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The Ebola epidemic, which has already killed more than 2,400 people and sickened thousands more in five West African countries, threatens the lives, well-being, and economic and political stability of people throughout the region and around the world. This epidemic urgently requires a two-prong strategy.

In the long term, basic biomedical research, including research on the immune response, virology, disease pathology, and vaccine development, is necessary to develop efficacious and affordable therapies to prevent, treat, and potentially cure Ebola a