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OF THE MAASAI COMMUNITIES
TO VECTOR-BORNE INFECTIONS: AN ECOHEALTH
APPROACH IN THE MAASAI STEPPE ECOSYSTEM



THE SITE
The Maasai Steppe
ecosystem in Northern
Tanzania.


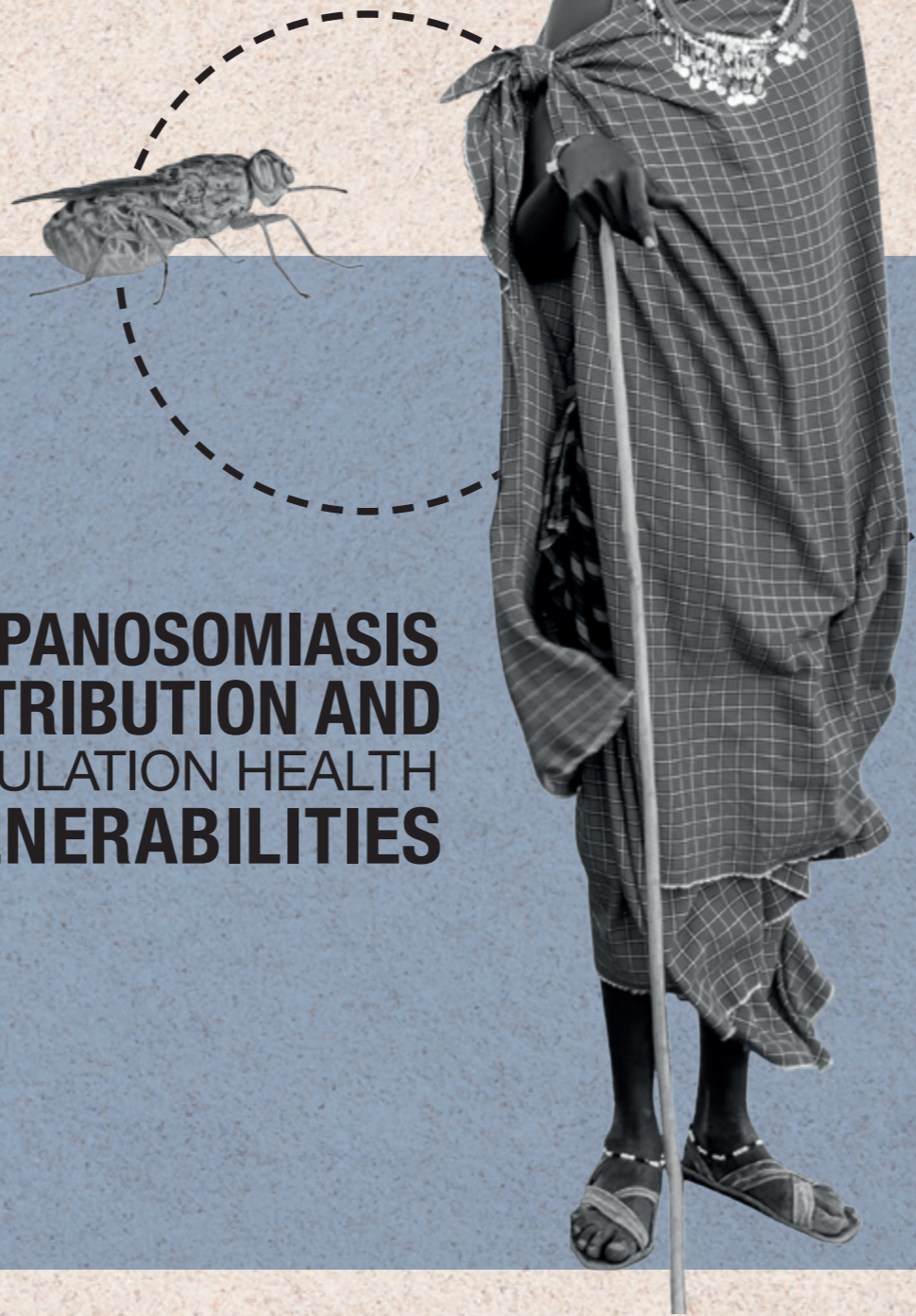
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THE AIM

To develop an ecohealth partnership on vector-borne disease control that encompasses local leadership, contemporary modeling and other approaches to enhance community resilience and to mitigate the impact of environmental change.

THE DISEASES:
Trypanosomiasis

SEVERAL FACTORS:



CLIMATE CHANGE



PARASITES AND HOSTS



CHANGING LAND-USE

CAN AFFECT

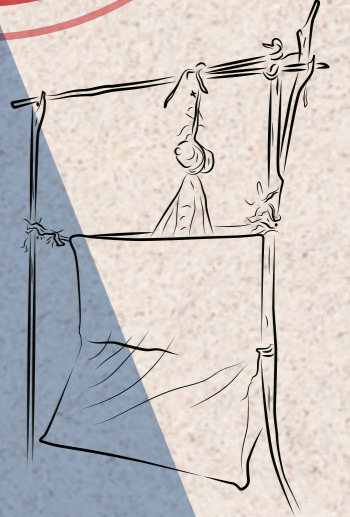
TRYPANOSOMIASIS DISTRIBUTION AND POPULATION HEALTH VULNERABILITIES

PLANNED

OUTPUTS INCLUDE:

COMMUNITY ADAPTATION STRATEGIES

ECOHEALTH PARTNERSHIPS, INCLUDING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS



RESEARCH APPROACHES INCLUDE:



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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