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Food Safety and One Health: Approaches to Reducing Foodborne Pathogens and Zoonotic Diseases



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Dr. Paul Ebner is a professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at Purdue University. His research focuses on food safety and the development of practical and effective production methods and technologies to limit bacterial pathogens in both live animals and different types of food animal products. He uses his comprehensive understanding of livestock production and processing systems to deliver high impact extension programs targeted to producers, government officials, and consumers at local, national, and international levels. His areas of expertise are phage therapy and biology, the development of safe and effective antibacterial therapies for use in food animals, and characterization of the roles different management practices play in foodborne disease transmission.



Agenda

Shawn Baker – 15 min.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

Martin Wiedmann – 10 min.

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Safety/Cornell University

Thumbi Mwangi – 15 min.

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Animal Health/Washington State University

Barbara Kowalczyk – 15 min.

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Safety/The Ohio State University

Panel discussion – 20 min.

Dr. Wiedmann, Dr. Mwangi, & Dr. Kowalczyk



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Martin Wiedmann, Food Safety Innovation
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The Intersection of Food Safety, Zoonotic Diseases, and One Health in Creating Resilient Food Systems

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Take home messages

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Outline and key points

- **What's a zoonosis?**
- **The past:** tuberculosis, brucellosis, Q fever, etc.
- **Today:** SARS-CoV-2, *Salmonella*, *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, and the past
- **The future:** The past + today + emerging and re-emerging organisms + “zoonotic AMR genes”



Zoonotic diseases

A zoonotic disease is a disease which can be transmitted from animals to humans. The organism may or may not produce clinical illness in the animal.

Zoonotic diseases include:

- Direct transmission from animals to humans (e.g., rabies)
- Indirect transmission to humans through ingestion, inhalation, or contact with environments that have been contaminated with animal waste or a dead animal (e.g., leptospirosis, anthrax)
 - May include a singular (?) initial transmission event (SARS-CoV-2) or continued animal – human transmission (bovine Tb)
- A disease which has an animal reservoir but requires a mosquito or other arthropod to transmit the disease to humans (e.g., St. Louis encephalitis)



Zoonotic diseases - alternative definition

Zoonotic diseases are diseases caused by infectious agents that can be transmitted between (*or are shared by*) animals and humans



The microbial past... *is still the present in some parts of the world*

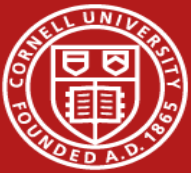
- **Tuberculosis:** *Mycobacterium bovis*
- **Q fever**
- **Brucellosis**
- ***Salmonella***
- **Parasites:** (e.g., *Cryptosporidium* species, *Toxoplasma* species, *Giardia* species, and *Trypanosoma* species)
- **Viruses:** typically not foodborne



Q fever (“Query fever”)

- Caused by *Coxiella burnetii*, which can infect a large range of animals
 - Sheep and cattle as key hosts
 - Nearly worldwide distribution

“Q fever, which is caused by the bacterium Coxiella burnetii, has rapidly emerged in French Guiana since 1996 (1). The incidence of acute Q fever in the capital, Cayenne, is one of the highest in the world. The annual incidence of Q fever was estimated at 37 cases/100,000 persons in 1996 (2) and increased to 150 cases/100,000 persons in 2005 (3).”



Zoonotic tuberculosis

- Zoonotic tuberculosis (TB) is caused by *Mycobacterium bovis*
 - Primarily affects cattle but can impact wildlife
 - Important cause of economic losses and trade barriers that can create negative outcomes for poor and marginalized populations
- In 2016, 147,000 new cases of human zoonotic TB were estimated globally (12,500 deaths)
 - Africa most heavily affected, followed by Southeast Asia
- Insufficient surveillance data suggest that the true burden of zoonotic TB is likely underestimated



Zoonotic tuberculosis

- *M. bovis* transmission to humans occurs most commonly through contaminated food (often dairy or meat products), though airborne transmission can occur for those in contact with infected animals or animal products
- Lab procedures typically utilized to detect TB do not differentiate between *M. tuberculosis* and *M. bovis*, which leads to underdiagnosis of zoonotic TB
- Zoonotic TB can be challenging to treat, as *M. bovis* is naturally resistant to pyrazinamide, one of the four medications used in the standard anti-TB treatment
 - As health professionals do not typically conduct drug susceptibility testing before starting a medication regimen, zoonotic TB patients may receive inadequate treatment



Key current microbial food safety hazards

Bacteria

- *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Enterohaemorrhagic Escherichia coli*, *Listeria*, *Vibrio cholerae*
 - 3.4 million cases of non-typhoidal *Salmonella* bloodstream (invasive) infections are estimated to occur annually, resulting in an estimated 681,316 deaths.
- Antimicrobial resistance

Viruses

- Norovirus, Hepatitis A virus

Parasites

- Fish-borne trematodes (only transmitted through food), tapeworms (e.g., *Echinococcus* spp., or *Taenia solium*), *Ascaris*, *Cryptosporidium*, *Entamoeba histolytica*, *Giardia*



The microbial future

- Some of the past + today + emerging and re-emerging organisms (species and subtypes) + “zoonotic genes”
- Need early warning systems (i.e., surveillance of both human and animal populations)



Foodborne Illness Acquired in the United States—Unspecified Agents

Elaine Scallan,¹ Patricia M. Griffin, Frederick J. Angulo, Robert V. Tauxe, and Robert M. Hoekstra

Emerging Infectious Diseases • www.cdc.gov/eid • Vol. 17, No. 1, January 2011

- 31 major known pathogens were estimated to cause **9.4 million** episodes of foodborne illness
- Episodes of illness caused by unspecified agents, including known agents with insufficient data to estimate agent-specific illness, known agents not yet recognized as causing foodborne illness, and substances known to be in food but of unproven pathogenicity were estimated to cause **38.4 million** episodes of foodborne illness and 1,686 deaths












ARTICLE

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OPEN

An African *Salmonella* Typhimurium ST313 sublineage with extensive drug-resistance and signatures of host adaptation

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Bloodstream infections by *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhimurium constitute a major health burden in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). These invasive non-typhoidal (iNTS) infections are dominated by isolates of the antibiotic resistance-associated sequence type (ST) 313. Here, we report emergence of ST313 sublineage II.1 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Sublineage II.1 exhibits extensive drug resistance, involving a combination of multidrug resistance, extended spectrum β -lactamase production and azithromycin resistance. ST313 lineage II.1 isolates harbour an IncHI2 plasmid we name pSTm-ST313-II.1, with one isolate also exhibiting decreased ciprofloxacin susceptibility. Whole genome sequencing reveals that ST313 II.1 isolates have accumulated genetic signatures potentially associated with altered pathogenicity and host adaptation, related to changes observed in biofilm formation and metabolic capacity. Sublineage II.1 emerged at the beginning of the 21st century and is involved in on-going outbreaks. Our data provide evidence of further evolution within the ST313 clade associated with iNTS in SSA.



An example of possible “Zoonotic genes”: antibiotic resistance genes

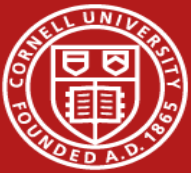
Scientists at two European Union agencies have combined their expertise to analyze Member State data and compile the first joint EU report on antimicrobial resistance in zoonotic bacteria affecting humans, animals, and food. Compiled by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the report indicates that resistance to antimicrobials was observed in zoonotic bacteria, such as *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*, which may cause infectious diseases transmissible between animals and humans and which can be found in foods.

The report also presents antimicrobial resistance data for non-disease causing bacteria such as indicator *E. coli* and *Enterococci*, which usually do not cause disease in humans.



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Food Safety and Zoonoses in East Africa

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Research

- Development of **pen-side diagnostics**
- **Improvement of vaccines** against East Coast fever
- Integration of socio-economics to **improve adoption** of animal health interventions
- **Quantifying effect** of animal health interventions human health and nutrition

Human Capacity Development
for animal health research

- 10 PhD, 6 Masters **graduate scholarships**
- 3 post-doctoral **research fellowships**
- **Research attachments** for undergraduate students
- **Modular courses** to improve research quality
- Faculty collaborative **exchange programs**

Institutional capacity development

- Fully equipped **molecular and diagnostics lab for animal diseases** at the University of Nairobi
- Support for **animal health research systems** at the University

Food Safety and Zoonoses

HARMFUL DELICACY

Why 'wet fry' pork may be causing epilepsy

Many meat lovers infected with pork tapeworm after eating the popular fried version



by JOHN MUCHANGI
Science Editor

News
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In Summary

- An inspection of the tongues of 273 pigs found 1.81 per cent were infected while an antibody test confirmed 1.83 per cent of pigs in Thika were infected.
- The department said the only way to rid pork of the tapeworm is through proper boiling.

