

# EDCTP Portfolio

## Networks of Excellence



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## EDCTP networks of excellence projects

Project Acronym (Coordinator)	Disease/ Program area	Project goal	Institutions involved	Status
WANETAM	TB, HIV, malaria and networking	Capacity Building	<p>Burkina Faso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centre Muraz</li> <li>• Centre National de Recherche et de Formation sur le Paludisme</li> </ul> <p>The Gambia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Research Council Laboratories, Gambia</li> </ul> <p>Nigeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nigerian Institute of Medical Research</li> <li>• Innovative Biotech Nigeria Ltd</li> <li>• University of Ibadan</li> </ul> <p>Ghana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Ghana</li> <li>• Korle-bu Teaching Hospital/ University Of Ghana Medical School, College of Health, College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana, Legon</li> <li>• Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, Legon</li> </ul> <p>Guinea-Bissau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bandim Health Project</li> </ul> <p>Mali</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malaria Research and Training Center (MRTC)</li> <li>• University of Bamako</li> </ul> <p>Senegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institut Pasteur de Dakar</li> </ul>	Ongoing
CANTAM	TB, HIV, malaria and networking	Capacity Building	<p>Cameroon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisation de Coordination Pour La Lutte Contre Les Endemies (OCEAC)</li> <li>• University of Buea (UB)</li> <li>• University of Yaoundé</li> <li>• Centre International de Référence Chantal Biya (CIRCB)</li> </ul> <p>Republic of Congo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Université Marien Ngouabi</li> <li>• Centre d'Etudes sur les Ressources Vegetales (CERVE)</li> </ul> <p>Gabon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fondation Internationale de l'Hôpital du Docteur Albert Schweitzer</li> </ul> <p>Tanzania</p>	Ongoing

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multilateral initiative on Malaria</li> </ul>	
EACCR	TB, HIV, malaria and networking	Capacity Building	<p>Ethiopia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI)</li> </ul> <p>Kenya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, Kilifi</li> <li>• Maseno University</li> <li>• University Of Nairobi</li> <li>• Kenya Aids Vaccine Initiative (KAVI)</li> </ul> <p>Sudan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institute Of Endemic Diseases (IEND)</li> </ul> <p>Tanzania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ifakara Health Institute (IHI)</li> <li>• Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute (KCRI)</li> <li>• Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS)</li> <li>• National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)</li> <li>• NIMR-Mbeya Medical Research Programme</li> <li>• Tabora Medical Center</li> </ul> <p>Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infectious Diseases Institute, Makerere University</li> <li>• Masaka Regional Hospital, Uganda Ministry of Health</li> <li>• Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI)</li> <li>• St. Francis Nsambya Hospital, Kampala</li> <li>• Medical Research Council (MRC)</li> </ul>	Ongoing
TESA	TB, HIV, malaria and networking	Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Botswana</li> <li>• Botswana- Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership (BHP)</li> <li>• Malawi</li> <li>• College of Medicine</li> <li>• Mozambique</li> <li>• Centro de Investigação em Saúde da Manhica (CISM)</li> <li>• South Africa</li> <li>• University of Cape Town</li> <li>• University of Stellenbosch</li> <li>• Medical Research Council of South Africa</li> <li>• Zambia</li> <li>• University Teaching Hospital Lusaka</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Zimbabwe</li> <li>• Biomedical Research and Training Institute</li> <li>• University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences</li> </ul>	Ongoing

