Attention shifts to Zika despite Ebola's lingering and deadly presence

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We did not beat Ebola. If the West Africa Ebola epidemic follows the history of past outbreaks, it is highly likely that it will become endemic to the subregion and subsequent outbreaks can begin at any time. In fact, errant cases of Ebola have continued into 2016. And we do not want a redux of the 2014 epidemic. Which is why it is troubling that Congress is debating whether to reallocate \$350 million in funds designated for Ebola to contribute to the Zika fund.

Zika isn't entirely benign, of course. But despite the outsized media attention, we must not pretend Zika is the only public health concern. Zika is getting coverage now because it's here now. But it is not the only deadly disease in the world, nor are the others necessarily going to stay remote.

And even though it's gotten much less media attention in the U.S., Angola is currently battling a <u>yellow</u> fever outbreak with the propensity to spread throughout the region.

Read full, original post: Zika's Getting All of the Attention. It Shouldn't.