

Laos Country Brief

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Bringing evidence & people together to tackle drug resistance for a healthier world

Country Context

Laos has a National Strategic Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (2019 – 2023) which has been endorsed by both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

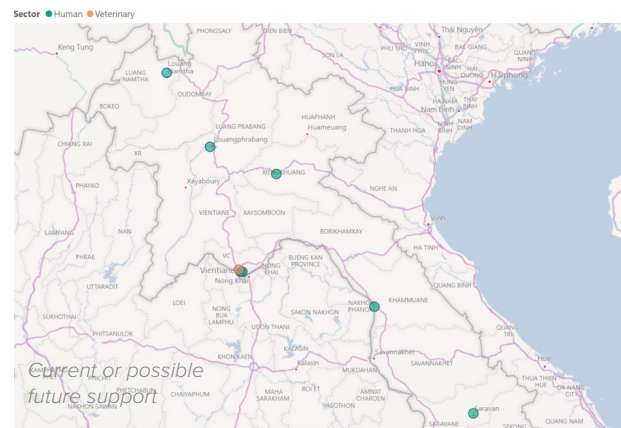
More information about Laos and its work on AMR can be found on the Fleming Fund website at: <https://www.flemingfund.org/countries/Laos>

Who We Are

The Fleming Fund is the world's single largest Official Development Assistance (ODA) investment in global AMR surveillance.

It is a £265million UK aid programme supporting up to 24 low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to generate, share and use antimicrobial resistance (AMR) data.

The Fleming Fund is a UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) programme made up of a Country and Regional Grants and Fellowships Programme managed by Mott MacDonald, and a variety of Global Projects, managed directly by DHSC.



Our Grants

COUNTRY GRANT

Country Grantee: UNOPS
Sub-grantees: FAO, WHO
Value: £1,956,356
Duration: Apr 2019 – Apr 2021

The grant's objectives include strengthening One Health approaches to information sharing and strengthening AMR/AMU surveillance.

COUNTRY GRANT 2

Country Grantee: Fondation Merieux
Sub-grantees: TBC
Value: TBC
Duration: TBC

The grant's objectives will be a continuation of work from Country Grant 1.

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Number of fellows: 5
Host Institution: Mahidol University
Value: £560,000
Duration: May 2019 – Jun 2021

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP 2

Number of fellows: 4
Host Institution: Mahidol University
Value: £160,000
Duration: TBD

REGIONAL GRANTS

Gathering Historical AMR Data

Grantee: International Vaccine Institute
Value: £2,709,350 (total across multiple countries)
Duration: Jan 2019 – Sep 2021

This grant supports the collection and analysis of historical AMR data across key Fleming Fund countries to provide early information for policy making.

External Quality Assurance- Asia

Grantee: Technical University of Denmark
Value: £4,247,345
Duration: Jan 2020 – Feb 2022

This grant supports the development of external quality assurance practices in laboratories around Asia which ensures confidence in laboratory testing results.

Policy, Practice & Advocacy

Grantee: International Vaccine Institute
Value: £2,715,217 (total across multiple countries)
Duration: Sep 2019 – Nov 2021

This grant supports data sharing for global AMR planning and advocacy to provide policy makers with evidence to make robust, data-based policy recommendations.

Common Surveillance Protocols

Grantee: Ending Pandemics
Value: £3,076,279 (total across multiple countries)
Duration: Sep 2019 – Dec 2021

This grant supports the standardisation of data collection and analysis through common protocols, ensuring data across countries is comparable.

Microbiology & Epidemiology Training

Grantee: African Society for Laboratory Medicine
Value: £3,924,547 (total across multiple countries)
Duration: Oct 2019 – Sep 2021

This grant improves data sharing for global AMR planning and advocacy to provide policy makers the evidence they need to make robust, evidence-based policy recommendations.

GLOBAL PROJECTS

Global Research on AMR (GRAM): This grant supports a global exercise studying the burden of AMR, run by University of Oxford.

Value: £6,200,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2016 – Jun 2021

OIE Grant: This grant invests in developing One Health guidance on antimicrobial use, supports countries to feed into the global AMU animal database and helps improve awareness and understanding of AMR and alternatives to antimicrobial agents.

Value: £5,000,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2016 – Mar 2021

WHO Global Grant: This grant supports countries to develop National Action Plans, training to undertake AMR use and consumptions studies and supports the adoption of the AWaRe framework and essential medicines lists.

Value: £9,900,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2016 – Sept 2020

South Centre Grant: This grant builds partnerships with civil society organisations to raise awareness of AMR.

Value: £1,000,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2017 – Mar 2021

FAO Global Grant: This grant supports implementation of multisectoral National Action Plans, assesses AMR regulatory frameworks, builds laboratory capacity related to food and agriculture and conducts advocacy and behaviour change campaigns. It has developed guidance on prescribing and/or implementation of approaches for promoting good husbandry practices.

Value: £8,500,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2016 – Mar 2020

FAO International Reference Centre: This grant supports training on veterinary drug residue monitoring.

Value: £1,000,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2019 – Dec 2020

ODI Fellowships: This grant supports development of a proposal for a possible placement for an economics fellowship placement.

Value: £1,500,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2018 – Mar 2023

FIND Grant: This grant investigates the presence of substandard/falsified medicines and how they contribute to AMR.

Value: £1,000,000

Duration: Jan 2018 – Apr 2020

2017

Support to WHO to develop AMR National Action Plan

JAN 2018

Fleming Fund scoping visit

MAY 2018

Request for proposal published

OCT 2018

Memorandum of Agreement signed

APR 2019

Country Grant signed

JUN 2019

Fellowship kick-off workshop