Kisumu County moves to contain Anthrax fears

By KEPHER OTIENO | July 20th 2019 at 21:13:35 GMT +0300

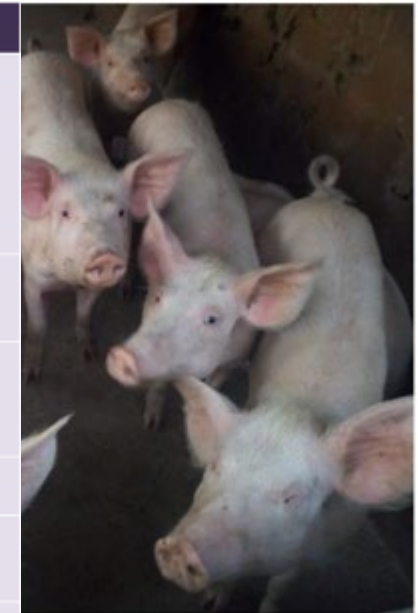


Kisumu County has started a mass vaccination of livestock following the death of a resident over anthrax.

County Executive in charge of Agriculture Gilchrist Okuom ordered vaccination in the affected area and its environs.

- High prevalence and likely high burden due to foodborne zoonotic pathogens
- The main clinical manifestations of foodborne diseases such as diarrhoea, septicaemias do not get laboratory diagnosis

Category	Clinical syndromes	Examples	
Infectious disease (Biological hazards)	Acute	Gastroenteritis	<i>Campylobacter sp.</i> Non-typhoidal <i>Salmonella sp.</i> <i>Cryptosporidium sp.</i> Norovirus Bacterial toxins, marine biotoxins
		Meningitis	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> <i>Salmonella sp.</i>
		Septicaemia	<i>Brucella</i> <i>Salmonella sp.</i> <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
		Acute neurological symptoms	<i>Clostridium botulinum</i> Marine biotoxins
		Perinatal loss	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> <i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>
		Acute hepatitis	Hepatitis A, hepatitis E



Delia G (2015) Food safety in developing countries: an overview

Food Safety and Zoonoses surveillance

- Simultaneous multi-year syndromic surveillance studies in humans and their animals in 1600 households, Western Kenya.



- 1 Population Based Infectious Diseases Surveillance (PBIDS) study - HUMANS
- 2 Population Based Animal Syndromic Surveillance (PBASS) study - ANIMALS

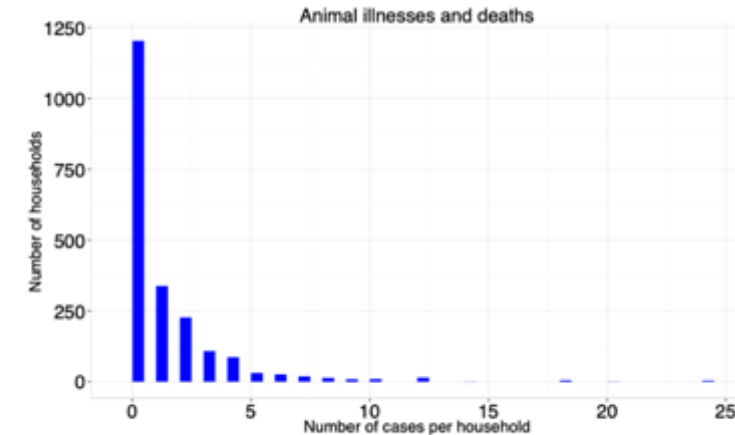
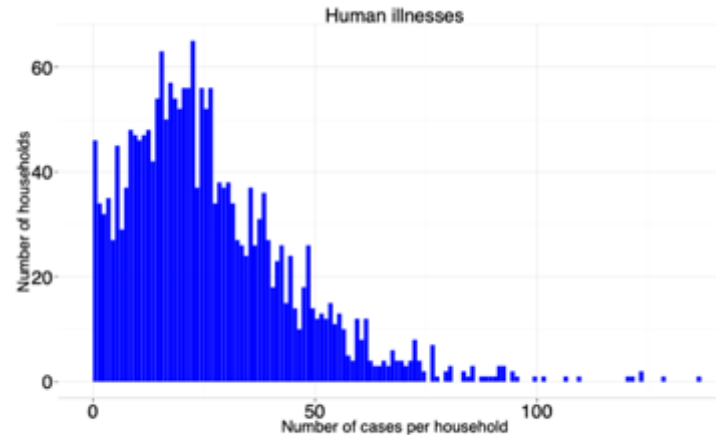
• Syndromic surveillance at community

- High incidence of fever, diarrhoea, respiratory illness and deaths – in people and their animals
- Strong correlations between human and animal illnesses from same households

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Linking Human Health and Livestock Health: A “One-Health” Platform for Integrated Analysis of Human Health, Livestock Health, and Economic Welfare in Livestock Dependent Communities

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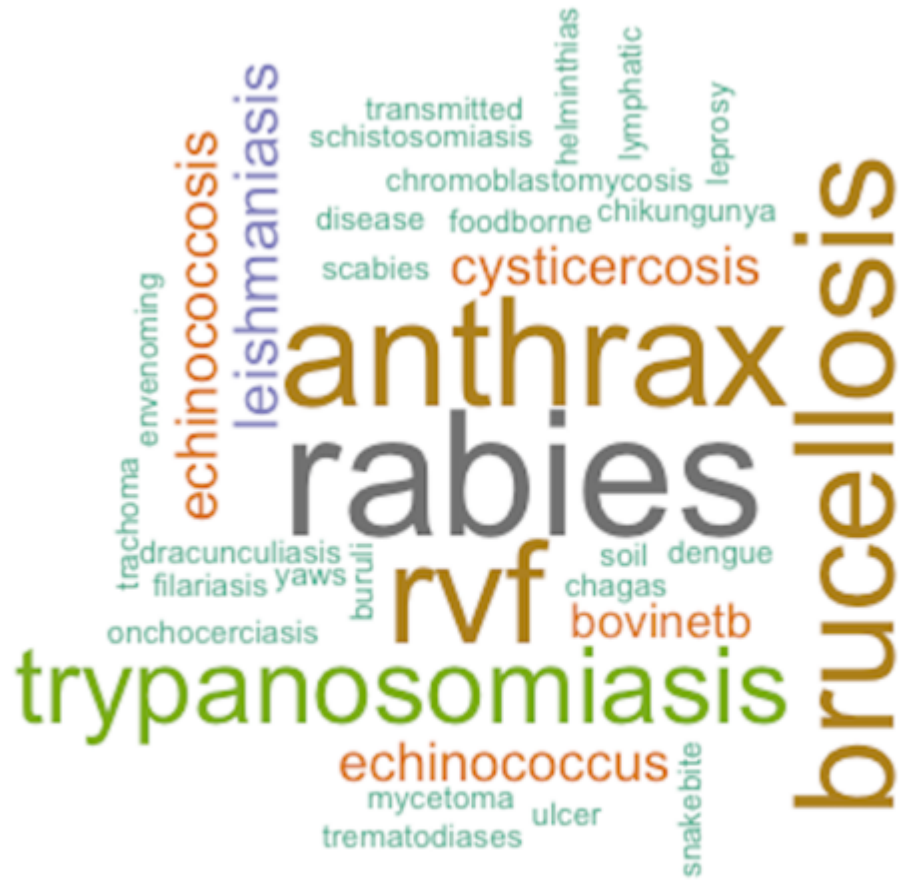


$$\text{glm.nb}(\text{formula} = (\text{Total Household illnesses}) \sim I(\text{animal illness and death}/10) + \text{household size})$$

	Estimate	2.5 %	97.5 %	p-value
(animal illness and death/10)	1.31	1.16	1.49	< 0.001 ***
Household size	1.08	1.07	1.10	< 0.001 ***

- correlation between households with sick people and those with sick animals

Country-level Prioritization of zoonotic diseases



- WHO has a list of 20 NTDs half of which are zoonotic

- 36 different zoonotic diseases suspected or known to be in Kenya or the East African region
- **Which diseases should be priority for Kenya?**

