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Central Africa Network of Excellence for Clinical Trials



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4 Regional Networks of Excellence

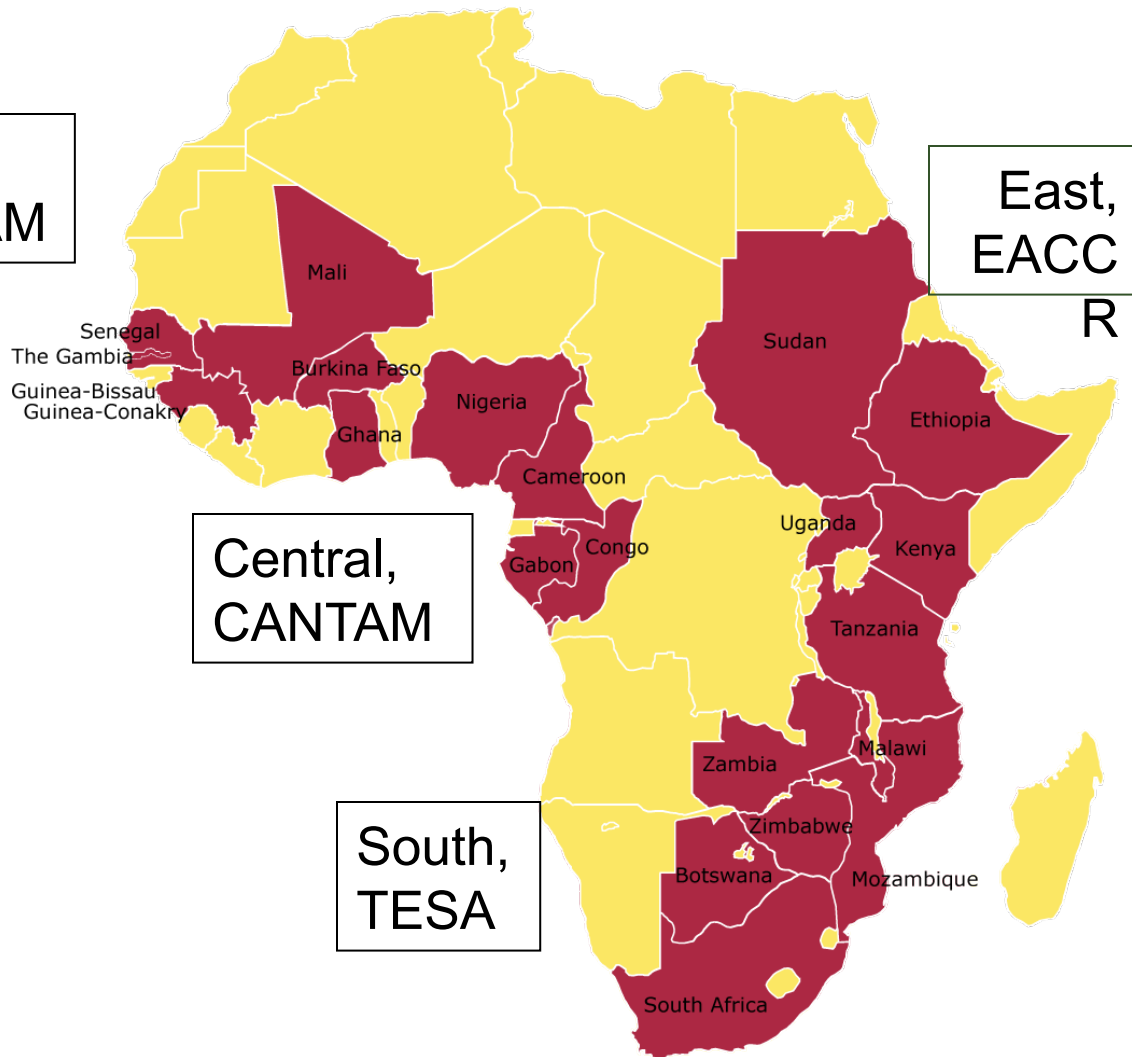
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- Afrique du Sud
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- Gambie
- Ouganda
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Cameroon



