

Role of CSOs in AMR



- Addressing AMR requires a **multipronged approach** that recognizes the need to engage multi-stakeholders, including civil society.
- To engage civil society, it is necessary to **build capacity around AMR** so that the **crucial advocacy issues** are identified, and the strategic actions agreed upon.
- CSOs can play a critical role in raising **awareness, catalyzing action** in communities, holding organizations and countries **accountable** to their commitments, and supporting government policies and programs to control AMR.

Role of CSOs in AMR (2)

The threat of AMR requires a one health collaborative multisectoral and multidisciplinary, holistic approach among the key stakeholders- Human, Animal, Food and Environmental sectors.

One very important key stakeholder we seem to forget whose role/voice has the potential to make happen what sometimes these other stakeholders cannot! And that is Civil Society.

“Governments won’t move unless people push. There’s nothing more important than well-organized public opinion from global civil society.” Cora Weiss

Why the role of CSOs is important :

Lack of AMR awareness is a great challenge and key priority action in Africa.

Various stakeholder groups from policy makers to the general public have low awareness levels.

AMR is complex to measure and monitor, seems distant and most people cannot relate to it hence the need to carefully package the right messages

Advocacy is important and CSOs are in unison and within the confines of the law and are not fighting with governments but catalysing action on AMR

Various publications on the important role of CSOs

Original Article

Antimicrobial resistance control efforts in Africa: a survey of the role of Civil Society Organisations

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ABSTRACT

Background: Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a growing public health threat in Africa. AMR prevention and control requires coordination across multiple sectors of government and civil society partners.

Objectives: To assess the current role, needs, and capacities of CSOs working in AMR in Africa.

Methods: We conducted an online survey of 35 CSOs working in 37 countries across Africa. The survey asked about priorities for AMR, current AMR-specific activities, monitoring practices, training needs, and preferences for sharing information on AMR. Further data were gathered on the main roles of the organisations, the length of time engaged in and budget spent on AMR-related activities, and their involvement in the

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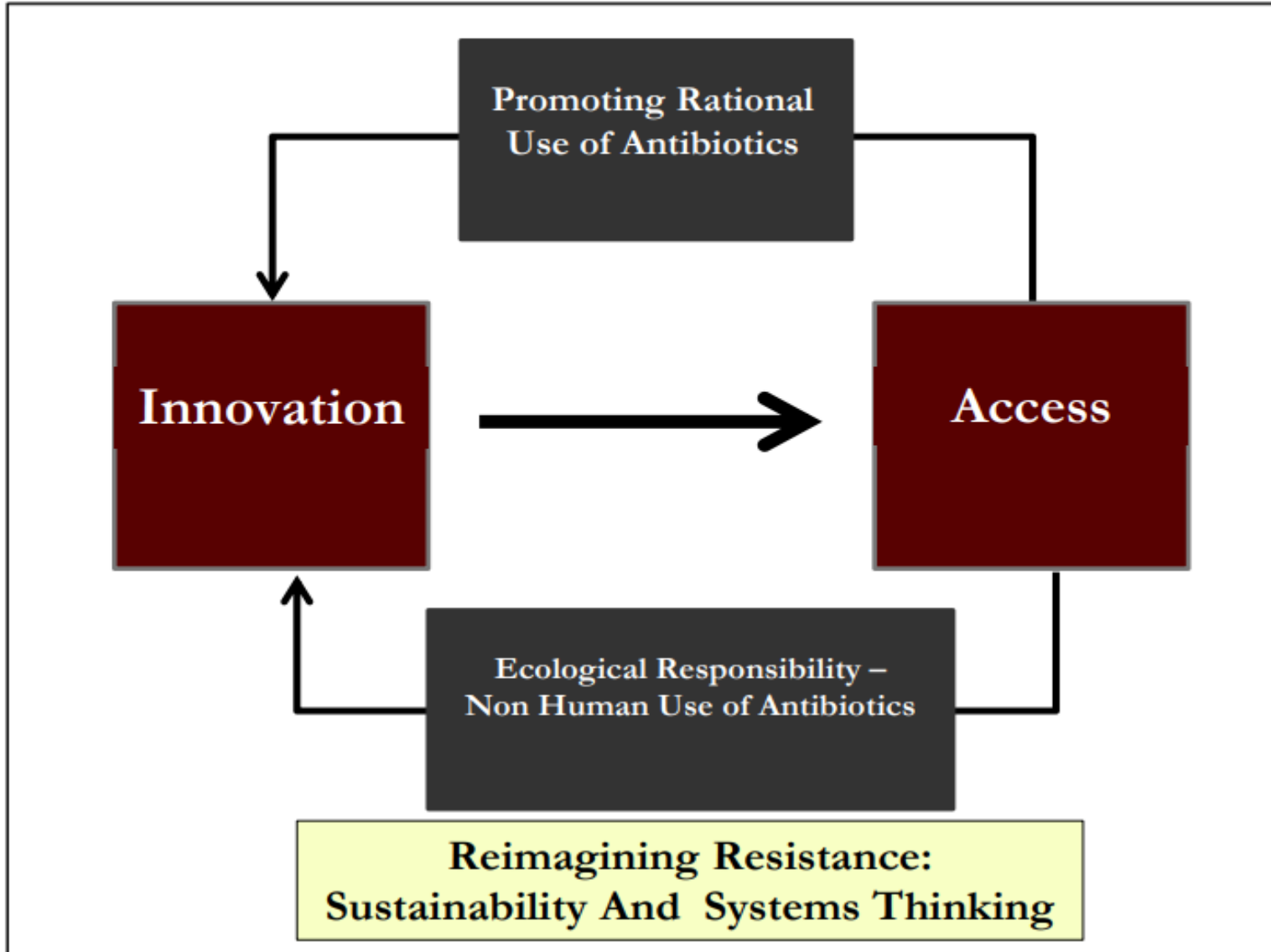
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Taking a Multisectoral Approach to AMR