Semi-quantitative prioritization process

- 1 Identifying diseases to be prioritized
- 2 Selection of a ranking criteria for diseases
- 3 Assigning weights to the ranking criteria
- 4 Scoring each disease and aggregation of scores

Country-level Prioritization of zoonotic diseases

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Prioritization of Zoonotic Diseases in Kenya, 2015

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Kenya's top priority zoonotic disease

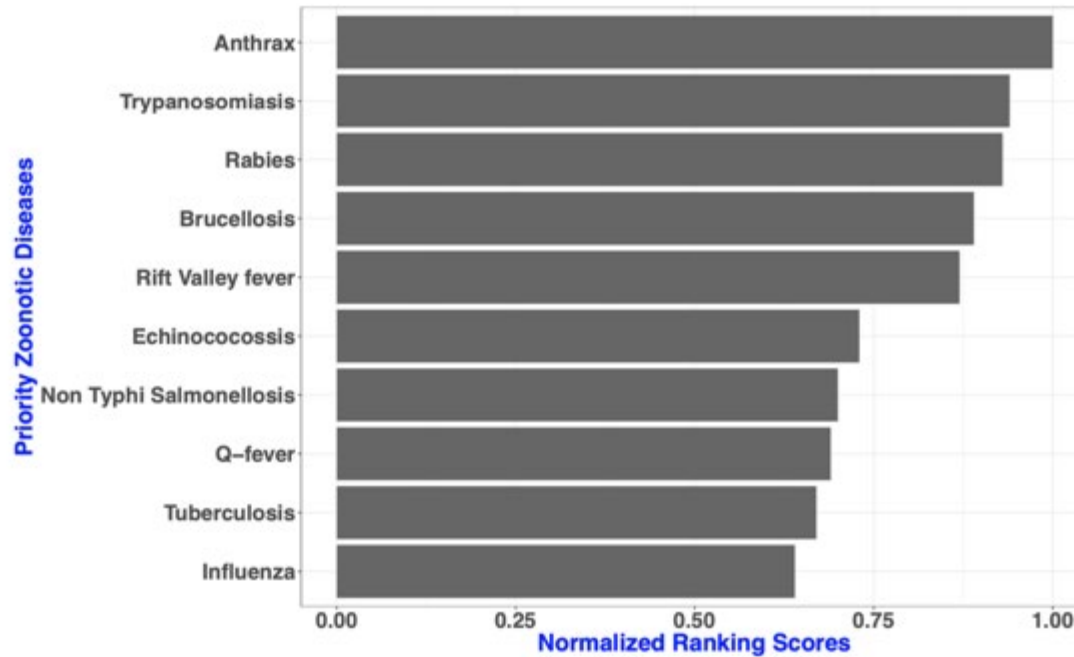


Table 2. Ranking of criteria using analytical hierarchical process: criteria weight and rank for each of the groups.

Group	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Overall ranking
Severity of illness	0.43–1	0.24–2	0.49–1	0.35–1	0.28–2	1
Epidemic potential	0.28–2	0.44–1	0.19–3	0.25–2	0.14–3	2
Socio-economic impact	0.17–3	0.10–4	0.07–4	0.21–3	0.48–1	3
Prevalence of disease in humans or animals	0.07–4	0.04–5	0.21–2	0.03–5	0.06–4	4
Interventions	0.05–5	0.18–3	0.04–5	0.16–4	0.05–5	4

- Priority food-borne zoonoses
 - Anthrax
 - Brucellosis
 - Rift Valley fever
 - Echinococcosis (Hydatidosis)
 - Non-typhi salmonellosis
 - Q-fever

¹Eight of 10 top zoonotic diseases are endemic

Country-level Prioritization of zoonotic diseases

Priority zoonotic diseases in 7 countries

Table 4. Final combined prioritized list of zoonoses by the One Health Zoonotic Disease Prioritization Tool for 7 countries, 2014–2016*

Zoonosis	No. countries listing disease, by rank order						Total no. countries
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rabies	4		2				6
Zoonotic influenza			3		2		5
Anthrax	2	2					4
Brucellosis (<i>Brucella abortus</i> and <i>B. melitensis</i>)		1	2†*	2†*			4†*
Hemorrhagic fevers (Ebola/Marburg)		2		1			3
Salmonellosis		1		1			2
Zoonotic tuberculosis (<i>Mycobacterium bovis</i>)	1				1		2
Arbovirus infections (e.g., yellow fever and West Nile virus)						1	1
Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever				1			1
Echinococcosis					1		1
Leptospirosis				1			1
Monkeypox					1		1
Rift Valley fever					1		1
Trypanosomiasis		1					1

*Countries: Thailand, Kenya, Ethiopia, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, South Africa, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

†One country had both *B. abortus* and *B. melitensis* ranked separately on the final prioritized list.

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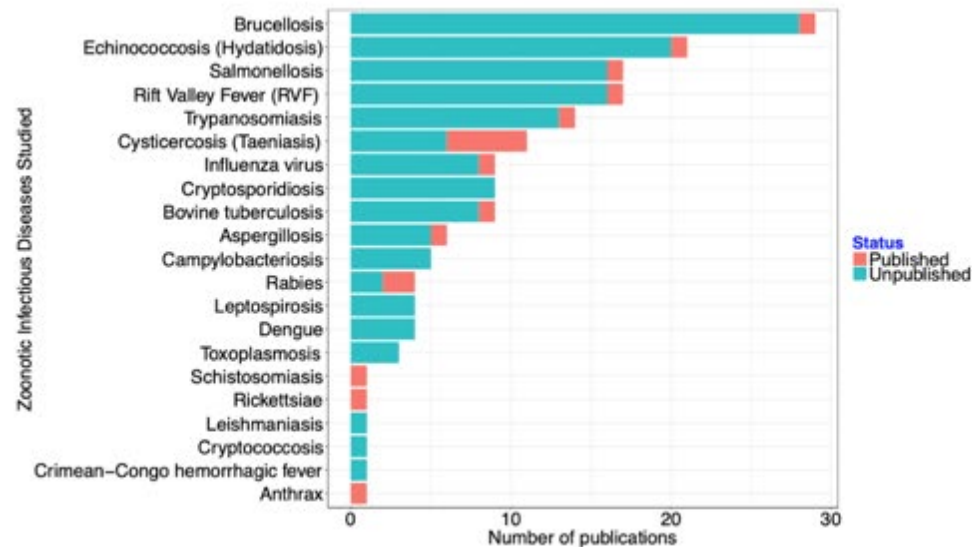
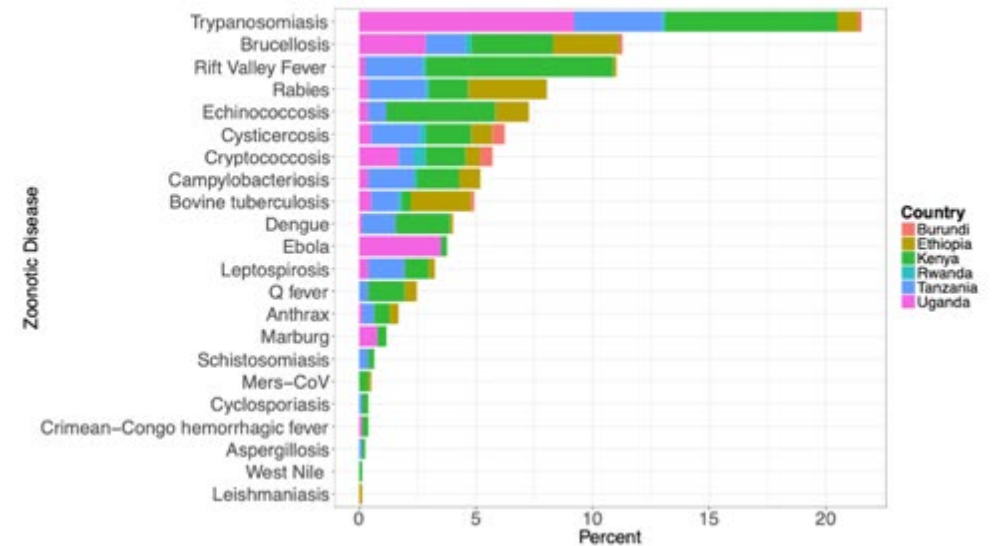
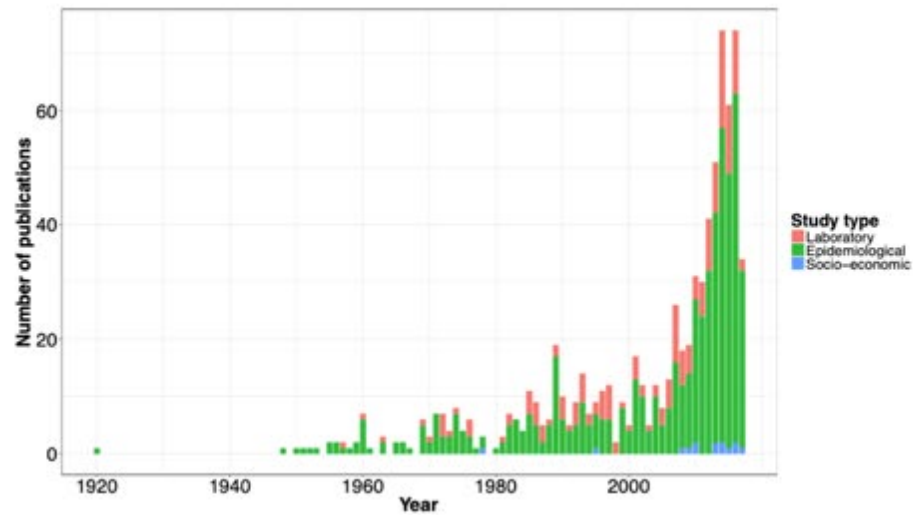
- Most prioritized zoonoses were endemic diseases²
- Building capacity on endemic zoonoses can enhance rapid detection and response to outbreaks of emerging zoonotic diseases³

