Course material

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Ethics in Emergencies

Video:

2a Managing ethical issues in emergencies

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction to ethics of implementation research in emergencies

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Welcome to the first chapter in the massive open online course on ethics of implementation research in emergencies, where we will discuss how and why ethical issues need very deliberate consideration given the contexts during emergencies. The stakes for implementation

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research in emergencies are high. There is great urgency and the expectations are high

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that quality data will be generated fast. It is crucial, though, that the highest possible ethical

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standards are maintained, corners are not cut and that no one is taken advantage of, and that vulnerabilities are not exacerbated in the rush to generate results. In

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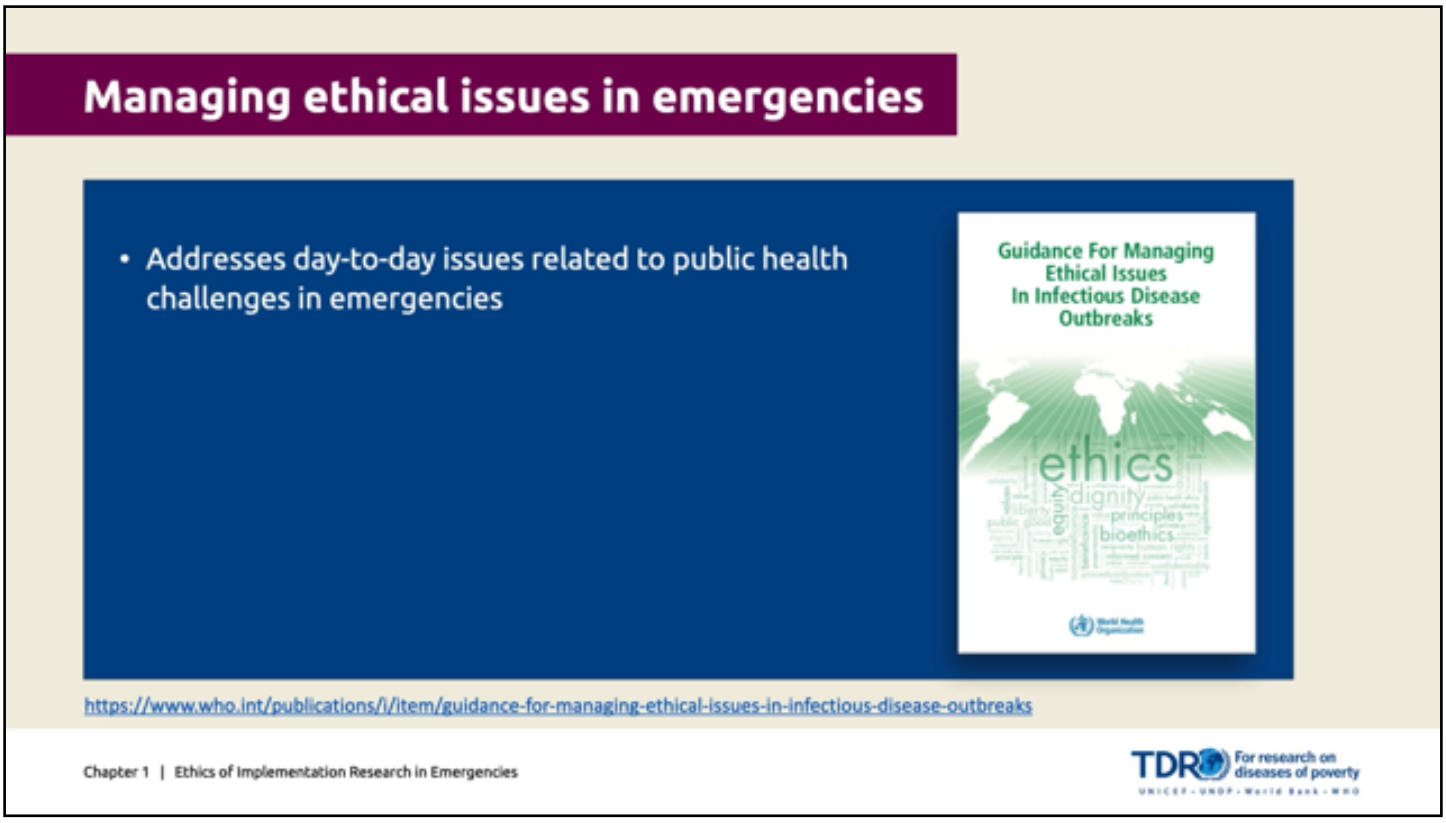
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2016, the WHO Health Ethics & Governance team published a guidance for managing ethical issues in infectious disease outbreaks, which is available for free download through the link

