DEVELOPMENT OF THE TDR STRATEGY 2024‒2029

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Starting point:
What was strong, what needs strengthening in the previous strategy

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Draft strategy consultations

• Consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including TDR JCB, STAC, resource contributors, WHO departments, PPPs, other funders of health research, country stakeholders, civil society organizations.

• Many, many responses, feedback, comments and words of support received.

• Overall feedback that current version is clear and well drafted.

• Overall, the focus on four key challenges (epidemics & outbreaks; control & elimination of diseases of poverty; climate change; resistance to treatment & control agents) well received.

• Importance of executive summary that is all encompassing of the spirit of the strategy reiterated to ensure even a reader with limited time can grasp what is being planned.
Selected specific response and feedback

Need to be made clearer or missing
- More clear focus on how TDR will achieve its strategy and results
- More details in some sections, to avoid it feeling too broad
- Link biodiversity in climate change and health
- Link to health systems could be better articulated
- Better set of indicators for “evidence to practice”

Strategy vision and impact
- Additional info on how TDR will achieve impact, with case studies and examples
- More metrics of impact in capacity strengthening and research ecosystems
- Better articulate TDR vision in the emerging Global Health order and how the programme envisages to interact with (and remain relevant)
- Better articulation of how will work with regional and global bodies in achieving impact (Africa CDC, other regional bodies)

General comments
- Better consistency of terms and language used in the draft
- Local leadership – TDR is uniquely positioned, what would success look like?
## Key achievements: The impact of TDR’s 2018–2023 Strategy

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<td>Evidence to policy: new solutions applied in countries since 2018</td>
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<td>instances when research projects supported by TDR informed policy and/or practice in countries to tackle infectious diseases of poverty</td>
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<td>Research grantees and trainees supported since 2018</td>
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<td>scientists supported through programmes such as the Postgraduate Training Scheme, Impact Grants for Regional Priorities and the Clinical Research and Development Fellowship Programme</td>
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<td>Institutions and networks strengthened since 2018</td>
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<td>research institutions and networks in disease-endemic countries expanded their scope of activities or increased fundraising because of TDR support</td>
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Making an impact
Theory of Change

VISION
The health and well-being of people burdened by infectious diseases of poverty is improved through research and innovation.

IMPACT
- PROGRESS ON SDGs: health, education, gender equality and equity, water, equitable access, climate change
- IMPROVED TOOLS: improvement in equitable delivery & access to better health

OUTCOMES
- Stronger more resilient health research system
- Evidence informs policy and behaviour

OUTPUTS
- Locally relevant research programmes developed
- Researchers with strengthened capacity
- New evidence generated
- Evidence communicated
- Impact of TDR activities reported

TDR ACTIVITIES
- Research priorities
- Research training
- Research support
- Research uptake
- Research impact
Global health challenges

- Control and elimination of diseases of poverty
- Climate change’s impact on health
- Resistance to treatment and control agents

One Health
Human Health + Animal Health + Environment
Research support

Research for delivery and access

Research for innovative solutions

Research for decision-making
Approaches to training
Next Steps

This year (after JCB approval):
• Distribution and publicity
• Staff retreat: how do we work differently
• Revision of website to reflect strategy

Operational from 1 January 2024

Next Year:
• Follow-ups and visits to stakeholders
• Develop performance and monitoring framework
• Develop investment case
• Adapt annual reporting to reflect new strategy
TDR Strategy
2024-2029
Building local research solutions to improve global health