Building a public-centric civil society for AMR

Situational and stakeholder analysis

CSOs capacity building in AMR and knowledge sharing that is contextualized to the country setting is important

Research and utilizing various open-source materials on the Quadripartite websites, the ReAct Toolbox important

Coming up with detailed workplans and setting measurable targets

Process should be highly participatory focusing on the multiple sectors and incorporating community and general public

Advocacy to various levels of policy makers (sub national, national , regional, global) regulatory bodies etc.

Community of practice vital for information exchange and sharing best practices

Building a public-centric civil society for AMR (2)

Communication of AMR needs to encompass all populations the “whole of society approach” that is proposed in the AMR Global Action Plan.

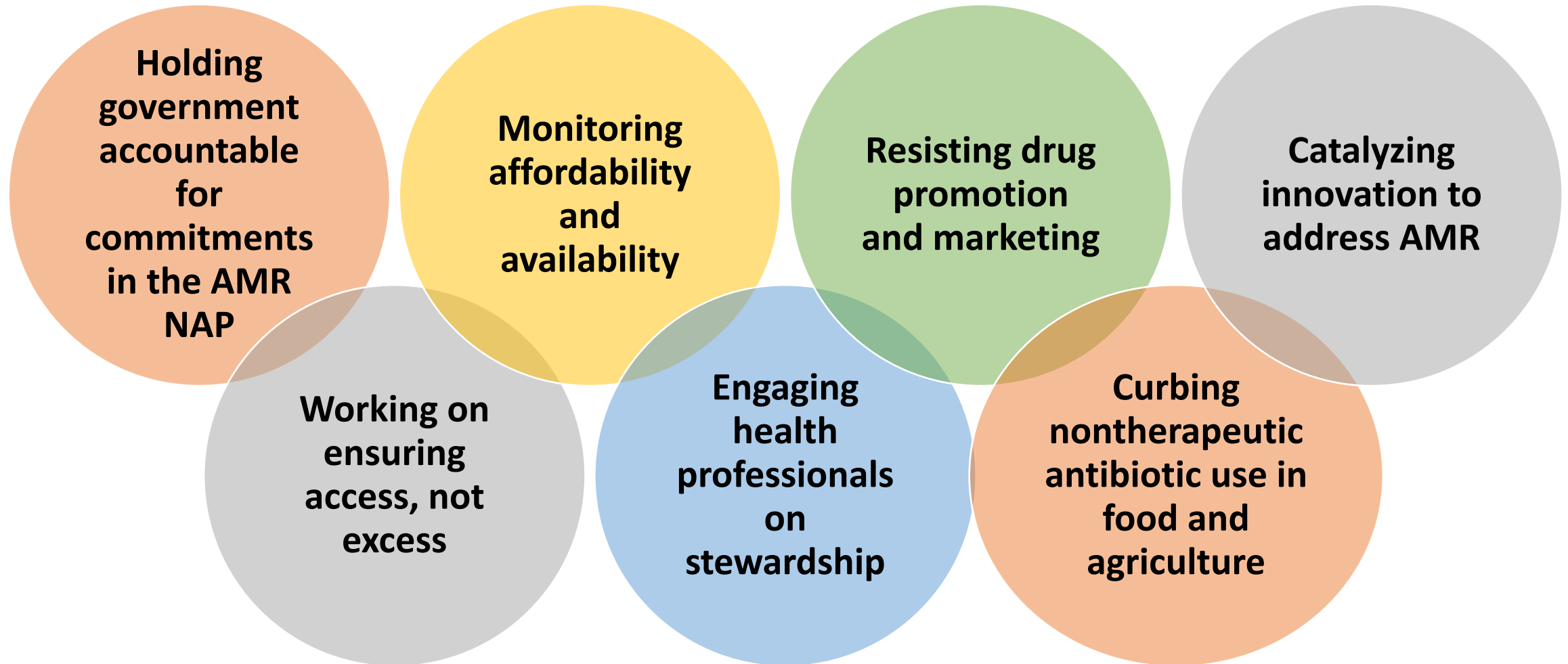
The media has the capacity to reach populations and communities which even the most organized AMR program is not able to reach.

