



BICMINS FACT SHEET

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The BICMINS (Building Institutional Capacity at the Mozambique INS) project aims at building institutional capacity at INS to strengthen the evidence base of the public health system in Mozambique. The project is financed since 2012 by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Flemish government.

BICMINS is conceived around three results:

- governance and management, providing the opportunity to the INS to strengthen managerial tools and procedures;
- human resources, ensuring capacity building at all (from junior to senior) levels;
- research and surveillance.

The collaboration between ITM and INS aims at allowing INS to put in place tools and mechanisms to promote a culture of scientific quality.

KEY OUTPUTS (2012-2017)

1 GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

- Institutional management audit was carried out, which identified gaps and developed action plan to address them (training sessions for middle managers on leadership, personal efficacy, performance, evaluation, organisational development, financial management);
- Triannual report 2010-2012 was published and distributed;
- Two external audits done for 2012 to 2015 fiscal years and external auditor report published;
- The internal procedures and Standard Operating Procedures for the scientific and ethical committees were developed and both committees are operational.

2 HUMAN RESOURCES

- 23 professionals from the Minister of Health finalised a Master in Health Science (collaboration with FIOCRUZ/Brazil) and one was enrolled at the Belgian University of Leuven (KU Leuven);
- Three PhD students enrolled at ITM;
- Nine short courses for INS staff were organised in Maputo, with 15 participants per course;
- Two short courses at ITM/UAntwerpen: three participants;
- Nine students integrated in the scientific initiation program;
- Fellowship programme for advanced scientists established. Assignment of 59 fellowships to mid-level and senior INS staff.

RESEARCH & SURVEILLANCE

- National Research Agenda developed and approved;
- Allocation of 28 internal research grants (the proposals were reviewed by more than 60 external national and international scientists);
- Several meetings with policy makers were organised: two research days per year organized for Ministry of Health, partners and public; national health conference every 3 years (more than 1000 delegates in Maputo in 2015); regional health conference every two years (in 2014 central region, 2016 northern region: more than 200 delegates);
- More than 100 peer review publications.

ONGOING PHD PROJECTS



Raquel Matavele: Regulatory T Cells - Dynamic during HIV subtype C early Infection and Impact of priming with HIVIS-DNA and Boost with MVA-CMDR.

Expected defence : 2018. Supervisors: Prof. Luc Kestens (ITM) & Ilesh Jani (INS)



Paolo Arnaldo: Malaria in pregnancy: effect of intermittent preventive treatment (IPT) on parasitaemia, anemia and birth weight and influence of the host genetic variants in the clinical manifestation of the disease. Expected defence:

2018. Supervisors: Anna Rosanas (ITM) & Sónia Enosse (INS)



Idalecia Cossa Moiane: The Role of Intestinal Parasite Infections In the Dual Burden of Child Undernutrition And Adult Obesity in Mozambique. Expected defence: 2019. Supervisors: Katja Polman (ITM) & Nilsa de Deus (INS)

What's next?

In the years ahead, INS and ITM will also tackle antibiotic resistance, a major public health threat in Mozambique.

Building up antibiotic resistance surveillance will generate the necessary evidence to improve treatment and policies and strategies to combat antibiotic resistance.

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Other available materials upon request:

- General presentation INS
- Pictures

LINKS:

- Instituto Nacional de Saúde, Maputo, Mozambique:
www.ins.gov.mz
- Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp, Belgium:
www.itg.be