# 1 WANETAM

EDCTP Project Coordinator:	Souleymane Mboup (University Cheikh Anta DIOP de Dakar (UCAD), Senegal)
EDCTP Call Title:	Networks of Excellence
EDCTP Project Title:	Capacity building to prepare West African sites for clinical trials on HIV, TB and malaria (WANETAM)
EDCTP Project Code:	CB.2007.41700.007
EDCTP Project Start Date:	31 July 2009
EDCTP Project End Date:	31 December 2013
Collaborators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Richard Adegbola (Medical Research Council (MRC) Laboratories, The Gambia)</li> <li>• Simon Agwale (National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research (NIPRD), Nigeria)</li> <li>• Toure Aissatou (Institut Pasteur de Dakar, Senegal)</li> <li>• Abraham Sunday Alabi (MRC Laboratories, The Gambia)</li> <li>• Martin Antonio (MRC Laboratories, The Gambia)</li> <li>• Ekow Biney (Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana)</li> <li>• Kalifa Bojang (MRC Laboratories, The Gambia)</li> <li>• Tumani Corrah (MRC Laboratories, The Gambia)</li> <li>• Bouke de Jong (MRC Laboratories, The Gambia)</li> <li>• Potiandi Serge Diagbouga (Centre Muraz, Burkina Faso)</li> <li>• Ogobara Doumbo (University of Bamako, Mali)</li> <li>• Audrey Gyanuah Forson (University of Ghana)</li> <li>• Oni Idigbe (Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria)</li> <li>• Aderemi Kehinde (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)</li> <li>• Awewura Kwara (Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana)</li> <li>• Kalifa Manneh (National Health Laboratory Service, The Gambia)</li> <li>• Issa Ouedraogo Nebie (Centre national de recherche de Formation sur le Paludisme (CNRFP), Burkina Faso)</li> <li>• Paulo Rabna (Bandim Health Project, Guinea-Bissau)</li> <li>• Sarah Rowland-Jones (MRC Laboratories, The Gambia)</li> </ul>
Objectives:	To establish capacity building and technology transfer to prepare West African institutes for the successful conduct of clinical trials and creation of a network for sub-regional scientific collaborations
Status:	Ongoing
Results and outcomes:	<p>WANETAM website: <a href="http://www.wanetam.org">www.wanetam.org</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Malaria incidence and serological marker study linked to the network started in January 2010 in Burkina Faso, Senior</li> <li>2. Some institutions submitted proposals for HIV surveillance through dried blood spots to ECOWAS and received approval for funding</li> <li>3. Senior Fellowship funded by EDCTP started in 2009</li> <li>4. Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– TB: BACTEC and MGIT training conducted. MDR-TB surveillance in Guinea Bissau is linked to MRC Laboratories through NoE grant</li> <li>– HIV: One workshop on Research Capacity in HIV Network for Prevention Trials conducted</li> <li>– Ethics training done in Dakar in January 2011</li> <li>– HIV drug resistance surveillance done in Dakar in March 2011</li> <li>– Data management and grant writing done in Dakar in April 2011</li> <li>– Project Management done in Dakar in September 2011</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCP/GCLP training, The Gambia, 26-28 June 2012</li> <li>- GCP Training, Ghana, 23-26 July 2012</li> <li>- TB specific disease Training: DNA extraction, PCR, Spoligotype analysis, MTBDR for drug resistance testing; DNA sequencing, Bioinformatics</li> <li>- WANETAM workshop, MRC, The Gambia (6-17 Feb 2012): Participants (n=16) were equipped with microbiological and epidemiological tools to independently perform surveillance for TB drug resistance. Sessions included DNA extraction, setting up a PCR laboratory and spoligotyping. An article about this training was published in the TAMA newsletter (2012, vol 11, issue 2)</li> <li>- HIV Viral load assay for regional use (optimization of in-house Elona assay and real time PCR. No of participants=16. This training was provided over a four month consultancy by Dr Abraham Alabi (July–Aug 2012). The consultant provided external quality control, guidance on optimization and running the assay and also reviewed the standard operating procedure for the technique</li> <li>- Training on HLA/KIR genotyping was attended by Dr Moustapha Mbow. This is a train-the-trainer initiative. The cost of implementation will be shared by WANTAM and WAPHIR</li> <li>- Workshop on Basic Quality Control practices for clinical laboratories participating in Malaria clinical trials, 2-7 July 2012</li> </ul>
Publications:	

