

# **Decontamination and the Ebola response**

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**Ground Truth: Sierra Leone**

**Round 1 – 08.04.2015**

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## Data analysis for 1<sup>st</sup> round of decontamination survey

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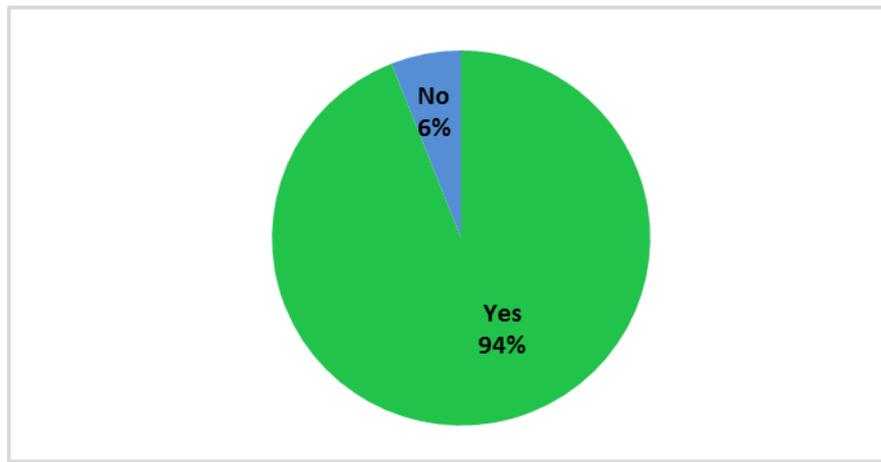
This is the first report on a new bi-weekly survey commissioned by PLAN international to understand better the views of people whose homes have been decontaminated following a case of Ebola in the household. It complements Ground Truth's three other surveys that look, respectively, at the perceptions of the general public, frontline workers, and people in 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. Respondents voice concern that not all removed items are replaced and a majority say latrines are not disinfected.

### **Report highlights:**

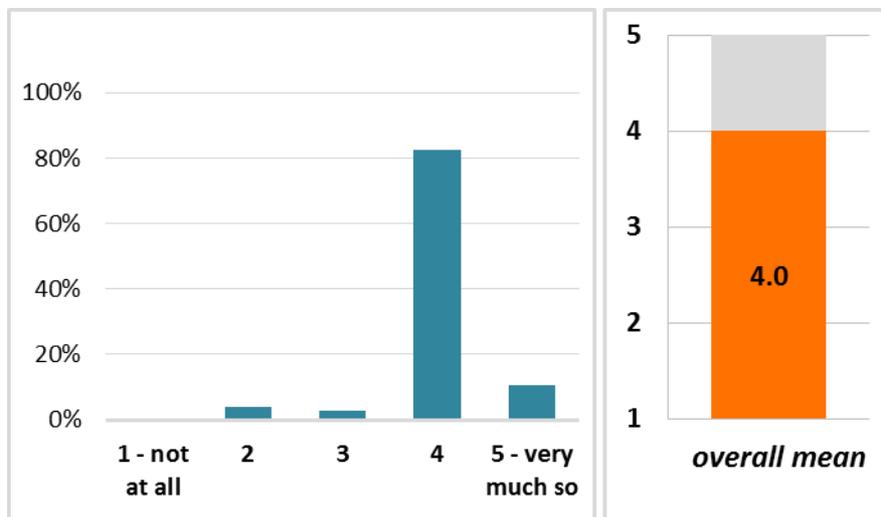
- The majority of respondents say they were informed in advance about the decontamination process.
  - Most people feel safe living in rooms or homes that have been decontaminated.
  - Items provided by decontamination teams do not meet needs, according to a significant majority of respondents. Why? Because many removed items are not replaced.
  - People feel decontamination teams treat them with respect and dignity.
  - The majority of respondents report decontamination teams did not disinfect the latrine.
  - Trust in the decontamination teams is high.
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### 1. Were you told why your house was disinfected and household items removed?