It would be important that the messages are disseminated widely using all available forms of media, including radio, television, newspaper, social media, billboards and word of mouth.

Media and CSOs are therefore important in disseminating these messages due to its access to the general public

Since AMR is quite technical and requires accurate dissemination, ongoing collaboration between CSOs, media and the technical AMR persons is necessary.

Potential focus areas for CSOs



The global HIV response was prompted by civil society advocacy, and much of the successes in the fight against HIV/AIDS came from civil society organizations.

For this reason, the fight against AMR is likely to fail if CSOs do not step into an active role.



The world is not doing enough to address AMR. The current action plans are not ambitious or fast enough to control the threat.

COVID-19 has demonstrated the importance of global commitment to infection control measures, such as hand washing and surveillance, and rapid investments in treatments, which should also be applied to AMR

ReAct Africa has been instrumental in supporting African countries in the development and implementation of their National Action Plans (NAPs) on AMR.

The impact of AMR is greater in Africa, with more than half of the world's poorest and the high burden of infectious diseases.

Governments at all levels , civil society, nongovernment organizations and communities need to work together with a one health approach.

ReAct Overview



ReAct Asia Pacific

ReAct Asia Pacific has been supporting a number of Indian states in preparation to initiate their respective State Action Plans in India.

- Also focused on creating tools and harvesting insights that help mobilizing local communities and grassroots stakeholder groups. Antibiotic Smart Communities
- Antibiotic Stewardship and Prevention of infection in Communities (ASPIC)” Student clubs

ReAct Europe

Advocates and facilitates a global response to antibiotic resistance, paying particular attention to the needs of low- and middle-income countries.

- Provides up to date, high quality, scientifically credible information on antibiotic resistance. Through continuous monitoring of the global issue, we review information about antibiotic resistance and related sectors such as global health, one health, and infection control.

ReAct North America

Advocating for sustainable access to antibiotics and for innovation of new technologies and practice across human health and animal health.

- Policy strategies
- Support broad civil society engagement on the global scene as the Secretariat for the Antibiotic Resistance Coalition.
- Enlist new constituencies—some outside of the traditional healthcare delivery system—to tackle antibiotic resistance.
- Global student competition Innovate4Health

ReAct Latin America

ReAct Latin America has developed a network of committed adults and children in communities and academia, who take concerted action on antibiotic resistance at local, regional and national levels in Central and South America.

