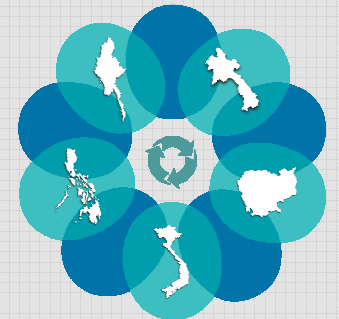
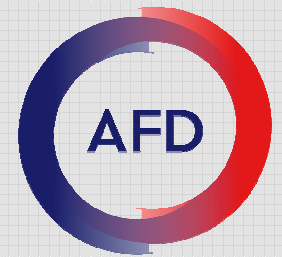


Steering Committee 23-24 January 2018 – Phnom Penh

BACKGROUND OF ECOMORE 2



ECOMORE II



END of ECOMORE 1

- The project has been concluded by countries' Final Symposium on 17 November 2016 in Vientiane, on 21 November 2016 in Yangon, on 25 November 2016 in Hanoi and on 05 December 2106 in Phnom Penh.



- The project was officially completed on 15 June 2017.

Process of initiation of ECOMORE 2

- The guidelines and road map to issue a concept note to be presented to the Board Of Directors of AFD have been discussed during the Steering Committee held on 24-25 November 2015 in Yangon



STEERING COMMITTEE 2015 / RECOMMENDATIONS

The participants discussed the strength of key issues as below:

- One Health: links between Animal health, human health and environment
- Health related to environmental, climatic and social changes: Urbanization, intensification of agriculture / livestock production, massive migration, development of roads and transportation, diagnostic and health care access, extreme climate events,...(COP21 context)
- Health related to Economic growth (eg tourism, ...)
- Health economics that aims to understand the behavior of individuals, health care providers, public and private organizations, and governments in decision-making.
- Integrated knowledge translation from the initial stage to ensure addressing the national strategy
- Recommendations to authorities (MoH, MoAgr, CDC, Hospitals) must be pragmatic
- A truly regional approach in terms of capacity building, training and networking

Considering that AFD may be interested in studying and funding a second stage of ECOMORE project, participants agreed on a tight agenda to ensure a smooth connection between the two projects:

- Steering Committee: agreement on general framework
- 1st of January 2016: a one page description of the subject matter on what each partner want to work within the framework (19 January 2016)
- 30th of January 2016: after being given the green light, partners will issue a two-page concept note according to templates which are going to be sent
- 15th of February 2016: submission of LOI to AFD (04 April 2016)
- Beginning of March 2016: formal comments of AFD
- End of June 2016: Submission of a complete proposal (22 August 2016)

Guidelines for ECOMORE 2

- The key topics for field studies are limited to 2 neglected diseases correlated with the meteorological events:

Leptospirosis and Dengue

- A very important point is that each partner must identify a priority in term of Public Health and so to design a relevant study to attempt providing pragmatic solution/recommendation to the problem raised by authorities and NOT to design a research study for which the findings will likely result in recommendations for Public Health.
- Transversal activities and Networking
- Effective KT from the initial stage
- Opening to regional scientific collaborations
- Involving OI



Validation by the Board of Directors

- 16 November 2017

The Board of Directors approved the detailed proposal of the phase 2 of ECOMORE project.

The grant allocated increased to 4M€ but with integration of 2 supplementary component: WP Philippines (initially this project should not be a part of ECOMORE) and WP Climate

At this time it is planned to sign the Funding Convention mid-January 2017.



TWO SUPPLEMENTARY COMPONENTS

- **WP Philippines**

An innovative program for the control of vectors borne diseases can reduce the risk of dengue, Chikungunya and Zika in urban and peri-urban areas

It makes sense to integrate this component into ECOMORE 2 because the topic is complementary with Lao and Cambodian WPs and the 3 studies will use the new innovative In2Care system

Experience of the RITM in terms of epidemiology and vector control will benefit the project

Partners have been faced with fait accompli

- **WP Climate**

Identifying the impact of climate change in the region for populations and assessing the risk of emergence of diseases such as dengue fever and leptospirosis

The project ECOMORE 2 had to benefit from the dynamic of the COP 21 held in Paris in 2015

Leptospirosis and Dengue fever are both closely prone to heavy rains and flooding

IP in collaboration with partners and AFD (Health Division and Climate Change Division) will establish a program of cross-cutting and synergistic activities to be deployed in ECOMORE partner countries.

SIGNATURE OF the “CONVENTION DE FINANCEMENT”

20 March 2017

The President of the Institut Pasteur, Pr. Christian Bréchet, and the Chief executive officer (CEO) of the AFD, Mr. Rémy Rioux signed the agreement (Convention de Financement) concerning the second part of the ECOMORE project.

Start of the project:

“Effective Date”: means the date when this Agreement between the Parties starts to operate retroactively from **April, 1st 2017**.



Start of field activities

- Cambodia: 1st May 2017
- Lao PDR: 1st September 2017
- Myanmar: expected 1st April 2018
- Vietnam: expected 1st April 2018
- Philippines: expected mid-February 2018
- Climate: expected 01 April 2018

It was mandatory to request a LNO for countries which started before the signature of the Partnership Agreements.

The institutes had to use their own funds before the first instalment from AFD



TIME SPAN FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- a continuity of activities between ECOMORE 1 and 2 (even if the project topics are quite different) to rely on the ECOMORE 1 dynamic, network, and national / regional notoriety
- Project writing, validation, contracting, and even the recruitment of our Project Coordinator were on track with this timeline
- but not the administrative implementation...
- main reasons are related to: past institutional crisis at Institut Pasteur, RH troubles and movements at Institut Pasteur / Department of International Affairs
- a more ambitious project to coordinate, and firstly design on the organizational and contractual level
- substantial funding from the AFD, and as a consequence strict requirements
- regarding administrative level, all the lights are green today

TIME SPAN FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- however the main operational issue is that all components are correlated to the start of the rainy season and the field implementation must be ready before April 2018 or it will start next year.
- in Myanmar, and in Vietnam contrary to the 3 other countries, it is not possible to start activities prior signature of the Partnership Agreement & formal agreement from the MoH
- Good news is that implementation of the project can be extended until June 2021
- We have to discuss during this meeting component by component what is reasonably feasible in 2018 in this new context
- Cost declarations should be reduced compared to budget forecasts for S2 according to the revised schedule of implementation