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below this video. This WHO guidance addresses the ethics of very practical, day-to- day issues relating to public health challenges and the health system responsiveness and

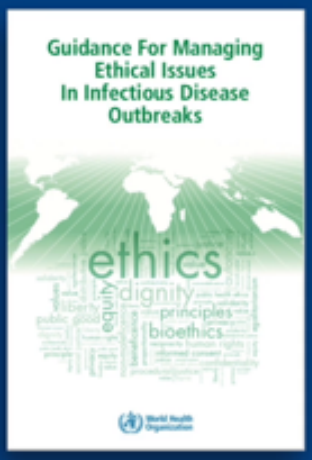
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- Addresses day-to-day issues related to public health challenges in emergencies
- Ranges from governance, surveillance, research to safety of health workers
- Relevant for anyone involved in health research or services



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resilience in emergencies, ranging from governance to public health measures, surveillance, research, and the safety of health care workers. This guidance is highly relevant for everyone engaged in health research or providing health services in emergencies. Because although the

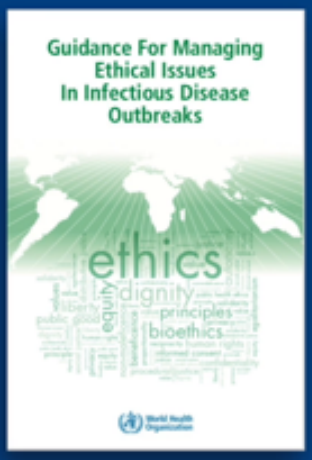
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- Addresses day-to-day issues related to public health challenges in emergencies
- Ranges from governance, surveillance, research to safety of health workers
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- Increased frequency of outbreaks due to climate change



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scale of the Covid pandemic, for example, was extraordinary, infectious disease outbreaks are not uncommon and are frequently associated with many ethical challenges. Indeed, as a

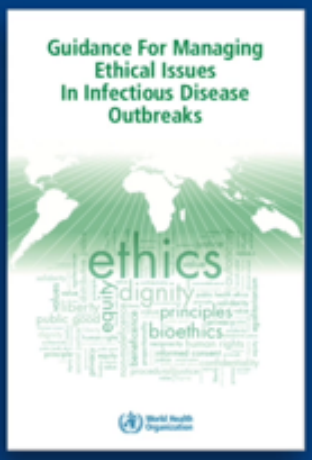
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All of this requires cooperation and collaboration – implementation research is required to find the best way to get this done



