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An introduction to the R Epidemics Consortium

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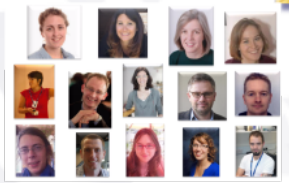

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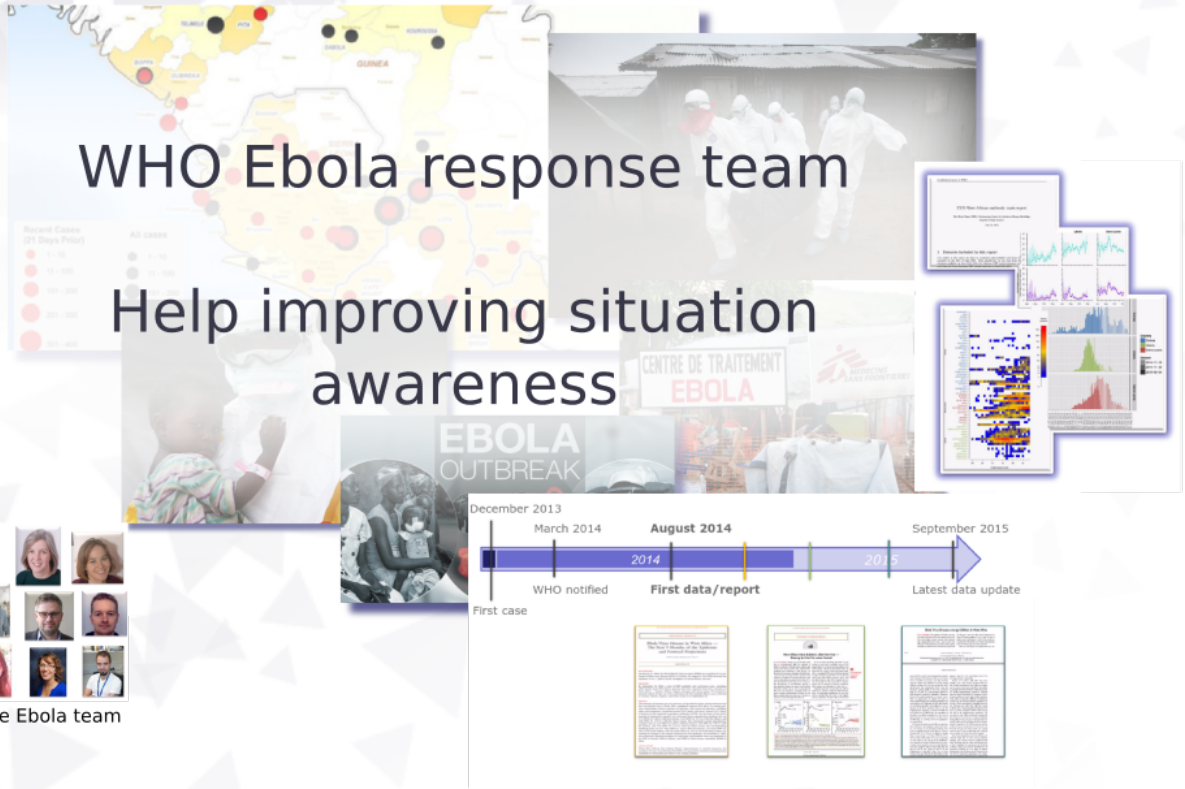

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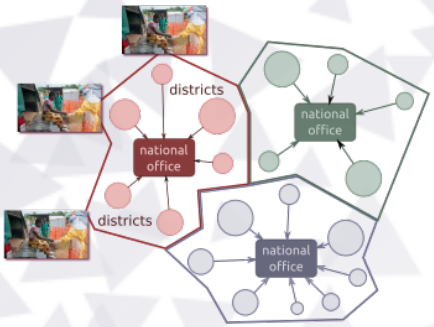

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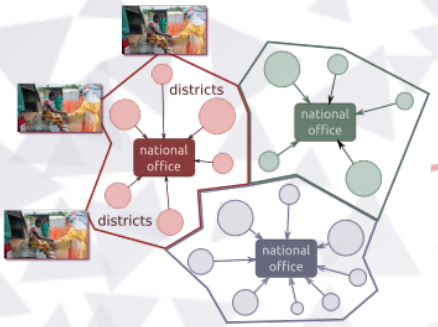

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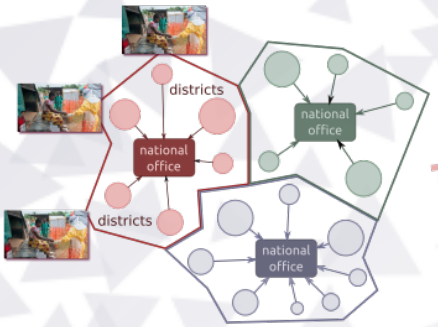

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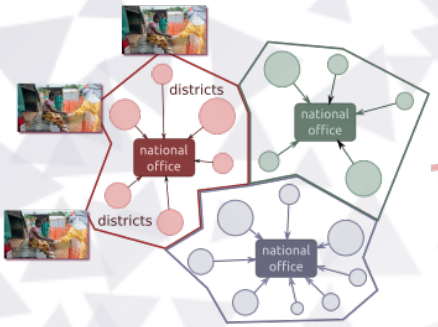

