



Turning point

Clip from 'This World, Outbreak: The Truth About Ebola'

BRETT ADAMSON:

When we saw the numbers starting to go down I was really worried. It was cause for more concern than jubilation because the response still seemed so inadequate that it was inconceivable that it could be successful.

And of course the theory is that, if people are not presenting, that they were staying at home, which means if they're staying at home they're infecting more people, that then the curve would bounce back in a much more dramatic way. And that was the fear.

NARRATOR:

But the drop in numbers was real. With death all around them, millions of Liberians were changing how they lived their lives. They stopped trying to nurse their sick and began to bury their dead safely.

DR BRUCE AYLWARD:

The entire Monrovia knew Ebola was real, Ebola kills, Ebola's going to kill me unless I do one or two things differently. There was a huge fear and they changed their behaviours in ways which suddenly slowed down and took the heat out of this thing, because, remember, this virus can only go to person to person.

And that's what turned it around, Liberians turned their country around. We got in there a little bit afterward and took a lot of credit.