BE SMART!
BE SAFE!

STOP EBOLA
WhizzKids United (WKU) was founded in 2005 by Africaid to help disadvantaged young people in South Africa, Ghana and Uganda to achieve their full potential. WKU runs highly effective and innovative programmes that use football to address social and health issues and provide opportunities for the young people to transform their lives.

Since 2012, WKU has also been running a series of comics-drawing workshops, developed as part of a research collaboration with Cardiff University (UK). The workshops are a safe environment for the young people to express their feelings, challenges and aspirations, opening the way for more effective support and care.

In August 2014, WKU ran a comics-drawing workshop with thirty 16-21 year-olds in Jisonayilli, Northern Region Ghana, where a new WKU Health Academy is currently being built. Their primary concern was Ebola, and they created the stories in this booklet in order to inform as many people as possible about this deadly virus and how to prevent it spreading any further.

HI, LET’S TALK ABOUT THE OUTBREAK OF EBOLA IN WEST AFRICA

I’VE BEEN READING ABOUT IT

WHAT IS EBOLA?

IT’S A DEADLY VIRUS THAT HAS KILLED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

HOW DO PEOPLE CATCH EBOLA?

CAN PEOPLE ALSO CATCH IT FROM EACH OTHER?

BY EATING WILD ANIMALS THAT CARRY THE VIRUS, ESPECIALLY BATS

YES, BY COMING INTO CONTACT WITH THEIR BLOOD, SALIVA OR FACES

DOES EVERYONE DIE? DOES EBOLA HAVE ANY CURE?

SCIENTISTS ARE WORKING ON DRUGS BUT THERE IS NO CURE YET

SO WHAT CAN WE DO TO STAY HEALTHY?

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT WITH ANYONE INFECTED AND THEIR BELONGINGS
HANNA IS WORRIED

HANNA HAS BEEN SICK FOR MANY DAYS. HER HOUSE AND GARDEN ARE IN A MESS. THERE IS RUBBISH AND WASTE EVERYWHERE...

HANNA IS WORRIED THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE EBOLA...

VOMITING IS A SYMPTOM OF EBOLA!

HANNA GOES TO THE HOSPITAL...

YOU ARE LUCKY! IT IS JUST A STOMACH INFECTION. BUT YOU MUST KEEP YOUR HOUSE CLEAN!

HANNA’S SISTER HELPS HER TO CLEAN THE HOUSE AND THE LAND OUTSIDE...

A FEW WEEKS LATER...

I’M SO HAPPY THAT I DIDN’T HAVE EBOLA. FROM NOW ON, I’LL KEEP MY ENVIRONMENT CLEAN, SO I DON’T GET ANOTHER STOMACH INFECTION!

THE GRASS IS GREEN AND THE RIVER IS CLEAN! I FEEL MUCH BETTER!
THE HEALTH VISITOR

CHIEF, DOES ANYONE IN YOUR VILLAGE HAVE SYMPTOMS OF EBOLA?

GO AWAY! WE DON'T NEED YOU HERE!

IF WE DON'T TAKE SICK PEOPLE TO THE CLINIC, THE WHOLE VILLAGE MIGHT BE INFECTED WITH EBOLA!

THAT WOULD BE TERRIBLE!

ABDUL, YOU'VE BEEN SICK FOR THREE DAYS. YOU MUST GO TO THE CLINIC!

WE WILL LOOK AFTER ABDUL AND KEEP HIM ON THE ISOLATION WARD. IF ANYONE ELSE IN YOUR VILLAGE GETS SICK, BRING THEM HERE IMMEDIATELY!

OF COURSE I WILL! THANK YOU, DOCTOR!

PLEASE WORK WITH THE HEALTH OFFICIALS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF EBOLA!

EBOLA CAN KILL!

THANKS, CHIEF! YOU REALLY CARE FOR YOUR PEOPLE!

