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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion

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The Ebola Crisis: the long-term lessons and how to strengthen health systems
in developing countries to prevent future crises
(2014/2204(INI))

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Amendment 1

Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas its resolution of 18 September 2014¹ recognised that women are disproportionately affected by the Ebola virus disease (EVD), with women accounting for, on average, 55 to 75 per cent of all victims;

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0026.

Amendment

A. whereas its resolution of 18 September 2014¹ recognised that women are disproportionately affected by the Ebola virus disease (EVD), with women accounting for, on average, 55 to 75 per cent of all victims; ***whereas evidence suggests that pregnant women are hit particularly hard, whilst infected by the virus with death tolls close to 100 per cent but also given their vulnerability to and fear of infection through maternal health care;***

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2014)0026.

Or. en

Amendment 2

Stefan Eck

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas women are not only more likely to be infected but their education, healthcare, food security and livelihood are also suffering;

Or. en

Amendment 3

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas there is a risk of women being infected through sexual activity after the epidemic has been officially declared over, since the virus may be present in the semen of a man who has been cured for up to 90 days after his recovery;

Or. fr

Amendment 4

Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas women and girls are particularly exposed to EVD because of their roles as principal caregivers, maternal patients or as those handling corpses before burial rites, and as smallholder farmers or cross-border traders confronted by a decline in food production and closed borders;

B. whereas women and girls are particularly exposed to EVD because of their roles as principal caregivers, ***health workers dealing with childbirth***, maternal patients or as those handling corpses before burial rites, and as smallholder farmers or cross-border traders confronted by a decline in food production and closed borders, ***taking away their income, putting them behind in payments for microcredit loans, but also causing steep increases in food prices and ultimately making it more difficult for women to feed their families;***

Or. en

Amendment 5

Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas women and girls are particularly exposed to EVD because of their roles as principal caregivers, maternal patients or as those handling corpses before burial rites, and as smallholder farmers or cross-border traders confronted by a decline in food production and closed borders;

Amendment

B. whereas women and girls are particularly exposed to EVD because of their roles as principal caregivers, maternal patients or as those handling corpses before burial rites, and ***they are severely affected*** as smallholder farmers or cross-border traders confronted by a decline in food production and closed borders;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas gender activists and women's advocacy groups in the most affected countries urged leaders to address the disproportionate effect of Ebola on the female population;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas women dominate the informal economic sector, which has been hard hit;

Amendment 8
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas women, who rely on market trade, micro-credit schemes and agricultural work, are experiencing a severe loss of income;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital B d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bd. whereas food and crop production suffered severe interruptions, food prices are much higher and food security is a serious concern;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas Ebola frequently causes pregnant women to miscarry, since when

an expectant mother falls ill, it is rare that she is able to continue with the pregnancy.

Or. it

Amendment 11
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas there is a high risk that breast-feeding mothers will transmit the disease to their children, and whereas in such cases unwell mothers should be helped to make the transition to bottle feeding;

Or. it

Amendment 12
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas obtaining treatment is problematic for pregnant women, owing to the invasive nature of that treatment,

Or. it

Amendment 13
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas mother and child health has been protected in combatting Ebola by polio workers assisting in the emergency response in Nigeria; in Nigeria the Ebola virus was brought under control in part due to replication of the emergency operation centres set up to fight polio;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

Amendment

C. whereas women in healthcare systems are not only vulnerable but also key actors in containing EVD, for example as nurses, cleaners or laundry workers in hospitals, and in raising awareness about EVD, planning responses to it and promoting prevention strategies in their communities;

C. whereas women in healthcare systems are not only vulnerable, ***but due to the role that they play in society are*** also key actors in containing EVD, for example as nurses, cleaners or laundry workers in hospitals, and in raising awareness about EVD, planning responses to it and promoting prevention strategies in their communities;

Or. it

Amendment 15
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas the region suffers from a lack of doctors, because a significant

proportion of African doctors trained in Africa or in the Union pursue their careers in one of the Member States and are not therefore able to carry out their duties among women in need of care, particularly during pregnancy, labour and the post-partum period, but also in paediatrics;

Or. fr

Amendment 16

Jordi Sebastià, Jordi Sebastià
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas female nurses represent the majority of health staff who have been infected and died from the virus. The humanitarian crisis has put a drain on healthcare facilities, equipment and personnel - drawing already scarce resources away from pregnant women. The lack of access by women, especially pregnant women, to reproductive health services is a major health disaster in waiting^{2a};

