
When spider webs unite.....

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Malaria – *the lion*



- Estimated 300 million cases annually
- 75% of global falciparum malaria cases
- More than 80% of malaria deaths in Africa.
- *P. falciparum* causes the vast majority of infections in endemic countries resulting in about 18% of deaths of children under 5 years of age.
- In endemic countries, malaria accounts for
 - 25 - 35% of all outpatient visits,
 - 20 - 45% of hospital admissions
 - 15 - 35 % of hospital deaths (World malaria report).
- Malaria places a great burden on the fragile health systems of the countries.
- Contributes to underdevelopment and poor economic growth



Malaria – a global problem

Nigerian proverb

*Bi ara ile eni ba nje kokoro ti a o so fun, huru kere re ko ni
je ki a sun l'oru*

If you choose to ignore your neighbour's problem (s) now, it will complicate your life in future.....

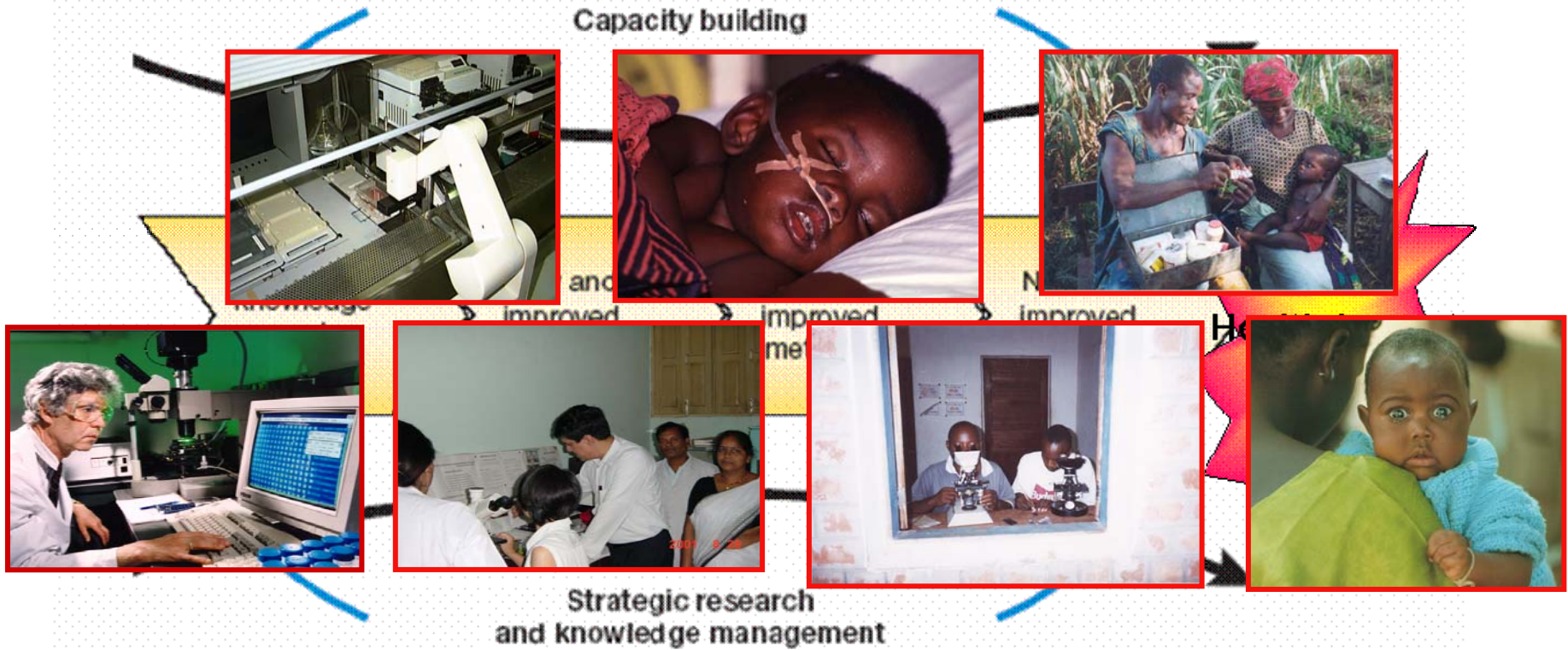


Malaria Research in Africa – 1997 - 2006

- Pan African malaria Confr. Dakar, Senegal
- MIM malaria conference, Durban SA, 1999
- *P. falciparum* genome
- Anopheles genome
- Human genome
- New drugs
- New international funding (external)
 - EDCTP, Gates, WT, BMGF



Research needs to go 'all the way'



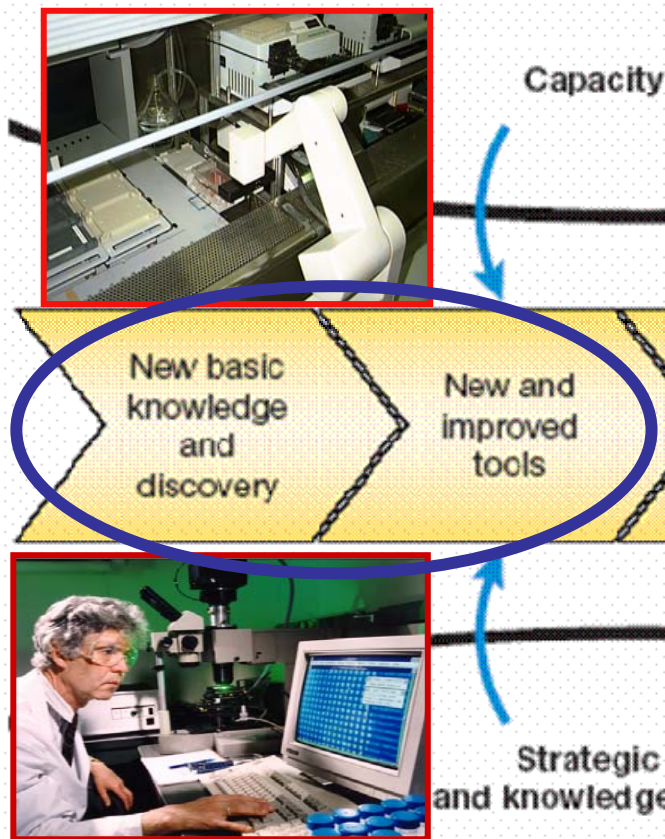
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A unique niche



Well defined outputs

- Science
- Innovation
- Capacity building
- Collaboration

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A new way of working..... *together*



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they can tie up a lion !!

Ethiopian adage