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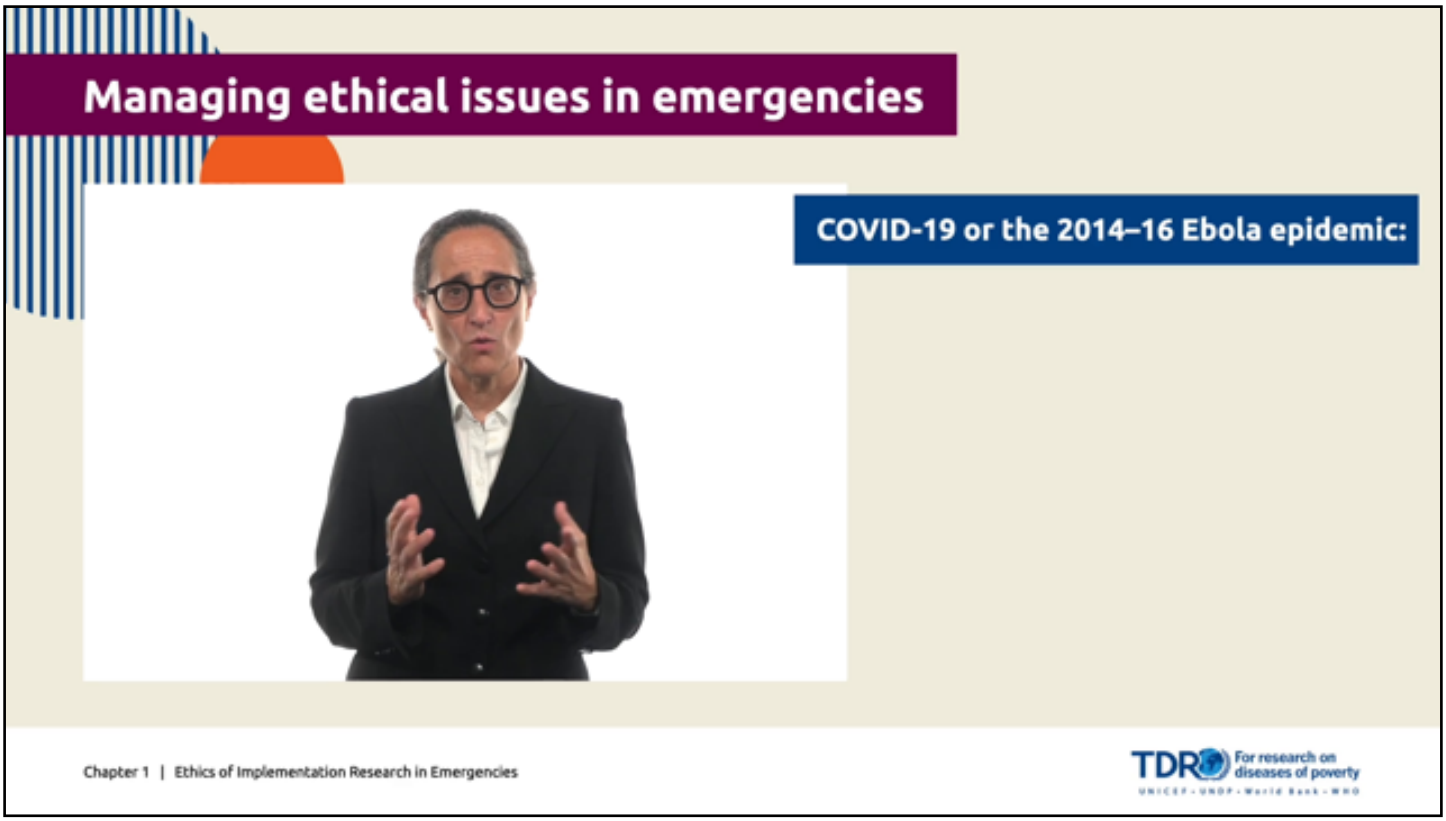
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consequence of climate change, outbreaks are happening more and more frequently. As we all know, however, despite the best intentions, health systems responses are not always optimal in outbreaks and emergencies. Implementation research is therefore often required to identify challenges hindering an optimal response as outlined in this WHO guidance, and to identify