^{2a}*<http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2014/9/ebola-outbreak-takes-its-toll-on-women>*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas women are the primary care-givers at home and in the community in most of African societies and that it is sisters, daughters, aunts, mothers and grandmothers who have cared the most for relatives infected with Ebola putting themselves at great risk;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion

Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas for safety reasons it is recommended that women do not have sexual relations for around a year after infection, even once they have recovered, but sometimes find themselves forced to do so due to the culture and traditions of many communities, in particular in many developing countries;

Or. it

Amendment 19

Stefan Eck

Draft opinion

Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. whereas the widespread confusion and the prevailing misunderstanding about the causes and consequences of Ebola that perpetuated the spread of the

virus;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital C c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cc. whereas families who eat bushmeat and hunters who touch infected wild animals or their blood are rarely aware of any risk associated with consumption and processing;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

Amendment

D. whereas EVD is not only a public health catastrophe but has also long-lasting psychological, social and economic effects on women and girls; whereas following the death of a relative, ***the stigma*** for women and girls persists, e.g. in terms of inheritance rights and as orphans, while the closing down of schools also increases the risks of teenage pregnancy, child marriage and violence against women;

D. whereas EVD is not only a public health catastrophe but has also long-lasting psychological, social and economic effects on women and girls; whereas following the death of a relative, ***rumours and fear surrounding EVD*** for women and girls persists, e.g. in terms of inheritance rights and as orphans, while the closing down of schools ***risks creating a “lost generation” of children deprived of formal education for long periods of time*** and also increases the risks of teenage pregnancy, child marriage and violence against women;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas EVD is not only a public health catastrophe but has also long-lasting psychological, social and economic effects on women and girls; whereas following the death of a relative, the stigma for women and girls persists, e.g. in terms of inheritance rights and as orphans, while the closing down of schools also increases the risks of teenage pregnancy, child marriage and violence against women;

Amendment

D. whereas EVD is not only a public health catastrophe but has also long-lasting psychological, social and economic effects on women and girls ***in particular***; whereas following the death of a relative, the stigma for women and girls persists, e.g. in terms of inheritance rights and as orphans, while the closing down of schools also increases the risks of teenage pregnancy, child marriage and violence against women;

Or. it

Amendment 23
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Da. whereas many female survivors experience difficulties in reintegrating themselves in their families and their communities and may face repudiation and stigmatisation;

Amendment

Or. fr

Amendment 24
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas it is mostly women who perform the funeral rituals when their relatives die of Ebola;

Or. en

Amendment 25
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital D b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Db. whereas in households where children have been orphaned, it is likely that girls will have to drop out of school to assume the role of the care-giver;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital D c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Dc. whereas women who are too afraid of contamination stop seeking medical care and family planning services;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Recital D d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Dd. whereas Ebola infections in Africa have been associated with hunting, butchering and processing meat, "bushmeat", from infected wild animals such as bats and monkeys;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Da. whereas European emergency aid in the case of the Ebola pandemic could have been better on account of the lack of rapid technical assistance on the ground, the unwillingness of the Member States to cooperate and inadequate central EU coordination;

Or. de

Amendment 29
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Calls on the international community, in formulating its response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls, and underlines the importance of ***gender-balanced health specialist teams***

1. Calls on the international community, in formulating its response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls, and underlines the importance ***of making*** sex-disaggregated data ***and***

and the availability of sex-disaggregated data and research;

research available;

Or. sk

Amendment 30

Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. ***Calls on*** the international community, in formulating its response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls, ***and*** underlines the importance of gender-balanced health specialist teams and the availability of sex-disaggregated data and research;

Amendment

1. ***Acknowledges the role played by*** the international community ***in combatting EVD and calls on it***, in formulating its ***further*** response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls; underlines the importance of gender-balanced health specialist teams and the availability of sex-disaggregated data and research;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Barbara Matera, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the international community, in formulating its response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls, and underlines the importance of gender-balanced health specialist teams and the availability of sex-disaggregated data and research;

