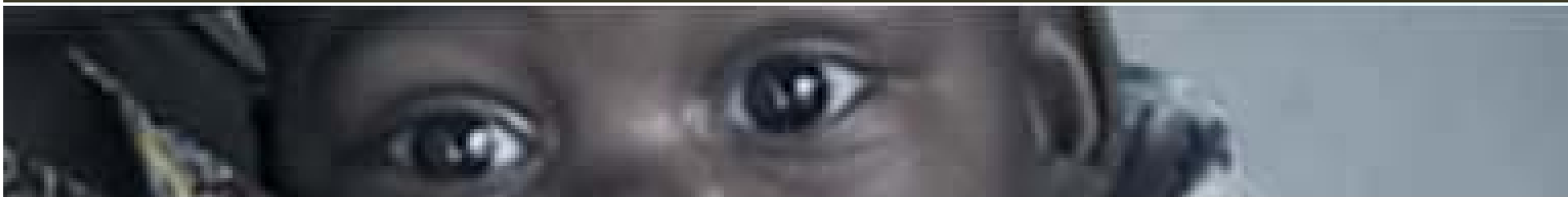


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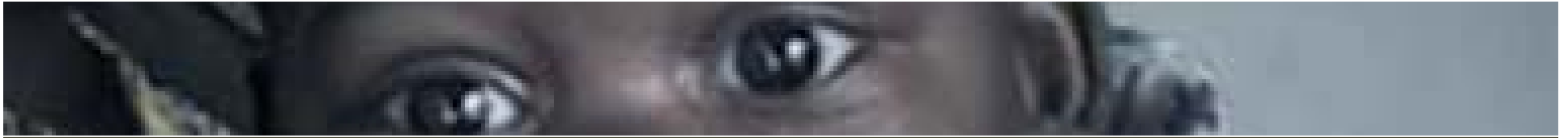


Public Private Partnerships: The Network for Education and Support in Immunisation

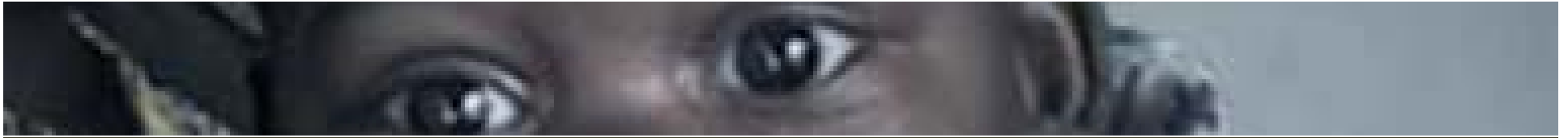
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30 August - 1 September 2006





- Officially launched in September 2002
- The former 'International Network for Eastern and Southern Africa on Hepatitis B Vaccination' (1999-2002) was sustained and broadened into a new network: **Network for education and support in immunisation (NESI)**
- Executive Secretariat is based at the University of Antwerpen, Belgium



Mission statement

Improve the quality and sustainability of immunisation programmes and services in low- and middle-income countries, in particular through education and training



Aim

- Build national capacity of Ministry of Health managers and staff working in the Extended Programme on Immunisation
- Improve pre-service training for the different university faculties involved in immunisation, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy and public health



Activities

- Education and training
- Technical support
- Networking and advocacy



Education and training

- Organising training events in collaboration with other organisations
- Monitoring and evaluating currently implemented education and training programmes
- Developing up-to-date, high-quality training materials for different audiences involved in immunisation programmes
- Validating content of educational materials



Technical support

- Performing needs assessments for education and training in collaboration with academics and other partners
- Providing support to universities to improve the curriculum of health professionals involved in immunisation, including regular refresher courses
- Assisting countries in developing comprehensive training plans as part of their Multi-Year Plans (MYPs)
- Providing support to country staff to implement training activities
- Improving national and regional capacity to deliver education and training



Networking and advocacy

- Facilitating a forum to discuss and coordinate actions related to education, training and support for immunisation programmes in low- and middle income countries
- Maintaining a network of specialists from international organisations, universities, NIPs, NGOs, industry and other relevant stakeholders, to deliver high quality training in all aspects of immunisation and at different stages of implementation of immunisation programmes
- Collaborating with local, regional and global training activities to advocate for better education and training
- Offering a website that houses on-line training materials and links to other relevant sites: www.nesi.be



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NESI improves the quality and sustainability of immunisation programmes and services in low- and middle income countries, in particular through education and training.

NESI Conferences

Dakar 2003

L'introduction de nouveaux vaccins dans le Programme Elargi de Vaccination (PEV) en Afrique francophone

Nairobi, Kenya 2002

Introduction of New Vaccines in East Africa: Learning Lessons and Maintaining Services

About NESI

NESI aims to build expertise in childhood immunisation at the national level for managers and staff of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) in ministries of health. It also aims to improve pre-service training for the different university faculties involved.

NESI aims to provide education, training and support in immunisation, to improve the quality and sustainability of immunisation programmes and services and to ensure a better health for infants and children

Our area of work

Education and training

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Structure

- Public/Private partnership
 - Unrestricted educational grant from industry (GSK), bilateral funds and funds from the University of Antwerpen
 - Additional funding or support from other national or international agencies or partners is actively pursued
- Oversight committee
 - Experts with international experience and standing in vaccines and immunisation
 - Advises on strategies and reviews activities and project outcomes



Collaboration

The GAVI Board endorsed NESI and its activities during the GAVI meeting of 6 March 2003.

Very close coordination and collaboration for training and other activities with WHO, in particular with WHO/AFRO and WHO/EMRO, UNICEF, and other GAVI Partners.

NESI activities are integrated into the WHO/AFRO and WHO/EMRO action plans.



Unique partnership

Active involvement of local universities in the network in order to achieve sustainable capacity and competence for current and future health care workers



Training and Education Activities

1st semester 2006; mostly in partnerships

- National workshop on new vaccines, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 28 February - 1 March 2006
- East Africa Inter-country Data Quality Self-Assessment (DQS) Workshop, Nairobi, Kenya, 6-13 March 2006
- Consensus workshop on EPI curricula prototypes for medical and nursing/midwifery schools in the WHO African Region, Douala, Cameroon, 13 -17 March 2006



Training and Education Activities

1st semester 2006; mostly with partnerships

- East Africa Vaccinology/value of vaccination workshop, Kampala, Uganda, 30 May - 1 June 2006
- Inter-country Mid-Level Management (MLM) course for Francophone AFRO countries, Ouidah, Benin, 5 - 16 June 2006
- Regional Vaccinology course, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 26 -30 June 2006



Networking and Advocacy 1st semester 2006

- Middle East North Africa (MENA) Vaccine Preventable Diseases Advisory Group, Brussels, Belgium, 30 - 31 January 2006
- WHO-AFRO Twelfth Meeting of the Task Force on Immunisation (TFI) and Eleventh Meeting of the Africa Regional Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee (ARICC), Brazzaville, Congo, 28 February - 3 March 2006



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