## 2 CANTAM

EDCTP Project Coordinator:	Francine Ntoumi (Congolesse Foundation for Medical Research, Congo)
EDCTP Call Title:	Networks of Excellence
EDCTP Project Title:	Central African Network on TB, HIV/AIDS and malaria (CANTAM)
EDCTP Project Code:	CB.2007.41700.006
EDCTP Project Start Date:	19 December 2008
EDCTP Project End Date:	31 December 2013
Collaborators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric Akum Achidi (University of Buea, Cameroon)</li> <li>• Herman Parfait Awono-Ambene (Organization for the Coordination of Endemic Disease Control in Central (OCEAC), Cameroon)</li> <li>• Leonardo Basco (Institute of Research for the Development (IRD), Cameroon)</li> <li>• Matthias Frank (University of Tübingen, Germany)</li> <li>• Saadou Issifou (Albert Schweitzer Hospital, Gabon)</li> <li>• Sinata Koulla-Shiro (National Agency for AIDS Research (ANRS), France)</li> <li>• Rose Leke (University of Yaounde, Cameroon)</li> <li>• Pierre Blaise Matsiegui (Albert Schweitzer Hospital, Gabon)</li> <li>• Elie Mavoungou (Albert Schweitzer Hospital, Gabon)</li> <li>• Mathieu Ndounga (Centre d'Etudes sur les Ressources Végétales (CERVE), Congo)</li> <li>• Peter Ndumbe (University of Yaounde, Cameroon)</li> <li>• Marie-Yvonne Nkodia (CERVE, Congo)</li> <li>• Odile Ouwe Misse Oukem (International Reference Centre Chantal Biya (CIRCB), Cameroon)</li> <li>• Veronique Penlap Beng (University of Yaounde, Cameroon)</li> </ul>
Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To develop human resources in the skills required to conduct safe clinical trials including GCP/GLP training and preparation and development of clinical and standardized protocols from recruitment of participants to the conduct of clinical trials</li> <li>2. To strengthen laboratories to be able to perform relevant tests for HIV/AIDS and malaria clinical research</li> <li>3. To strengthen ethical review boards and regulatory authorities in needy collaborating sites; and establish effective community liaison at each site and identify new study cohorts in villages and towns for future clinical trials on HIV/AIDS and malaria.</li> </ol>
Status:	Ongoing
Results and outcomes:	<p>CANTAM website: <a href="http://www.cantam.org">www.cantam.org</a></p> <p>Malaria: The studies done so far include 2 prevalence studies, 2 entomology surveys and 1 socio-demographic survey. Details of some of these studies are given below. 4 MSc students and 3 MD students are in training. In preparation for conduct of malaria trials a cohort of children less than 10 years and malaria surveillance studies in the childhood cohort have been completed. Two EDCTP funded malaria Senior Fellowships awarded to Eric Achidi started in 2009 and Mathieu Ndounga in 2011.</p> <p>TB: Activities are aimed at capacity building for future vaccine and drug trials. A laboratory has been refurbished and equipped, 2 PhD and 2 MSc students have been recruited. Once the details of studies by students are known they will be published in the next update of this report. The scientists have</p>