- ReAct Latin America particularly focuses on creating open dialogues and forging links between health professionals, researchers, artists, ecologists and environmentalists to change the paradigm of antibiotic resistance away from the prevailing war metaphor.
- Alforja Educativa (Educational knapsack)

NAP Implementation Challenges



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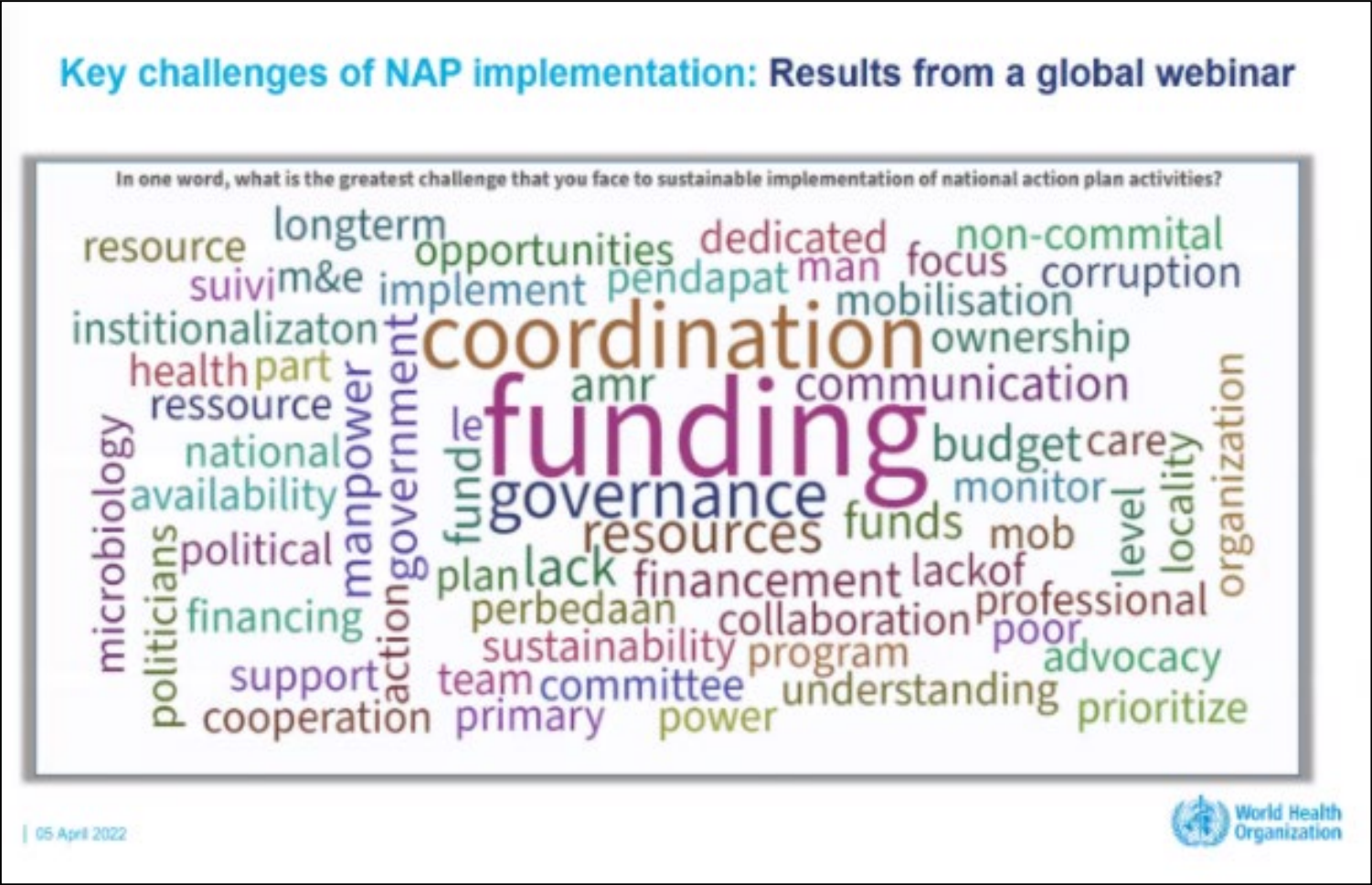
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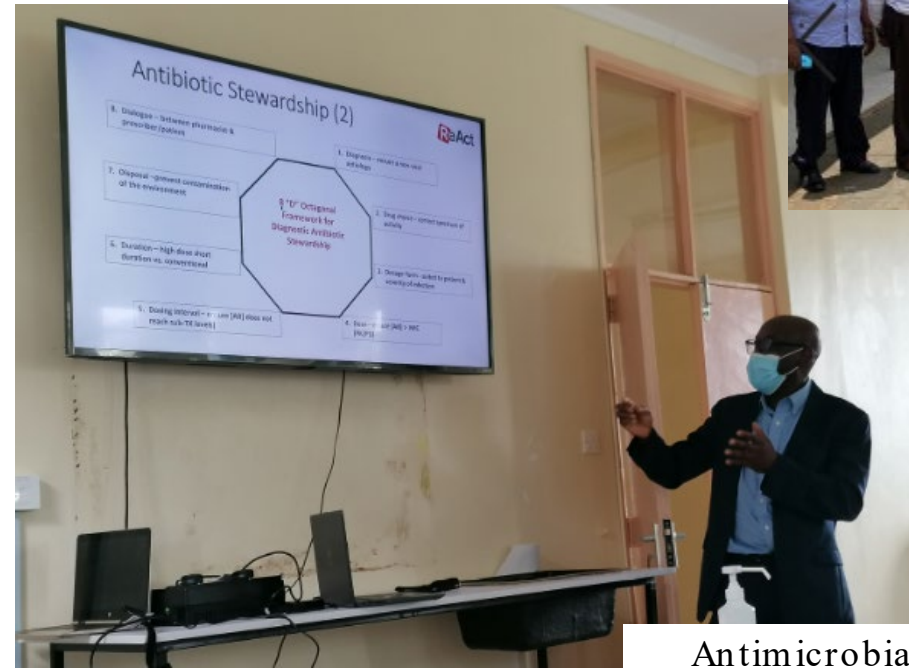
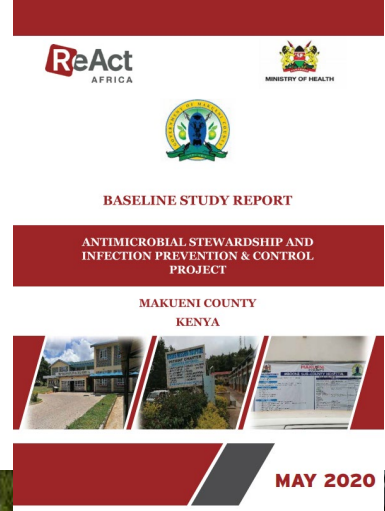
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Moving from Paper to Action is greatest challenge, largely due of limited financial resources