Gabon



Institutions

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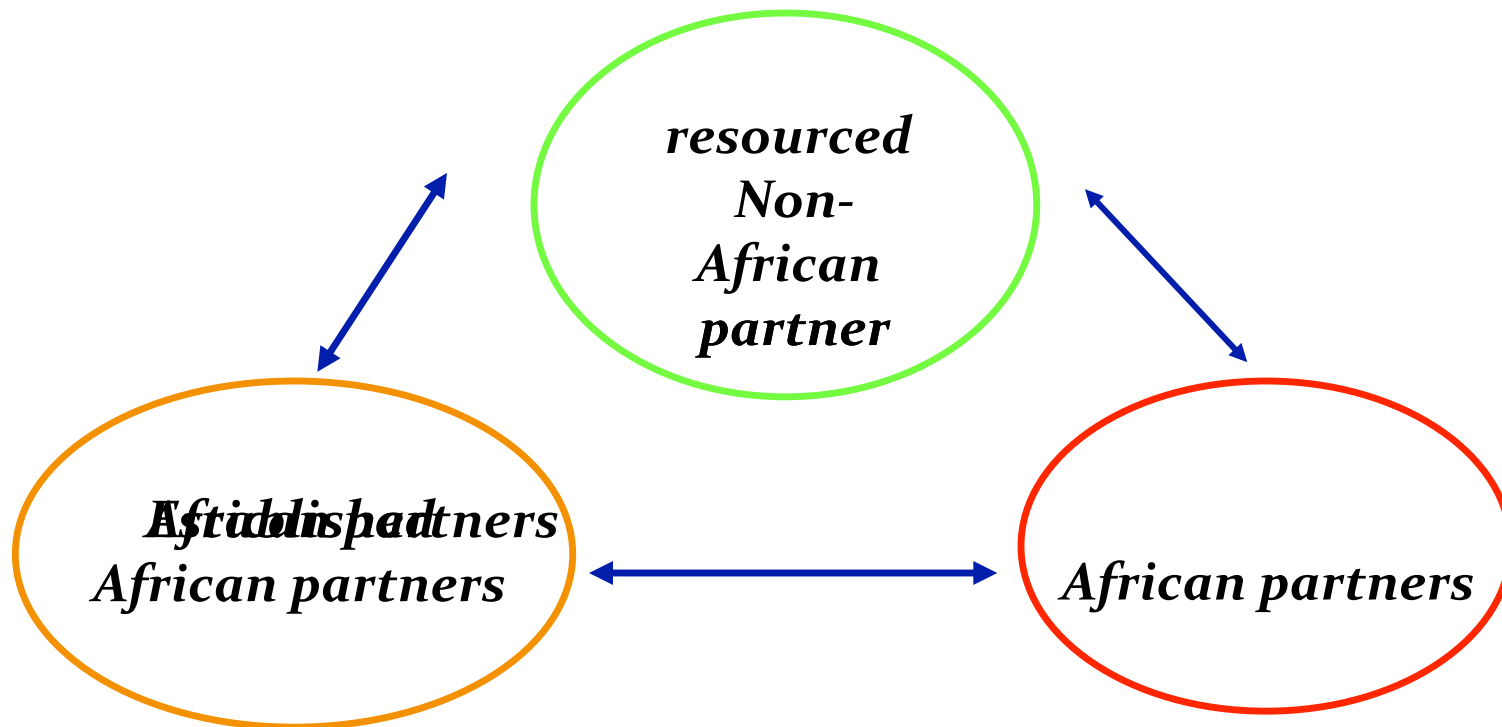
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Main Objective of CANTAM₁

To prepare new sites for conducting
Clinical Trials on HIV/AIDS,
Malaria and Tuberculosis

Specific Objectives (So)

