Theme 4: Policy, Economics & Implementation

POLICYMAKER INVOLVEMENT - BRASIL

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**HUMAN RESOURCES**
- Clinical training
- Lab training
- HR management

**ACCESS & PROCUREMENT**
- Diagnostic kits
- Consumables
- Equipment
- Medicines

**PROCESSES**
- Clinical algorithms
- Lab algorithms
- Lumbar puncture pack
- Logistics

*Each component tailored to hospitals’ needs & capacity*
Likely impediments to the study/intervention

Study:
• Ethics approvals
• Other local regulatory approvals

Intervention (in addition to systems change being difficult!):
• Resource constraints
• Insights and buy-in from:
  • Local (department & hospital) decision makers
  • Higher-level (district, state & national) policy makers
• Public health system is very hierarchical, which can be difficult to navigate; involving state health department is important for change
• Doctors are driven by motivations for income: private practice
• Northeast Brasil is poor, and activities there are seen as lower priority
Existing fora & lines of communication

Previous work/agreements with relevant policymakers:

• Zika-related research involved regular meetings with national and international policymakers (including WHO & UN)
• Rafael helped with national arbovirus guidelines

Current working groups/ongoing projects with policymakers:

• Zika-related project with WHO
• Rafael also has WHO project
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<th>Role</th>
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<td>Director - Hospital da Restauração</td>
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<td>Marcelo Barbosa Cavalcanti</td>
<td>Director - Hospital Mestre Vitalino</td>
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<td>Luciana Albuquerque</td>
<td>Secretary of Health Surveillance - Pernambuco</td>
<td>State</td>
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<td>Giselle Fonseca</td>
<td>(Office of) Director for Health - Pernambuco</td>
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<td>George Dimech</td>
<td>Head - Epidemiological surveillance (infectious diseases) - Pernambuco</td>
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<td>Claudenise Pontis</td>
<td>Head - Arboviruses - Pernambuco</td>
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<td>Jailson Correia</td>
<td>Secretary, Recife Municipal Health Department</td>
<td>City</td>
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<td>Happy to assist but does not govern hospital services</td>
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Key people to contact - pending

• Luisa Macedo (Secretary for Hospital Services, Pernambuco State Health Department): could be helpful later
Domains/components of the intervention to prioritise for policymaker involvement

- **HUMAN RESOURCES**
  - HR management

- **ACCESS & PROCUREMENT**
  - Diagnostic kits
  - Consumables
  - Equipment
  - Medicines

- **PROCESSES**
  - Logistics
Plan for involvement in intervention

Key policymakers to involve in intervention development:

• Hospital directors
• Heads of department
• Secretary for Health Surveillance: keen to be involved throughout intervention development
Plan for wider dissemination

Mandatory dissemination requirements:
• CONEP (national ethics committee)

For policymakers not involved in developing the intervention:
• Plan yet to be made

Other policymakers:
• Yet to be identified
Questions/Discussion