

## 6. Papua Cholera Innovative

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Jese Kinyanjui Wainaina from Oxfam gave an interesting presentation about Cholera intervention under extremes conditions – Papua community. In this case, the word extreme refers mainly to Geographical and Cultural conditions.

JKW described the conditions and challenges faced during this project:

- **Limitations**
    - Few actors – few organisations working in the field, results in lack of cooperation.
    - Very difficult environmental conditions – geographical location – lack of hard resources (e.g. Communication and transportation).
    - Strong cultural practices (e.g. contact with dead bodies)
    - Community illiteracy.
  
  - **Actions Taken:**
    - Culture analysis – anthropological help / support was used.
    - Definition of strategies according to the culture / (e.g. implementation of hand washing strategies in special ceremonies – annual Baliem Valley festival)
    - Identification of enter opportunities according to the practices of the communities – in this case ceremonies.
    - Community involvement : E.g. “ Built a strong fabric of village based public health support”
  
  - **Recommendations:**
    - To design a pre-enter guide line/ check list.
  
  - **Discussion**
    - Actions taken directly on the dead body – Few actions – wash the body was the main one. It is recommended by WHO.
    - Acceptance of activities from the people: Interaction with the community is the key factor. The activities should be designed based on what the community has. Highlighted strategy: to identify main entrance points.
    - How to deal with patients – In this case the strategy focused on teaching how to use the available resources (e.g Use of sweet potatoes)
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