



**EDCTP**

European & Developing Countries  
Clinical Trials Partnership



# The power of sharing science

The EDCTP programme is supported under  
Horizon 2020, the European Union's Framework  
Programme for Research and Innovation.



## OUR MISSION

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To reduce poverty in sub-Saharan Africa through improved health by funding collaborative research to enhance research capacity and accelerate the development of new or improved medical interventions against poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases.



# WHAT WE DO

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We fund research in sub-Saharan Africa to accelerate the clinical development of effective, safe, accessible, suitable, and affordable medical interventions for poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases.

We support international alignment, coordination and integration of national research agendas and programmes for poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases.

We seek to collaborate with many stakeholders including research institutions, development organisations, funders, pharmaceutical companies, and product development partnerships.

We offer a single European-African platform for research cooperation and funding.

We promote African co-ownership of the EDCTP programme and the development of clinical research capacity and scientific leadership in sub-Saharan Africa.

We support sub-Saharan African countries to develop their capacity for conducting clinical trials in compliance with fundamental ethical principles and relevant (inter)national standards and regulations.

## OVER THE COURSE OF THE PROGRAMME WE AIM TO:



Support **at least 150 clinical trials**



See **more than 1000 peer-reviewed scientific publications** generated by EDCTP-funded research



Support more than **400 research fellows and MSc/ PhD students from sub-Saharan Africa** with **at least 90% continuing their research career in sub-Saharan Africa**



Strengthen the **regulatory framework** and increase capacity for **research ethics review** in sub-Saharan Africa



Secure participation of **at least 30 sub-Saharan African countries** in EDCTP-funded projects



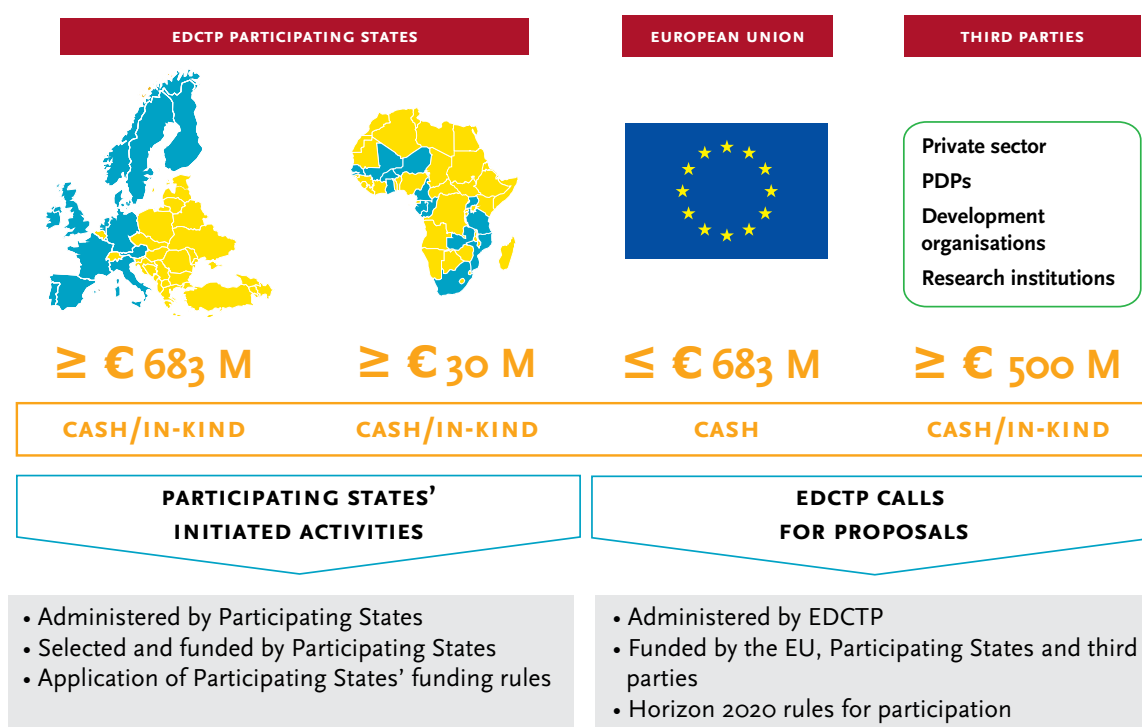
Ensure that **at least 50% of public investments in poverty-related diseases by the European Participating States will be aligned, coordinated or integrated** through the EDCTP programme.

