Integrated Control of Neglected Zoonoses (ICONZ)

Comprehensive International Research Program to Improve Human and Animal Health

Description	ICONZ is a five-year effort aiming to improve human health and animal production in developing countries through integrated control of neglected zoonoses in animals, based on scientific innovation and public engagement. The project is mapping global research on neglected zoonoses, improving knowledge and information on neglected zoonoses, improving and developing disease control tools, developing integrated intervention packages for clusters of neglected zoonoses, researching socio-economic and institutional constraints along with cultural aspects and appropriate messaging, building capacity through technology transfer and training, and communicating and disseminating their work.
Purpose	The overall strategic objective of ICONZ is to improve human and animal health, alleviate poverty, and contribute to the Millennium Development Goals. http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/bkgd.shtml
Scope	Regional – Africa.
Primary Funders	The European Commission's Community Research and Development Information Service for Science, Research and Development (CORDIS) Seventh Framework Programme for research and technology development (FP7).
Participants & Key Collaborators	University of Edinburgh, UK (Project Coordinator), plus 20 European and African research institutes, universities, and small and medium enterprises.
Definition of One Health	Follows the definition afforded by the external action arm of the European Union: "The improvement of health and well-being through (i) the prevention of risks and the mitigation of effects of crises that originate at the interface between humans, animals and their various environments and (ii) promoting a cross-sectoral, collaborative, '"whole of society'" approach to health hazards, as a systemic change of perspective in the management of risks."
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	Monitoring occurs from the perspective of the seven ICONZ case studies, in conjunction with the 12 work package leaders, to ensure overall project deliverables are met. The ICONZ management board consisting of work package and case study leaders, in conjunction with the ICONZ secretariat based in Edinburgh is overseen by an independent, International Advisory Committee. Additionally, the case study project manager travels to all 7 ICPC countries to meet with staff on a regular basis and assess progress.
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