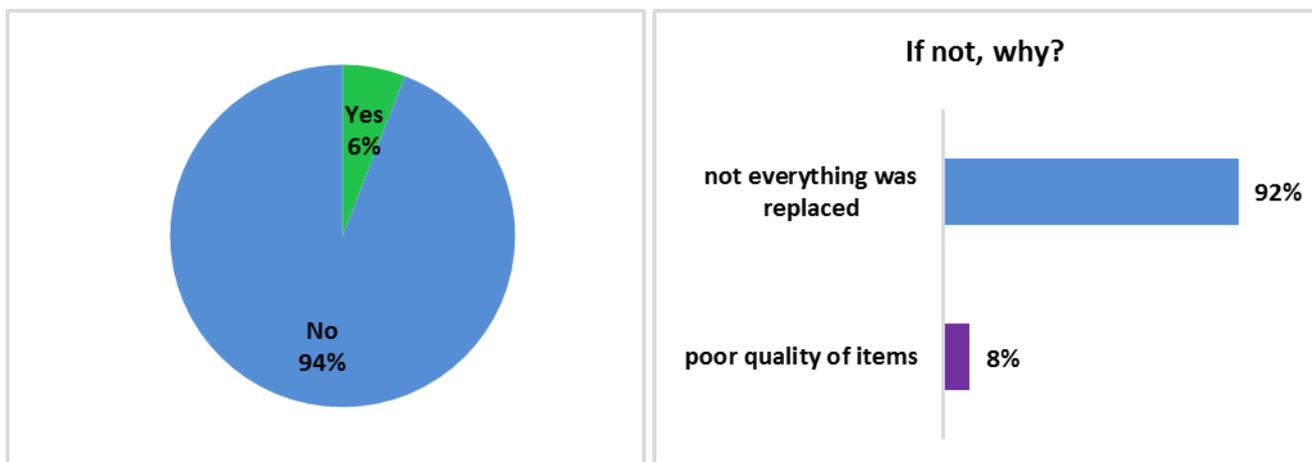
The majority of respondents were informed why the decontamination process was happening.

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



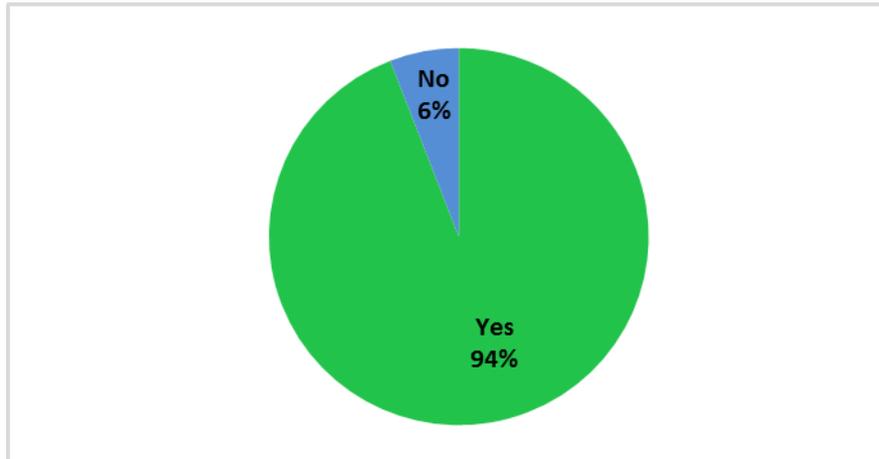
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### 3. Do the items provided meet your needs?



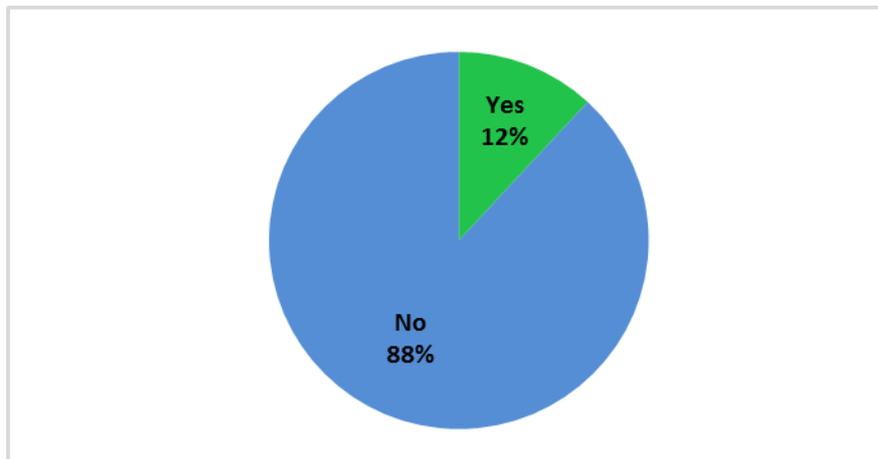
Most respondents are not satisfied with the items provided, mainly because not everything removed in the decontamination process is replaced.