# WHO WE ARE

The **European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP)** is a public-public partnership between institutions mandated by the governments of European and sub-Saharan African countries (i.e. Participating States), and the European Union.

The current EDCTP programme will run for ten years from 2014 to 2024. The partnership aims for a €2 billion budget, having already secured €1.36 billion in pledges. This includes a commitment of up to €683 million from the European Union (EU) to match the contributions from the European countries that are members of the EDCTP Association. Additional funding will be sought from public and private third parties.

The programme is implemented as part of the European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Horizon 2020.



EDCTP is governed by the Participating States through its General Assembly. Representatives of the European Commission, the African Union and the World Health Organisation are observers.

The EDCTP Association was incorporated under Dutch law. The Association is the legal structure to execute the tasks the EU has entrusted to EDCTP.

EDCTP was established in 2003 as a research programme undertaken by 16 European countries with the support of the European Union in response to the global health crisis caused by HIV, tuberculosis and malaria. It was the largest programme targeting clinical trials in sub-Saharan Africa under the EU's 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for Research. The first EDCTP programme closed in December 2015.

# WHAT WE FUND

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EDCTP supports all phases of clinical trials (with a focus on phase II and III clinical trials) as well as product-focused implementation research, for new or improved medical interventions against poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases, including advanced testing and field validation of new diagnostic tools.

## POVERTY-RELATED DISEASES COVERED BY EDCTP

**HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected infectious diseases** (Buruli ulcer; cysticercosis/taeniasis; dengue; dracunculiasis; echinococcosis; foodborne trematodiasis; Hansen disease; human African trypanosomiasis; leishmaniasis; lymphatic filariasis; mycetoma; onchocerciasis; rabies; schistosomiasis; soil-transmitted helminthiasis; trachoma; yaws); **diarrhoeal diseases; lower respiratory tract infections**, as well as **emerging infectious diseases** of particular relevance for Africa, such as Ebola virus disease and yellow fever.

## CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

The topics for most EDCTP calls for proposals are broad and non-disease specific to maintain flexibility in financing. This allows for timely funding of clinical trials of promising candidate drugs or vaccines, accommodating unexpected approaches and novel ideas, as well as supporting a response to emerging infectious diseases.

EDCTP calls for proposals are open to participation of researchers globally provided they team up with European and sub-Saharan African partners. Only researchers and/or institutions from sub-Saharan Africa, the European Union or one of the countries associated to Horizon 2020 are eligible to receive and administer EDCTP funding directly.

### RESEARCH & INNOVATION ACTIONS (RIA)

Multicentre clinical trials that are conducted by research consortia involving both European and African research teams, with integrated capacity development and networking elements.

