EBOLA: THEN AND NOW – WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR HAS MADE

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THEN

“One year ago, the situation with Ebola was completely different.

The UN Security Council had taken the extraordinary step to launch the United Nations Emergency Mission for Ebola. There were hundreds of cases of Ebola every single week. And the world was terrified, quite frankly, as to whether or not what was an exponential growth in the number of cases could actually be reversed; whether these horrific pictures we were seeing on television or newspapers of dead people in the streets of capital cities in West Africa could be reversed.

We had just launched what we called the 70x70x60 target. It was an extraordinarily stretched target."

NOW

“The situation today is completely different than one year ago. The most extraordinary thing that has happened is that the 70x70x60 target was hit by the 1st of December last year. The curve was starting to bend because 70% of cases were being isolated, 70% of people who died from Ebola were being safely buried.

As a result, there was new international confidence, national confidence that we could actually conquer this and succeed in stopping the Ebola crisis.

So in most ways, today is very, very different than last year in terms of this outbreak. But it is also very different than other Ebola outbreaks because with the most of the outbreaks once you pass the peak of the epidemic, you hit zero very quickly, you get down to zero and reverse the thing.”

See the full story of a year of Ebola
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