Amendment

1. Calls on the international community, in formulating its response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls, and underlines the importance of gender-balanced health specialist teams and the availability of sex-disaggregated data and research; ***stresses to consider necessary the promotion of initiatives aimed at ensuring greater psychological and health support for women infected with the virus as a result of the patients'***

care;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the international community, in formulating its response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls, and underlines the importance of gender-balanced health specialist teams and the availability of sex-disaggregated data and research;

Amendment

1. Calls on the international community, in formulating its response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls, and underlines the importance of gender-balanced health specialist teams, ***only for those professions and activities where women are overrepresented and therefore overexposed***, and the availability of sex-disaggregated data and research;

Or. fr

Amendment 33

Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the international community, in formulating its response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls, and underlines the importance of gender-balanced health specialist teams and the availability of sex-disaggregated data and research;

Amendment

1. Calls on the international community, in formulating its response strategies, to address the realities facing women and girls ***through targeted actions***, and underlines the importance of gender-balanced health specialist teams and the availability of sex-disaggregated data and research;

Or. it

Amendment 34
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Believes women are more likely to allow their families to be cared for by trained professionals and may persuade their male relatives to avoid bushmeat hunting, eating or handling or, should it be impossible, to cook it thoroughly;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Calls on the European Union and the Member States to fund training programmes specifically designed for women to raise awareness of the disease;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Calls on the international community to promote information and education campaigns to make women aware of unsafe practices which should be avoided,

and to spread accurate information which limits the risk of infection but at the same time does not interfere with local customs;

Or. it

Amendment 37
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses that women empowerment should involve women in designing projects and decision-making locally, as building human capacity now, especially for women and girls, will help reconstruct their societies;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Invites the scientific community of the Member States to conduct research into the possible and persistent transmission of the virus as a sexually transmitted disease;

Or. fr

Amendment 39
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that the negative effect of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given the declining availability of beds and ***the risk that (future) mothers will refrain*** from going to hospitals when necessary; emphasises that the same negative perceptions ***keep*** patients at home in the hands of female caregivers;

Amendment

2. Believes that the negative effect of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given ***that the arrival of a child is unique as a medical treatment that cannot be deferred and pregnant women are inevitably on the forefront when it comes to*** the declining availability of beds and ***to refraining from going to hospitals when necessary in fear of infection, and to refraining*** from going to hospitals when necessary ***in fear of infection***; emphasises that the same negative perceptions ***keeps other*** patients at home in the hands of female caregivers;

Or. en

Amendment 40
Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that the negative effect of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given the declining availability of beds and the risk that (future) mothers will ***refrain from*** going to hospitals when necessary; emphasises ***that the same*** negative perceptions keep patients at home in the hands of female caregivers;

Amendment

2. Believes that the negative effect of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given the declining availability of beds and the risk that (future) mothers will ***be hindered from*** going to hospitals when necessary ***or later refrain from doing so***; emphasises, ***therefore, that such*** negative perceptions keep patients at home in the hands of female caregivers;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that the negative effect of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given the declining availability of beds and the risk that (future) mothers will refrain from going to hospitals when necessary; emphasises that the same negative perceptions keep patients at home in the hands of female caregivers;

Amendment

2. Believes that the negative effect of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given the declining availability of beds and the risk that (future) mothers will refrain from going to hospitals when necessary; ***insists on the need to invest in measures targeted at pregnant women, in order to provide them with adequate care and to build trust between female patients and caregivers; asks the Commission and the Member States to provide financial support for these efforts;*** emphasises that the same negative perceptions keep patients at home in the hands of female caregivers;

Or. fr

Amendment 42
Jordi Sebastià
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that the negative effect of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given the declining availability of beds and the risk that (future) mothers will refrain from going to hospitals when necessary; emphasises that the same negative perceptions keep patients at home in the hands of female caregivers;

Amendment

2. Believes that the negative effect of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given the declining availability of beds and the risk that (future) mothers will refrain from going to hospitals when necessary; emphasises that the same negative perceptions keep patients at home in the hands of female caregivers; ***calls on the Commission and the EU Member States to implement gender budgeting in all EU***

relevant funding, prioritising funding for women, children, and sexual and reproductive health and rights;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Believes that the negative effect of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given the declining availability of beds and the risk that (future) mothers will refrain from going to hospitals when necessary; emphasises that the same negative perceptions keep patients at home in the hands of female caregivers;

