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Project Helping to Manage Human Response to Disease Risk in Eastern Africa

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Important outputs are starting to arise from the HEALTHY FUTURES (Health, environmental change and adaptive capacity) project, which aims to address the risk of outbreaks and transmission of three water-related vector-borne diseases (VBDs) in eastern Africa. HEALTHY FUTURES is now past its halfway point, with less than eighteen months of the project remaining.

One of the key outcomes of HEALTHY FUTURES will be the introduction of decision support tools (DSTs) designed to assist health planners' formulation, assessment and comparison of strategies for managing human responses to disease risks for the three target diseases (malaria, schistosomiasis and Rift Valley fever) of the project.

The DSTs currently being developed through HEALTHY FUTURES will be introduced to stakeholders in preliminary form at a meeting on 24-25 February 2014 at the International Livestock Research Institute's facilities in Nairobi, Kenya. The aim of the meeting is to refine the DSTs, with the end-users in mind, prior to their implementation, through consultation with stakeholders.

The development and application of DSTs aimed at facilitating adaptation to the health impacts of environmental changes present many challenges: the meeting involving stakeholders will be considered a success if progress is made towards achieving effective communication between decision makers and health researchers about the design and use of DSTs relating to the HEALTHY FUTURES project. Effective communication will provide a firm foundation for stakeholder uptake, ownership and further development of the DSTs, their dissemination and their use beyond the project end. Further details of the stakeholder meeting will be announced on the project website (www.healthyfutures.eu) as they become available.

HEALTHY FUTURES is also now in the process of organising a major international conference targeting climate change and health, scheduled for 2014. The meeting will be hosted by the National University of Rwanda and is scheduled to coincide with release of the next (fifth) Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) Climate Change Assessment report. The conference will specifically target the wider implications of findings from research projects such as HEALTHY FUTURES, with a view to translating research results to other at-risk regions and/or applying them to other diseases that might benefit from the same generic approach. Details of the conference will be posted on the project website and emailed to stakeholders in HEALTHY FUTURES as they become available.

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Finally, a promotional video that summarises the HEALTHY FUTURES project is now available. The video, which aims to raise awareness of the project, can be viewed via www.vimeo.com/70318624 or by visiting the HEALTHY FUTURES project website.

Notes for Editors

Detailed partner profiles are available on request.

Trinity College Dublin is the coordinator of this project, with AquaTT as the project administrator partner. Prof David Taylor, formerly of Trinity College Dublin and now based at the National University of Singapore, is the Scientific Coordinator of this project. The HEALTHY FUTURES project has received funding from the European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under grant agreement n° 266327.

Trinity College Dublin (TCD), founded in 1592, is the oldest University in Ireland. TCD now has more than 15,700 students, 3,700 staff and 86,000 alumni, while in 2007-2008 its staff secured more than €70 million in research income. TCD is widely recognised for the high quality of its graduates, the international standing of its research and scholarship, and the value it places on contributing to Irish society and the wider world. In the most recent (2009) THES survey of universities internationally, TCD was ranked in the top 50 (43rd) and in the top 15 (13th) universities in the world and in Europe, respectively.

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National University of Singapore (NUS) is a leading global university centred in Asia. NUS is currently (2012) ranked in the top 25 universities globally according to the QS ranking of top universities in the world. [NUS.com](http://www.nus.edu.sg) comprises 16 faculties and schools across three campus locations in Singapore – Kent Ridge, Bukit Timah and Outram. The university provides a broad-based curriculum underscored by multi-disciplinary courses and cross-faculty enrichment. Over 37,000 students from 100 countries further enrich the community with their diverse social and cultural perspectives.

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Mradi Unaowasaidia Watu Kuweza Kudhibiti Hatari za Magonjwa Katika Afrika Mashariki

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Matokeo muhimu yameanza kupatikana kutoka kwa Mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye (Afya, hali ya mabadiliko ya mazingira, na uwezo wa kurekebishwa), mradi unaokusudia kutatua hatari za kuzuka na kusambaa kwa magonjwa yale matatu ya vekta (VBDs) yanayohusiana na maji katika Afrika mashariki. Mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye sasa umepitisha hatua yake ya nusu, ukiwa na miezi kumi na minane imebakia mpaka mradi huo ukamilike.

Tokeo moja muhimu la Mradi wa Afya Bora ya baadaye litakua kuanzishwa kwa vifaa vya kusaidia kutoa uamuzi, na vilivyoundwa kusaidia wanaopanga mambo ya afya kuweza kubuni, kukadiria na kulinganisha mikakati itakayowasaidia watu kuweza Kudhibiti hatari za magonjwa yale matatu yanayolengwa na mradi huu (malaria, kichocho na homa ya bonde la ufa).

Vifaa hivi, vikiwa vinaundwa kupitia Mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye, vitatolewa mwanzoni kwa washika dau kwenye mkutano utakaofanyika tarehe 24-25 Februari mwaka wa 2014 katika Taasisi ya Kimataifa ya Utafiti wa Mifugo(ILRI), Nairobi, Kenya. Nia haswa ya mkutano huu ni kuboresha vifaa hivi, watakaovitumia vifaa hivyo wakitiliwa maanani, kupitia mashauriano na washika dau.

