The Questionable Science of Community-Based Response and Social Mobilization

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Assumptions about Communities in Ebola Social Mobilization Campaigns

1. Communities are adults.
2. Communities are similar in their vulnerability to infectious disease spread.
3. Diagnostic practices only take place in the presence of trained medical professionals.
4. Health seeking behaviors are going to divide into two liens: "traditional medicine" or western biomedicine.
5. The politics of health happen in the public health sector.
6. Communities like to resist stuff.
7. There’s nothing in these communities to work with without foreign contributions.
8. People just don’t understand what we’re talking about when we talk about health.
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