### COORDINATION & SUPPORT ACTIONS (CSA)

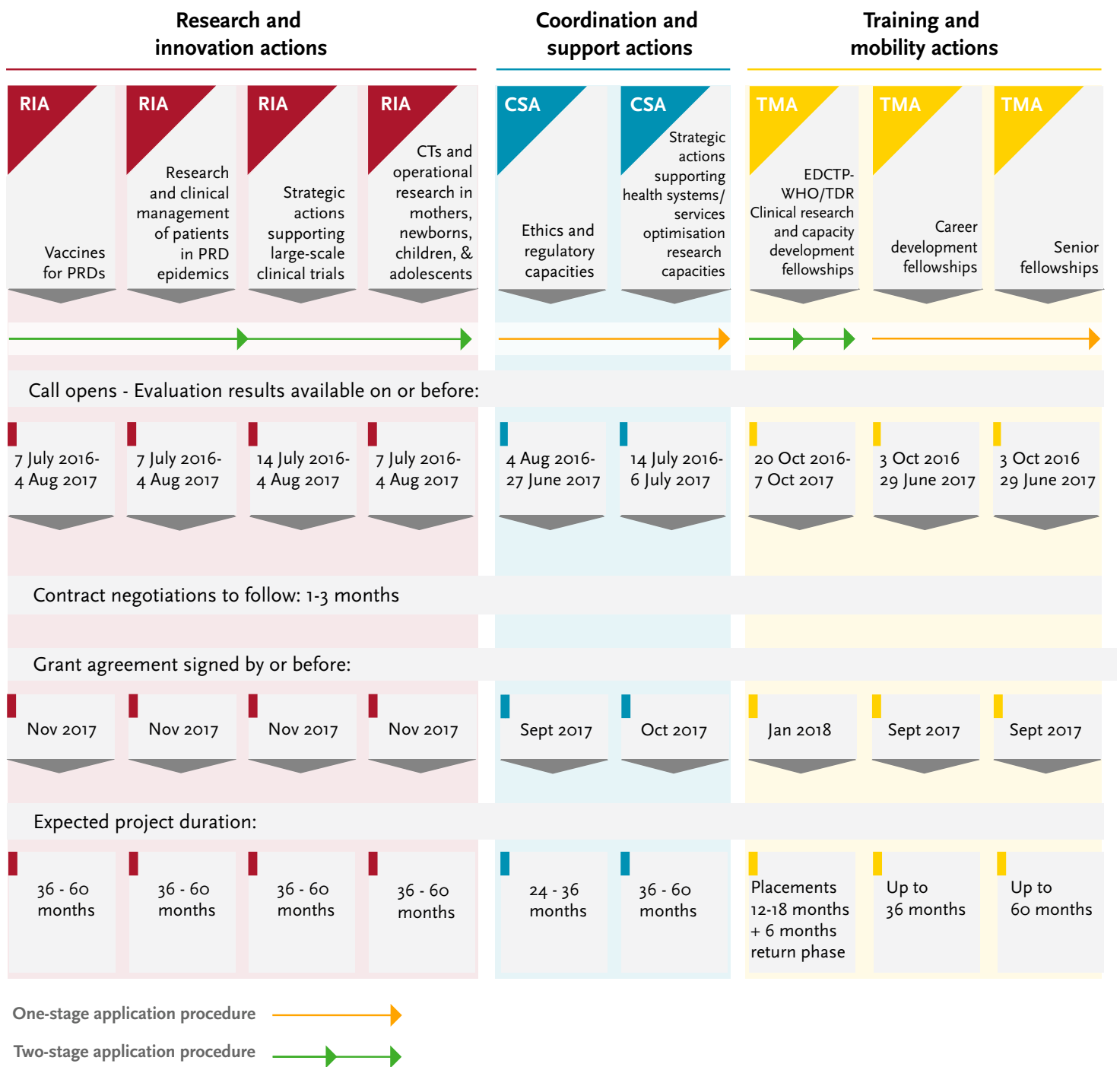
Support of activities that strengthen the enabling environment for conducting clinical trials and clinical research, including ethical review and regulatory capacity.

### TRAINING & MOBILITY ACTIONS (TMA)

Fellowships that focus on the career development of individual researchers or research team members.

The EDCTP calls for proposals are supported through three distinct types of Horizon 2020 'actions': The topics of our calls for proposals are informed by an ongoing consultation process with our stakeholders through meetings and workshops with academia, pharmaceutical industry, product development partners, international research and development organisations and health research funders outside Europe and Africa. The independent EDCTP Scientific Advisory Committee advises the General Assembly of the EDCTP Association on the scientific and strategic development of the programme. The funding of projects is based on annual work plans and the priorities outlined in the EDCTP2 Strategic Business Plan.

# OUR 2016 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS



More information about the calls for proposals can be found on the EDCTP website (<http://www.edctp.org/funding-opportunities/calls/>).