²Salyer *et al* (2017) Emerging Infectious Diseases 23:13

³Halliday *et al.* (2017), Science 357: 146–148



Research on Zoonoses in East Africa

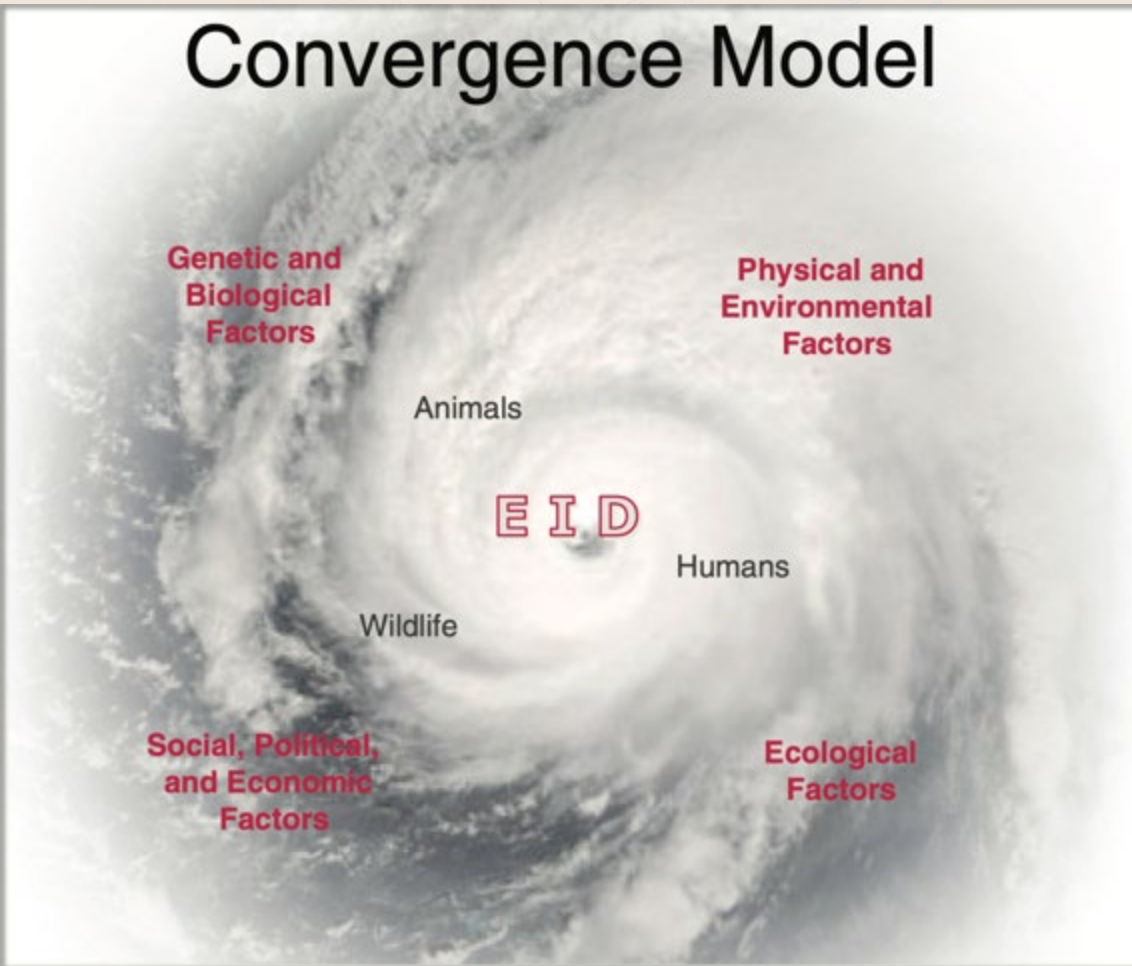


- Growth in zoonotic disease research
- Focus is largely on endemic diseases
- Only 11% of thesis research is published,
- Average 2.5 years from thesis production to manuscript publication

Kemunto et al 2018 BMC Infectious Diseases

What are the food-borne zoonoses issues in the region?

Convergence Model



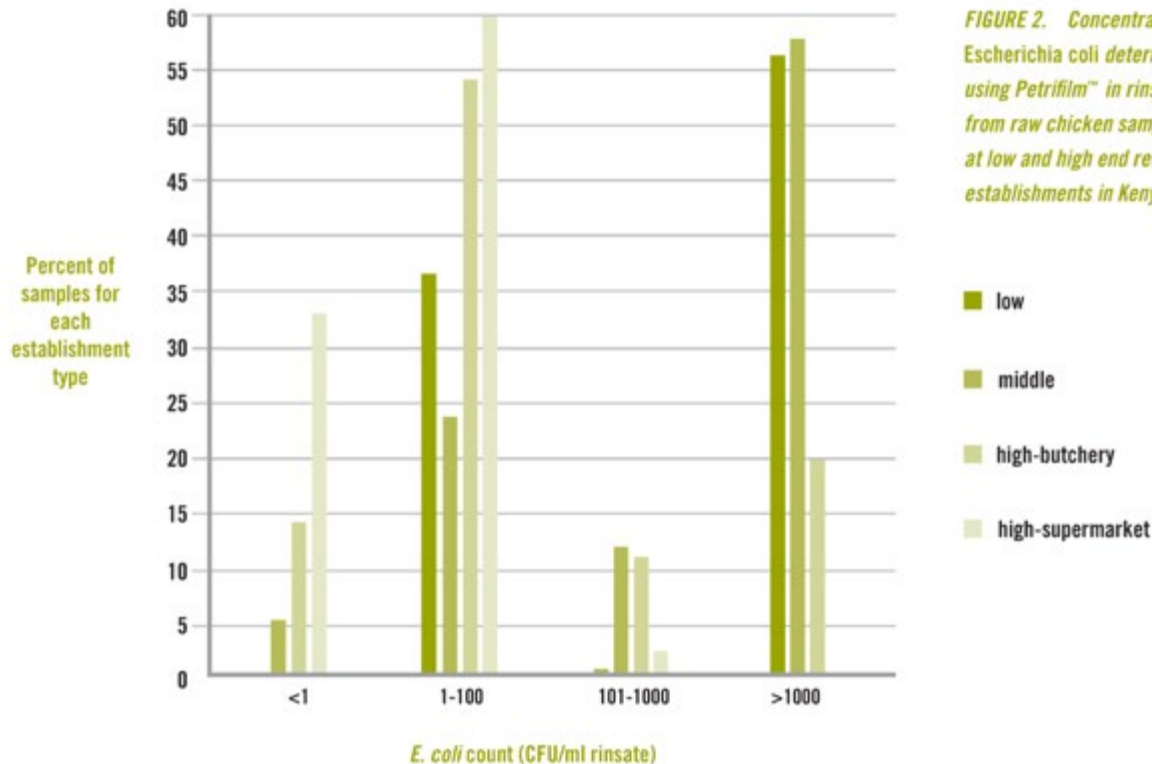
- Are they an important public health problem?
- What are the key scientific questions to improve their prevention and control?
- What interventions are most appropriate and how can they be optimized?