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



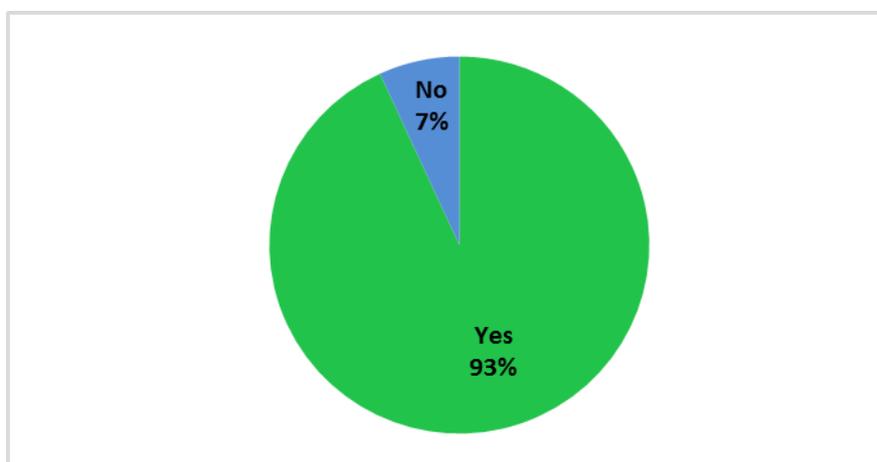
*Most people feel safe in spaces that have been decontaminated.*

**5. Did the team spray the latrine?**



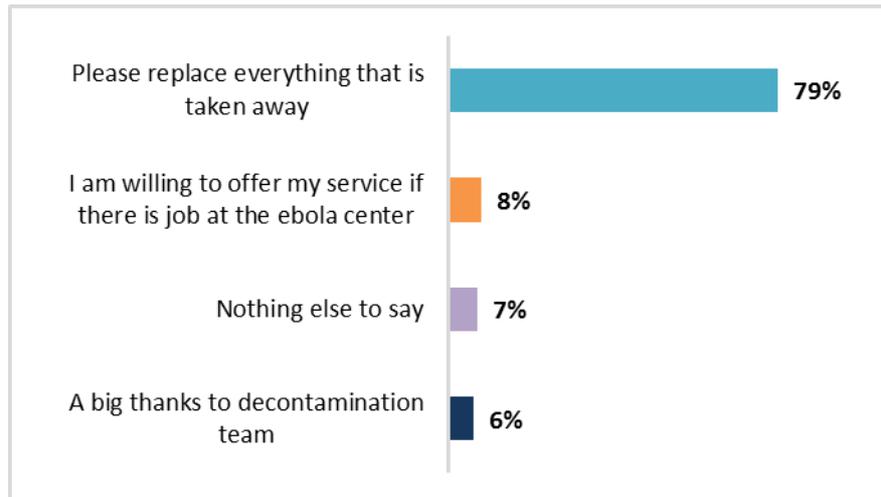
*In an overwhelming majority of cases, the decontamination team did not disinfect the latrine.*

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



*Trust in the decontamination teams is high.*

## 7. Is there anything else you want to say about the decontamination process?



*Many people are keen to get replacements of everything that the decontamination teams remove and destroy.*

*Recommendation: Agencies should ensure they have a full inventory of the items they normally remove, so they can quickly replace most of what must be removed and destroyed.*

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

**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 and, in this survey, from people whose homes were 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.

**Focus of this survey:** By providing light-touch continuous feedback, the goal is to provide real-time evidence as the basis for responsive management of the programme. The data relates to perceptions and is presented in the form of metrics that we track on a bi-weekly basis. This perceptual data complements and counterpoints objectively verified information collected through other forms of monitoring and evaluation.

**Sample size and location:** In the first round of data collection – April 3 – responses were collected in phone interviews from 102 people. All are included in the decontamination program managed by PLAN International.

Respondents are based in Western Area and Port Loko.

**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 questions 1 and 3 to 6. For question 2 they are asked to rate statements on a scale from 1 to 5. Question 7 is an open question.

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