Expectations, experiences and impact of engagement between health researchers and schools in Kenya

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Scaling-up: The need for novel approaches

2010 – Outreach to 3 secondary schools

2012 – Outreach to 5 secondary schools

2015 – Outreach to 25 secondary schools
Current Schools Engagement Programme

Face-to-face activities - 5 schools per year
- Students visiting KWTRP
- Researchers visiting schools
- Support with school science clubs
- Science debate competitions

Less Intensive engagement – up to 20 schools per year
- Science competition and symposium
- On-line interactions
- I am a scientist get me out of here
- SEP-KEMRI website
Current Schools Engagement Programme

School leavers attachment scheme

• 9 top performing students from Kilifi County
• 6th cohort of 9 currently being recruited
• Annual 3-month attachment
Quantitative methods
Student surveys

Qualitative methods
• Group discussions
• Interviews

Participatory Video

External Influences

Interactions 1

Interactions 2

Interactions 3
Thanks

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