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# Mozambique Program Updates

## AFENET-TEPHINET Program Directors

### Meeting

### Addis Ababa

### 22 November 2013

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# Background

- Establish in 2009 (short course) 2010 (master)
- **Objective:** Strengthen basic health services, giving employees epidemiological tools for solving problems in local communities
- **Mission:** Strengthen the capacity of public health systems in the country, through the surveillance, prevention and control of diseases, and rapid response to public health emergencies, through an efficient learning based on practice
- **Vision:** The program will continuously strengthen field epidemiologists trained to provide timely and quality at different levels of the health system in the country

# Background

- Awarding university: UEM , Faculty of Medicine
- Funding and collaborating partners: CDC-PEPFAR
- Tracks: Epi and Lab
- Short course: Field Epidemiology and Laboratory
- No of cohorts recruited to date: 2
- No of graduates to date:
  - 10 (Finalize de program)
  - 4 (Defence the master theses)

# Achievements

Achievements in 2012-13	No.	Provide examples
No of outbreak investigated	10	Cholera, Typhoid, Shigella, H1N1, Acute Malaria
Meetings and conferences attended	5	Brazilian FELTP Scientific meeting , TEPHINET, Scientific Conference and Technology of Mozambique
Surveillance systems evaluated	24	Food, Water, Malaria, Nutrition, Entomology, Water, Mortality, Accidents, Cancer and lymphatic filariasis
Manuscripts submitted for publication	2	
Number of publications	0	
Number of graduates (list by track)	10 4	Lab Track

# Opportunities and Challenges

- Opportunities

- Improving the surveillance system
- Improving the outbreak investigation
- Expand the collaborations

- Challenges

- Existence qualified candidates nominated by the National Health Service
- Placement of graduates in appropriate careers (Epidemiologists).
- Existence of qualified and dedicated mentors /supervisors and field placements.
- Political Structure

# Plans for 2013-2014

- 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort start on March 2014 (10-14 students)
- Finalize the Strategic Plan for 5 years (2014-2019)
- Changing the actually Academic Master to Professional Master
- Revision of the Lab Track
- Implement Scientific Writing Workshop (Annual)
- Start to implement the ***Pyramid model***

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