

## Contribution of social sciences to vector control

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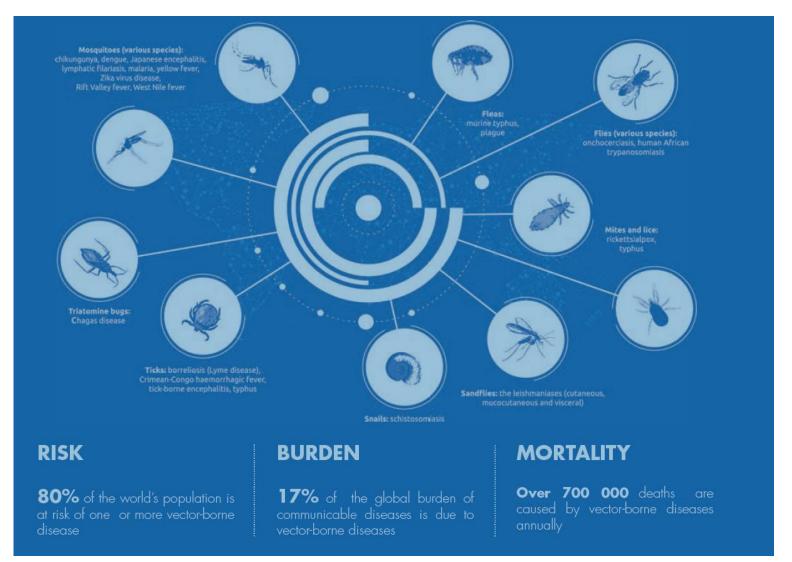




#### Context

- Regardless of whether they involve humans and animals (mosquitoes, flies, ticks, fleas, bugs) or plants (lepidopteran and dipteran pests colonizing fruits), arthropods are often perceived negatively
- Humans should therefore support interventions tackling arthropods vectors
- However, malaria, dengue and other arboviral diseases are still present and continue to threaten public health

## Burden of VBDs



- 80% of the world's population is at risk of one or more VBDs
- 17% of the global burden of communicable diseases is due to VBDs
- Over 700 000 deaths are caused by VBDs annually

## Main goals of vector control

- Prevent the propagation of the vector population
- Remove the current vector population
- Reduce human exposure

- Insecticides
- Biological agents
- Genetically Modified Vectors
- Environmental management
- Personal protection

Success depends on the environmental context, political will and community support

# Key reasons for failure

- Vectors develop resistance to insecticides
- Vector control strategies, such as aerial spraying of chemicals or introduction of genetically modified organisms, require public or political endorsement before implementation
- Negative public opinion can impede successful vector control campaigns
- Human behaviour is shaped and modified by a large set of influences
  - → what is effective in one place may not be effective in another

### Lack of confidence in the interventions

- During the 2012 West Nile Virus outbreak in Northern Texas, only 2 out of 4 counties engaged in aerial spraying due to public concerns and political will
- In 2016, when Zika appeared in Miami, aerial spraying was delayed for 24h due to large protests against the use of insecticide

# Lack of knowledge about VBDs

- Malaria is due to bite of mosquito, exposure of children to hot environmental condition and being hunger, but it is hunger that causes more malaria than bite of mosquito
- I am in trouble to accept that malaria is caused by all mosquitoes. If the mosquito bite causes malaria, it will lead to many more diseased individuals
- Misuse of LLINS (fishing nets, protection of crops, football goal, etc.)

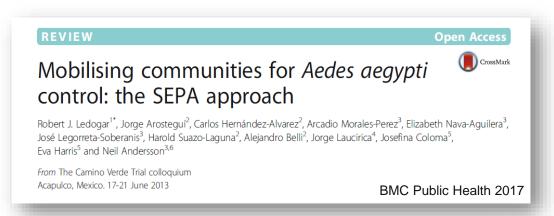
### Conditions for effective vector control

- Interventions are effective only if accessible, acceptable, and properly used within communities
- Interventions should be sustainable
- Acceptance of interventions is based on knowledge acquisition, intention to change behaviour and engagement in behaviour change

