



HEALTH RESEARCH INITIATIVES IN WEST AFRICA

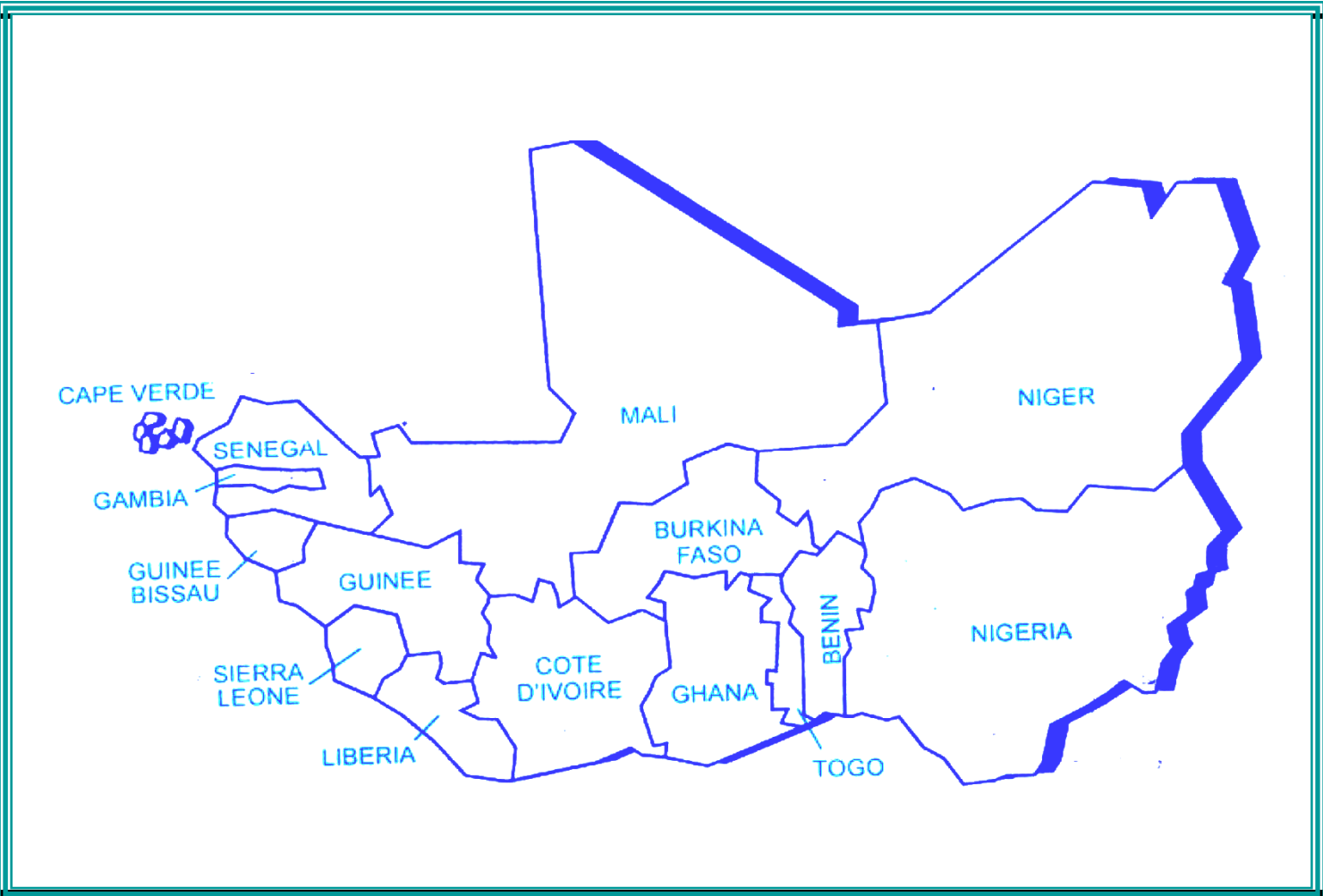
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WAHO's Vision and Mission

- **Vision**

Regional health integration that enables high impact and cost effective interventions and programmes

- **Mission**

Ensure the highest possible health coverage for the population of the ECOWAS states by harmonizing health policies and pooled available resources