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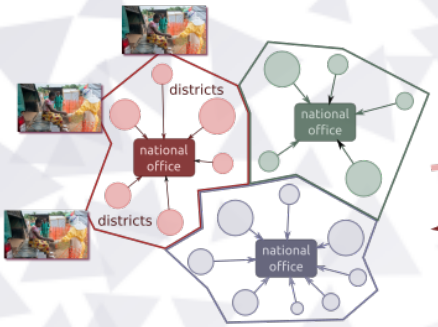

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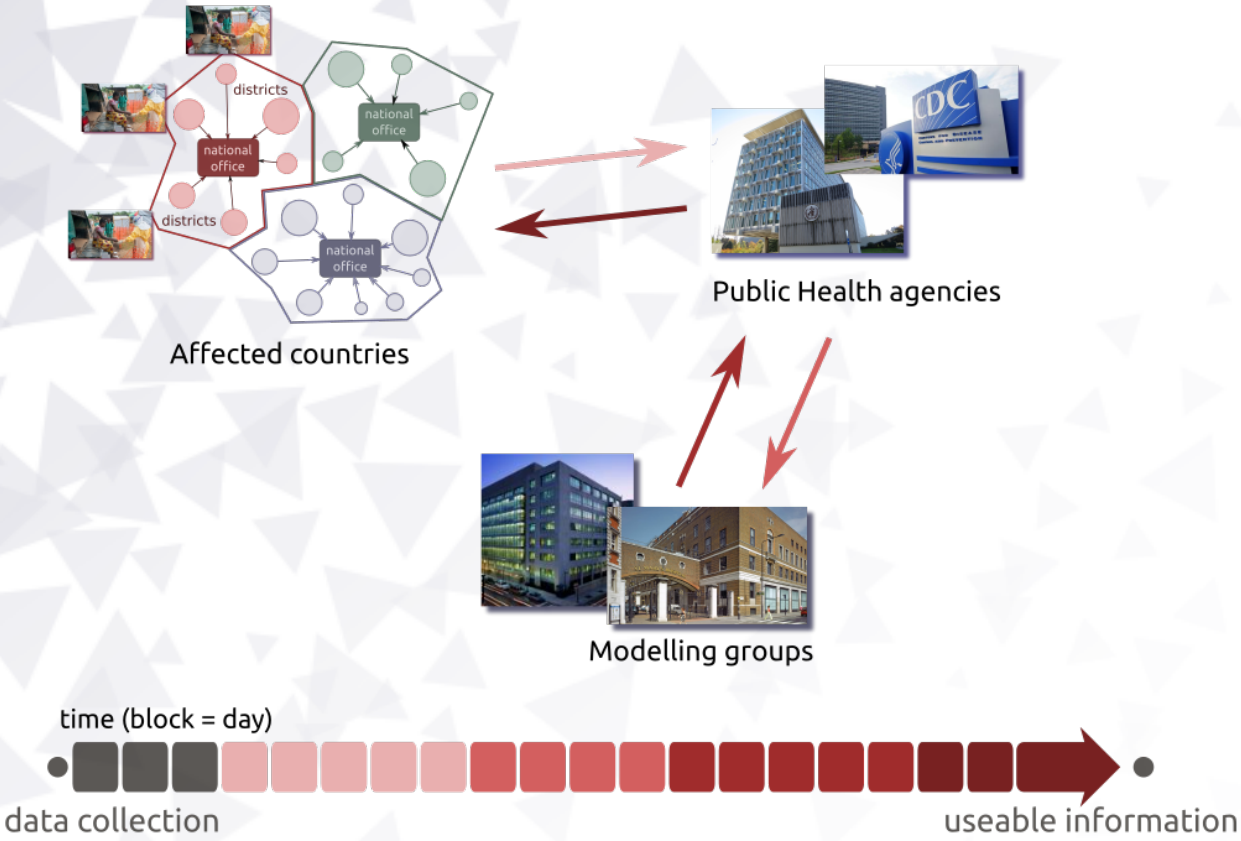

