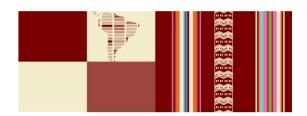


# **EDCTP: Connecting and building research excellence across Africa**







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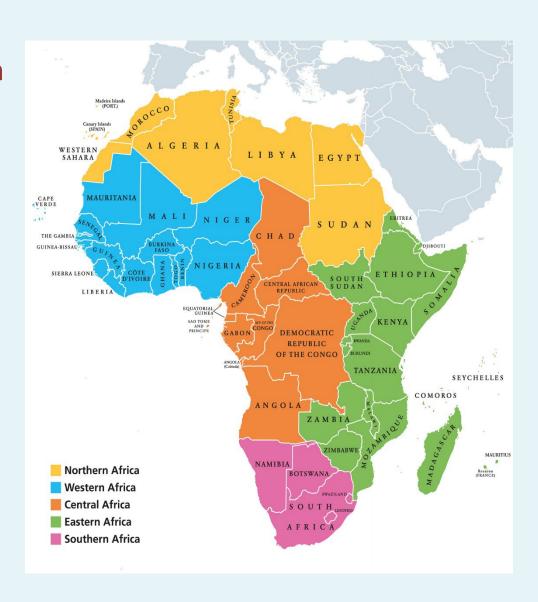
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## Does Africa have a central role in Global Health Research?

- Biggest genetic diversity in one continent
- One health (human, environment & animals) very exemplified
- Predominantly youthful population
- Biggest burden of disease per million population



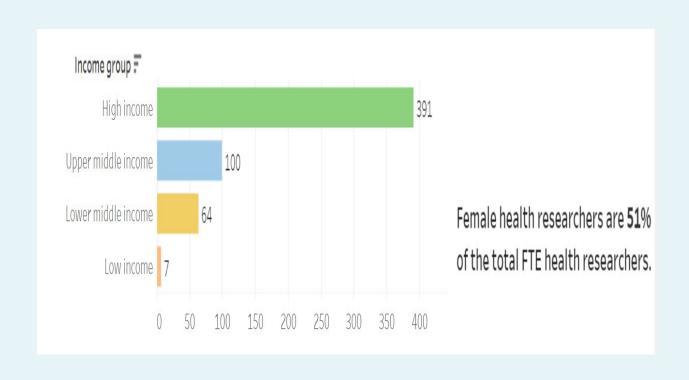
### Millions of unresearched survivors: ME

#### Malawi statistics

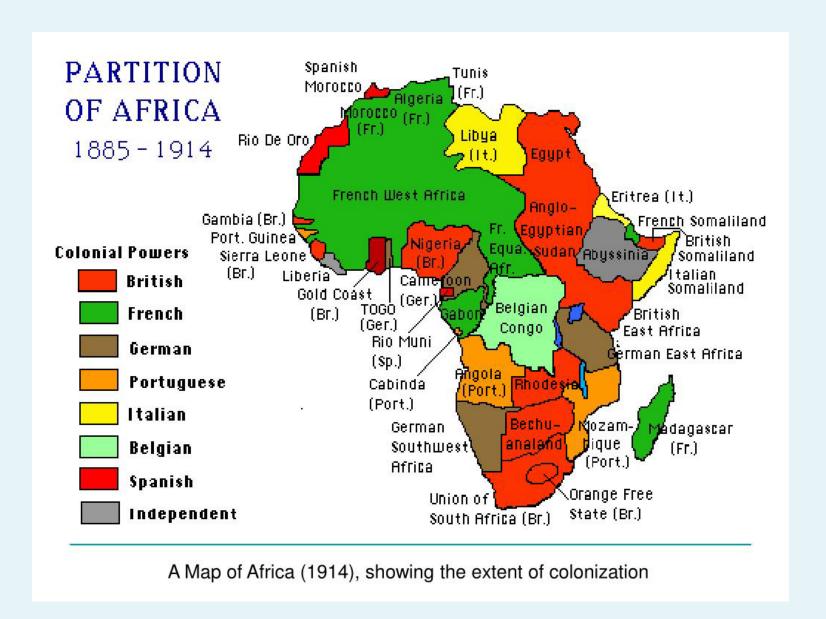
Year	Under-5 Mortality per 1000 live births				
1964	356.20				
1974	316.40				
1984	249.50				
2004	119.70				



