**03.1 Ebola cases in Albondo**

**Risk communication simulation exercise (SIMEX) – Background 1**

**Albondo Today**

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### Ebola infecting our lovely homeland

### *Ebola Today anchor Biggy Vox interviews Rural Community Representative C. Vic Pride.*

### Vox: Good morning Albondo! We awake with more sad news of Ebola that’s now infected our beautiful country. Joining me today is rural community leader C. Vic Pride. Vic, thank you for joining us today. Tell me, what do you and your community constituents think about this disease outbreak?

**Pride:** Thanks Biggy, it’s always good to share the thoughts of those outside of our capitol city. Let me start by saying how sorry I am for the affected family. I heard that the mother and child died late last night. It’s also concerning to hear that two other rural clinics have patients that they’ve moved to capitol hospital for further testing. People from my rural community are quite afraid of Zambre fever and despite Albondo’s skilled physicians, fear treatment from clinics and hospitals. I believe that this will get worse before it gets better.

**Vox:** You’re correct about the sad news of the family deaths and the potential for new cases. The Minister of Health, Dr. Noah Worrese, continues to confirm the number of infected but assures us that everything will be okay. By the way, what is this Zambre fever you speak of?

**Pride:** Zambre fever is term my people use for Ebola. They really don’t like calling the disease Ebola as many of their ancestors came from the Ebola river region. They call it Zambre fever because the disease has come from Zambre. Unfortunately, there’s been some discrimination towards migrant workers from Zambre because of this outbreak.

**Vox:** What are the citizens of Albondo doing to prepare?

**Pride:** Many believe that it’s only a matter of time before the disease spreads throughout our country despite what Minister Worrese says. As you know they’re quite religious and are choosing to get advice from religious leaders in our community. Many have stated that if their loved ones contract the disease that they will try to heal them at home believing that traditional healing practices will better help to cure them rather than visit healthcare clinics where they’ve heard people go to die.

**Vox:** Well this raises a lot of concern. I know that our listening audience often includes Albondan leaders. What do you have to say to them?

**Pride:** I want to know what they’re doing to protect my community members. We don’t know what to do or where to get trusted information. While Ebola has long lingered at the Albondon doorstep, we’re now beginning to panic because we don’t know what to expect. Rumours and misbeliefs are beginning to take hold in this absence of real recommendations.

**Vox:** That certainly sums up my questions as well. Albondon leaders – there you have it. How are you going to save the citizens of Albondo?!?