Water, Sanitation and Hygiene: Integrated analysis of risk factors for malaria and schistosomiasis in Korhogo (Côte d'Ivoire) and Kaedi (Mauritania)

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In 2015, many developing countries, mainly in sub-saharan Africa, did not meet the MDGs in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). Côte d'Ivoire and Mauritania in West Africa are among them. Moreover, climate change has some impact on water and sanitation sectors as well as on population health (Figure 1). The present study intends to describe weaknesses in WASH in two secondary cities of the two countries and understand their main consequences for malaria and schistosomiasis in the context of climate change.



Korhogo (North Côte d'Ivoire): Population: 210 000 Inhabitants; Precipitation(mm/y): 1200-1500, Average :1350 mm/y; Annual Mean T°[min-max]: 30 °C [24-36°C]; Presence of a dam (Vol=10⁷ m³) and other small water bodies

Kaedi (South Mauritania)

Population: 118 195 Inhabitants; Precipitation (mm/y) 300-500, Average :



 \rightarrow There is a good overlap between the spatial and temporal distribution of risk factors (surface water, garbage deposits, stagnant wastewater points) and households with malaria cases in Korhogo.



400mm/y; Annual Mean T°[min-max]: 29,5°C [12-47°C]; Located along the Senegal river

Key message / lessons

- There is an insufficiency in hygiene and sanitation systems in Korhogo and Kaedi;
- Breeding sites that have a higher value of dissolved oxygen are more conducive to the development of Anopheles larvae;
- The spatial and temporal distribution of water and garbage points is overlaped with the distribution of malaria cases in Korhogo;
- The prevalence of malaria is higher in rainy season than in the dry season, but the prevalence of schistosomiasis is higher in dry season;
- Ongoing analysis of data will give more information on the relation between climate, environment and the transmission of malaria and schistosomiasis in Kaedi and Korhogo.

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Figure 1 : Analytical conceptual framework of the study

A cross sectional study was conducted in Korhogo and Kaedi respectively in rainy and dry seasons of 2014-2015 through:

- household survey by questionnaire on access to WASH and associated health problems,
- geographical survey with Global Positioning System (GPS) on some environmental health risk factors,
- physical analysis of breeding sites of anopheles larvae and mollucs
- meteorological and clinical data collection over the period 2000-2014,
- The data was analysis by XLStat 2014, SPSS 20 and Arcgis 9.2.

Preliminary results

In Kaedi (a), there is no rainwater drainage system. In Korhogo (b), the system is dysfunctional by location; so there is stagnant water points in the two cities during the rainy season. These points are potential breeding sites of anopheles larvae.

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→ We note a significant correlation between intra-annual malaria incidence with rainfall (r=0,64 ; p=0,03) and relative humidity (r=0,83 ; p=0,001) in Korhogo. However schistosomiasis is correlated with temperature (r=0,57 ; p=0,053)











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Figure 2 : Principal components Analysis of breeding site in Korhogo in F1-F3 plan

 \rightarrow The presence of Anopheles larvae (NL) in a breeding site is positively correlated with dissolved oxygen (OD) and negatively with conductivity (Cond) and salinity (Sal) (Figure 2).

Figure 4: Relation between meteorological variables and incidence of malaria and Schistosomiasis in Korhogo

Next Steps

Continue analyzing data for both study sites mainly for Kaedi ;

Participation to conferences ;

- \rightarrow Publication of study results ;
- \rightarrow PhD writing.

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