	<p>established links with Novartis and Aeras. An EDCTP funded TB Senior Fellowship awarded to Sunny Oyakhrome 2010-2012</p> <p>HIV: Baseline studies in HIV-malaria co-infection started at CIRCB in Cameroon (details are not yet available). An HIV laboratory was renovated and equipped and a cohort for HIV positive mother-child was started. Four HIV community studies were completed (see below). An EDCTP funded Senior Fellowship awarded to Mathieu Ndounga will start in 2011.</p> <p>TB and HIV: Co-infection baseline studies and social science studies have commenced. Details of these studies are yet to be reported</p> <p>Training: These include GCP, ethics (through AMANET and TRREE), clinical data management, on line diploma in statistics, molecular tools for TB and HIV epidemiological studies, training of an FP7 funded project on Young African Scientist initiative.</p> <p>Collaboration with other NoE:  EACCR: Training in HIV research, biostatistics  TESA: discussions on joint grants application have taken place  WANETAM</p>
Publications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kilama W, Ntoumi F. 2009. Malaria: a research agenda for the eradication era. <i>The Lancet</i>. Oct 31; 374(9700): 1480-2</li> <li>2. Ntoumi Francine. 2010. Networking and capacity building for health research in Central Africa. <i>Wien Klin Wochenschr</i>. 2010 Mar; 122 Suppl 1: 23-6.</li> <li>3. Francine Ntoumi, Gunilla Priebe. 2010. Africanizing scientific knowledge: The Multilateral Initiative on Malaria as a model? <i>Malaria Journal</i>, 9(Suppl 3): S7 December 2010.</li> <li>4. Pembe Issamou Mayengue, Mathieu Ndounga, Freddy Vladimir Malonga, Michel Bitemo, Francine Ntoumi. 2011. Genetic polymorphism of merozoite surface protein-1 and merozoite surface protein-2 in <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> isolates from Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. <i>Malaria Journal</i> Sep 22; 10(1): 276.</li> <li>5. Francine Ntoumi. The Ant Who Learned to Be an Elephant. 2011. <i>Science</i>. 2011 Sep 30; 333 (6051): 1824-5.</li> <li>6. Matthias Frank, Nicola Lehnert, Pembe I Mayengue, Julian Gabor, Matthias Dal-Bianco, David U Kombila, Ghyslain Mombo Ngoma, Christian Supan, Bertrand Lell, Francine Ntoumi, Martin P Grobusch, Klaus Dietz and Peter G Kremsner. 2011. A thirteen-year analysis of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> populations reveals high conservation of the mutant pfcr1 haplotype despite the withdrawal of chloroquine from national treatment guidelines in Gabon. <i>Malaria Journal</i> 10: 365.</li> <li>7. Selidji T Agnandji, Florian Kurth, Jose F Fernandes, Solange S Soulanoudjingar, Beatrice P Aboisso, Ghyslain Mombo-Ngoma, Arti Basra, Raquel González, Gondo Kizito, Pembe I Mayengue, Lorenz Auer-Hackenberg, Saadou Issifou, Bertrand Lell, Ayola A Adegniko and Michael Ramharter. The use of paediatric artemisinin combinations in sub-Saharan Africa: a snapshot questionnaire survey of health care personnel. <i>Malaria Journal</i> 2011, 10: 365</li> <li>8. Koukouikila-Koussounda F, Malonga V, Mayengue PI, Ndounga M, Vouvongui CJ, Ntoumi F. 2012. Genetic polymorphism of merozoite surface protein 2 and</li> </ol>



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  10. Jude D. Bigoga, Derek N. Ndangoh, Parfait H. Awono-Ambene, Salomon Patchoke, Etienne Fondjo, Rose G.F. Leke. Pyrethroid resistance in Anopheles gambiae from the rubber cultivated area of Niete, South Region of Cameroon. *Acta Tropica* 124 (2012) 210– 214.
  11. Jude D Bigoga, Ferdinand M Nanfack, Parfait H Awono-Ambene, Salomon Patchoké, Jean Atangana, Vitalis S Otia, Etienne Fondjo, Roger S Moyou5 and Rose GF Leke. Seasonal prevalence of malaria vectors and entomological inoculation rates in the rubber cultivated area of Niete, South Region of Cameroon. *Parasites & Vectors* 2012, 5:197
  12. Felix Koukouikila-Koussounda, Vladimir Malonga, Pembe Issamou Mayengue, Mathieu Ndounga, Christevy Jeannhey Vouvoungui and Francine Ntoumi. 2012. Genetic polymorphism of merozoite surface protein 2 and prevalence of K76T pfcrt mutation in Plasmodium falciparum field isolates from Congolese children with asymptomatic infections. *Malaria Journal*, 11:105.
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### 3 EACCR