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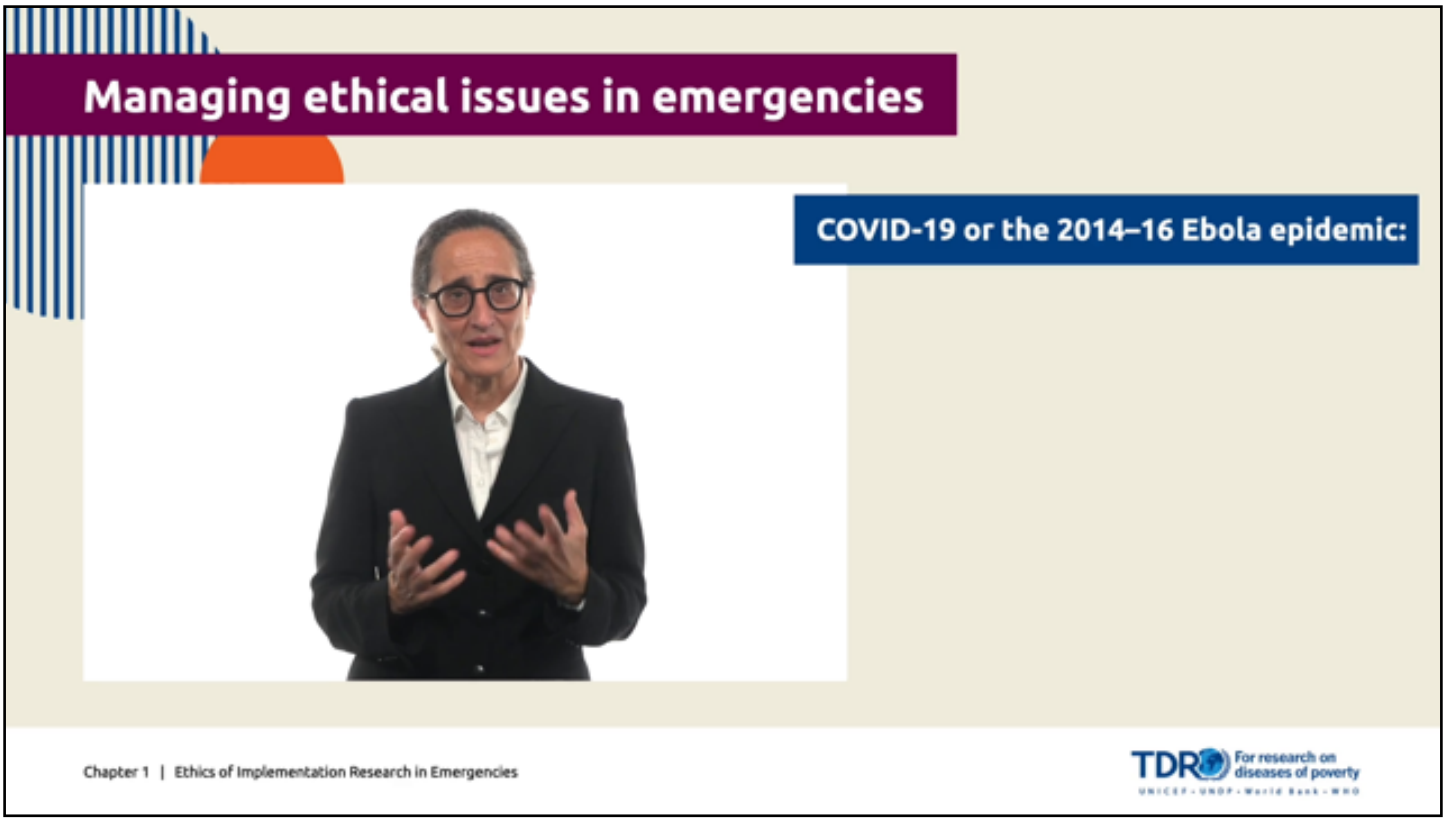


effective means to improve these responses as soon as possible. If we recall the uncertainties that were widely experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic or