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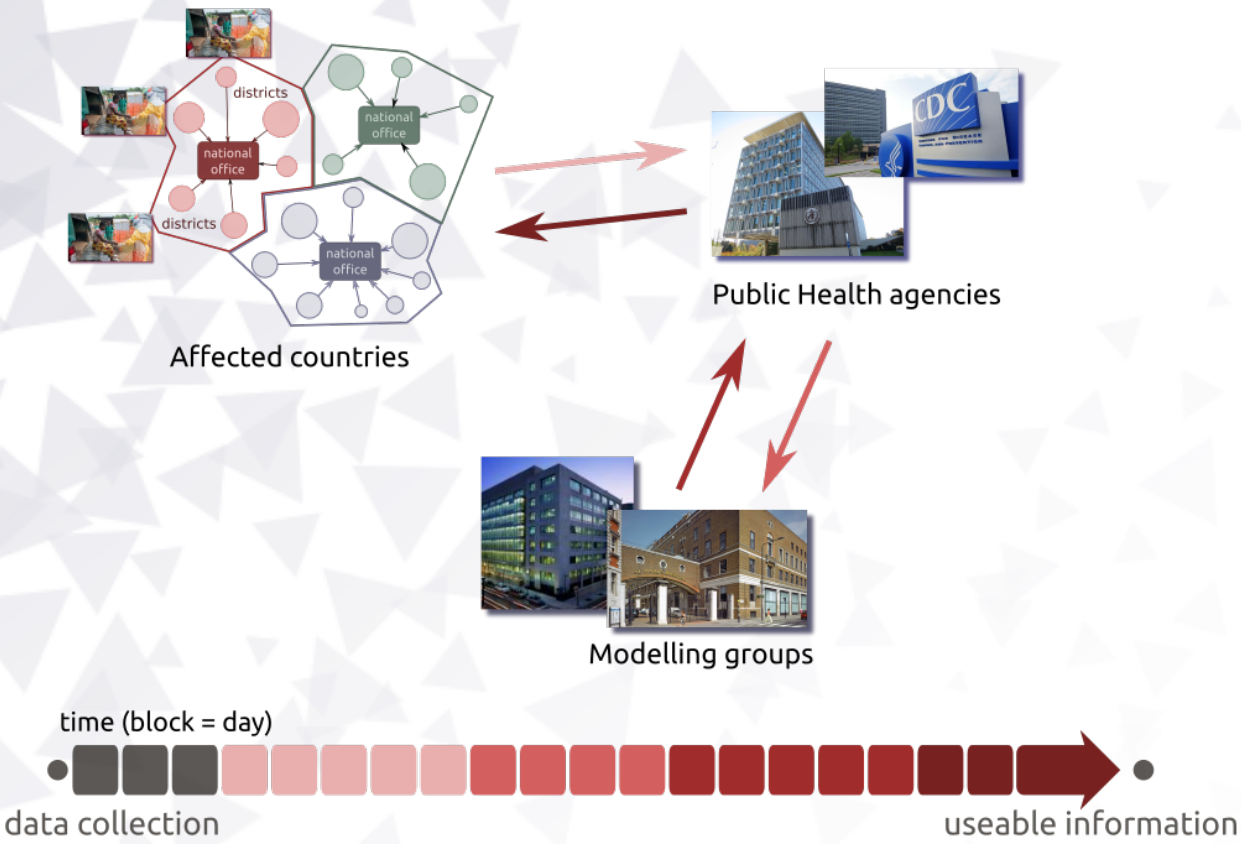

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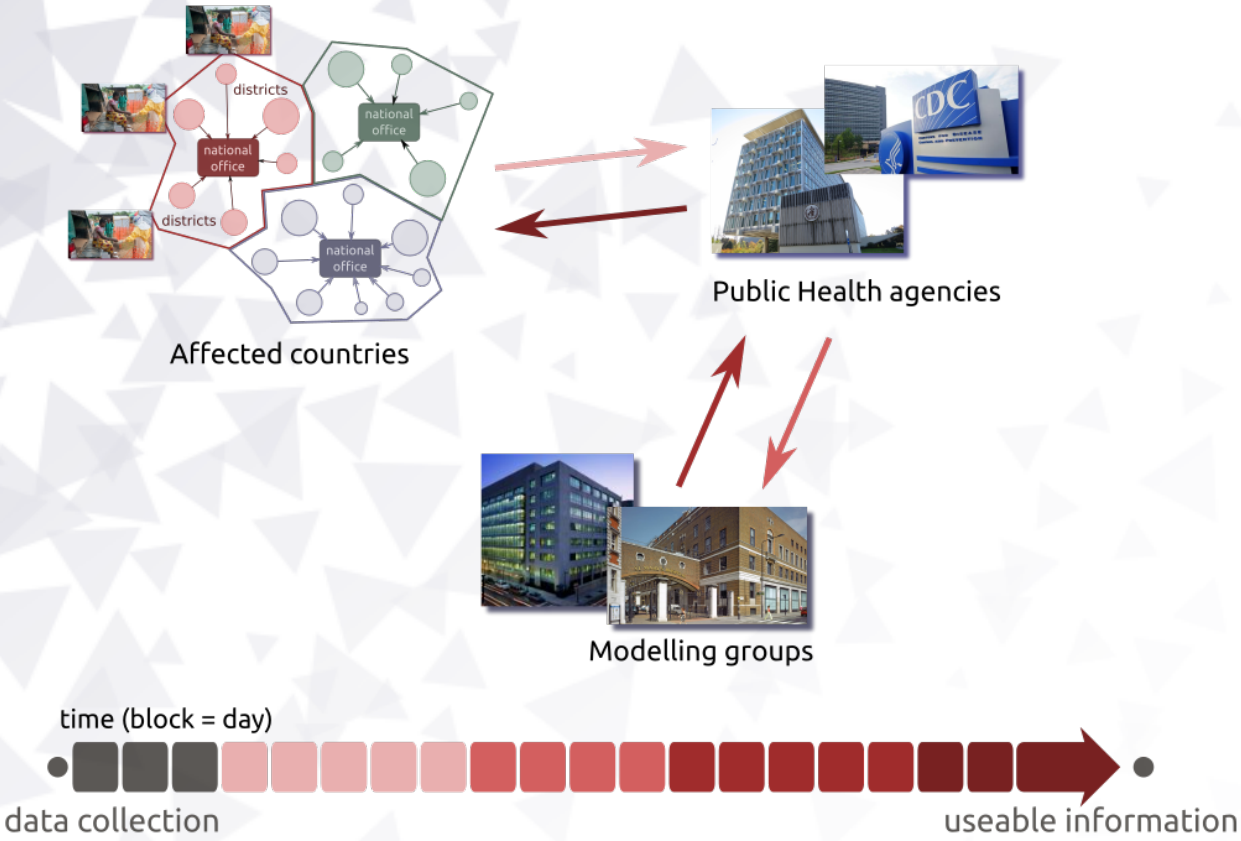

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- two-way road: lots to learn from the field for analysts

