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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Established in 1975 the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) is hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and is co-sponsored by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank and WHO. TDR's position as a United Nations-based research programme, engaging with a wide variety of global stakeholders, has provided it with a unique opportunity to develop essential health tools and strategies that serve the needs of the most vulnerable people. Since its earliest days, TDR has been committed to the two interdependent objectives of supporting research to improve the control of infectious diseases of poverty and strengthening the capability of disease affected countries to perform essential health research.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Supporting research that improves implementation of new and proven interventions
- Increasing the capacity to do this research at different levels in the health system
- Tapping into the power of global engagement to facilitate a global response
- Digital health and innovation

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

TDR supports research into how neglected populations access and benefit from proven health interventions, identifying and overcoming barriers. Work is conducted with country programmes, researchers and communities so that research is driven locally. Each project contributes to building in-country capacity for research. In addition to that, the Health Product Profile Directory aims to promote research and development for products to combat neglected diseases and threats to global health, including antimicrobial resistance and diseases with pandemic potential.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

TDR is governed and guided by a Joint Coordination Board, a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee and a Standing Committee. There are approximately 30-35 TDR staff members based in Geneva, who work with thousands of researchers across the world. The director of TDR is Dr John Reeder.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

TDR depends on voluntary contributions from donors for most of its income. National

governments and international institutions contribute to the organisation's core budget, while specific project funding comes from foundations such as USAID and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The JCB has approved two budget scenarios for 2018-2019 at USD 40 million and at USD 50 million. The step-by-step implementation of either scenario depends on the funds that will be available.

PUBLICATIONS

See: <http://www.who.int/tdr/publications/en/>

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