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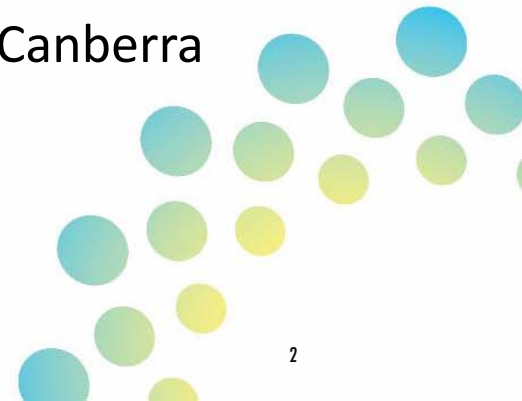


WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: TAKING A MULTISECTORAL APPROACH TO BUILD CAPACITY IN HEALTH SECURITY

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HEALTH SECURITY INITIATIVE FOR THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION

- Launched in October 2017 by Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Goal to **contribute to the avoidance and containment of infectious disease threats with the potential to cause social and economic harms on a national, regional or global scale**
- Series of aid investments - including capacity building, drug development - valued at AUD 300 million over five years
- Led by the Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security, based at DFAT in Canberra
- Whole-of-government initiative to bring technical expertise from across different sectors



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

A major priority for the Initiative

- Scoping and consultations. Program Design in 2018
- Field epidemiology, incident management, laboratory strengthening identified for focus
- To strengthen human resource capacity in health security in partner countries

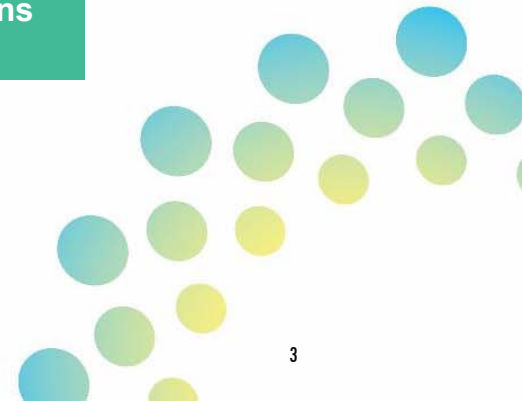
Number of additional or improved regional or country-level field epidemiology training programs in place

Number of persons graduating from field epidemiology training programs supported by the Health Security Initiative

Number of persons trained

Number of training events (e.g. workshops, study tour, training course)

Number of persons mentored



EARLY MOVER PROGRAMMING

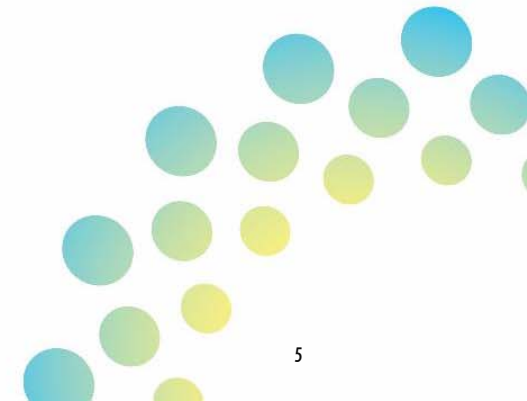
Commencing in 2018

- Stronger Systems for Health Research
 - Operational research across Southeast Asia and the Pacific, with many activities providing training and mentoring
- Research for One Health Systems Strengthening
- Laboratory Twinning with CSIRO's animal health laboratory, now ACDP
- ASEAN-Australia Health Security Fellowships Program to provide scholarships to the Master of Applied Epidemiology program at the Australian National University in Canberra



CHALLENGES IN 2020

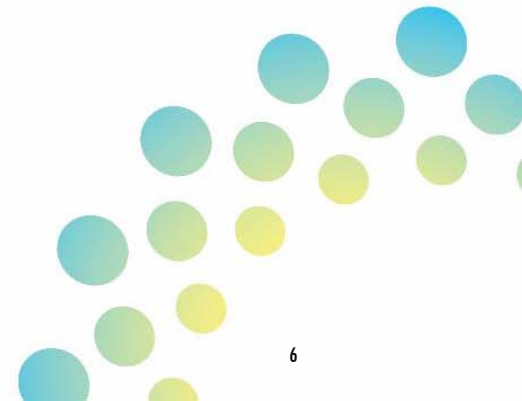
- Many new programs scheduled to start in 2020, following a **call for proposals** in 2019
- Field epidemiology for veterinarians and para-veterinarians
- Laboratory strengthening and training, including in animal health laboratories
- Partnership with the Red Cross in Myanmar and Indonesia to expand community-level and volunteer response work, also with an emphasis on the animal health sector
- Infection Prevention and Control in Timor-Leste



A SYSTEMS APPROACH

Where are all the epidemiologists?

- Policy barriers, recognition and remuneration
- Advisers placed within the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Bangkok, the Pacific Community (SPC) in Bangkok
- Support for global planning and mapping by TEPHINET





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