### FTE health researchers per 1 million inhabitants



### **Language barriers**



# Can anything to do with money be safe in Africa?



# **EDCTP's Investments in the Regional Networks of Excellence**

Four regional Networks of Excellence were established:
CANTAM (Central Africa),
EACCR (Eastern Africa), TESA
(Southern Africa) and
WANETAM (Western Africa) to improve clinical trial capacity and site preparedness in each region, with an initial focus on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

2008

The four regional networks received additional funding of €12 million to help them build on the results of their first grants. The networks expanded their remit to include other poverty-related infectious diseases and emerging/re-emerging epidemics relevant to Africa.

2016

The four regional networks established by EDCTP were invited to apply for an extension on their 2015 grants through a competitive call for proposals.

2020

2007

To further strengthen and spread the capacity for conducting quality clinical trials, EDCTP launched under its first programme a call worth of €10 million to support regional Networks of Excellence for conducting clinical trials.

2015

Under its second programme, a new call was launched to support regional networking in sub-Saharan Africa and with Europe, building on results from regional networks supported under the first EDCTP programme.

2019

An independent mid-term evaluation of the Networks highlighted a number of successes. The report also noted that were opportunities to build on the foundation established and to develop more extensive North-South collaborations.

2021

A grant value €18 million was awarded to the four networks.

This funding was also granted to support new activities that expanded on previous EDCTP investments.

A further €2 million was awarded by the UK DHSC via EDCTP to address gender and diversity gaps in clinical research capacity at the EDCTP Regional Networks.

**EDCTP REGIONAL NETWORKS OF EXCELLENCE FOR CLINICAL TRIALS (EDCTP1)** 

**Western Africa: WANETAM** Website: www.wanetam.org

> • Burkina Faso Mali • The Gambia • Nigeria • Ghana Senegal United States

**Central Africa: CANTAM** 

Website: www.cantam.org

 Cameroon • France · Congo, Republic of the Germany

• Gabon

• Guinea-Bissau

**Eastern Africa: EACCR** 

Website: www.eaccr.org

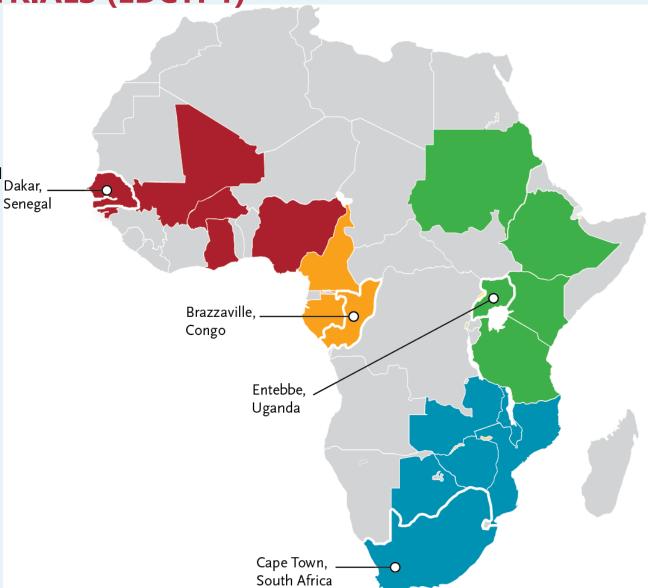
 Kenya Germany • Sudan • Sweden Ethiopia United Kingdom Tanzania United States

• Uganda

Southern Africa: TESA

Website: www.tesafrica.org

• Botswana Zimbabwe • France Malawi Mozambique Germany • South Africa Netherlands • Zambia United Kingdom