Ukuzaji na utumiaji wa vifaa hivi, vinavyokusudiwa kurahisisha kukabiliana na athari kwa afya zinazotokana na mabadiliko ya mazingira, una changamoto nyingi. Mkutano utakaowauzisha washika dau utachukuliwa kama wa kufanikiwa iwapo maendeleo ya kufaa ya mawasiliano kati ya watoaji uamuzi nchini na wanaofanya utafiti katika nyanja za afya kuhusu vielelezo na utumizi wa vifaa hivyo vinavyohusiana na Mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye yatapatikana. Kuweco na mawasiliano ya ufanisi kutatoa msingi thabiti utakaowawezesha washika dau kuweza kuvielewa vifaa hivyo kwa uepesi, kuvimiliki na kuweza kviendeleza zaidi, vilevile kuvisambaza vifaa hivyo na kuweza kuvitumia hata baada ya Mradi huu kukamilika. Maelezo zaidi kuhusu mkutano wa washika dau yatatangazwa katika tovuti ya mradi huu (www.healthyfutures.eu) kama yatakavyoendelea kupatikana.

Mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye kwa sasa unaandaa mkutano mkubwa wa kimataifa kuhusu mabadiliko ya tabia ya nchi na afya, utakaofanyika mwaka wa 2014. Mkutano huu utafanyika katika chuo kikuu cha kimataifa cha Rwanda (NUR) na umepangwa ili ulingane na kutolewa kwa ripoti ya tano ya kimataifa kuhusu mabadiliko katika tabia ya nchi (IPCC). Mkutano huu utalenga zaidi, kuelewa maana haswa ya matokeo ya utafiti kama ule uliofanywa na Mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye, na matokeo ya utafiti kama huu yatumika kwa maenoe mengine ambayo yamo hatarini

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na/ ama kutumia mbini za utafiti huu kufanya utafiti juu ya magonjwa mengine. Maelezo zaidi kuhusu mkutano huu yatatangazwa katika tovuti ya mradi huu na washika dau wa Mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye watatumiwa barua pepe wakati habari zaidi za mkutano huu zitapatikana.

Hatimaye, video inayoelezea shughuli za mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye kwa muktasari sasa imetolewa. Video hii inakusudia kuongezea habari zaidi kuhusu mradi huu, na yaweza kupatikana kupiti www.vimeo.com/70318624 ama kwenye tovuti ya Mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye.

Tangazo kwa wahariri

Maelezo kamili fu ya washiriki yatatolewa kwa maombi.

Trinity College Dublin ni mratibu wa mradi huu, AquaTT ikiwa ni msimamizi mshiriki. Prof. David Taylor, hapo mbeleni alikuwa akifanyia kazi katika chuo kikuu cha Trinity sasa yuko Chuo kikuu cha Singapore na ndiye mratibu wa kisayansi wa mradi huu. Mradi huu umepokea ufadhili kutokana na Muungano wa Ulaya wa 'Seventh Framework Programme' (FP7/2007-2013) chini ya makubaliano ya hazina n° 266327.

Chuo Kikuu cha Trinity cha Dublin (TCD), kilianzishwa mwaka wa 1592. Hiki ndicho chuo cha zamani sana nchini Ayalandi. Kwa wakati huu chuo cha TCD kina wanafunzi zaidi ya 15,700, wafanyikazi 3,700, na idadi ya wanafunzi 86,000 waliosomea huko, na kwa muda wa 2007-2008 wafanyikazi wake walipewa zaidi ya Euro milioni 70 za utafiti. TCD inajulikana kote kwa wanafunzi wake waliohitimu, na pale wamefika ulimwenguni katika utafiti na ufadhili wa masomo, na mchango waliotoa katika nchi ya Ayalandi na ulimwenguni kote. Katika utafiti uliofanywa na THES wa hivi karibuni (2009) wa vyuo vikuu vya ulimwengu, TDC ilipewa nafasi ya 43 katika vyuo 50 bora ulimwenguni na kupewa nafasi ya 13 katika vyuo 15 bora Ulaya.

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Chuo kikuu cha Singapore (NUS) kikiwa bara la Asia ni mojawapo ya vyuo vinavyoongoza duniani. Chuo hiki kilipewa nafasi katika vyuo 25 bora zaidi ulimwenguni mwakani 2012 kulingani na QS inayotoa nyadhifa za vyuo bora zaidi ulimwenguni. NUS ina idara na shule 16 katika kampasi tatu zilizoko Singapore, Kent Ridge, Bukit Timah and Outram. Chuo hiki kina mtalaa ambao unasisitiza masomo kutoka nyanja mbalimbali na wahadhiri mbalimbali. Zaidi ya wanafunzi 37,000 kutoka nchi 100 wanasomea katika chuo hiki na kuchangia katika kuwepo kwa mila, desturi na utamaduni kwa namna mbalimbali.

Mawasiliano: Prof. David Taylor (Mratibu wa Mradi wa Afya Bora ya Baadaye), Idara ya Geografia, NUS (Anwani ya barua pepe: david.taylor@nus.edu.sg)

AquaTT ni taasisi ya kimataifa ambayo hupeana huduma za masomo na usimamizi wa miradi ili kuhimilisha maendeleo endelevu katika maliasili majini mwa Ulaya. AquaTT hufanya kazi ya kuunganisha maarifa kati ya utafiti na maendeleo katika mazingira na katika sekta ya biashara. Aquatt huhimili hadhira yake kwa kutoa huduma mbalimbali ikiwemo kuwahusisha kwenye miradi ya jumua ya Ulaya na pia kuratibu miradi hii katika nyanja za maarifa kama vile elimu, mafunzo na kuhamisha teknolojia.

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