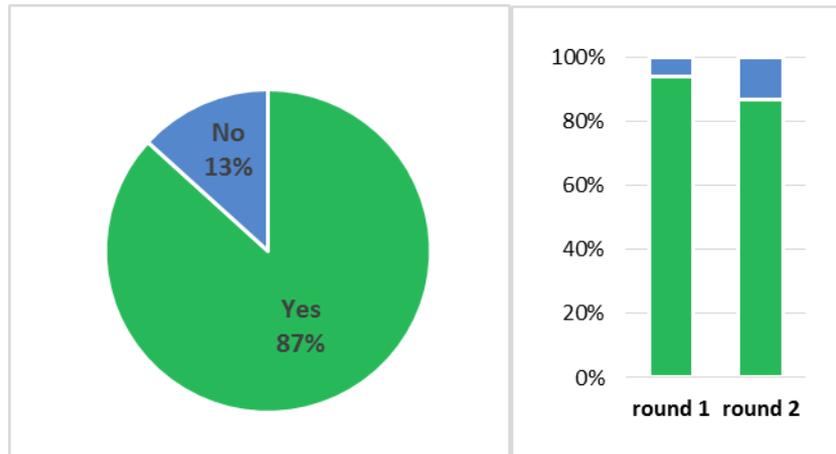
This is the second survey report to better understand the views of people whose homes have been decontaminated in the Ebola response. It complements Ground Truth's three other surveys that look, respectively, at the perceptions of the general public, frontline workers, and people in, or recently out of, quarantine.

**Main findings:** Decontamination takes place smoothly and people feel safe in their homes afterwards. They consider themselves informed about the process and respected by the teams carrying it out. Some respondents voice concern that not all removed items are replaced (mainly clothes and bed sheets).

### **Report highlights:**

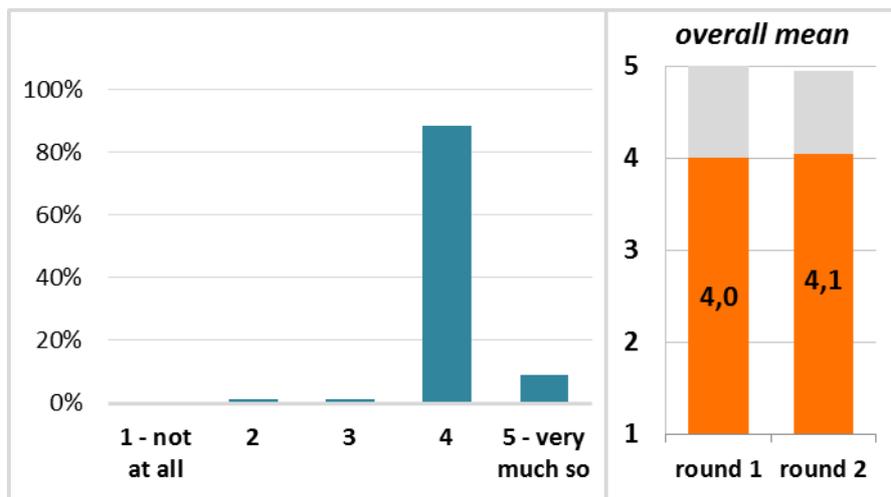
- The majority of respondents say they were informed about the decontamination process.
  - Most people feel safe living in rooms or homes that have been decontaminated.
  - Items provided by decontamination teams still do not meet needs, according to many respondents; this is because removed items are not replaced—mainly clothes and bed sheets.
  - People feel decontamination teams treat them with respect and dignity.
  - Trust in the decontamination teams is high.
  - The majority of respondents report decontamination teams disinfected the toilet or the area that is used as a toilet.
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## 1. Were you told why your house was sprayed and household items removed?