EDCTP Project Coordinator:	Pontiano Kaleebu (Medical Research Council Programme on AIDS - Uganda Virus Research Institute (MRC/UVRI), Uganda)
EDCTP Call Title:	Networks of Excellence
EDCTP Project Title:	East Africa Consortium for Clinical Research (EACCR)
EDCTP Project Code:	CB.2007.41700.001
EDCTP Project Start Date:	14 May 2009
EDCTP Project End Date:	31 December 2013
Collaborators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salim Abdulla (Ifakara Health Research and Development Centre, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Michael Ashton (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)</li> <li>• Muhammad Bakari (Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences, Tanzania)</li> <li>• John Chagalucha (National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), Tanzania)</li> <li>• Philippa Easterbrook (Makerere University, Uganda)</li> <li>• Anna Ekstrom (Karolinska Institute, Sweden)</li> <li>• Alison Elliott (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK)</li> <li>• Howard Engers (rmauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI), Ethiopia)</li> <li>• Heiner Grosskurth (MRC/UVRI, Uganda)</li> <li>• Michael Hoelscher (Ludwig-Maximilians Universitat Munchen, Germany)</li> <li>• Walter Godfrey Jaoko (University of Nairobi, Kenya)</li> <li>• Andrew Kambugu (Makerere University, Uganda)</li> <li>• Elly Katabira (Makerere University, Uganda)</li> <li>• Edward Katongole-Mbidde (MRC/UVRI, Uganda)</li> <li>• Jonathan Kayondo (MRC/UVRI, Uganda)</li> <li>• Gibson Kibiki (Tanzania)</li> <li>• Stafford Kibona (NIMR, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Japhet Killewo (Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Eugene Kinyanda (MRC/UVRI, Uganda)</li> <li>• Andrew Yona Kitua (NIMR, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Trudie Anne Lang (Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) Kenya)</li> <li>• Kayla Laserson (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Kenya)</li> <li>• Martha Lemnge (NIMR, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Frank Van Leth (KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, Netherlands)</li> <li>• Asuman Lukwago (Ministry of Health, Uganda)</li> <li>• Leonard Maboko (Mbeya Medical Research Programme, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Kevin Marsh (KEMRI, Kenya)</li> <li>• Sayoki Godfrey Mfinang (NIMR, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Adane Mihret (Ethiopia)</li> <li>• Odd Mørkve (University of Bergen, Norway)</li> <li>• Candida Moshiro (Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Maowia Mukhtar (University of Khartoum, Sudan)</li> <li>• Patricia Jane Munseri (Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Beatrice Kemilembe Mutayoba (NIMR, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Martin Nsubuga (San Raphael of St. Francis Hospital Nsambya, Uganda)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayub V. O. Ofulla (Maseno University, Kenya)</li> <li>• Bernhards Ragama Ogutu (KEMRI, Kenya)</li> <li>• Norbert Peshu (KEMRI, Kenya)</li> <li>• Eric Sandström (Karolinska Institute, Sweden)</li> <li>• Innocent Semali (Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Mark Urassa (NIMR, Tanzania)</li> <li>• Andre Van Der Ven (Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands)</li> <li>• Liya Wassie (AHRI, Ethiopia)</li> </ul>
Objectives:	To upgrade research capacity and build formal operational links and affiliations among east African and northern partner institutions to form a consortium with enhanced multi-disease (HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria) capacity to conduct ICH-GCP compliant clinical trials. To establish and strengthen East African excellence in the field of clinical trials on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria in a well-structured and integrated network, organised and run by the East African research community itself.
Status:	Ongoing
Results and outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EACCR website: <a href="http://eaccr.org/">http://eaccr.org/</a></li> <li>• Malaria: Node Committee coordinated from Kilifi was formed in 2010, face-to-face meeting was held in Nairobi in January 2012</li> <li>• HIV: Node Committee coordinated from UVRI was formed in 2010</li> <li>• TB: Node Committee coordinated from KCMC was formed in 2010</li> <li>• Implementation of a successful Reciprocal innovative clinical monitoring scheme for research quality management with pooling of monitors completed in April 2012</li> <li>• Long-term trainees: 26 Masters candidates have projects in progress</li> <li>• Four EDCTP-linked Senior Fellowships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– “Evolution of HIV-1 ARV drug resistance mutations in the ART naïve during therapy; threshold frequency levels and linkage context associated with treatment failure in Uganda ” by Dr Jonathan Kayondo in Uganda</li> <li>– “Comparison of efficacy, safety and pharmacokinetics of intravenous artesunate and intravenous quinine followed by oral artemisinin combination therapy for severe malaria treatment in uganda AND evaluation of pharmacokinetic drug interactions of artesunate, quinine, lumefantrine and piperaquine with antiretroviral drugs” by Dr Pauline Byakika-Kibwika in Uganda</li> <li>– “Clinical trials in HIV/AIDS in Africa: Should they routinely control for mental health factors?” by Dr Eugene Kinyanda</li> <li>– “Short and long term clinical and immunological outcomes of patients with HIV/TB co-infections on ART” by DR William Worodria</li> </ul> </li> <li>• As of May 2012, 105 personnel received short-term training in basic epidemiology, biostatistics, monitoring and grant writing Other training included laboratory techniques (PCR and Malaria microscopy)</li> <li>• Completion of 15 mentorship visits</li> <li>• Completed upgrades of 11 of the 17 sister sites</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New networks: TB-TEA, Global Health Trials, WWARN, other NoE (joint paper writing), contribution to NACCAP booklet</li><li>• Three collaborative grant applications submitted to EDCTP, CAPTN, IANPHI and Danish Government</li></ul>
Publications:	