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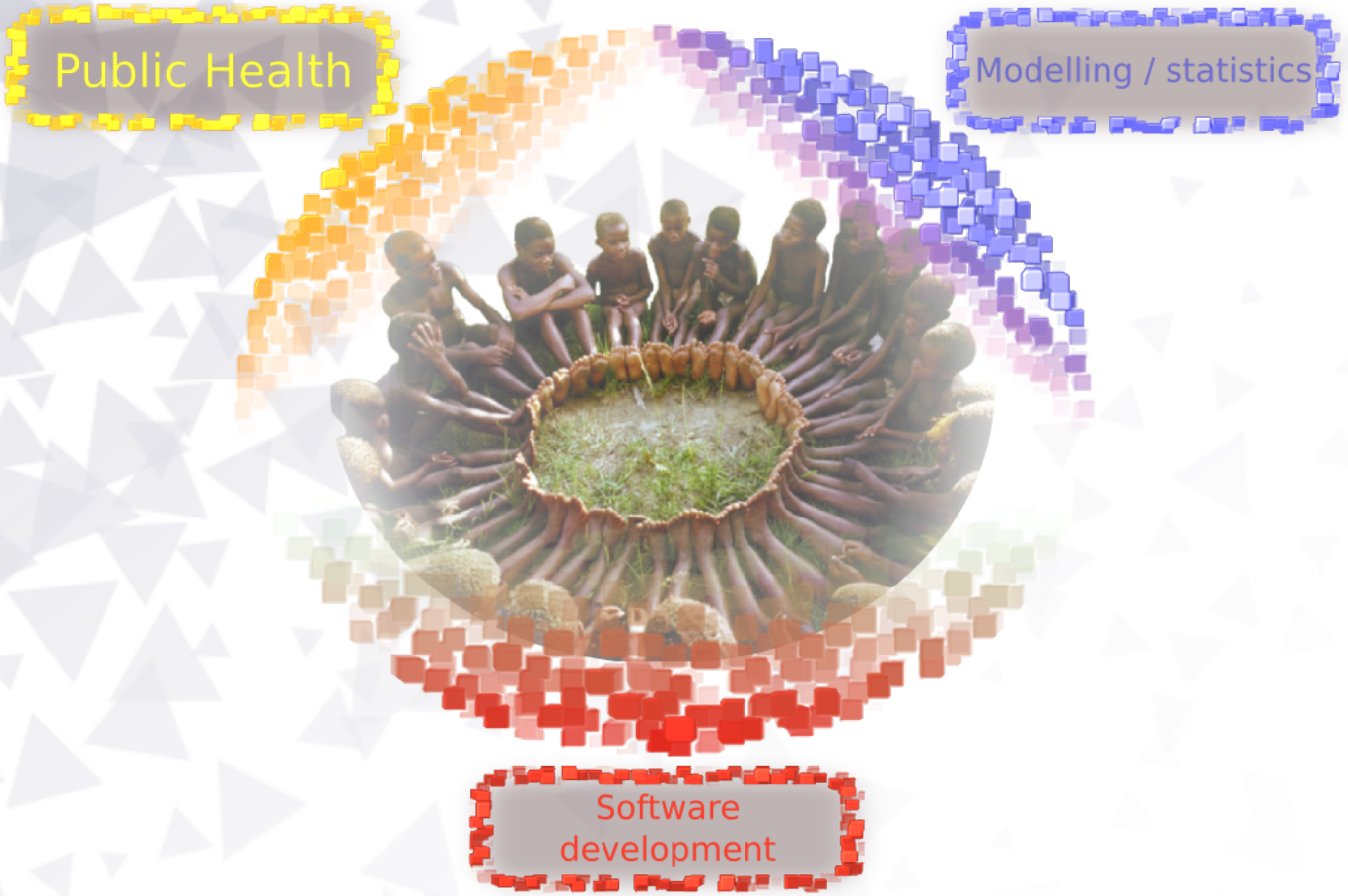