Amendment

2. Believes that the negative effect - ***amplified in rural areas in particular*** - of disintegrating health systems on maternal health is of major concern, given the declining availability of beds, ***lack of trained staff*** and the risk that (future) mothers will refrain from going to hospitals when necessary; emphasises that the same negative perceptions keep patients at home in the hands of female caregivers;

Or. de

Amendment 44
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

2a. Suggests organisations working to combat the Ebola outbreak to employ various modes of communication - including community dialogue, radio and television where available - to involve women in the effort to raise public awareness about the disease;

Amendment

Amendment 45
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Stresses the need for innovative, mobile systems to guarantee care in urban and rural areas throughout the region and calls for specific funding for the training and employment of nurses, community health workers and midwives by the EU;

Or. de

Amendment 46
Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Louis Aliot

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Requests the implementation of an incentive programme to assist the return of African doctors who are trained at European universities or who practise in the Member States, so that healthcare provision remains accessible to this particularly fragile population;

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Considers it essential that, when the large-scale vaccination campaign gets under way, priority is given to women, who are the primary victims, caregivers and often responsible for educating the children;

Or. fr

Amendment 48
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Supports the promotion of prophylactic treatments to prevent infection, with a particular focus on women;

Or. it

Amendment 49
Daniela Aiuto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls on the international community to allocate funding specifically for the reinforcement of local facilities and resources put in place expressly to help women;

Or. it

Amendment 50
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Considers it necessary that adequate resources are also allocated to the fight against other types of diseases which are particularly dangerous for pregnant women, such as malaria;

Or. fr

Amendment 51
Ivan Jakovčić, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Stresses that ***innovative*** responses are needed that acknowledge the role of women as key actors in protecting their families and communities and in breaking the chains of transmission, including measures to engage women's organisations in schemes to provide information on the importance of health-care and EVD-related precautions, to train EVD-survivors as nurses, cleaners and laundry workers, as well as to ensure equal protection of all hospital staff;

3. Stresses that ***clear and unambiguous*** responses are needed that acknowledge the role of women as key actors in protecting their families and communities and in breaking the chains of transmission, including measures to engage women's organisations in schemes to provide information on the importance of health-care and EVD-related precautions, to train EVD-survivors as nurses, cleaners and laundry workers, as well as to ensure equal protection of all hospital staff;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses that innovative responses are needed that acknowledge the role of women as key actors in protecting their families and communities and in breaking the chains of transmission, including measures to engage women's organisations in schemes to provide information on the importance of health-care and EVD-related precautions, to train EVD-survivors as nurses, cleaners and laundry workers, as well as to ensure equal protection of all hospital staff;

Amendment

3. Stresses that innovative responses are needed that acknowledge the role of women as key actors in protecting their families and communities and in breaking the chains of transmission, ***to stimulate recovery***, including measures to engage women's organisations in schemes to provide information on the importance of health-care and ***sessions that address*** EVD-related precautions ***for women and girls***, to train EVD-survivors as nurses, cleaners and laundry workers, as well as to ensure equal protection of all hospital staff;

Or. en

Amendment 53
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses that innovative responses are needed that acknowledge the role of women as key actors in protecting their families and communities and in breaking the chains of transmission, including measures to engage women's organisations in schemes to provide information on the importance of health-care and EVD-related precautions, to train EVD-survivors as nurses, cleaners and laundry workers, as well as to ensure equal protection of all hospital staff;

Amendment

3. Stresses that innovative responses are needed that acknowledge the role of women as key actors in protecting their families and communities and in breaking the chains of transmission, including measures to engage women's organisations in schemes to provide information on the importance of health-care and EVD-related precautions, to train EVD-survivors as nurses, cleaners and laundry workers, as well as to ensure equal protection of all hospital staff; ***also stresses the importance of providing men and women with detailed information about sexual and reproductive health, in particular the risks associated with sexual intercourse after recovery***;

Amendment 54
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Encourages the governments involved to take the necessary measures to combat the stigmatisation and isolation of women and girls when a family member dies and to ensure that their fundamental rights are protected, in particular inheritance rights and the right to education;

Or. fr

Amendment 55
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Emphasises the valuable and effective work carried out by international aid organisations and the development of decentralised project funding locally, which will enable better provision for women and girls in particular and provide them with employment prospects in the region through decentralised training structures, which at the same time will prevent the medical brain drain from the areas affected;

Or. de

Amendment 56
Anna Záborská

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and believes that ***failure to address gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery.***

Amendment

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and believes that ***a key condition for safeguarding their health is to ensure that epidemiological principles are consistently applied.***

Or. sk

Amendment 57
Davor Ivo Stier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and believes that ***failure to address gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery.***

Amendment

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and believes that ***it is crucial to address the root causes of women being more exposed to EVD, in order to ensure long-term recovery, as well as increased level of equality between women and men in affected countries.***

Or. en

Amendment 58
Maria Arena

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and believes that failure to **address** gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery.