- SO₁. To develop Human resources
- SO₂. To develop infrastructure
- SO₃. To collect baseline data necessary
for future interventions
- SO₄. Networking & Fund raising



Institutions	Number of trainees
University Yaoundé 1	
University of Buea	8
CIRCB	1
CERVOE	1
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FRCM/FHS	10



**Technicians, nurses,
health staff, financial,
management**



>40 training workshops/courses



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Achievements. Institutional level

Cameroon



Congo

Achievements. Institutional level2

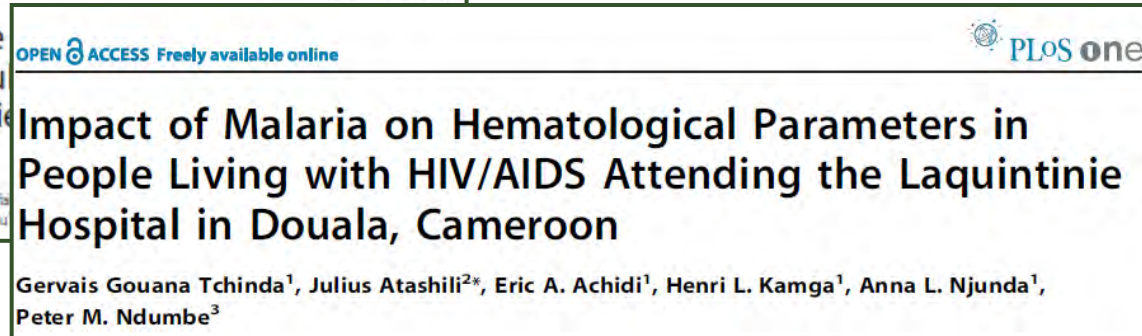
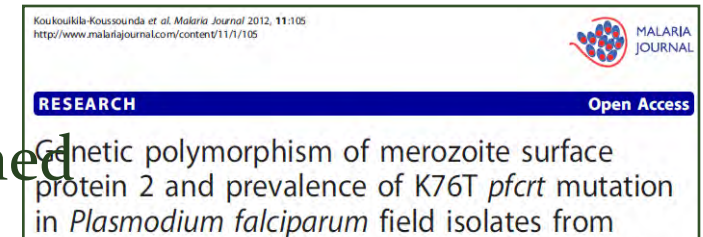
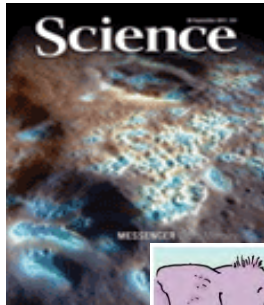
New expertise/knowledge available

Countries	Number of Technicians, nurses, health staff
Cameroon	46
Gabon	56
Rep of Congo	159
Other countries	45

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Achievements. Institutional level³

- Sites developed
- Local networking refreshed
- South-south collaboration strengthened
- New Northern partners
- Publications



Strengths.1

1. Complementarity of research teams with multidisciplinary competencies at country and regional levels.
2. Focus on one area in which some CANTAM institutions have core competencies: malaria.
3. Emerging TB and HIV research groups.
4. Establishment of ethics Review Committees in all CANTAM countries.

Strengths.2

1. Pyramid and gender balance within the network.
2. Excellent network of international collaborations, both academic and private
3. Strong advocacy for Health research in CANTAM countries
4. Strong political support.

Gaps

1. No impact/benefit at societal level
2. Limited network strategy of fund raising.
2. The critical mass of scientists and health research managers remains a major limitation at all institutions in Central Africa.
3. Only one Northern partner.
4. Limited networking with regional HIV and TB networks
5. Visa restriction for scientists within CANTAM to work in each other's countries

Opportunities

- Cameroon and Republic of Congo are members of EDCTP-Association
- DRC and France are now partners in CANTAM₂
- New institutions in Congo and Gabon are also new members in CANTAM₂
- Switzerland is highly interested in being CANTAM partner.

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