The Program Against African Trypanosomiasis (PAAT)

Intergovernmental Collaboration to Coordinate Disease Control

Description

The Program Against African Trypanosomiasis (PAAT) was established in 1997 to provide overall direction and focus to the activities of all those concerned with and affected by this disease. The Program has been based on the recognized need for improved collaboration and coordination between UN Agencies, International Organizations, research institutes, donors, development agencies, governments and affected rural communities. The program management is delegated to a joint secretariat composed of FAO, AU/IBAR, IAEA and WHO. Since its creation, PAAT has been acting as the principal alliance tackling Trypanosomosis by means of concerted international planning and action, prioritized and problem-driven research, focused investments and interventions, integrated vector and disease control and the participation of local communities.

Purpose

The program goal is to identify a solution to the problem of tsetse and trypanosomiasis, both human and animal, in the broader context of food security, health, rural development and sustainable agriculture. PAAT's ultimate goal remains the Sustainable Development of Agriculture and Livestock in areas affected by tsetse and Trypanosomosis intervention.

Scope

Regional – Africa.

Primary Funders

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the African Union/Interafrican Bureau of Animal Resources (AU-IBAR).

Participants & Key Collaborators

FAO, AU/IBAR, IAEA, WHO. Further UN partners of PAAT are the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The private sector collaborates with PAAT through the International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH). Lately a collaborative agreement was established with ALive (African Livestock Partnership). List of donors: http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/programmes/en/paat/donors.html.

Definition of One Health

Unknown.

Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy

Unknown.

Sources of Information

http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/programmes/en/paat/home.html

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