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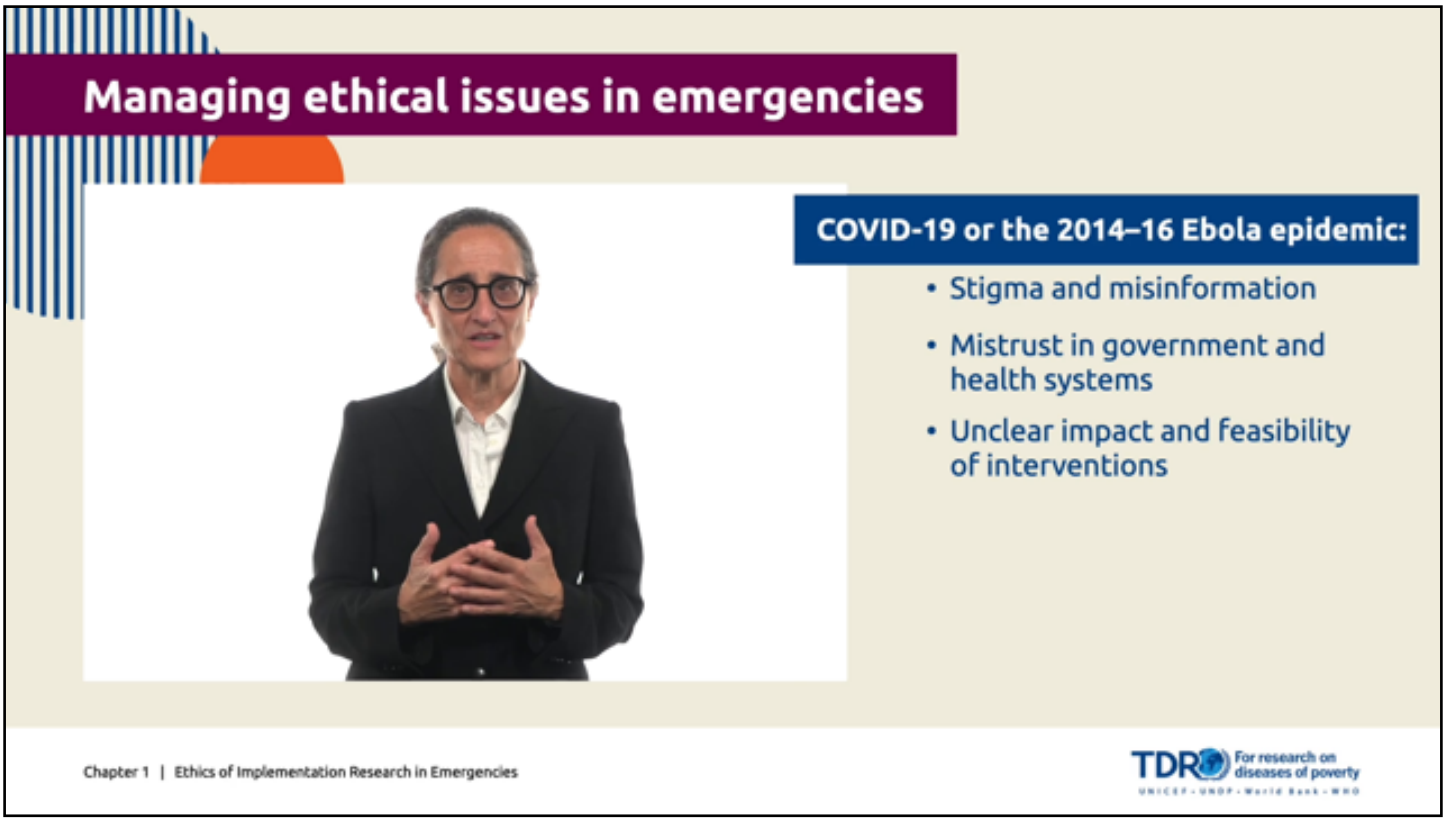


