

« The awareness radio spot campaign carried by the OIE is intended for the populations of Central and West Africa. This spot aims to disseminate prevention messages about hemorrhagic fevers transmitted by animals to humans. We have two speakers: an influencer and a second person who learns how to avoid life-threatening animal diseases. »

(Influencer): Hey, do you want to protect your health and your family's health ?

(Other speaker): Of course !

(Influencer): Then, we have to talk about wild animals. Did you know they can carry potentially deadly diseases?

(Other speaker): Deadly diseases ?

(Influencer): Yes – even haemorrhagic fevers like Ebola! People can contract diseases by handling or consuming infected meat, or through contact with the bodily fluids of wild animals, including their blood, urine and excrement.

(Other speaker): Wait, but what animals are we talking about ?

(Influencer): You have to look out for gorillas, chimpanzees, duiker antelopes, bats, and rats.

(Other speaker): So how do I protect myself ?

(Influencer): First, you have to avoid touching wild animals that have been found sick or dead, including their bodily fluids, and avoid getting scratched by animals. You should also never eat meals prepared using animal blood and you should avoid anything with raw or poorly cooked meat in it too. Finally, if you see or hear about unusual or suspicious animal deaths, you should inform the services in charge of wildlife or Veterinary Services as soon as possible.

(Influencer): **Option 1** – Protect yourself, protect your community ! Diseases can come from animals, take precautions!

Option 2 – Protect yourself and take precautions to protect your community from diseases of animal origin!