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Lawrence Gostin on Ebola, the WHO and the future of global health

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Listen to the recording and answer the following questions:

1. How many people perished as a result of the recent outbreak of Ebola?
2. The WHO talks about ever increasing progress in global health. List some of the examples given to support this claim.
3. Does Lawrence Gostin believe in the fairness of the progress in global health? What evidence does he offer to support his opinion?
4. Does Lawrence Gostin hold the WHO in high regard? What is his opinion of the WHO?
5. What were some of the issues regarding how effective the WHO was in handling Ebola?
6. What are Lawrence Gostin's thoughts on the need for the ready-to-deploy health care workers contingent?
7. In terms of 'global health dollars' which specific example does Lawrence Gostin offer to illustrate the mismatch between the needs and resources?

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8. In addition to mental health issues, which other issues does the WHO tend to ignore and what is the reason behind this, according to Lawrence Gostin?
9. Governments are prepared to invest into military security and unwilling to spend on global health security. What is Lawrence Gostin's views on the issue?
10. Lawrence Gostin states that there is a very strong correlation between greater economic development and greater health. What is the singular most influential factor that makes people healthy? Give an extended answer.
11. What does Lawrence Gostin refer to when he talks about low tech health care measures?
12. Have health related Millennium Development Goals been met? What are general outcomes? What is the problem with Millennium Development Goals?
13. What does Lawrence Gostin mean by global health equality?
14. What is one singular issue that should be discussed at the 69th World Health Assembly?
15. Given a choice, what is one thing Lawrence Gostin would do to improve global health?

