Duke GLOBAL HEALTH

GETTING TO ZERO

SATELLITE-INFORMED SYSTEM TO SUPPORT ELIMINATION OF MALARIA IN THE AMERICAS (SISTEMA)



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Project Motivation

- Malaria remains a major public health problem
- Progress toward malaria elimination has stalled
- Global and regional elimination efforts under-utilize environmental monitoring to improve identification of locations and time periods of elevated risk
- Regional Malaria Elimination Initiative (RMEI) 9 countries of Central America & Caribbean



Panama Malaria Cases, 2008-2020 Vertical dotted line is when RMEI began





Project Motivation



Green dots--20 communities with highest transmission rates (Non-indigenous; Indigenous) from 2019-2021; Orange communities where malaria transmision occurs.



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20 communities in Panama comprise 75% of malaria cases

Half are Indigenous Communities

Project Goals / Components

OVERALL GOAL

To develop real-time, satellite-informed tools to perform early and enhanced detection of novel malaria cases that improve the timing and spatial deployment of malaria interventions and speed progress toward malaria elimination in the Americas



Milestones / Timeline and Current ARLs

Start date either May 13 or June 1					
		Q1	Ye Q2	ar 1 Q3	Q4
Data Acquisition: Surveillance, GIS, Vector, Intervention, EO Images, updates					
ECS : Development, Validation, Output	LDAS, Pan-Tropical, Land Cover Analysis		ARL5		
MESM : Development, Validation, Output	Vector Ecology and Early Warning models & maps		ARL4		
Capacity building & Dashboard development Presentation to IADB, BMGF, CSF					

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Data Use Agreement with CHAI

CHAI has to manage expectations with MOH

- Only relates to malaria cases, not other data
- Minister & Vice-Minister of Panama & Honduras have both agreed to share data with team – we are only dealing with lawyers at Duke/CHAI now
- Vector data published, but dataset lost!
 - Working with Jose Loaiza to reconstruct (data publisher)
- Cloud cover on many images
 - Naiara & Pete will work together to adjust appropriately



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Hiring data / project manager

- Salaries for quantitative expertise at masters level has increased 20-40% in 2 years!
- Demands to work remotely and not travel to sites
- → May hire Panamanian from CHAI to be Project manager rather than recruit new person at Duke

Biggest risk is methodological!

- can prior malaria forecast models provide improved decisión-making at small scales?
- We view this a year 2 risk –i.e., what methods can we use to respond to potential forecast error?
- → We will have better idea next year on remediation of this expected problem







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