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WAHO's GOAL

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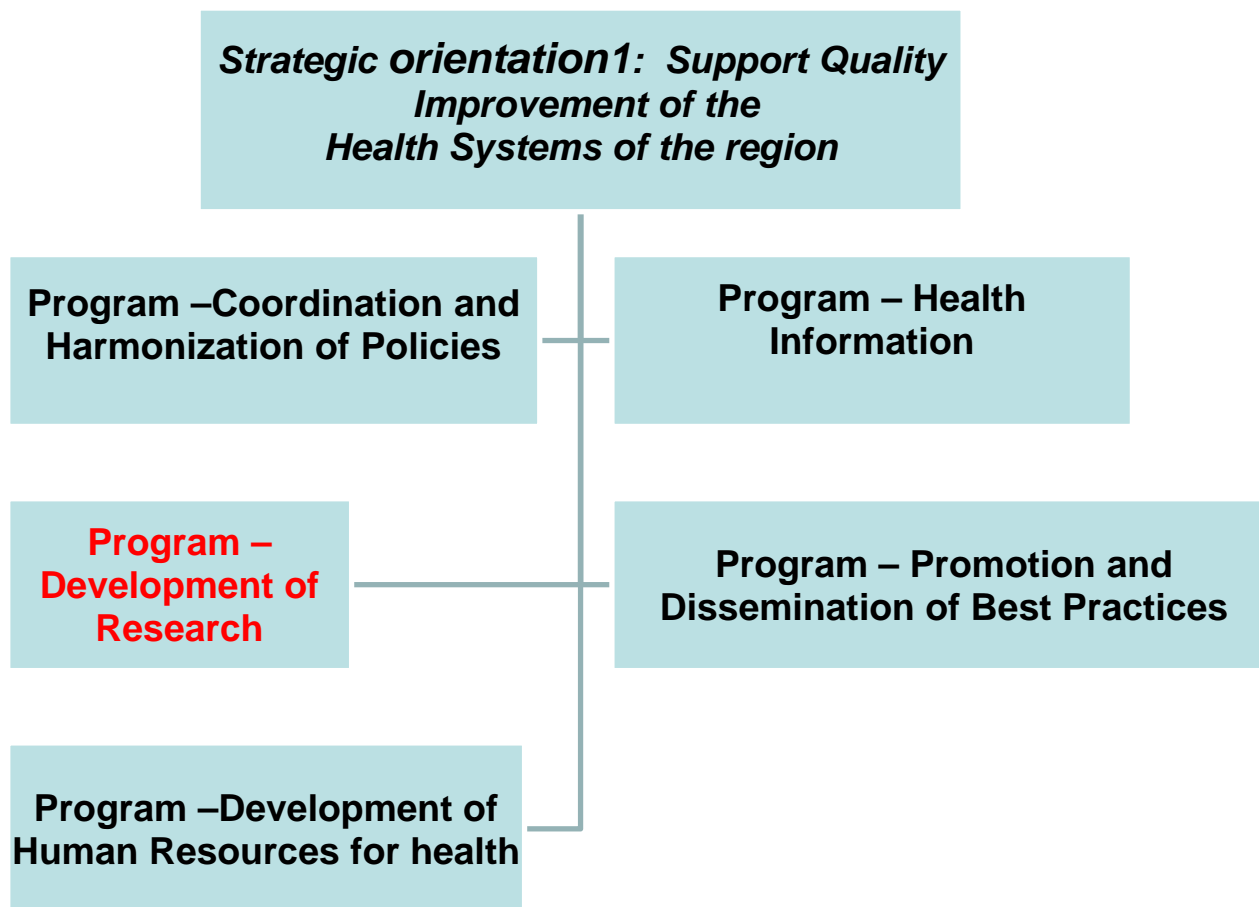
To substantially improve the quality of health system management and health care for the peoples of the region by developing and supporting integrated health policies and programmes

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PLACE OF RESEARCH WAHO STRATEGIC PLAN 2009 – 2013



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WAHO CONTRIBUTION IN HEALTH RESEARCH

- **Creation of Health Research Found**
 - Scholarship for training in research
 - Support countries to improve management of research
 - Strengths capacities of health research institutions

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WAHO CONTRIBUTION IN HEALTH RESEARCH (2)

- Financing health research project
- Promotion of utilization of results of research
- Support Health Research Network
- Contribution to motivation of health researchers
- **Network of all regional health libraries:
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RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS WEST AFRICA

Types of institutions	Number	%
Governmental Agencies	112	43
Hospitals	33	13
NGO/Charities	30	11
Pharmaceutical institutions	9	3
Medical School	26	10
Others Universities	16	6
Independents Research Institutions	35	13
TOTAL	261	100

Source – WHO Study – Alger 2006.



MAIN DOMAIN OF RESEARCH WEST AFRICA

Epidemiological descriptive studies

Clinical Trials

Biological Studies

Socials and Economics Studies

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METHODOLOGY OF IDENTIFICATION OF CLINICAL TRIALS

- Data Source: International Clinical Trials registry Platform (World Health Organization)
- Date of visit: July 27 2009
- Criteria of selection
 - West African Countries
 - Recruitment status: Recruiting



Clinical trials in recruitment phase in West Africa

At July 27 2009 we identified **63 clinical trials** in International Clinical Trials registry Platform database for all the ECOWAS Countries

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CLINICAL TRIALS by countries and type of health problems (1)

Countries	malaria	HIV/AIDS	Tb	others	Total
Benin	1	0	2	1	4
Burkina Faso	7	0	0	2	9
Cap Verde	0	0	0	0	0
Côte d'Ivoire	1	0	0	1	2
Gambia	3	0	2	0	5
Ghana	5	0	0	8	13
Guinee	0	0	3	0	3

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CLINICAL TRIALS by countries and type of health problems (2)

Countries	Malaria	HIV/AIDS	Tb	Others	Total
Guinée Bissau	0	0	0	5	5
Liberia	0	1	0	1	2
Mali	12	1	3	3	18
Niger	0	0	0	3	3
Nigeria	1	1	0	7	9
Sénégal	0	0	1	4	5
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0	0
Togo	0	0	0	0	0

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MAIN SPONSORS OF CLINICAL TRIALS

Sponsors	Number of clinical trials	
NIAD	18	
Bandim health project	4	
Gates malaria partership	3	
University of California	3	
University of Oxford	3	
European Commission	2	
Liverpool University	2	
National Cancer institute	2	

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DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

- Validity of methodology used
- Few financing from Countries
- Poor leadership from African researchers
- Need to transfer results into practice (policy)
- Need to strength research capacities



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