## **EDCTP Regional Networks** of Excellence (EDCTP2)

#### **African countries**

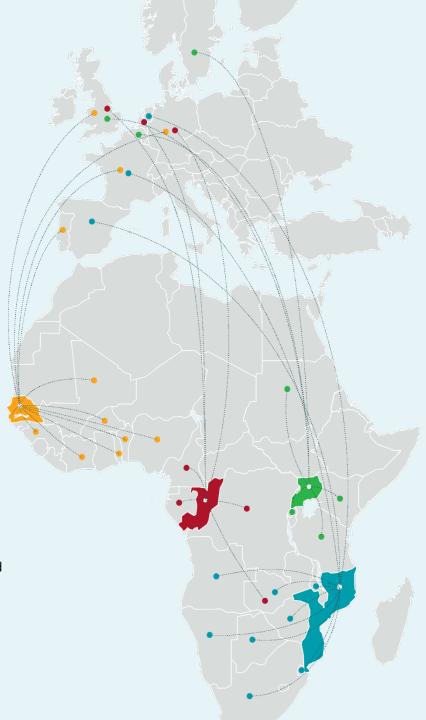
- Angola
- Benin
- 3. Botswana
- Burkina Faso
- 5. Cameroon
- 6. Congo
- Cote d'Ivoire
- 8. Democratic Republic of the Congo 9. Eswatini
- 10. Gabon
- 11. The Gambia
- 12. Guinea
- 13. Kenya
- 14. Malawi
- 15. Mali
- 16. Mozambique
- 17. Namibia
- 18. Nigeria
- 19. Rwanda
- 20. Senegal
- 21. South Africa
- 22. Sudan
- 23. Tanzania
- 24. Togo
- 25. Uganda
- 26. Zambia
- 27. Zimbabwe

#### **European countries**

- France
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- **United Kingdom**

#### **CANTAM3**

- Central Africa clinical research Network
- **EACCR3** 
  - Eastern Africa Consortium for Clinical Research
- **WANETAM3** 
  - West African Network for TB Aids and malaria
- **TESA3** Trials of Excellence in Southern Africa



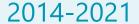
## **NoE Outputs**

	Publications	MSc	PhD	PostDoc	Workshop attendances
CANTAM	78	23	23	2	1935
EACCR	150	20	5	31	569
TESA	40	24	11	4	598
WANETAM	16	13	10	5	83
Total	284	80	49	42	3185

#### Collaborations:

- TGHN
- PANDORA-ID-NET
- ALERRT
- EXIT-TB
- MMV (Pyramax)
- PAVIA
- PROFORMA
- WELTEL (HIV)

## **Country involvement in clinical studies**





**EDCTP-supported activities (#60)** 

2014-2021

#### **European countries**

Austria
 Belgium
 Denmark
 Finland

5. France6. Germany

7. Greece

8. Ireland

9. Italy

10. Luxemburg 11. Moldova

12. Netherlands

13. Norway 14. Poland. 15. Portugal

16. Spain

17. Sweden

18. Switzerland

19. United Kingdom

#### **African countries**

1. Angola

Benin
 Botswana

4. Burkina Faso

5. Cabo Verde

6. Cameroon

7. Central African Republic

8. Chad

9. Comoros

10. Congo

of Congo

12. Equatorial Guinea

13. Ethiopia

14. Eswatini

15. Gabon

16. The Gambia

17. Ghana

18. Guinea

19. Guinea-Bissau

20. Ivory Coast

21. Kenya

22. Liberia

23. Lesotho

24. Madagascar

25. Malawi

11. Democratic Republic 26. Mali of Congo 27. Mozambique

28. Namibia

29. Niger

30. Nigeria.

31. Rwanda

32. São Tomé and Príncipe

33. Senegal

34. Sierra Leone

35. South Africa

36. Sudan

37. Tanzania

38. Togo

39. Uganda

40. Zambia

41. Zimbabwe



## Thank you





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