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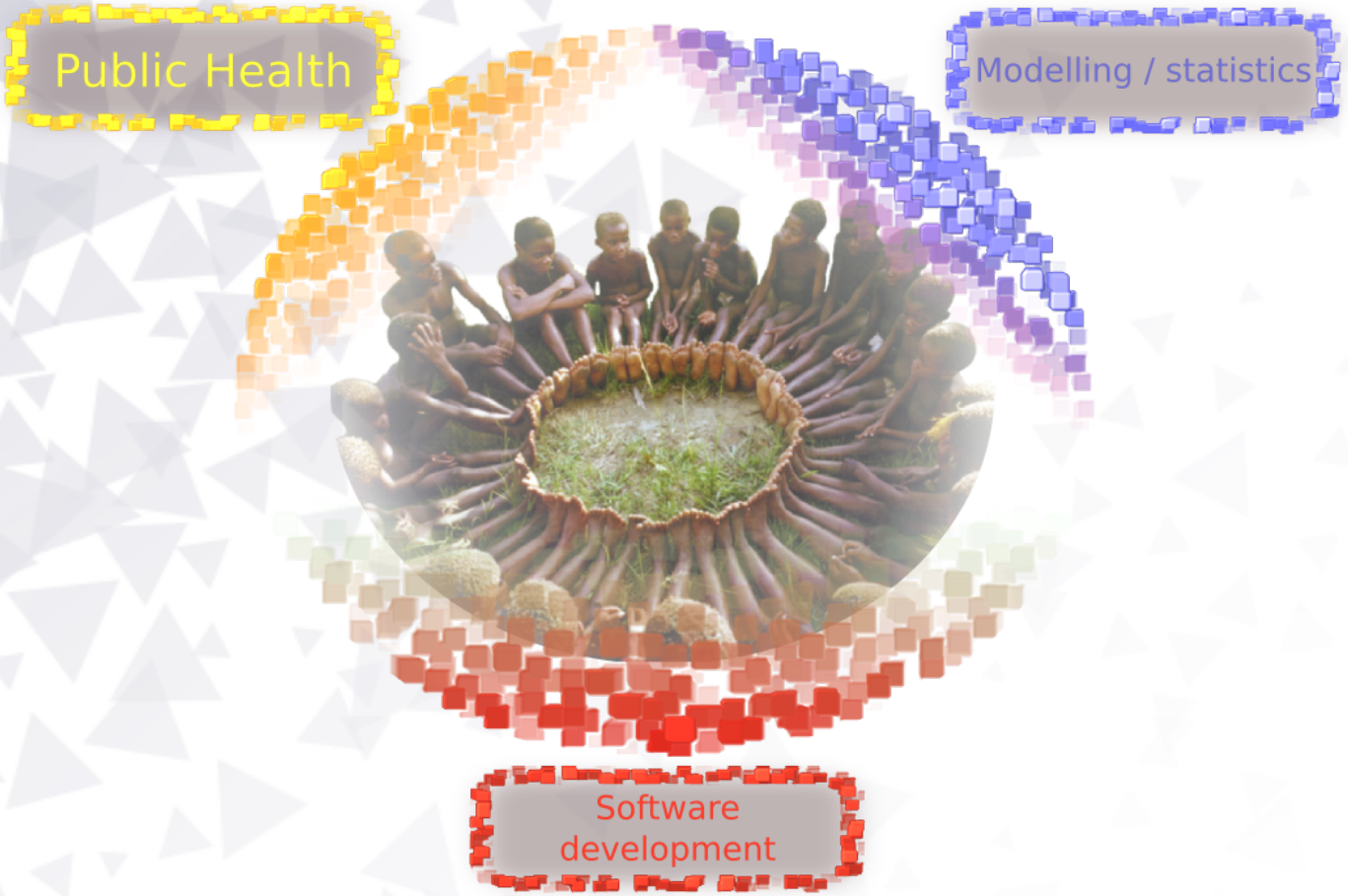

How do we bring these people together?

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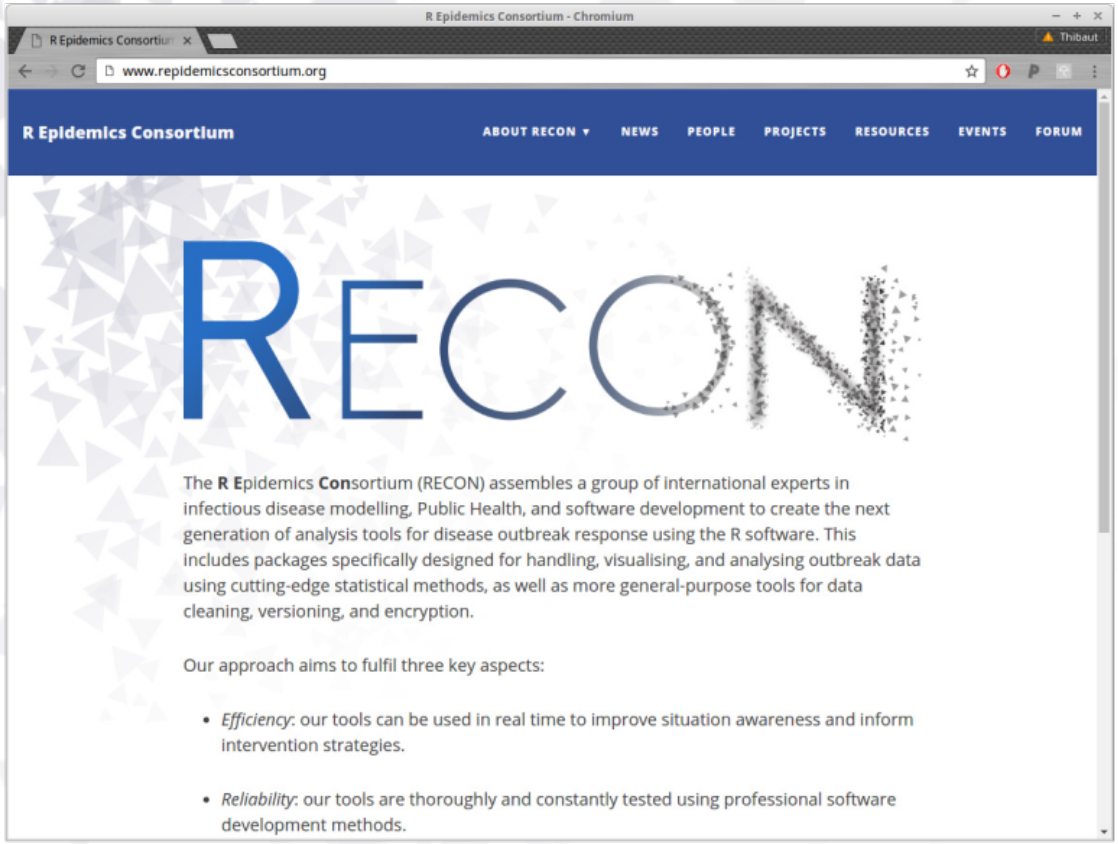

