



## Partnership in Postgraduate Education

# PPE

## Education and Advanced Training of Scientific Personnel from Cooperating Countries

### Duration

2016–2021

### Budget/year

approx. 50,000 EUR

### Partner countries

Variable

### Challenges addressed by the project

Within international cooperation projects, a need for further training or education opportunities often emerges among project staff. This can represent the acquisition of a specific scientific methodology, or the elaboration of a concrete question, which has not yet been addressed at the partner institution. In order to satisfy these training needs, which are often limited and critical to the success of a project, funding is essential.

### Objectives

The aim of this project is to establish and intensify cooperation at eye level in order to give scientific personnel from partner countries access to novel technologies and methodologies in the fields of laboratory diagnostics and epidemiology. In particular, the project aims at:

- » Identifying training needs in public health institutes, universities and laboratories in partner countries
- » Providing administrative support to organise the stay of guest researchers in Berlin

### Overview of activities

Qualified scientists from partner countries are given the opportunity to conduct research on a particular issue or attend a workshop to learn new methodologies, and thereby acquire additional skills. The duration of their stay can be from one week to six months. Knowledge transfer is based on the Train-the-Trainer principle, i.e. after their stay at the RKI, guests should be able to pass on the acquired knowledge in their home countries. The project is aimed primarily at scientists, who permanently work in the public health service or laboratory in their home countries and can thus serve as multipliers. Since 2017, scientists from the following countries have been supported by PPE:

**2017:** A total of 8 guest scientists from Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Sudan

**2018:** A total of 12 guest researchers from Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Peru, Tajikistan, Sri Lanka and Nigeria

**2019:** A total of 6 guest scientists from South Africa, Tunisia, the Philippines and Nigeria



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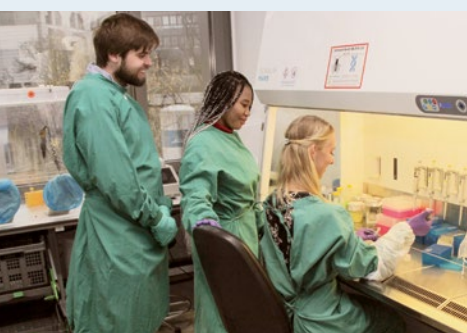
Researchers at the RKI, 2018



Visit of the Berlin Wall Memorial, 2018



Guest scientist from Nigeria spent five months at  
the RKI, 2020



Study visit in the framework of PPE, 2019

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**2020:** A total of 9 visiting scientists from Côte d'Ivoire, Tunisia, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Tajikistan were planned. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak only 3 guests from Sri Lanka and Nigeria were able to come.

## Partner institutions

National public health institutes, universities and laboratories:

- » Centre Muraz (CM), Burkina Faso
- » University Teaching Hospital (CHU Bouaké), Côte d'Ivoire
- » Kinshasa University Hospital, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- » Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Nigeria
- » Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Nigeria
- » Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria
- » University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- » Naval Hospital Medical Center (Hospital Centro Médico Naval), Peru
- » Epidemiology Bureau, Department of Health, Philippines
- » University of Pretoria (UP), South Africa
- » Colombo Teaching Hospital-Ragama, Sri Lanka
- » Central Laboratory, Sudan
- » Avicenna Tajik State Medical University (ATSMU), Tajikistan
- » Charles Nicolle Hospital, Tunisia

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