#### Role of social sciences

• Improve the effectiveness of measures to mobilise communities by understanding local context, identifying needs and barriers, raising

awareness



Parents' perception on cause of malaria and their malaria prevention experience among school-aged children in Kutcha district, Southern Ethiopia; qualitative study

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#### Role of social sciences

 Reinforce capacities by continuous training, transfer of knowledge, empowerment

Towards a better integration of social sciences in arbovirus research and decision-making: an experience from scientific collaboration between Cuban and Quebec institutions

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POLICY PLATFORM

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Sustainable innovation in vector control requires strong partnerships with communities

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#### CASE STUDY

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Operationalizing stakeholder engagement for gene drive research in malaria elimination in Africa—translating guidance into practice

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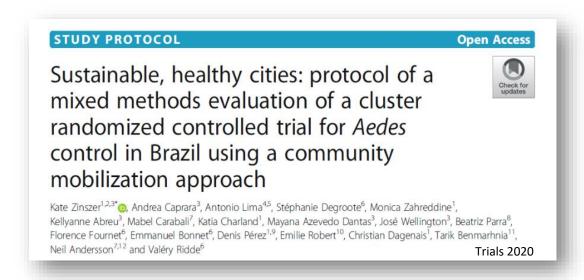
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#### Role of social sciences

Evaluate the interventions



#### Evaluation of Effectiveness of a Community-Based Intervention for Control of Dengue Virus Vector, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

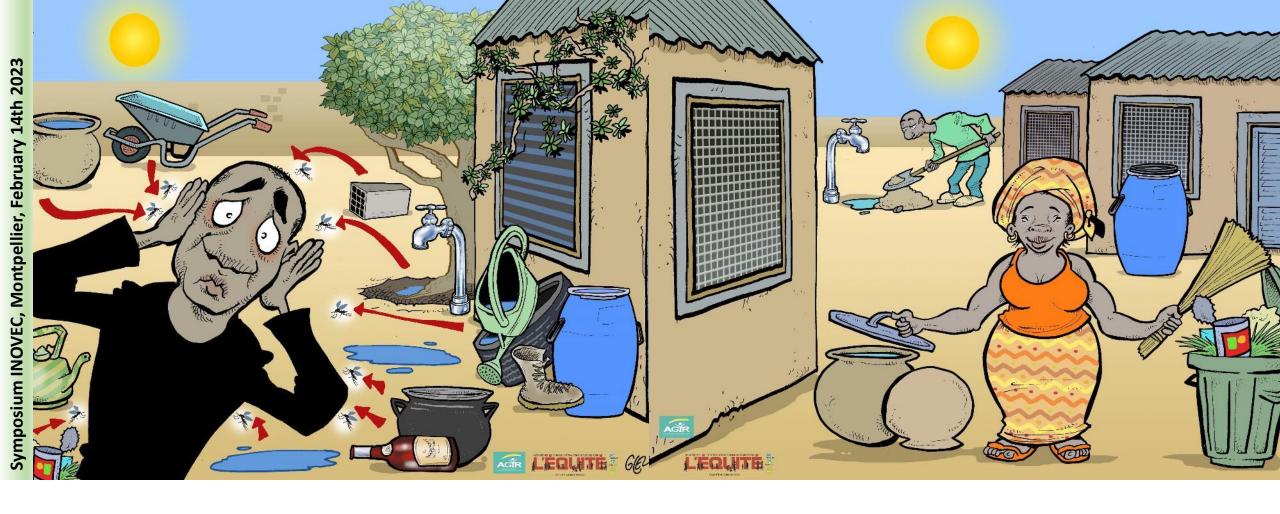
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### Conclusion

- Social scientific methods can help to identify the factors that determine opposition to/acceptance of vector control interventions
- Social scientific methods can contribute to the evaluation of the process, acceptability, fidelity, and sustainability of the interventions
- There is a particular interest to mobilize social sciences to co-develop innovative solutions, i.e. tools but also frameworks of thinking adapted to local contexts for improving vector control
- Social sciences must be involved in the development of effective vector control strategies



## Thank you for attention....

















