



## **CIVIL CONFLICT**

If a country is on the brink of breakdown from civil unrest, the ability to handle an intense and sudden problem like an outbreak could bring its people to their knees and allow the infection to flourish.

Outbreaks can completely paralyze countries. Civil unrest leaves economic and health infrastructures in dire need of rebuilding and ill prepared for a major infection to strike.

Travel, migration, and displacement are significant characteristics of armed conflict that contribute to increased risk of infectious diseases.

Certain categories of infectious diseases tend to increase during war. These include diarrheal diseases and acute respiratory infections, as well as measles, malaria, meningococcal disease, and tuberculosis.

Major causes: Apart from injury that contributes to the increased incidence of infectious diseases during wartime: reduced availability of health services, environmental damage, and forced migration.

Absent the cessation of armed conflict, the war-related burden of infectious disease can be addressed through attention to specific war-associated risk factors, as well through a host of measures (preparedness) that apply to any high-risk situation.

It is vital to preserve the health-supporting infrastructure.

It is most important to protect health care workers. To survive such a stressful situation the health care workers must consistently ensure their immune system is functioning at optimum.

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