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO HELP US. WE MUST ALL WORK TOGETHER!
PLEASE LISTEN TO THE FACTS

WHAT IS EBOLA?
EBOLA IS A SERIOUS ILLNESS THAT KILLS MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE INFECTED.

THE SYMPTOMS ARE FEVER, HEADACHE, MUSCLE PAIN, DIARRHOEA, VOMITING, STOMACH PAIN AND UNEXPLAINED BRUISING OR BLEEDING.

THERE IS NO VACCINE OR CURE FOR EBOLA, BUT SCIENTISTS AROUND THE WORLD ARE WORKING HARD TO PRODUCE ONE.

EBOLA IS CARRIED BY BATS AND OTHER WILD ANIMALS, SUCH AS MONKEYS, DUINKERS AND RODENTS. IF PEOPLE EAT THESE ANIMALS THEY CAN ALSO BECOME INFECTED.

WHEN A PERSON IS INFECTED, THE VIRUS IS PRESENT IN THEIR SWEAT, SALIVA, VOMIT, BLOOD, SEMEN, VAGINAL FLUID AND Faeces. TOUCHING SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN HELD OR WORN BY THAT PERSON CAN PASS ON EBOLA TO OTHERS.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST EBOLA!

DON’T EAT BUSHMEAT.

DON’T GO NEAR ANYONE THAT SEEMS TO BE UNWELL AND DON’T TOUCH ANY OF THEIR BELONGINGS, INCLUDING CLOTHING AND BEDDING.

IF YOU FEEL UNWELL, GET MEDICAL HELP IMMEDIATELY. YOU WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF RECOVERY AND YOU WON’T SPREAD IT TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

WASH YOUR HANDS AND FACE FREQUENTLY WITH WATER, SOAP, ALCOHOL-BASED HAND-WASH OR CHLORINE.

AVOID FUNERALS AND BURIAL RITUALS IF THE PERSON HAS DIED FROM EBOLA – LEAVE IT TO THE PROFESSIONALS.

EDUCATION IS OUR BEST DEFENCE
PREVENTING EBOLA

I AM EBOLA! MY VICTIMS USUALLY DIE! I AM TRANSMITTED BY BODY FLUIDS... WATCH ME INFECT THESE TWO KIDS!!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT EBOLA?
YES, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PREVENT IT

DON'T TOUCH OTHER PEOPLE

MAKE SURE YOU WASH WHEN YOU'VE BEEN OUTSIDE

NOT EVEN TO SHAKE HANDS? OKAY, I'LL TRY!

I WILL ALWAYS WASH MY HANDS AND FACE

I'M GETTING OUT OF TOWN!

THESE CHILDREN KNOW ALL MY TRICKS! I CAN'T INFECT THEM!
**WHAT IS... EBOLA?**

**Mother, what is Ebola?**

Ebola is another name for Haemorrhagic Fever. It was discovered in 1976 near the Ebola River in Congo.

**What does 'Haemorrhagic' mean?**

It means that if you catch it, you could bleed to death!

**How do people catch Ebola?**

From eating bushmeat, especially bats. Then it can spread to other people through saliva, sweat, semen and other body fluids.

**Is there a cure for Ebola?**

Not yet. More than half of the people with Ebola die from the disease.

**How can we protect ourselves?**

Don't go near sick people, send them to hospital. Never eat bushmeat. Don't kiss or shake hands with strangers. Always wash your hands after you've been outside.
EXPERTS THINK IT COULD TAKE ANOTHER 2-3 YEARS TO CREATE A CURE FOR EBOLA. BUT WE MUST HAVE...

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

WHY THE ISOLATION?

SO YOU DON'T SPREAD EBOLA TO OTHERS

I'M TRYING TO MAKE A CURE FOR THE EBOLA VIRUS

PLEASE TAKE THIS DRUG

I NOW FEEL MUCH BETTER!
WhizzKids United is keen to extend its work with young Africans, but needs funding to do so. To find out more or to make a donation, please visit our website: www.whizzkidsunited.org or find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WhizzKidsUnited

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