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Some numbers.

Ebola vs all the rest / Africa
per our conversation.

~ 250 deaths in 25 years
would ^{not} count much per se in the
African experience. It would add
up to perhaps 10,000 ^(WYLL) years on a
scale of 184MM for TB and
325MM HIV; ~~453MM~~ ⁴⁰² malaria;
455 acute liver resp. (includes
flu.) I am trying to get more
numbers on flu.

Kibret, says N.Y. Times,
has about 500,000 people. let's
call that 1% of Africa.
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Then the relative Ebola burden
would be 10MM compared to
1B for the other I.D.S.

So it was, not even the ~~most~~ city
mortality that was scary. It was

- a) the open-ended possibility of
spread and
- b) 255 deaths among? a few
thousand contacts of the
victims

that exhibited the potential.

At 1% mortality, including
quite young, the year lost burden
of a 1918 flu on today's population
would \approx 130MM years in a
single year \approx TBC in 30.

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