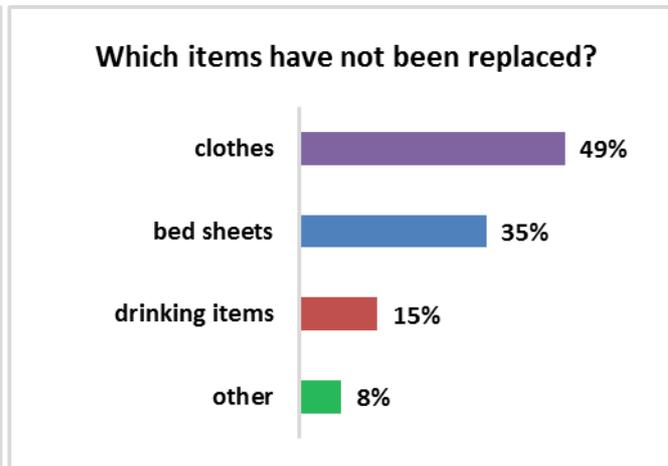
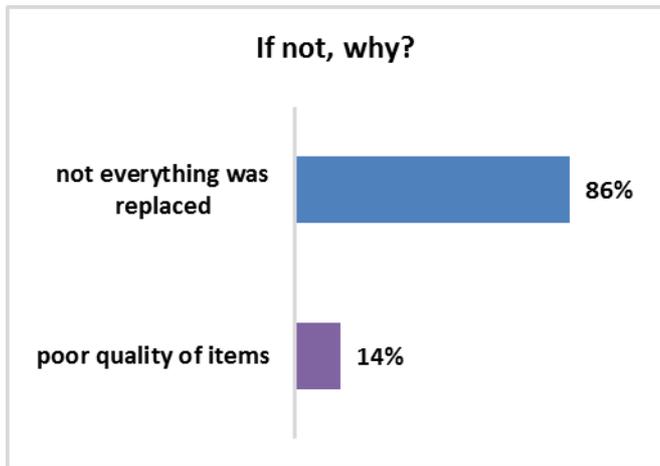
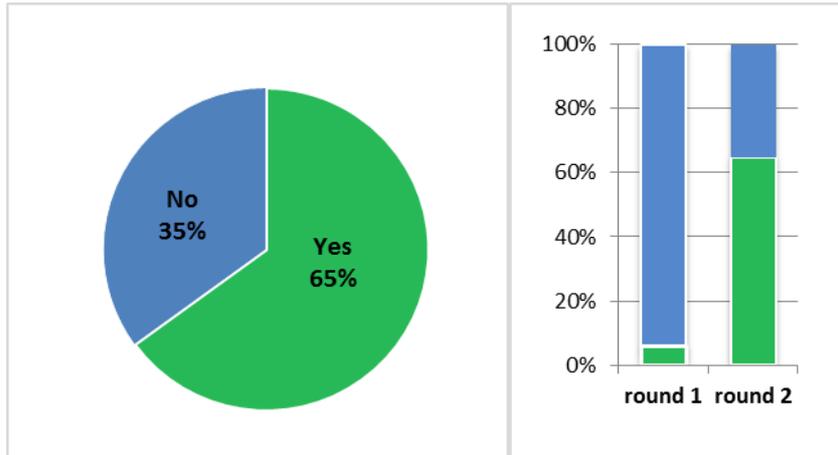
*The majority of respondents were informed why the decontamination process was happening.*

## 2. Were you treated with respect and dignity during the decontamination process?



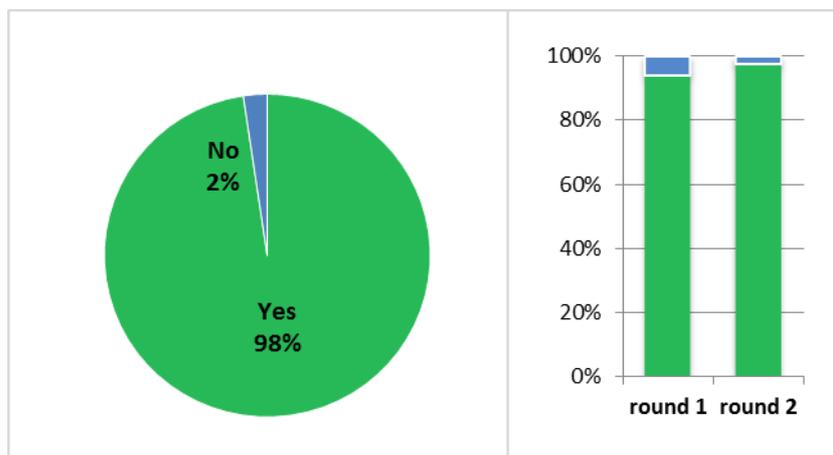
*People mostly feel they were treated with respect and dignity during the decontamination process.*

### 3. Do the items provided meet your needs?



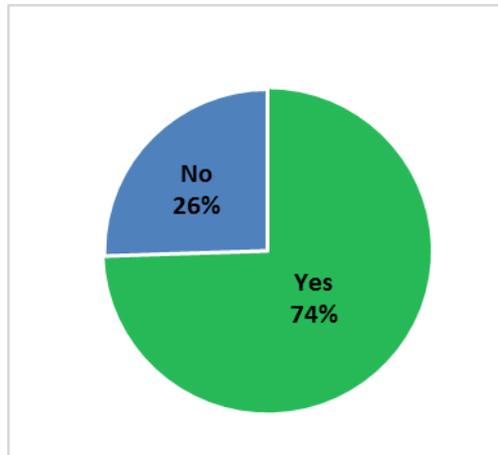
Many respondents are still not satisfied with the items provided, mainly because not everything removed in the decontamination process is replaced. Items not replaced mainly include clothes and bed sheets.