Food-borne zoonoses as a public health threat

FAO/WHO Project Report

Improving Food Safety in Meat Value Chains in Kenya

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PROJECT NOTE | MARCH 2018

FOOD SAFETY IN KENYA: FOCUS ON DAIRY

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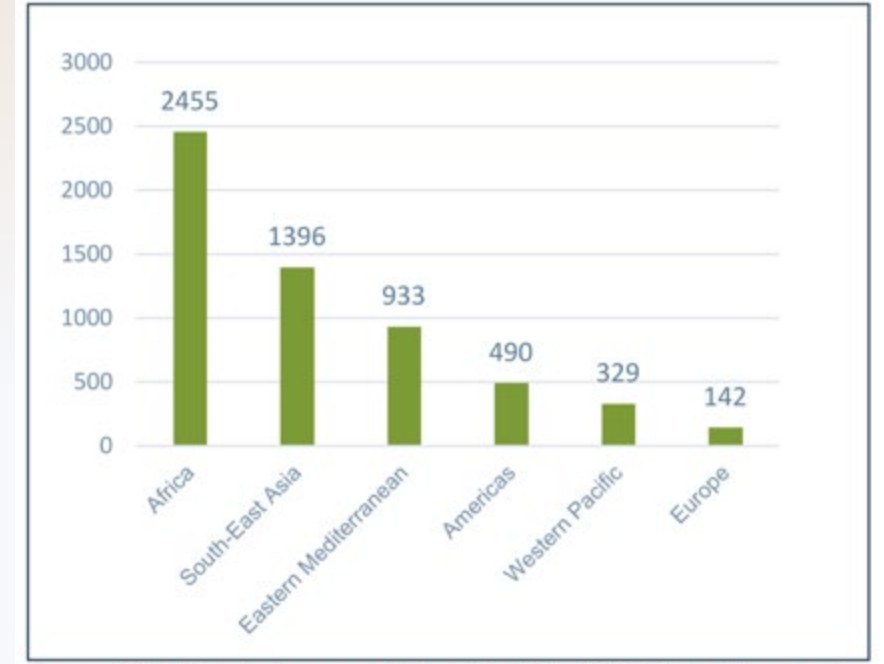


Figure 2. Estimated years of healthy life (DALYs) lost to death or illness per 100,000 population, by region

Scarce data on estimates of the **health and economic burden** of foodborne zoonoses

Key research questions to improve surveillance, prevention and control

Rift Valley fever

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Predictive Factors and Risk Mapping for Rift Valley Fever Epidemics in Kenya

Peninah M. Munyua¹, R. Mbabu Muriithi², Peter Ithondeka², Allen Hightower², Samuel M. Thumbi⁴, Samuel A. Anyangu², Jusper Kipimo², Bernard Bett⁴, Anton Vrieling², Robert F. Breiman¹, M. Kariuki Njenga^{1,2*}

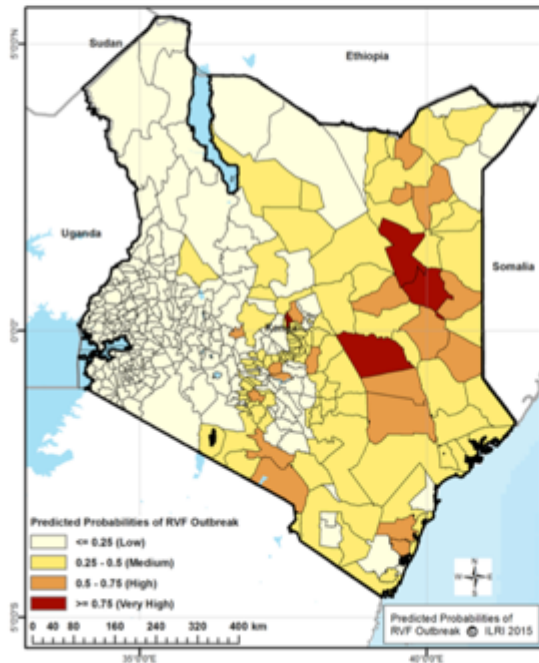


Fig 3. RVF risk map for Kenya generated from predicted probabilities by administrative divisions based on Centre Merged Analysis of Precipitation (CMAP).

PLOS | NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Randomized Controlled Field Trial to Assess the Immunogenicity and Safety of Rift Valley Fever Clone 13 Vaccine in Livestock

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- Identification of RVF hotspots to target surveillance^a
- No licensed vaccine for humans, and livestock vaccines have safety concerns - "One Health" vaccine^b
- Testing efficacy of RVF vaccines as an intervention tool^c

^aMunyua *et al* (2016) PLoS One 11:1

^bWarimwe *et al* (2016) Scientific Reports 6:1

^cNjenga *et al* (2015) PLoS NTD 9:3

- Improving national and sub-national **surveillance** for foodborne zoonosis
- Identification of geographical and value chain **hotspots** for infection
- **Efficacy of interventions** against food-borne zoonoses

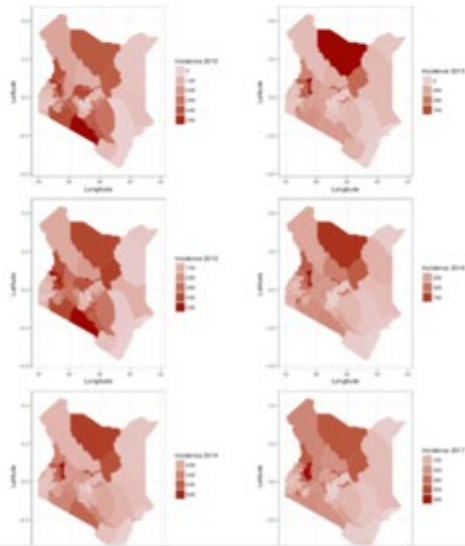
Optimization and delivery of interventions against foodborne zoonoses

Brucellosis

Seroprevalence of brucellosis in humans and livestock species by county, 2012–2013

Seroprevalence	All counties % (95% CI)	Kajiado% (95% CI)	Kiambu % (95% CI)	Marsabit % (95% CI)
Human	16.4 (13.5–19.6)	15.3 (10.5–21.8)	2.4 (1.9–3.0)	46.5 (39.0–54.1)
Livestock	8.0 (6.8–9.4)	3.3 (2.8–4.1)	1.2 (1.0–1.5)	13.5 (11.2–16.2)
Cattle	4.1 (3.4–4.8)	3.3 (3.0–3.5)	0.8 (0.5–1.1)	11.2 (9.2–13.7)
Goat	10.7 (9.3–12.3)	3.6 (2.7–4.7)	1.3 (1.0–1.8)	16.1 (13.9–18.5)
Sheep	7.3 (6.1–8.8)	3.4 (2.8–4.1)	2.4 (1.9–3.1)	11.9 (10.2–13.5)
Camel	11.1 (7.1–17.0)	–	–	11.1 (9.4–15.0)

CI = confidence interval.



- 6-fold odds of human seropositivity in households with sero-positive animals^a
- Risk factors: ingestion or raw milk, handling infected material
- Brucellosis national incidence 214(range 0 - 983) cases/100,000 people (hotspots in pastoralist regions)^b
- *Next: Develop Kenya's Brucellosis Control Strategy*

^aOsoro *et al* (2015) Am. J. Trop. Med. Hyg

^bThumbi *et al* (in-preparation)

- Multi-host most-pathogen systems
 - Which is (are) the reservoir species?
- Cost-effectiveness of interventions against foodborne interventions
 - Who funds and why should they?
- Planning and effectively rolling out interventions
 - Adoption of interventions and reduction/elimination of foodborne disease burden

Summary

- **Estimates of the health and economic burden of foodborne zoonoses is a critical need**
 - Surveillance systems that improve detection and attribution of the foodborne zoonoses
 - Multidisciplinary approaches to addressing impact of foodborne zoonoses
- **Research on the hotspots (spatial and food-value chain) and drivers for foodborne zoonoses**
 - Focus surveillance and intervention efforts
 - Identify drivers that can be manipulated to minimize risk of transmission and burden
- **Implementation science for control of foodborne zoonoses**
 - Optimization of delivery of available interventions (biological and behavioral)
 - Integration of these programs to existing national human and animal health programs



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Chakula Salama: A Risk-based Approach to Reducing Foodborne Disease and Increasing Production of Safe Foods in Kenya

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Food Safety is a Global Public Good

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- **Critical to food security, nutrition.**
 - **Serious public health issue.**
 - 600 million illnesses/year
 - Children bear most of burden
 - Associated with long-term health outcomes
 - **Significant economic impact.**
 - Medical costs, lost productivity
 - Loss of consumer confidence
 - Reduced market access
 - Increased food loss and waste

The Burden of Foodborne Disease

Every year foodborne diseases cause:

almost
 **in 10**
people to fall ill

33 million
healthy life years lost

Foodborne diseases can be deadly, especially in children <5


420 000
deaths



Children account for
almost **1/3**
of deaths from
foodborne diseases

For more information: www.who.int/foodsafety

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Source: WHO Estimates of the Global Burden of Foodborne Diseases, 2015.