From a WHO webinar held in March 2022; funding highlighted as the greatest challenge

Kenya highlights



Antimicrobial stewardship, Infection prevention and control support including Point prevalence surveys

Some baseline study photos- Kenya



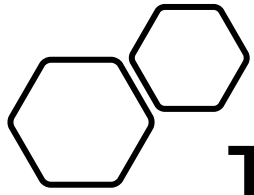
Zambia highlights



Antimicrobial stewardship, Infection prevention and control support including Point prevalence surveys, AMRCC technical support



Sierra Leone Highlights



Tanzania Highlights



More collaborations for NAP implementation support



ICARS Collaboration
Supporting National Action Plans on Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa through contextualized tools for Implementation Research.



Swedish Strategic Programme for the Rational Use of Antimicrobial Agents and Surveillance of Resistance (STRAMA)
contextualized to the Zambian context

ReAct Africa Annual Conferences

ReAct Africa and South Centre Virtual Conference 2021

Progress achieved on the Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance and pandemic preparedness in the African Region.

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ReAct Africa and South Centre Virtual Conference 2020

What is the status of the Antimicrobial Resistance National Action Plans in the African Region?

1st - 4th December 2020
13:00 - 15:30 hrs CAT

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/61201201201>



ReAct Africa and South Centre Conference 2019



Achieving Universal Health Coverage While Addressing Antimicrobial Resistance



Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport Hotel, Kenya
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Moving Beyond Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) National Action Plans Development to Implementation

Action on Antibiotic Resistance (ReAct) Africa Annual Conference 2017

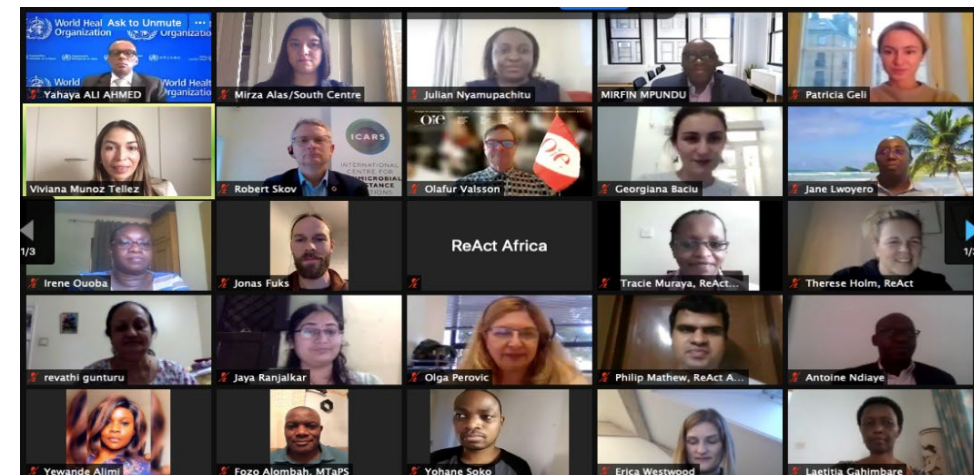
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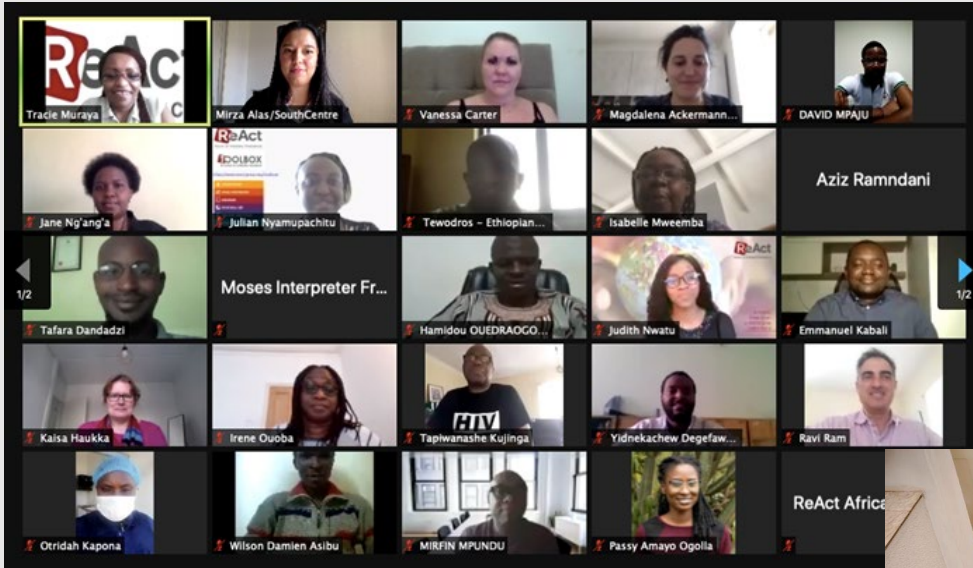
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Combating Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa to Achieve the 2030 Agenda



CSOs Engagement








Civil Society Organizations Support for Antimicrobial Resistance Control during COVID-19 Pandemic


Date: Thursday, 27 August 2020

Time: 3.00 pm Eastern Africa Time

Presenters




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Director, Pan-African
Treatment Access Movement,
Zimbabwe

Moderator:



Vanessa Carter
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and ePatient scholar,
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2:00pm- 5:00pm EAT

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Register in advance for this webinar at the link below:

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Primary students' interventions

- An Alforja Guide from ReAct Latin America was adapted to the Kenyan context including manuals and relevant IEC materials and distributed to implementing partners and teachers.
- To create AMR awareness engaging school-going children as agents of change in Siaya and Kisumu counties in Kenya
- Currently supporting the installation of Tippy taps to improve hand hygiene in households in the target counties in Kenya.



Tertiary Level Student Activities



90 students successfully completed a pilot program from 7 African countries in 2021. Sensitization sessions, research, competitions, community outreach events done.



AMR Leaders Program for Tertiary Students in Africa

“My Turn” Annual AMR Exhibition Event for Kenyan Students

Students: key stakeholders in Antimicrobial Resistance prevention and control in Africa



AMR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS IN AFRICA LAUNCH CEREMONY

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

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DR. CHADIA WANNOUS
 Regional One Health Coordinator, OIE Africa
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1400HRS - 1630HRS GMT-3
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VIRTUAL

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Students: key stakeholders in AMR prevention and control in Africa



Student Success Stories

Following sensitization, a number of students have taken on various activities in the various countries

- **Tanzania-** Tell Them To Tell Them” Project -sensitization in schools and football clubs in his community during his semester break using Swahili IEC materials too



Student Success Stories

Organizing webinars

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Access Movement

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Student Publications...