during the dramatic epidemic of Ebola in West Africa from 2014 to 2016, and the

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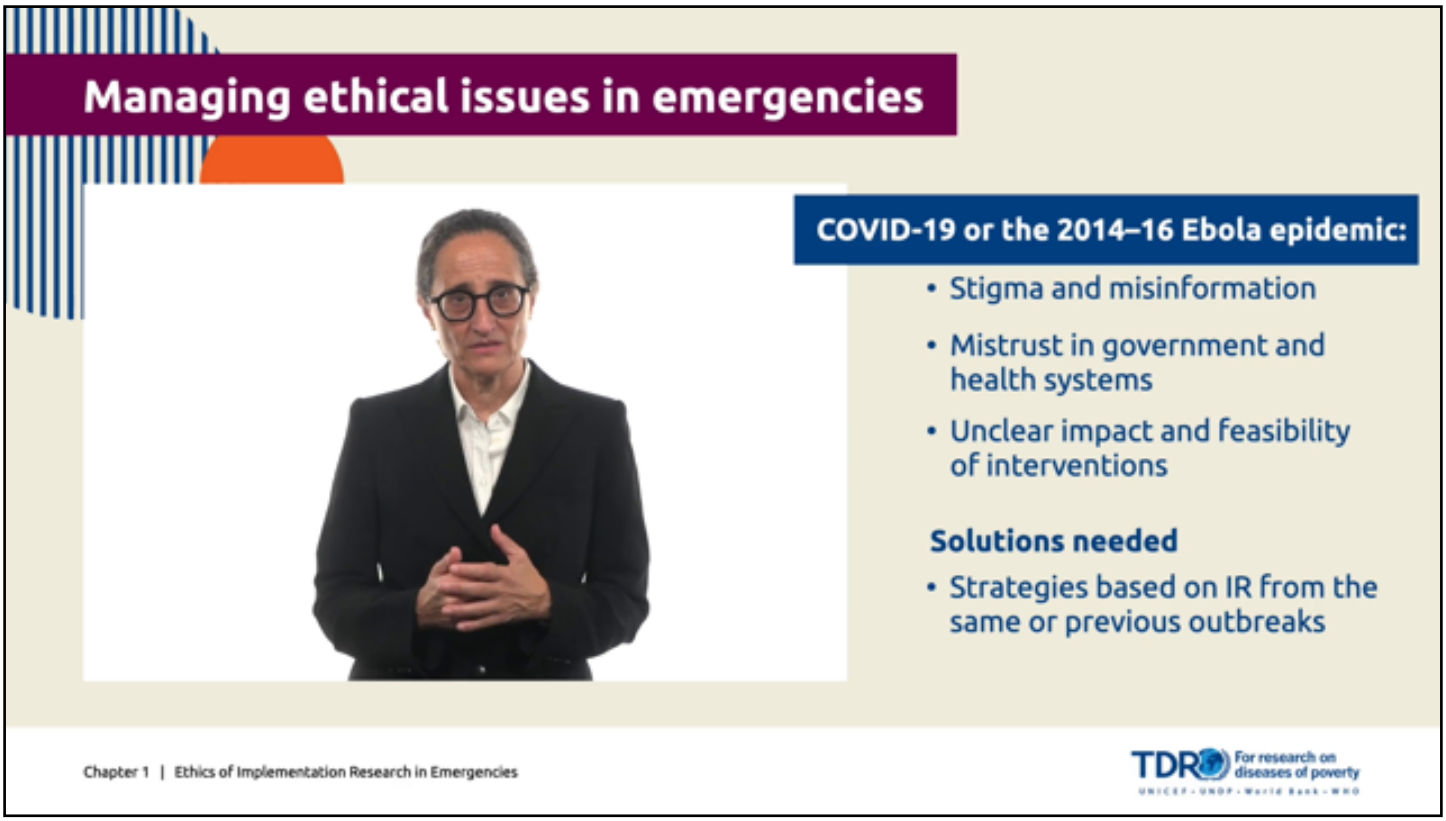


stigma, blaming and misinformation that were common at the time, it is easy to understand that in such emergencies, everyone is on edge, mistrust in governments, health systems and even the global community may be high, and the impact, accessibility and feasibility of potential

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interventions may be incompletely known. At the same time, though, solutions are needed to resolve these situations. Strategies used to effectively manage outbreaks are often based on observations and learnings from implementation research conducted during the same or prior

