Ebola is a deadly virus that has killed thousands of individuals in West Africa so far in 2014. This is the worst recorded outbreak of the virus. The fatality rate of Ebola can be as high as 90%. No vaccine is available, nor is there any specific treatment. Originating in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, cases have now been confirmed in Nigeria, Senegal, the US and Mali.

HOW DOES EBOLA SPREAD?

- Bats may be the natural host for ebola viruses.
- Transmission to wild animals such as monkeys and gorillas occurs.
- Human to Human transmission can occur by direct contact with body fluids of infected individuals.

 WHICH COUNTRIES ARE MOST AT RISK?

Sources: World Health Organization (who.int), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov)