POPULATION HEALTH VULNERABILITIES TO VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES: INCREASING RESILIENCE UNDER CLIMATE CHANGE CONDITIONS IN AFRICA











VECTOR TRANSMISSION CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE CAN BESTUD SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS SOCIOECONOMIC CHANGE







AFRICA'S DRYLAND ECOLOGIES ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE.

POPULATION GROUPS STRUGGLE WITH A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES



EXTENSIVE POVERTY



FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS



HIGH POPULATION GROWTH



POOR HEALTH SERVICES



HIGH INFANT MORTALITY RATES



VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES







THESE 5 PROJECTS EACH HAVE A UNIQUE GEOGRAPHICAL AND THEMATIC SCOPE:

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

Generate knowledge and evidence on VBD impacts under climate change conditions on vulnerable populations

Develop practical frameworks, processes and tools for policy and decision-making, for better risk management

Build African capacity for inter-disciplinary policy-oriented research















PROJECT A

SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES IN ARID AREAS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

THE DISEASES: Malaria and schistosomiasis





















Workshops and group discussions to learn from and with community members



Interviews with key informants (e.g. policy makers, traditional leaders, health personnel)



Determining vector variations across different climatic zones, by using GIS and remote sensing



Modeling future impact scenarios and feeding results into National Adaptation Plans









Lab and field studies of vector viability under different conditions















PROJECT B

EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS FOR IMPROVED HUMAN HEALTH AND RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE SENSITIVE VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES IN KENYA







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DISEASES:

Malaria and

Rift Valley

fever















Entomological surveys of mosquitoes



VBD incidence and prevalence surveys



Semistructured interviews and focus group discussions



Community mapping and profiling



Participatory action research to identify existing adaptation strategies





Building stakeholder capacity to promote use of developed strategies























PROJECT C

PREDICTING VULNERABILITY AND IMPROVING RESILIENCE OF THE MAASAI COMMUNITIES TO VECTOR-BORNE INFECTIONS: AN ECOHEALTH APPROACH IN THE MAASAI STEPPE ECOSYSTEM





















Modeling temperature and precipitation patterns in East Africa



Modeling land-use and land cover



Vector distribution and infection prevalence measurement



Vector density and location predictions



Collecting confidential data on the views and responses of Maasai people to VBDs



Working with Maasai communities to raise awareness of risks, and develop adaptive strategies









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OUTPUTS INCLUDE:

COMMUNITY ADAPTATION STRATEGIES

ECOHEALTH PARTNERSHIPS, INCLUDING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS













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PROJECT D

TRYPANOSOMIASIS: ALLEVIATING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING HUMAN-VECTOR-PARASITE INTERACTIONS























Questionnaires, interviews and focus group discussions



A variety of entomological techniques for indoor and outdoor vector research



Data collection on *T. brucei* infections in cattle



Experiments to measure man-fly contact under different meteorological conditions



Climate-driven modeling of vector dynamics









OUTPUTS INCLUDE:



EVIDENCE ON ESTIMATED AND PERCEIVED RISKS IN MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES



AN UNDERSTANDING OF FUTURE RISKS AND HOW THESE CAN BE AVOIDED OR ALLEVIATED

















PROJECT E

VULNERABILITY AND RESILIENCE TO MALARIA AND SCHISTOSOMIASIS IN THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN FRINGES OF THE SAHELIAN BELT IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE



DISEASES: Malaria and schistosomiasis

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Collection and analysis of meteorological data



Cultral and socioeconomic data collection, such as household surveys



Observations, interviews and focus group sessions



Field and lab studies of host populations



Documentation of facilities involved in adaptation to climate change, as well as the fight against VBDs









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OUTPUTS INCLUDE:

INCREASED KNOWLEDGE AMONG STAKEHOLDERS







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