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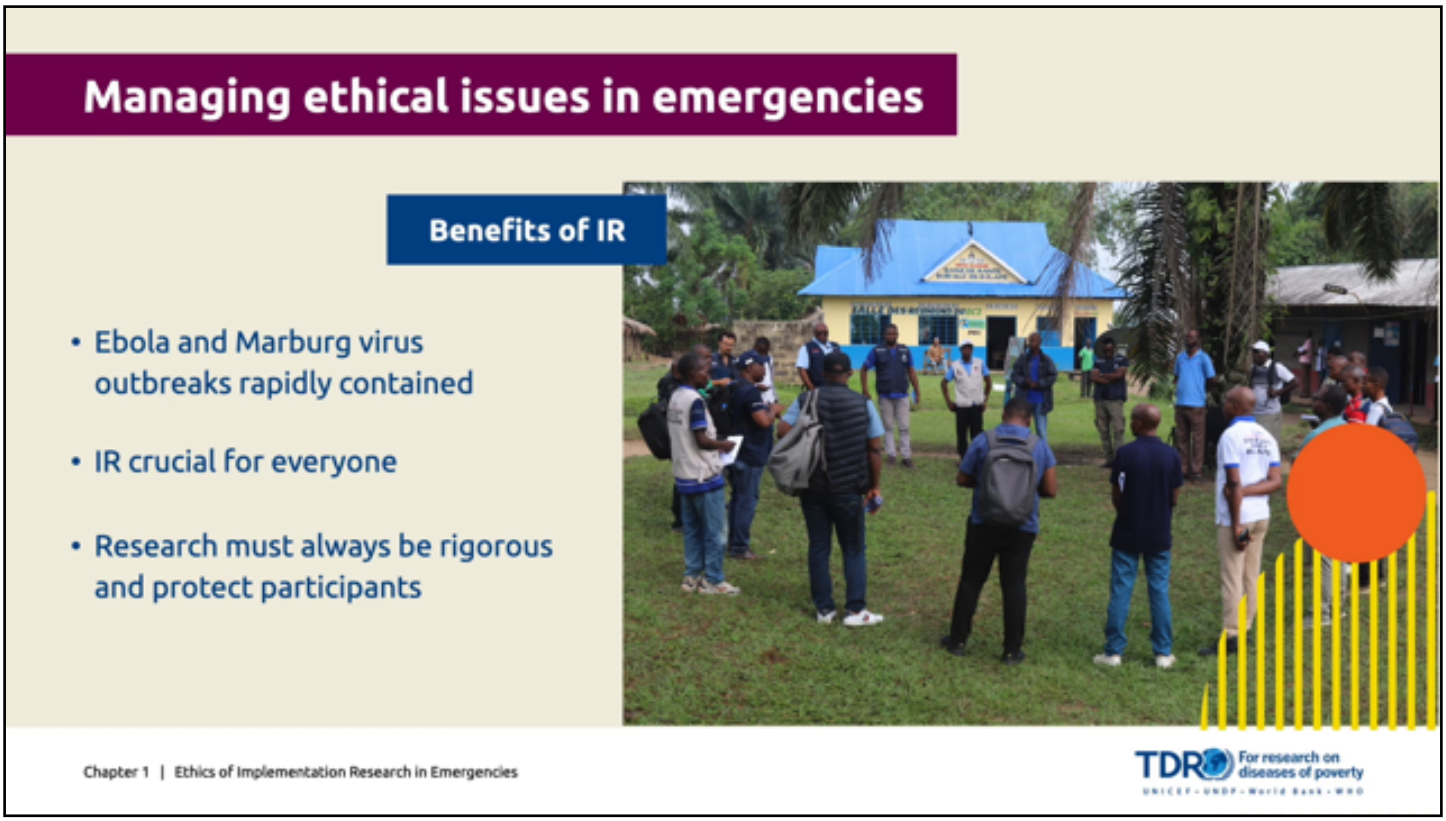


outbreaks. Indeed, despite early concerns, subsequent outbreaks of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo or Uganda and Marburg virus in Rwanda have been rapidly

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contained, which is protecting the rest of us around the world. Implementation research in emergencies is therefore crucial to optimise responses for everyone, but it is important not to forget that such research must be conducted rigorously, and that extra care must be taken to protect research subjects under all circumstances, and not to cut corners scientifically or

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ethically. As we've just heard, during emergencies, public health decision-making about the

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interventions or programs may depend on the outcomes of implementation research conducted during the same emergency. Doctor Andreas Reis has been leading his work on public health ethics over the past several years. He will take us through some central questions which relate to

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public health ethics. As you will see, the key ethical issues regarding balancing benefit and harm, fairness, maintaining trust, resource allocation, accountability and solidarity are all relevant for public health program implementation. As we will see later, the same issues are also highly relevant for implementation research during emergencies.

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