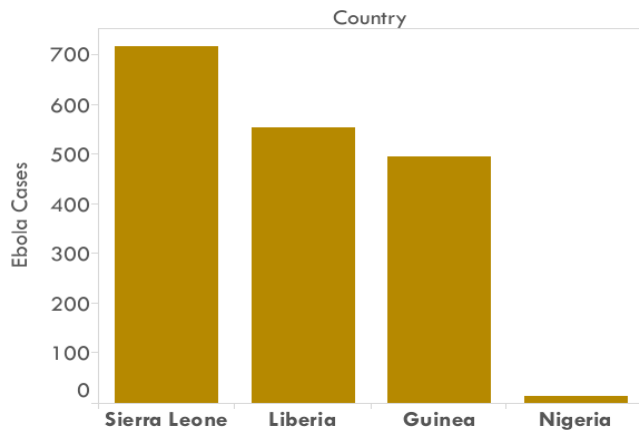


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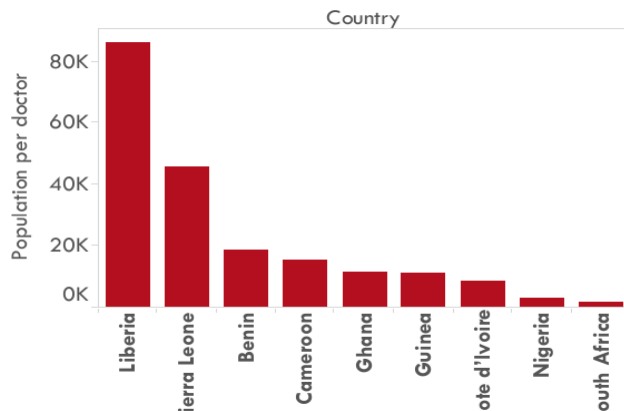
**Ebola Cases**



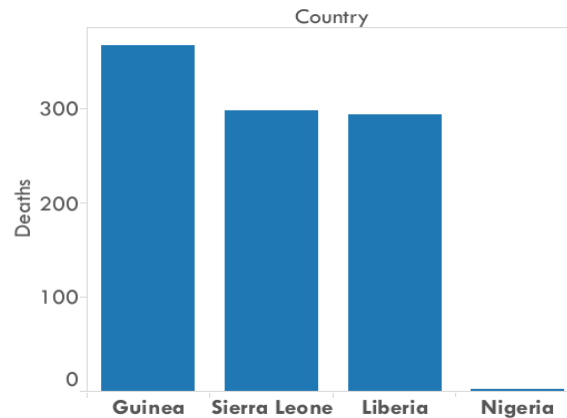
Countries that have Placed Travel Ban on Nigeria (Unconfirmed)



**Population Per Doctor**



**Ebola Deaths**



The ebola reality in Nigeria is confirmed. Two of the diagonally positioned charts on the left show the number of confirmed cases of infections and deaths from this disease. Five countries have also placed travel restrictions / bans from Nigeria.

The challenge now to the health authorities, and other stakeholder communities is to successfully keep this monster at current level where the impact is still minimal. Myth based solutions for the disease are already flying around in social media. These unfounded prevention - in the absence of proper education by the health authorities and the media - are capable of triggering complacency over the strict hygiene and other precautions needed to curb the potential escalation of the disease.

So far we are comparatively blessed with better doctor patient ratio relative to many other countries such as Liberia, Sierra Leone and Ghana. This means that we may be able to better manage the crisis. Yet our doctor patient ratio of 2,879 persons per doctor is abysmally unacceptable. It also does not compare very well with that of South Africa which is about 1,300. In all, making reasonable funds for the ebola cause by government is laudable if the funds will not be used for the 2015 elections.

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