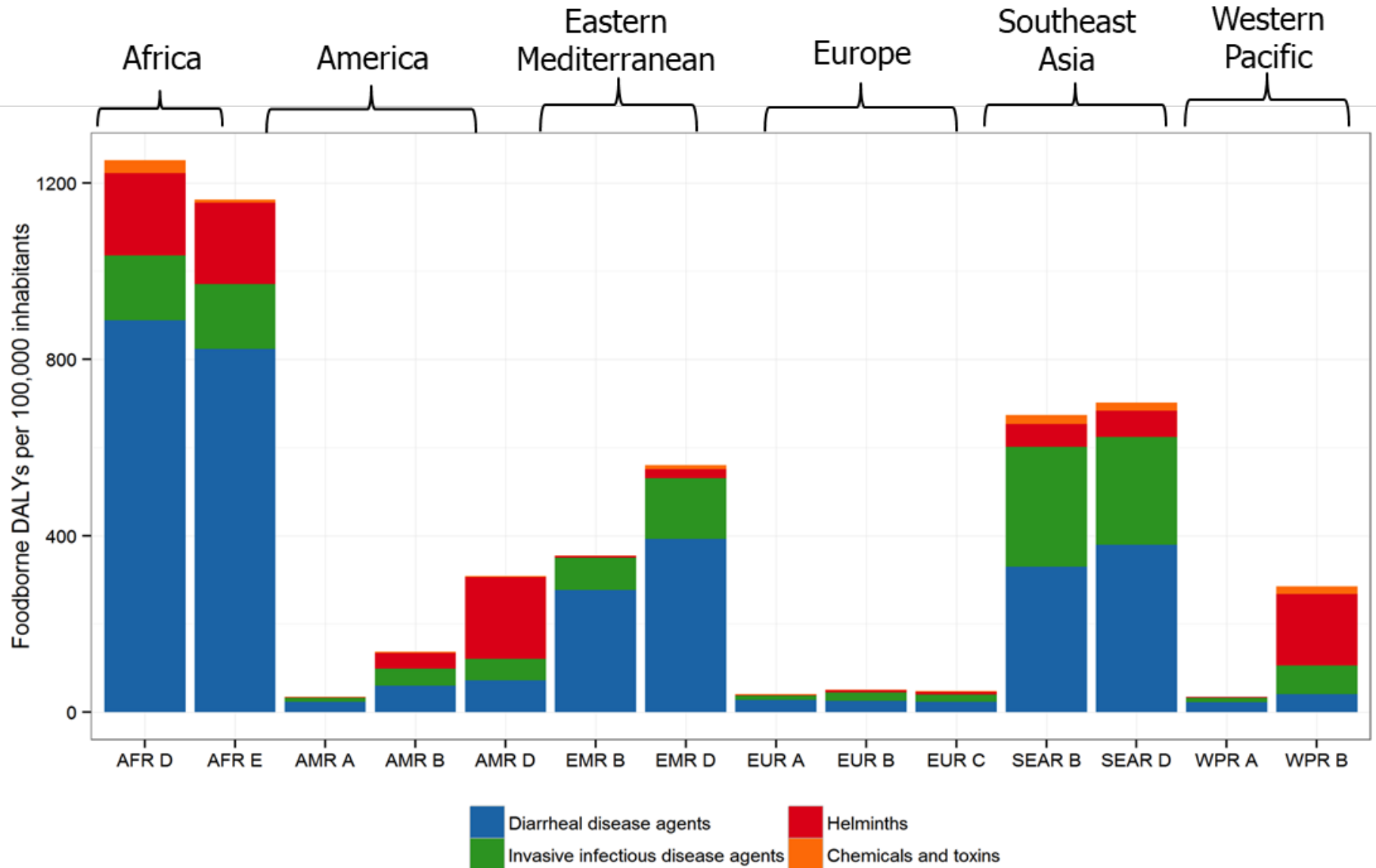


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Long-term Health Impact

Autoimmune Disorders	<p>Reactive Arthritis – associated with many foodborne pathogens; rates vary from 2.3% to 15%.</p> <p>Guillain-Barre Syndrome – <i>Campylobacter</i> is common trigger and accounts for 40% of cases in U.S.</p>
Digestive Disorders	<p>Irritable Bowel Syndrome – associated with many foodborne pathogens; causes estimated 17% of cases.</p> <p>Irritable Bowel Disease – includes Crohn’s Disease, Ulcerative Colitis.</p>
Neurological Disorders	<p>Sepsis, Meningitis, Respiratory distress</p> <p>Paralysis, palsies, seizures, epilepsy</p> <p>Cognitive impairment, visual/hearing impairment</p>
Renal Failure & Associated Sequelae	<p>Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS) – severe, life-threatening illness; leading cause of acute kidney failure in children under age 5 in U.S.; associated with STEC, <i>Shigella</i>.</p> <p>Chronic kidney disease, End stage renal failure, Chronic hypertension, Pancreatitis, Diabetes mellitus – often secondary to HUS.</p>
Emerging Issues	<p>Schizophrenia, psycho-social disorders – recent studies have found increased risk for toxoplasmosis but not well understood.</p> <p>Urinary tract infections</p>

Global Burden by Hazard Groups and by Subregion



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Managing the Risks



Failures in the System



South Africa and the World's Worst Listeriosis Outbreak



A Risk-Based Approach

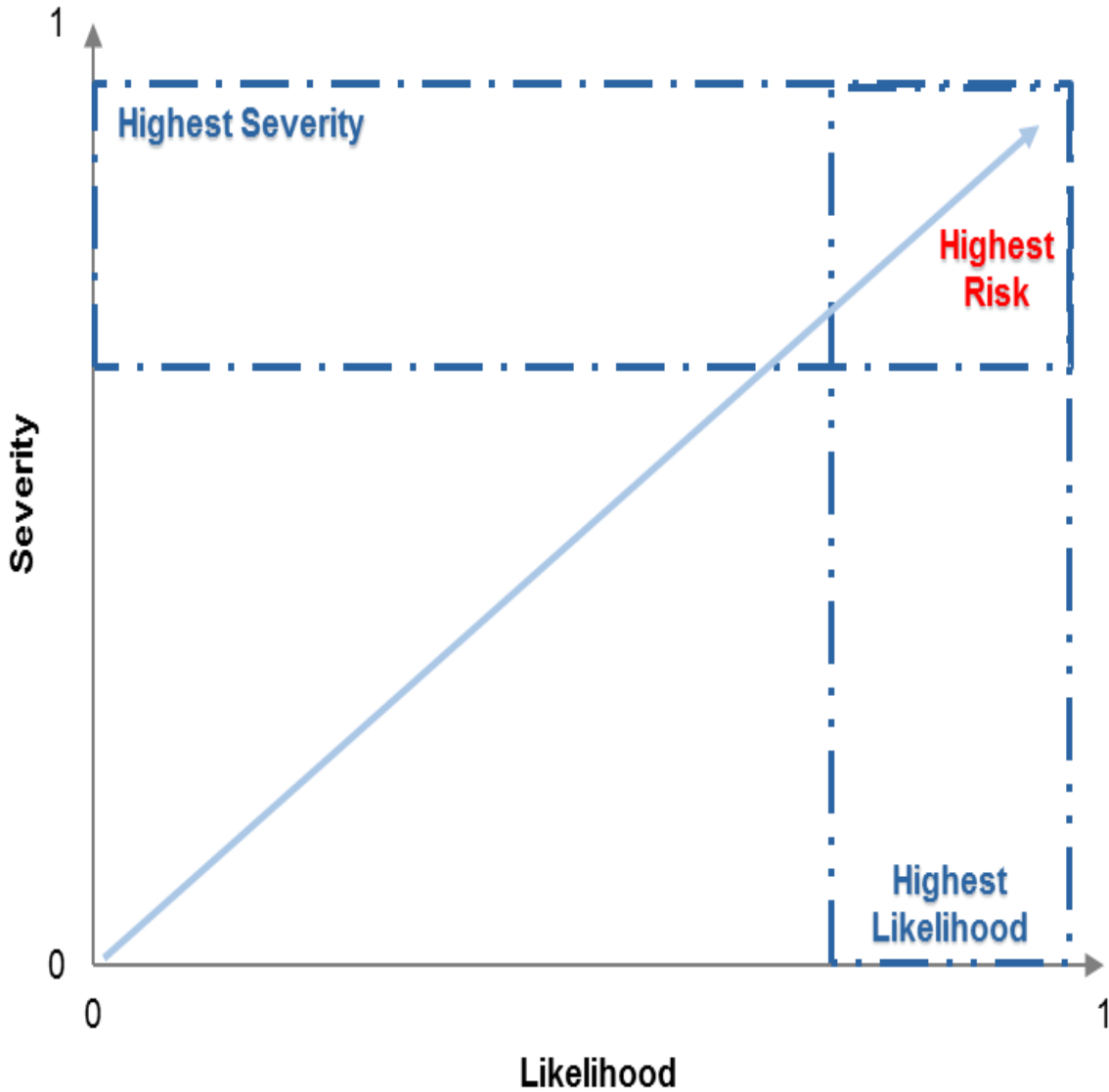
- Proactive and data-driven
- Grounded in risk analysis
- Systematic and transparent
- Ranks risks based on public health impact
- Prioritizes allocation of resources to manage risk most effectively
- Considers other factors in decision-making (i.e. perception, cost, environmental/market impacts)
- Evaluates efficacy of risk management on continuous basis
- Involves all stakeholders