### 4. Do you feel safe in the rooms that have been decontaminated?



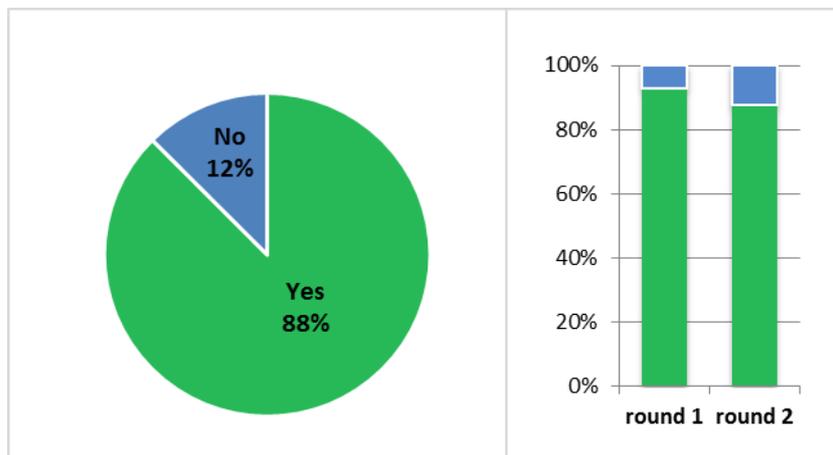
Most people feel safe in spaces that have been decontaminated.

**5. Did the team disinfect the toilet or the area that is used as a toilet?**



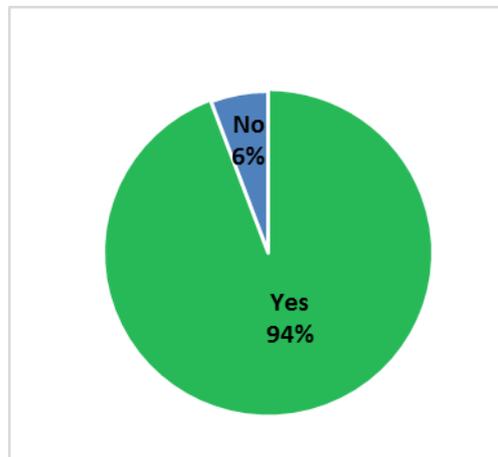
*People say that the team disinfected the toilet or the area that is used as a toilet in a majority of cases.*

**6. Do you trust the decontamination team to have your best interest at heart?**



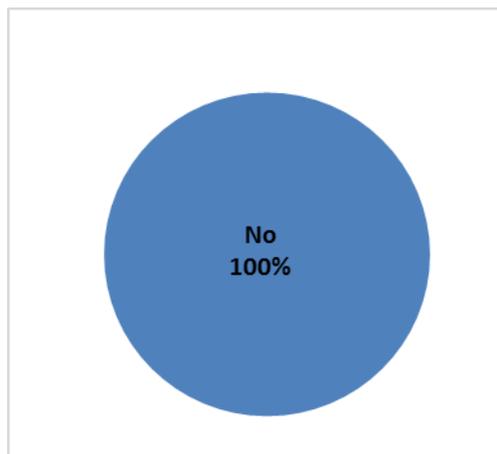
*Trust in the decontamination teams is still high.*

**7. Did the burial team respectfully address your family's needs and requests regarding the burial?**



*The burial teams respectfully address family's needs and requests regarding the burial of loved ones.*

**8. Is there anything else you'd like to report or tell me about the decontamination process?**



*People do not report any other issues about the decontamination process.*

## **Ground Truth surveys and the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone**

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**Objective:** The goal of the Ground Truth programme in Sierra Leone is to get feedback on key aspects of the response from the general public, from frontline workers, from people in quarantine and, in this survey, from people whose homes have been decontaminated.

The surveys are intended primarily for people managing the response but are made available to all agencies involved in the response, to donors and to others interested in program implementation and impact.

**Goal of the surveys:** By providing light-touch continuous feedback, the goal is to provide real-time evidence as the basis for responsive management of the programme.

**Sample size and location:** In the second decontamination survey, responses were collected in phone interviews from 297 people. All are included in the decontamination program managed by PLAN International. Respondents are all based in Western Area.

**Survey methodology and scoring:** Every respondent receives a call from Accountability Alert, GT's data collection partner in Sierra Leone. They are asked for simple 'Yes' or 'No' responses for question 1 and for questions 3 to 7. For question 2 they are asked to rate statements on a scale from 1 to 5. Question 8 is an open question.

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