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Public Health Actions for Côte d'Ivoire

Context

Pathogens with outbreak potential, including zoonotic types, pose severe hazards to public health. This threat gets aggravated when, simultaneously, antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs, decreasing options or making it even impossible to treat. For both occurrences, laboratory surveillance is key - either regarding the investigation of pathogens with epidemic potential or concerning the surveillance of resistant bacteria. To be effective, information needs to be integrated into national health policies and translated into infection prevention and outbreak control measures. This project aims to strengthen this public health capacity in Côte d'Ivoire, a country with an increased risk of zoonotic spillovers, infectious disease outbreaks and AMR. Building on previous projects, such as the GHPP projects TRICE, ARGOS and PASQUALE, it aims to further address the country's key public health needs. Focussing on strengthening the public health workforce, this project trains public health staff in laboratory surveillance and outbreak investigations. It strengthens infection prevention and control programs and supports the integration of disease control into the national health policy. Further, the project expands the collaboration with the Antimicrobial Resistance Coordinating Committee. All measures improve public health decision-making and thereby ultimately the health and well-being of the population.

Objective

Strengthening national public health capacities in infectious disease surveillance and prevention in Côte d'Ivoire.

Key facts

Duration 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025

Budget ~ EUR 2.5 million

Partner countries Côte d'Ivoire

Region Western Africa



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Commissioning party German Federal Ministry of Health (BMG)

Thematic focus

(Strengthening of public health systems Outbreak management Surveillance and reporting
(Infection prevention and control Laboratory diagnostics One Health Digital solution
(Resolutions and international agreements

Activities



TRAINING AND COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT Training scientists and other public health staff in genomic surveillance and outbreak investigation



NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

Providing laboratory mentoring on AMR diagnostics; expanding collaboration with the National AMR Coordinating Committee via knowledge-sharing workshops

In cooperation with

- Centre Hospitalier et Universitaire de Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire
- Alassane Ouattara University (UAO), Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Côte d'Ivoire
- Helmholtz Institute for One Health (HIOH), Germany



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Strengthening infection prevention and control programmes via outreach activities, workshops and training; establishing workflows for genomic surveillance



RESEARCH AND PROVISION OF EVIDENCE

Conducting a study on infection prevention and control; conducting a policy analysis to unify and strengthen national public health actions

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