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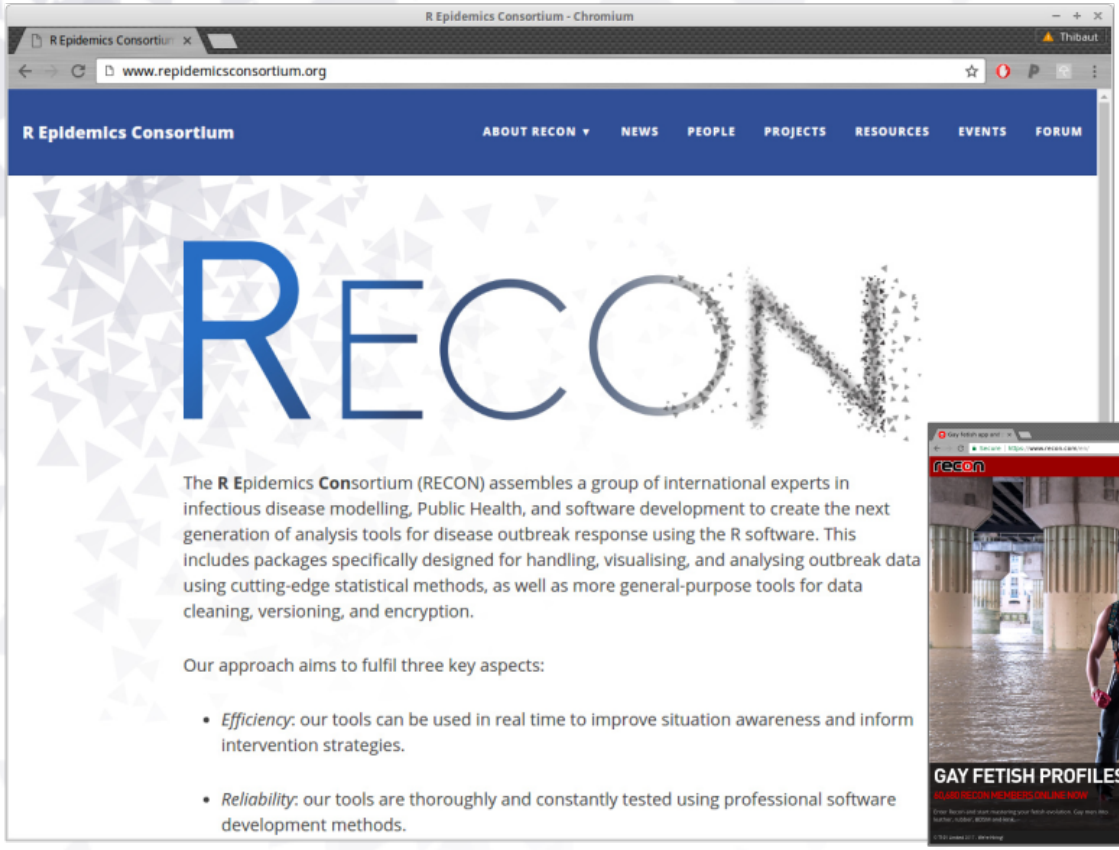

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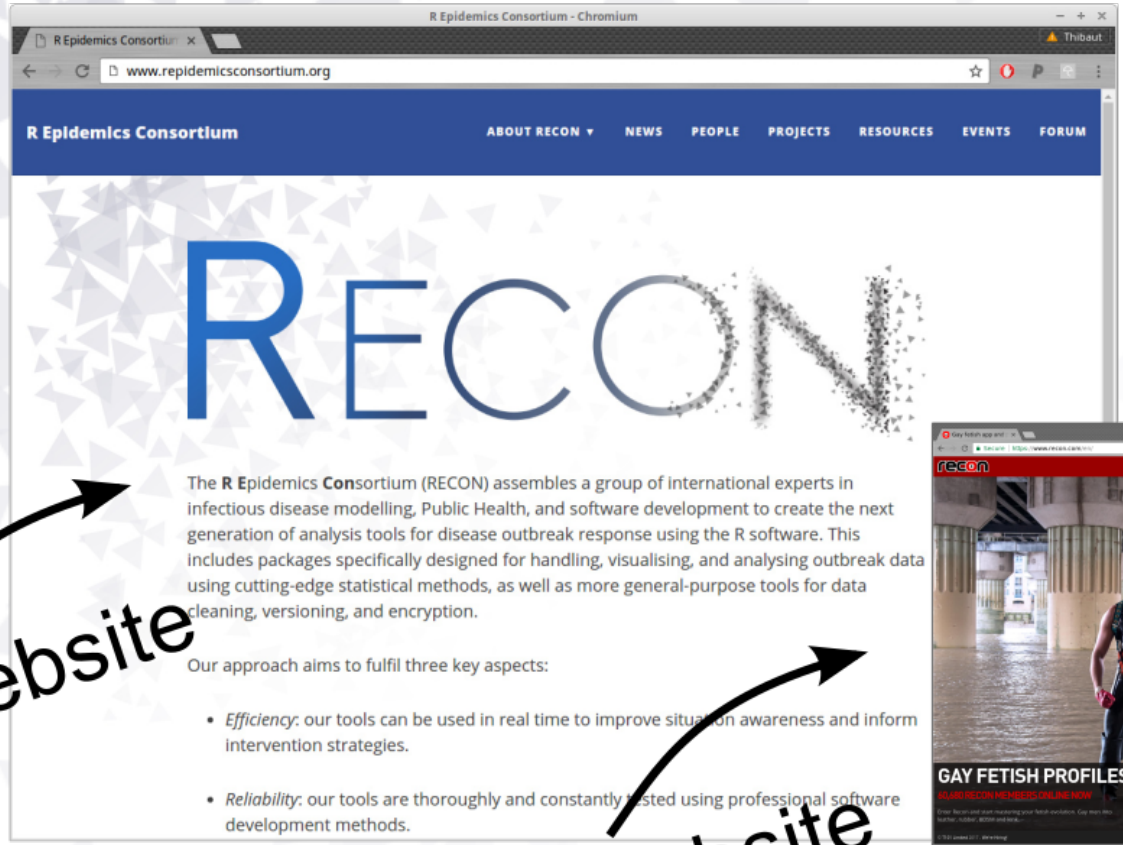

