PANIC MODE: WHEN EPIDEMICS STRIKE

HIV/AIDS
- 59% Of people living with HIV/AIDS are not receiving treatment
- 39 Million people have died as a result of infection
- 78% Of those infected live in poor, underdeveloped areas

Ebola
- 8 Months after first infection the outbreak is declared a public health emergency
- 60% Mortality rate in African nations, believed to be under-reported in several areas
- 18% Mortality rate outside of Africa representing a large disparity in treatment options

Zika
- 1,046 Cases of microcephaly reported in Brazil believed to be related to infection
- 40 Countries in the Americas and surrounding territories show signs of infection
- Billion in emergency funds proposed by US government due to rising spread of infection

- Underdeveloped nations suffer from infectious diseases with little hope of vaccine development
- Standard timeframe for vaccine development is 15 years
- In response to outbreaks threatening spread to developed nations, timelines are severely shortened

ETHICAL CONCERNS
- Expedited Drug Production
- Lack of Regulations and Oversight
- Preferential Treatment
- Developed vs. Underdeveloped Nations
- Profiteering and Corruption
- Lack of Transparency and Cooperation

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