Amendment

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and believes that failure to address gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery; ***insists on the need to reintegrate female survivors into society, both socially and financially.***

Or. fr

Amendment 59

Barbara Matera, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and believes that failure to address gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery.

Amendment

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and believes that failure to address gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery. ***Emphasises the importance of promoting awareness campaigns and the best health practices within the countries most affected by the virus.***

Or. en

Amendment 60

Biljana Borzan

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and

Amendment

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and

believes that failure to address gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery.

is of the opinion that failure to address gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery.

Or. en

Amendment 61
Ivan Jakovčić, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and ***believes*** that failure to address gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery.

Amendment

4. Remains deeply concerned about the heavy toll of EVD on women and girls, and ***underlines*** that failure to address gender-specific issues will have a negative impact on the prospects for long-term recovery.

Or. en

Amendment 62
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Underlines the need to recognise and address the gender dimensions of this type of sanitary crisis, for both the emergency response and for longer-term reconstruction.

Or. en

Amendment 63
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b Urges public authorities to take into account that gender dynamics might help save lives through, among other things, targeted messages to women about the importance of using protective measures in and outside home.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Underlines the necessity of accurately depicting the role of women as well as the realities they face in the media in order to avoid that social customs are deliberately being used to reinforce the gendered roles that have been, at least partly, at the origin of the disproportionate percentage of women affected.

Or. en

Amendment 65
Anna Hedh

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Expresses concern that information about Ebola and its spread is not reaching everyone because of poor literacy. The

Parliament stresses the importance of alternative means of disseminating information, for example giving out more information on the radio. The European Parliament notes a degree of mistrust of the authorities in the affected area and stresses the importance of providing the required medical treatment in rural areas as well.

Or. sv

Amendment 66
Jordi Sebastià
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the EU and Member States to consider, the urgent need for allocating resources to reinforce maternal healthcare systems, the long-term impact of health infrastructure rebuilding and the need for psychological support for those impacted.

Or. en

Amendment 67
Arne Gericke

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the European Commission and researchers in the pharmaceuticals industry to concentrate their research and the funding provided through HORIZON 2020 not only on the needs of the wealthy

regions of the world but also to bring the concerns of the emerging nations into focus, giving particular attention to women, pregnant women and children, in order ultimately to offer developing countries affordable medicines for the diseases that affect them.

Or. de

Amendment 68

Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls for the international community, including private companies, to address the current gap in empirical research and to investigate further these particular effects of EVD on the lives of women and girls, as well as developing a thorough understanding of their unique role in forming responses to these kinds of health-crises.

Or. en

Amendment 69

Anna Hedh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Strongly emphasises the importance of combatting increased tension between groups as a result of the Ebola outbreak, as the creation of myths risks laying the blame for the outbreak on certain ethnic groups. The Parliament also expresses its

concern about the extremely vulnerable position of children, as children whose parents have died are seen as carriers of the disease, isolated from society and forced to live alone on the streets.

Or. sv

Amendment 70

Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Barbara Matera

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Calls for the international community to address the severe economic and psychological cost of EVD for women and to empower women so that they can properly take care of their, now often extended, families.

Or. en

Amendment 71

Anna Hedh

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Is concerned about the fall in the means of subsistence of women, due to the considerable reduction in small-scale farming and trade since the outbreak of the virus, which exposes women to an even higher risk of infection. The Parliament also notes women's role in preparations for burials and stresses the importance of the risk of infection, without wishing to threaten cultural structures.

Amendment 72
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Underlines this is the right moment for an EU policy switch that would easily provide affordable vegetarian protein for diets in developing countries while reducing the consumption of risky bushmeat.

Or. en

Amendment 73
Stefan Eck

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4d. Recommends the European Union to finance women's education and training programmes to help them to replace bushmeat by affordable and less risky protein sources including soya-based food.

Or. en