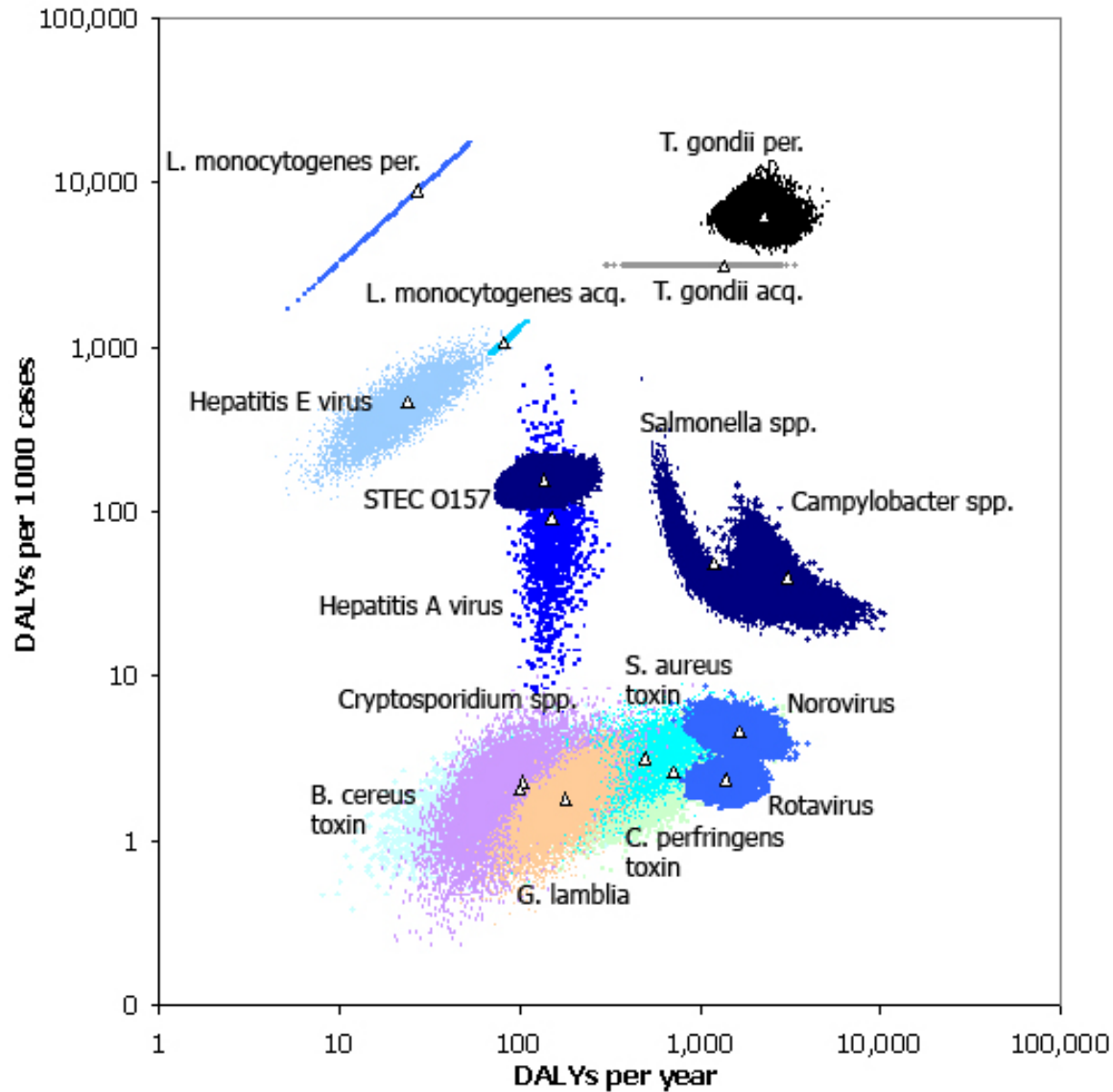
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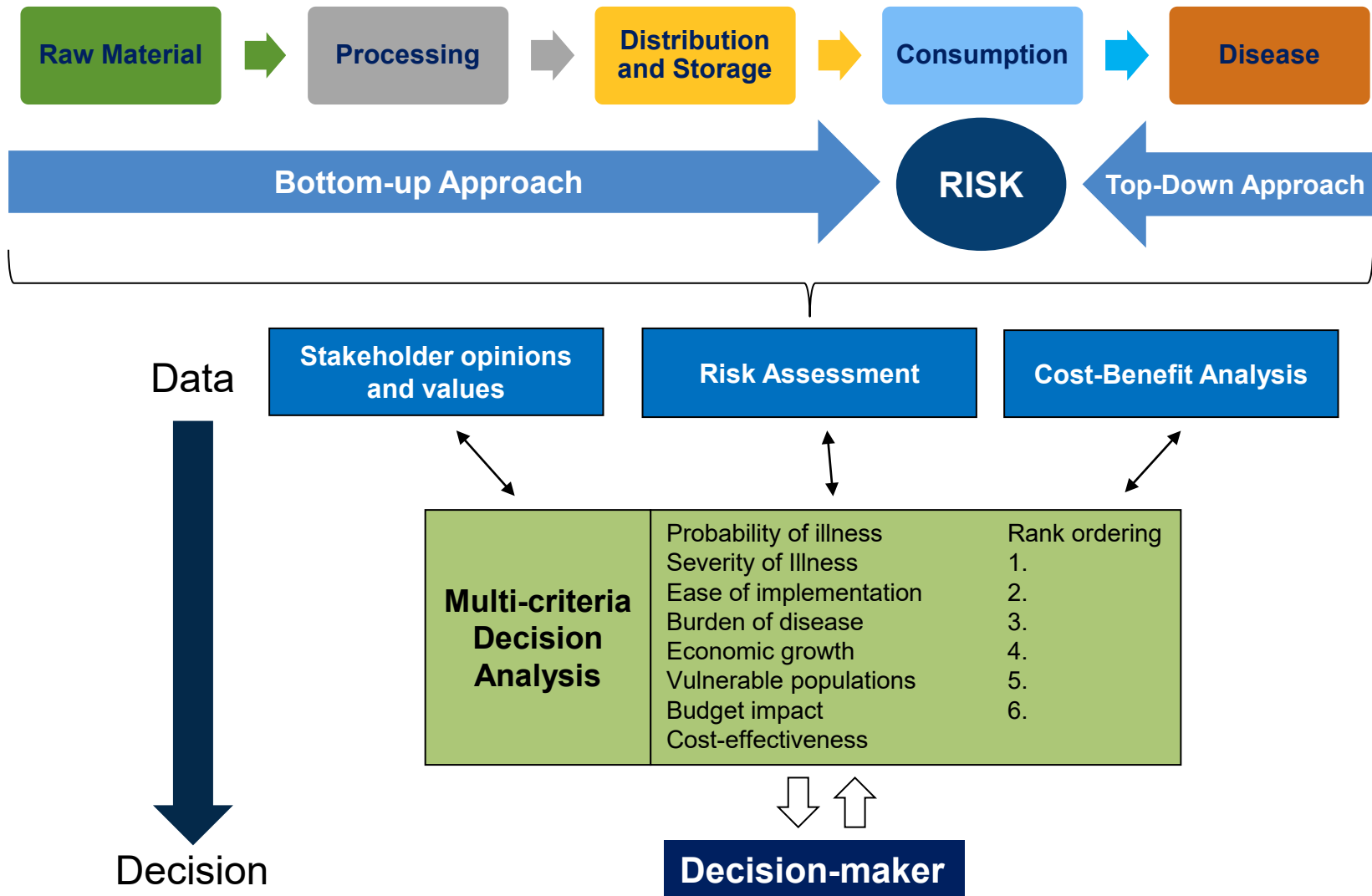
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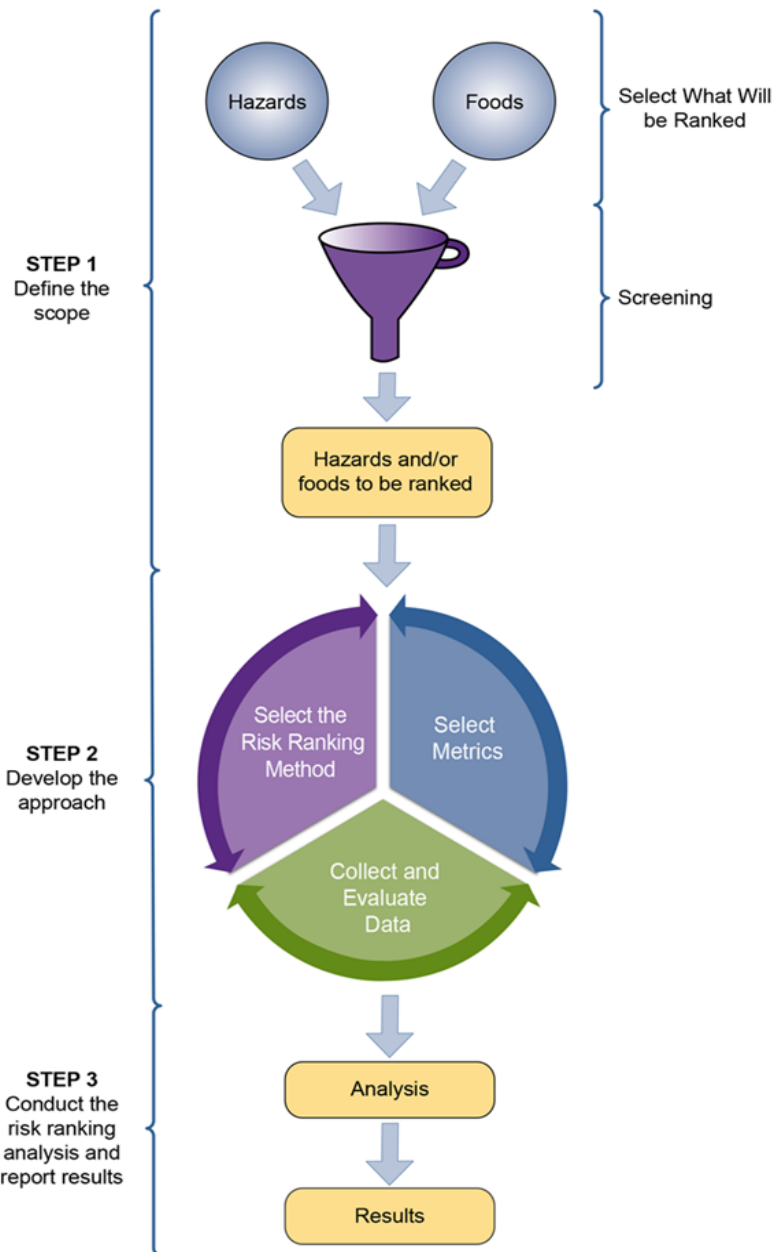
Assessing and Ranking the Risks



