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The Rising Threat of Zoonotic Diseases

The Use of "Risk-Based" Strategies to Build a Global "One Health" System for Surveillance and Response

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The Rise of Zoonotic Diseases

- The emergence of the HPAI H5N1 virus and the more recent H1N1 pandemic virus are part of a broader dynamic that has given rise to a stream of new and increasingly deadly zoonotic diseases.
- Of these new zoonotic diseases, nearly <u>three-quarters</u> have been caused by pathogens originating in wildlife
 - SARS emerged in *civet cats* in Guangdong Province, China;
 - Nipah virus in bats in Perak State, Malaysia; and
 - HIV in *non-human primates* in Central Africa.

The threat from zoonotic diseases is not new <u>but is intensifying</u>

- Many long-standing diseases in humans (e.g. hepatitis, malaria, measles) caused by microbes originally from animals
- The rate of pathogen emergence is projected to increase 5 fold between 2000 - 2030 as animal-human interactions intensify





Avian Flu

has proven a critical window for understanding the forces driving the emergence of new infectious diseases and what's needed for their control



Specific lessons from H5N1 Influenza

- Wild birds are primary reservoir for emergence
- Inadequate livestock
 "biosecurity" facilitates
 "amplification"
- Poorly regulated commercial trade major route for spread

Emergence

Characteristics

- Highly virulent
- Efficient transmission among poultry
- Limited transmission between humans
- Continues to "evolve"

- A coordinated "One Health" - multi-sectoral response spanning animal and human health is critical
- Highly dynamic changes in disease patterns requires programmatic flexibility
- Vigilance

Response

Overall Lessons learned

- Effective control of H5N1 <u>and other zoonotic diseases</u> is dependent on:
 - Early detection in animals
 - Local capacities for outbreak investigation and response
 - Reduction of human behaviors and practices that enable the spread of and exposure to the virus





The "Drivers" Behind the "Rising Threat"

Disease emergence is closely linked to factors that intensify animalhuman interactions



Emergence is a "Rare" Event



- Even as the risk of new zoonotic diseases is increasing, their emergences remain relatively rare events that occur at unpredictable times and places.
- One of the biggest challenges to early detection of these diseases is the lack of sufficient, sensitive surveillance capacity geared toward rapid and reliable detection of highly unusual pathogens.



Using "Risk-Based" Strategies to Target Interventions

- Recent advances in the understanding of factors that drive the emergence of zoonotic diseases have led to new risk-based models for forecasting new zoonotic diseases - opening opportunities to bring greater focus to emergent-disease surveillance.
- The origins of newly emergent diseases have been found to strongly correlate with specific:
 - geographic areas
 - animal hosts
 - microbial agents
 - "high risk" human populations.



Geographic "Hot Spots"





Kate Jones et al (2008): Global trends in emerging infectious diseases: Nature, Vol 451.21



Identifying New Threats "Before" They are Diseases

The Challenge

- H5N1 highlights the importance of not "waiting" for human infections. Monitoring for new zoonotic threats in animals is critical for an "early" detection.
- HIV illustrates the challenge of early identification of emergent zoonotic diseases whose primary infection is not closely linked temporally to clinical symptoms

The Opportunity

- Early detection will require both strengthening "syndromic surveillance" and the development of novel surveillance models that exploit advances in genomics and informatics to identify microbial threats before they fully emerge as infectious diseases.
- With most new diseases coming from animal reservoirs these new surveillance "models" will need to be able to characterize microbes on their potential for "jumping" the species barrier and posing future threats to humans
- "Predictive" surveillance would be intended to complement "syndromic" surveillance to build a comprehensive surveillance model for early detection of new emergent threats



Standard Model for Outbreak Detection and Response





One Health – Public health as part of the "ecosystem"







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Pre-empting the threats from zoonotic diseases

Wildlife pathogen detection

 Surveillance to identify specific microbes that may cause serious disease in humans

Outbreak response capacity

 Strengthen country capacity to detect and respond to outbreaks in animals and humans

Risk determination

 Characterize risk that a microbe may pose to humans and its method of transmission from animals to humans

Risk reduction

 Develop and implement behavior change interventions to minimize disease threat for specific high-risk populations

Two important aspects of the EPT strategy

- Promotes a "One Health" approach that builds first on existing platforms
- Focus on strengthening country capacities – consistent with IHRs and OIE standards



Contribution of EPT Program to Disease Detection and Control









SMART Surveillance







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Rapid Epidemiologic Analysis & Modeling: incidence, host & number of species affected, demographics, location & spread

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Wildlife SMART Surveillance

Targeting Surveillance: risk modeling, identifying interfaces, species considerations, remote sensing, situational analysis

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in high risk locations for emergence

along high risk disease transmission interfaces

- Hunting
- Markets/trade
- Wildlife/livestock conflict
- Extraction
- Land use change
- Water availability
- Global transportation

for wildlife species of highest risk

using global information real-time

responsive to potential pathogen emergence

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EPT: Targeting "Hot Spots"

Amazon Bolivia Brozil

Brazil Colombia Ecuador Mexico Peru

Congo region

AngolaEq. GuineaBurundiGabonCameroonRwandaCARTanzaniaCongoUgandaDR Congo

Southeast Asia

Cambodia China Indonesia Laos Malaysia Philippines Thailand Vietnam

South Asia Bangladesh India

Nepal