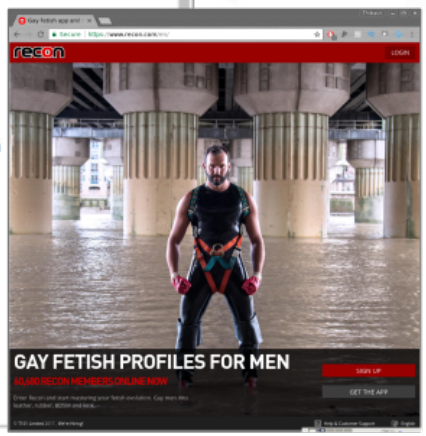

Our website

Not our website
(but I'm sure they're nice and friendly)

RECON in a nutshell

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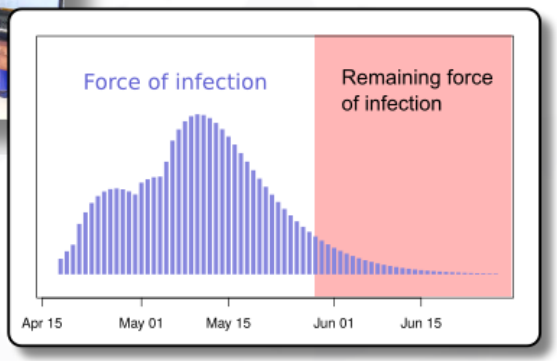
Supporting outbreak response in the field: Ebola outbreak in Likati (DRC) 2017



- Ebola outbreak April-May 2017
  - small scale (8 confirmed / probable cases)
    - challenging settings: remote, rural area (jungle), poor WASH
      - statistical analysis part of sitrep, discouraged scaling up

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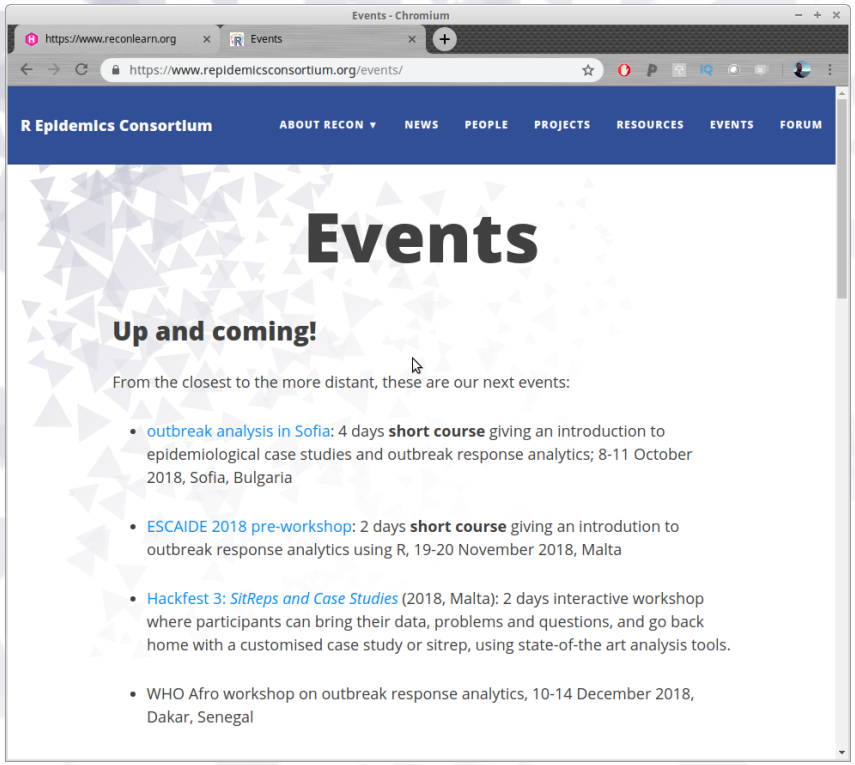