From Data to Decision



Risk Ranking can be Challenging



- **Several methods/tools out there**
- **But where do we start?**
 - Multitude of hazards/foods
 - Number, complexity of methods
 - Resource needs
- **Quantitative approach not always feasible or appropriate**
- **Need structure so risk ranking efforts can be built upon**
- **Developed preliminary guidance with FAO on how to start ranking food safety risks**

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- **Goal:** Improve food security and nutrition in Kenya by developing capacity for risk-based approaches to food safety, reducing risk of FBD, increasing production of safe food, and improving economic outcomes.
- **Key outcomes:**
 - Roadmap for making risk-based decisions and allocating food safety resources that can be extended to other value chains, pathogens, and/or LMIC
 - Increased resources in Kenya to implement such an approach.

Poultry in Kenya



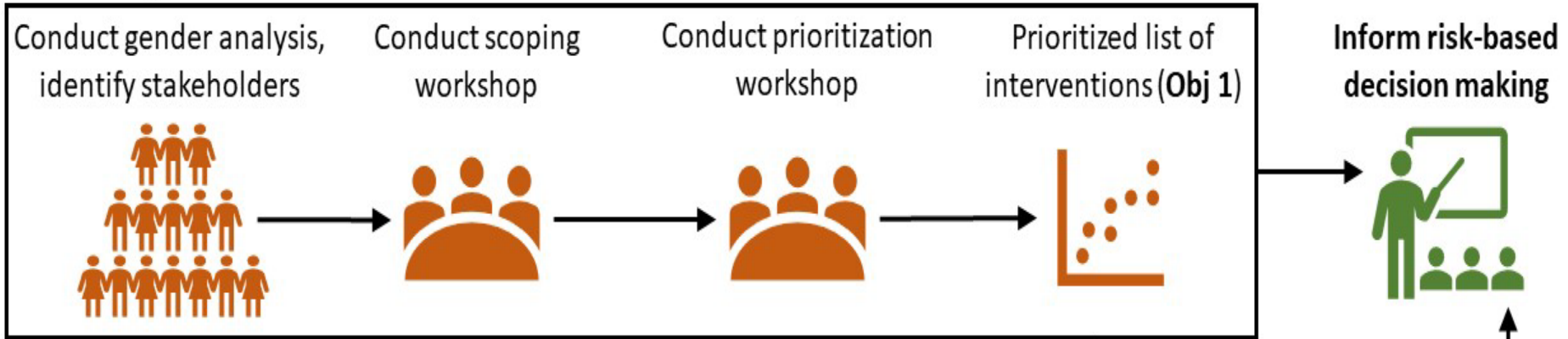
- Important dietary component for poor and middle-class Kenyan households
- Significant source of income for women and youth
- Traditional processing often occurs in informal settings and rarely includes pathogen mitigation strategies
- Focus on *Salmonella enterica* and *Campylobacter* spp. in poultry value chains managed by women and youth farmers in peri-urban areas of Kenya

Objectives

- 1) Identify, in collaboration with stakeholders, food safety priorities for poultry value chains in Kenya using a risk-informed approach.
- 2) Characterize *Salmonella enterica* and *Campylobacter* spp. in poultry value chains managed by women and youth farmers in peri-urban areas of Kenya.
- 3) Develop and evaluate the efficacy of culturally and gender appropriate, practical, and scalable intervention strategies for mitigating risk of *Salmonella enterica* and *Campylobacter* in poultry that effectively account for gendered roles in poultry production.
- 4) Estimate the public health impact and evaluate the benefits and costs from selected intervention strategies to inform public and private decision-making.

Project Overview

Risk Ranking and Prioritization



Characterization and Intervention Studies



Capacity Building



- Develop modules
- Conduct trainings
- Engage students

Risk Assessment



- Characterize contamination (Obj 2)
- Evaluate effectiveness of intervention (Obj 3)
- Estimate public health impact (Obj 4)

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Questions?



**“As for the future,
your task is not to foresee it,
but to enable it.”**

- Antoine de Saint-Exupery
French Writer, 1900-1944

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