## 4 TESA

EDCTP Project Coordinator:	Alexander Pym (Medical Research Council South Africa (MRC), South Africa)
EDCTP Call Title:	Networks of Excellence
EDCTP Project Title:	Trials of Excellence for Southern Africa (TESA)
EDCTP Project Code:	CB.2007.41700.009
EDCTP Project Start Date:	16 November 2009
EDCTP Project End Date:	31 December 2013
Collaborators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keertan Dheda (University of Cape Town, South Africa)</li> <li>• Amina Jindani (St. George's University of London, UK)</li> <li>• Stefan Kauffman (Max Planck Society, Germany)</li> <li>• Christian Lienhardt (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), France)</li> <li>• Eusebio Macete (Manhiça Health Research Center, Mozambique)</li> <li>• Peter Robert Mason (Biomedical Research and Training Institute (BRTI), Zimbabwe)</li> <li>• Helen McIlleron (University of Cape Town, South Africa)</li> <li>• Rosemary Musonda (Botswana Harvard Partnership (BHP)/(Botswana-Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership), Botswana)</li> <li>• Peter Mwaba (University Teaching Hospital, Zambia)</li> <li>• Tom Ottenhoff (Leiden University, Netherlands)</li> <li>• Zulmira Almeida da Silva (Hospital José Macamo, Mozambique)</li> <li>• Gerhard Walzl (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)</li> <li>• Lynn Zijenah (University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe)</li> <li>• Alimuddin Zumla (University College London, UK)</li> </ul>
Objectives:	To build capacity and strengthening of new and established sites including infrastructure for the conduct of clinical trials in HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in accordance with the highest ethical and Good Clinical Practice. The network also aims on building experience and infrastructure in clinical trial design, biomarker discovery and research project management.
Status:	Ongoing
Results and outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TESA website: <a href="http://www.tesafrica.org">www.tesafrica.org</a></li> <li>2. Management: Upgrade in lab infrastructure and IT system have taken place in Botswana, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South African sites. Approx. 60 research staff is being supported by the NoE grant</li> <li>3. Malaria: Currently there are no ongoing malaria activities. The network has failed twice to get EDCTP senior fellowship grants</li> <li>4. HIV: HIV incidence study protocol has been finalised in Malawi. An EDCTP funded Senior Fellowship awarded to Dr. Takafira Mduluza attached to BHP, started in 2009</li> <li>5. TB: Preparations for a multi-site epidemiological study are underway. A prevalence study of TB and MDR-TB among HIV+ patients on HAART which will involve all sites is in preparation. An EDCTP funded Senior Fellowship awarded to Mark Hatherill attached to UCT, started in 2009</li> <li>6. Training: over 500 laboratory staff, researchers and investigators, have attended, at least one, TESA short courses The short course trainings included; Project Management, Laboratory Management, Research Ethics and Methods, TB- DR/TB and HIV lab diagnostic techniques, biomarker studies, PK/PD assay development methods and TB/HIV clinical courses in addition to; GCP</li> </ol>

	<p>/GCLP across all sites. Through the NoE grant 13 MPhil/MSc students, 5 PhD and 3 Post Docs have been identified, registered with universities and supervised within the network of excellence. All sites have strengthened the existing or formed new community advisory boards (CAB).</p>
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