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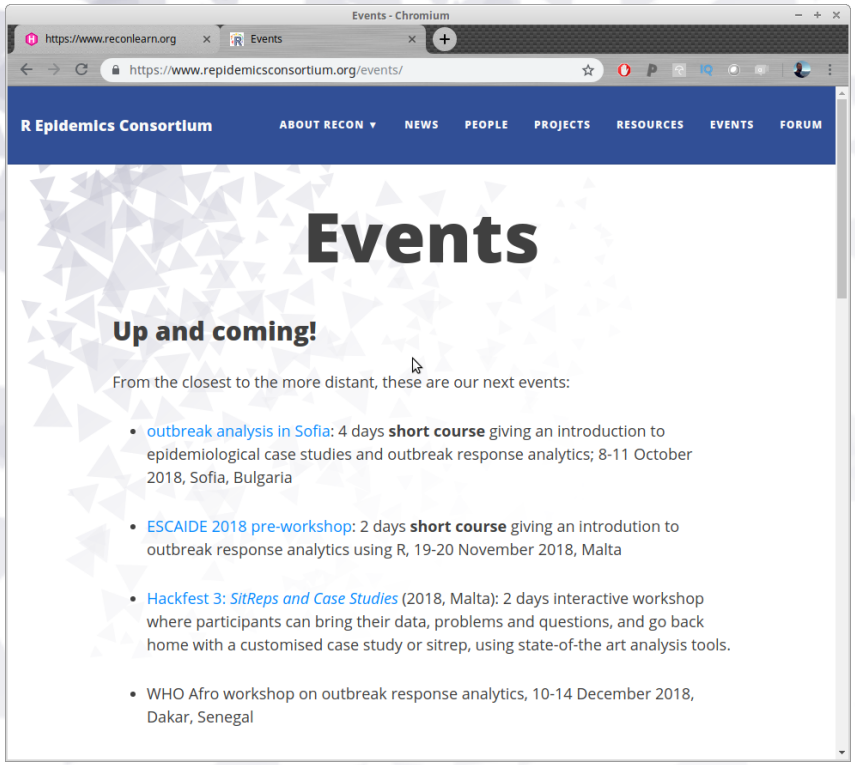

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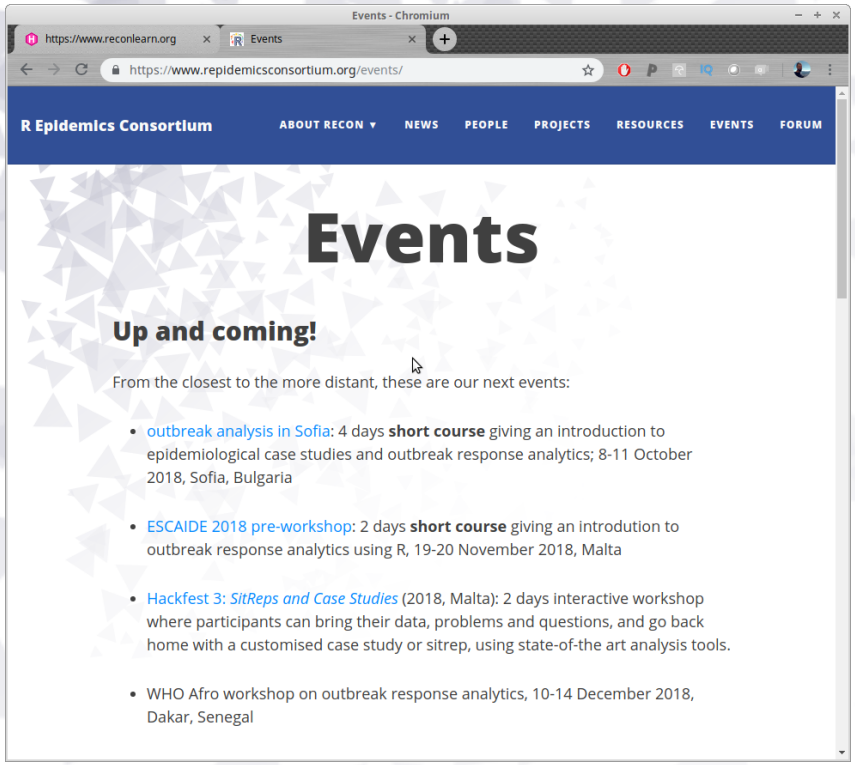

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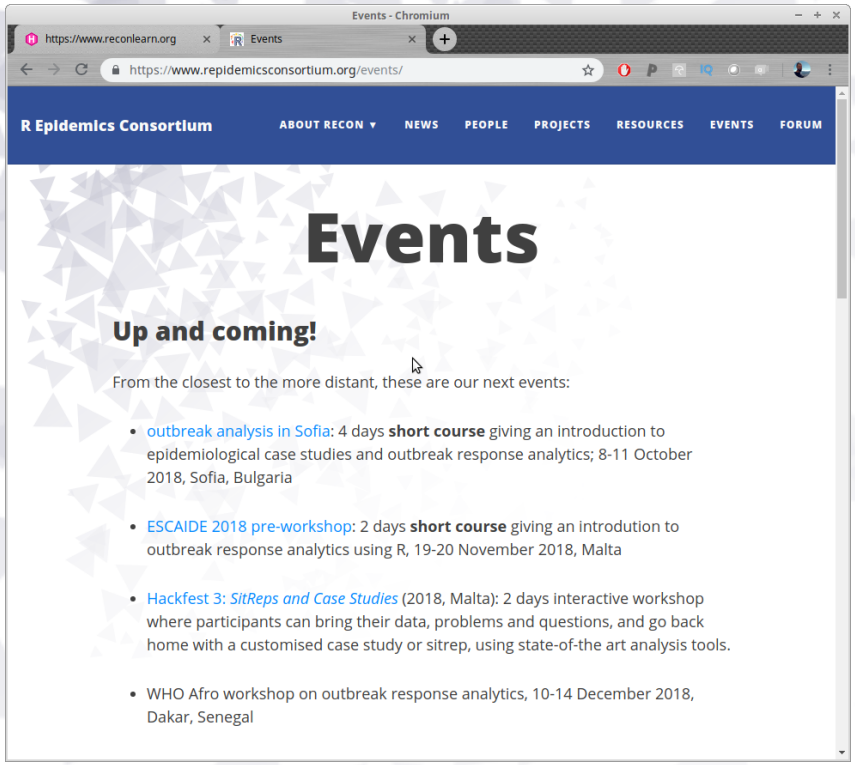

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