Analysis of strength and weakness on PATTEC initiative implementation in countries and the way-forward to expedite the process

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21 Countries responded by June 2013

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Thematic Areas

Part 1: General and first technical Information
- Background Information about the National PATTEC Project Office
- Situation in the Country
- Operating Capacities of Human African Trypanosomiasis
- Operating Capacities of Animal African Trypanosomiasis
- Vector Control

Part 2: Results Based Management (Projects and Programmes Planning and Elaboration, Funding, Implementation and Monitoring Evaluation)
- Projects and Programmes Planning and Elaboration Process
- Projects Funding and Advocacy
- Projects Implementation and Management
- Projects Monitoring and Evaluation

Part 3: GIS and Data Management Application in the Project
- GIS and Data Management Capacity of the project
- GIS Application, Implementation Capacity

Part 4: Partnership and Collaboration arrangement
- Partnership and Collaboration
Challenges and Strength – SWOT Analysis

Objective:

• What strength countries have recorded?
• Indicating existing challenges countries facing to implement the PATTEC initiatives
• Draw the way-forward based on findings of the SWOT Analysis result
## SWOT Data Gap

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Strength

Political Will and Project Implementation

Government Support to T&T Projects

- Financial – allocation of national budget
- Political Commitment has increased e.g. Decentralising T&T activities
- Policy and Strategic Frameworks (strategic plan for T & T control/eradication in the country, *mainstreaming T&T issues in national planning*, national livestock *policy* and national land use policy)
- Willingness to increase Commitment for partnership

Well structured Project Management Strategy

- Regular Monitoring and Evaluation Framework in the System
- Project implementation document
- Result based project management methodology is in place
Strength

Human Resource

- Experienced, Competent, Dedicated Workforce
- Trained community to participate in mass treatment (AAT, Vector Control)
- Skilled staff in GPS
### Strength

#### Infrastructure, Institutions, Material Resources

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<td>• Health Infrastructure</td>
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<td>• Health delivery system (drugs, operational vehicles, dipping sites, techniques and equipments, etc)</td>
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<td>• Basic infrastructure for GIS Utilization in the Project (software and hardware)</td>
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Strength Partnership and Collaboration

- Readiness to Create partnership
- Financial, Technical and logistic support from partners
- Availability of Access to Technical Corporation support
- Involvement of Partners in activities such as permanent data exchange, expert missions, expert assistance, knowledge sharing
- Involvement of AU-PATTEC Coordination Office in creation regional and international partnership
- Involvement of various stakeholders (community, political leaders) at planning stage
- Good collaboration between inline Ministries (Multi-sectoral approach)
- Confidence between stakeholders
Strength

Awareness Creation and Advocacy Activities

- Existence of Sensitization and advocacy framework (esp. HAT)
- Availability of community awareness and support -> Capacity to mobilize quickly
- Increased awareness in community and at political leadership level

Research, Studies, Data

- Availability of Baseline data (prevalence data)
- Existence of on-shelf studies and researches
Strength

Other

- Less Vector Burden (both in Tsetse species and infested area)
- Conducive environment (Political stability)
Challenges

Human Resource Resources

- Lack of trained staff in specific expertise
  (Entomologist, GIS Analysts, Data Management officers, Project management Experts (Strategic planning, Monitoring and Evaluation), Resource Mobilization, Communication and Advocacy officers)

- Low motivation for project staff (incentives)
- High staff turn-over
- Lack of young specialized human resource
Challenges

Financial Resources

- Lack of Regular and Long-Run budget for PATTEC activities
- Lack of logistic Resources (Transport, diagnostic equipment, drugs, etc)

Infrastructure

- Inaccessibility of infested area due to lack of road infrastructure
Challenges

Partnership and Collaboration

- Limited access to funding partners
- Lack of the needed knowledge in establishing partnership
- Lack of **synergy between national institutions, line ministries project** (AAT and HAT control is not harmonized)
- Lack of involving stakeholders in project planning, data sharing, etc
- Weakness in active involvement from Steering committee and Project Management Unit
- Lack of communication between Country Coordinators
- Limited private service involvement
Challenges

Political Will and Project Implementation framework

- Insufficient technical & logistics support from Government
- Absence of National PATTEC formal structure
- Inadequate coordination on disease management
- Bureaucracy in procurement process
- The benefits of T&T control/eradication projects (production/productivity) tend not to be so easily noticeable, particularly in the short-term, to key policy/decision makers (authorities)
- Absence of M&E protocol in the project
- Lack of formal control strategy, standardized reporting system for AAT Cases
- Poor political support to the implementation of the project (eg. SAT)
- Lack of national policies, Contradicting mandates in animal disease act, wildlife act
- Existence of Complicated procurement procedures
Challenges

Advocacy Activities

- Reduced awareness and sensitivity to HAT in the at-risk communities due to diminished number of cases, lack of awareness creation activities, etc
- Weak advocacy mechanism (advocacy strategy) - Weak Communication and advocacy in the project -> Poor community involvement
Challenges

Research, studies and data
- Unavailability of baseline data or available data are too old or incompatible
- Lack of standard data management system
- Lack of communication on outputs

Others
- Political instability
- Reservoir of trypanosomiasis in wildlife in conservation areas
- Existence of large infested area
- Existence of multiple tsetse species in the country
Proposed Actions

• Resource mobilization: financial and technical support to countries from local and international partners is an instant request.

• Advocacy activities shall be intensified at the level of national and international Stakeholders.

• Partnership and Collaboration:
  ➢ Involvement of private sectors in T&T intervention.
  ➢ Sustainability of Technical support shall be insured through on-jobs training, Operational research, etc.
Proposed Actions

• Capacity Building:
  - High demands drawn from countries in capacity building: Entomology, Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation, GIS & data management
  - Need to create more opportunities for young expertise in the T&T domain
Thank You