Misuse Of Antibiotics In Agriculture The Cause Of Antibiotic Resistance

📅 April 11, 2022 👤 Healthtimes



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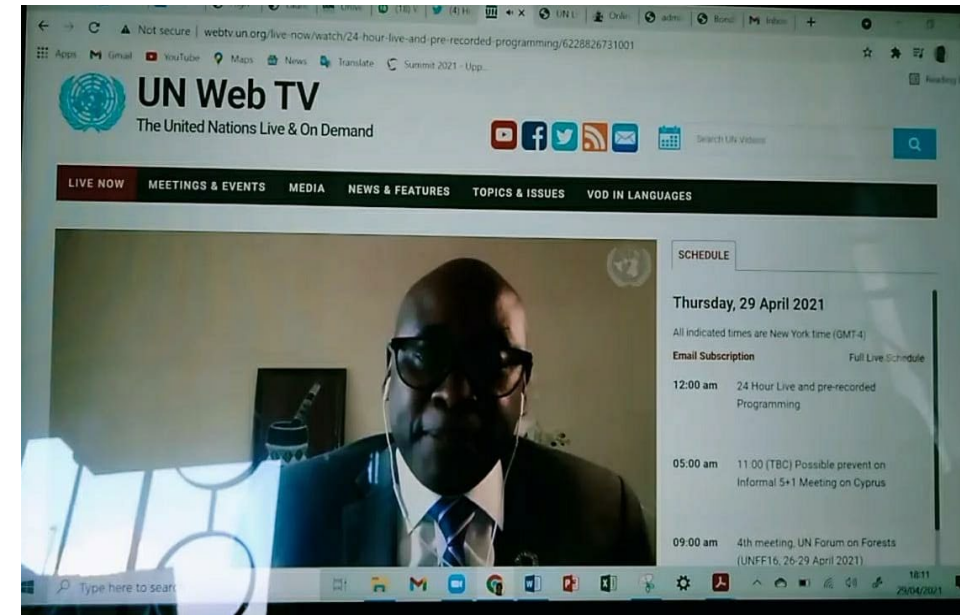
Engaging regional partners



Amplifying the voice of the Global South



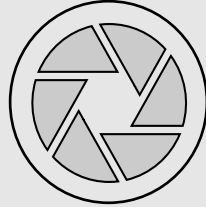
- ReAct contributes and advocates in international platforms including World Health Assembly, UNGA
- Membership in the :
 - Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (IACG)
 - WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group (STAG) for AMR
- Contributions to policy briefs and papers



Lessons Learned

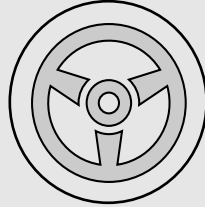


Prioritization of NAP implementation should be the first step for all countries, focus on low hanging , low resource- high impact activities.



Leverage the experience with other multi-sectoral action plans e.g., climate change.

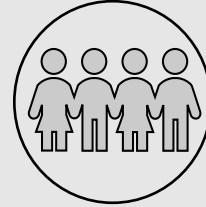
Linking AMR with SDGs is a possible way to generate interest among finance ministries at the country level.



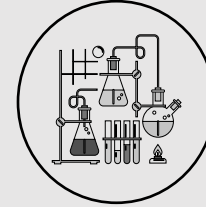
There are opportunities for harnessing synergies in similar work amongst the different partners, rather than duplicating/re-inventing the wheel.



There is a significant need and lack of data in the AMR space, with regard to use of antibiotics as well as biosecurity/ IPC .
No Economic Case



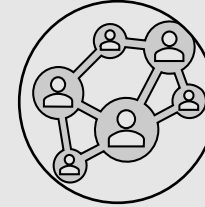
Youth are a key stakeholder
There is need for a coordinated approach and strategic approach in AMR awareness in youth engagement in Africa.



One health approach important.

Environment sector traditionally left out .

Better coordination across sectors imperative.



CSOs and Media Engagement
Vital role of capacity building and empowering media and CSOs to aid in amplifying advocacy and making AMR more relatable.



Leverage on WASH and other country programs
Online platform tools great to use
Lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic



Thank you!

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