EAC Mobile Labs

Mobile Medical Laboratories to Improve Disease Outbreak Response in East Africa

Funding 10 Million Euro

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Deployment of nine mobile laboratories in the East African Community Partner States to ensure rapid diagnosis of viral hemorrhagic fevers and epidemic prone infectious diseases and strengthen their overall capacity to respond to cross border epidemics

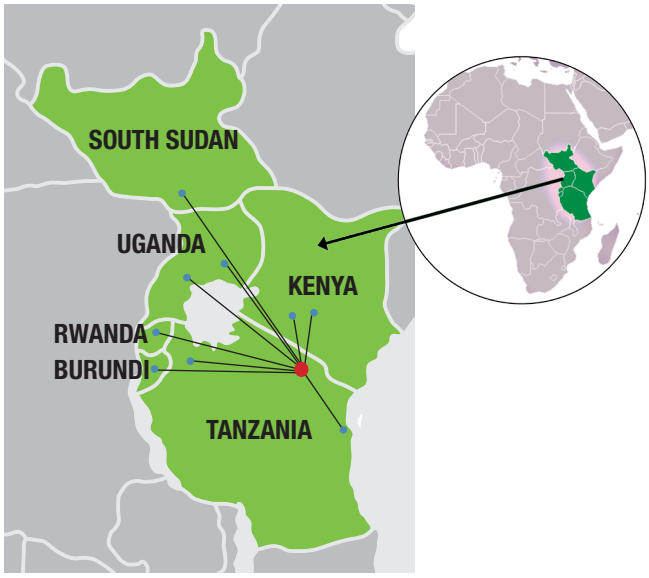
Regional Coordination

East African Community (EAC) Secretariat, Arusha, Tanzania

Consultants

Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM) (Laboratory)

GOPA - Infra GmbH (Procurement)



Burundi: Institut National de Santé Publique (INSP)

Kenya: National Public Health Laboratory Services

Rwanda: National Reference Laboratory (NRL)

South Sudan: Public Health Laboratory and National Blood Transfusion Centre

Tanzania: National Health Laboratory Quality Assurance and Training Centre (NHLQATC)

Uganda: Central Public Health Laboratorties (CPHL)

Project Interventions

- State-of-the-art diagnostics services
- Regional proficiency testing to assure quality
- Harmonized Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Training of regional pool of 70+ laboratory personnel in mobile laboratory diagnostics
- Surveillance of epedemic-prone diseases and antimicrobial drug resistance
- Regional exchange of expertise and joint cross-border investigations
- Establishment of collaborative international networks

East African Community Regional Network of Public Health Reference Laboratories for Communicalble Diseases
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