# **Mérieux Foundation**

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# Mérieux Foundation, A Family Foundation with Pasteurian **Roots Serving Public Health**

- **1897** : Marcel Mérieux founded Institut Mérieux after working with Louis Pasteur
- **1967**: in his memory, his son Dr. Charles Mérieux created the Mérieux Foundation, an independent family foundation
- **1976** : Official public interest status





## **Mission**

**Strengthen local capacities** to fight the **infectious diseases** that affect **vulnerable populations** in developing countries, particularly mothers and children.

> The Mérieux Foundation works in symbiosis with **Fondation Christophe et Rodolphe Mérieux** under the auspices of the Institut de France



## **Mérieux Foundation Footprint**



Projects conducted in over twenty countries, through 8 local offices, 4 training and research centers and 19 applied research units, we work in conjunction with international, national, regional and local partners.

#### Enhancing Local Applied Research Capabilities



Increasing vulnerable populations' access to diagnostics



Improving Conditions for Mothers & Children

Encouraging knowledge sharingEncourage knowledge-sharing and public health initiatives





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# Activities for Strengthening Clinical Laboratory Systems

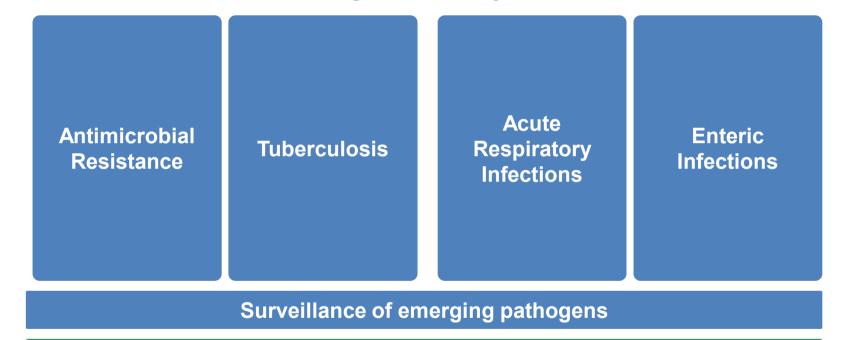
- Setting up infrastructures, equipment and computerized systems for quality clinical biology
- **Strengthening the expertise needed** for diagnostic testing (training, quality, biosecurity/biosafety)
- **Improving the management and the efficiency** of clinical biology laboratories (supervision, assessment, mapping)
- Assisting local health authorities in building a laboratory system offering prevention/monitoring and diagnosis/therapeutic follow-up (sample transport, biobanking, surveillance, networking)



## **Fostering Public Health Research Capabilities**

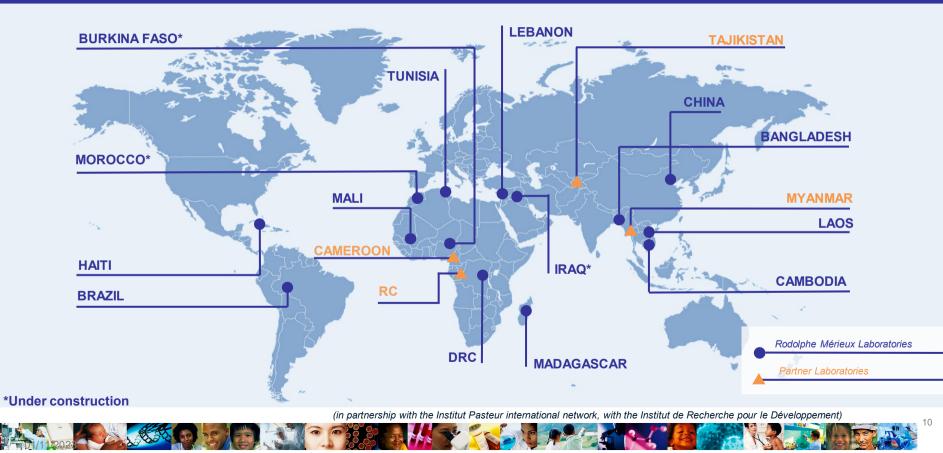


## **Research Agenda Key Thematics**



Mostly in vulnerable populations and refugees

## 2005-2023: A Network of 18 Sentinel Laboratories



# Improving Conditions for Mothers & Children

# **Programs for Mothers & Children**

- Enabling access to healthcare for refugee, displaced and vulnerable populations
  - Construction of medical centers (Bangladesh, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon)
- Supporting education and socio-economic development

   Construction of schools to maintain access to education
   Health education programs developed in the field
   Micro-credit program and income-generating activities
- Addressing basic needs
  - Emergency food aid, housing construction, provision of medicines, support for orphanages and local NGOs to meet basic needs



## **Encouraging knowledge sharing**

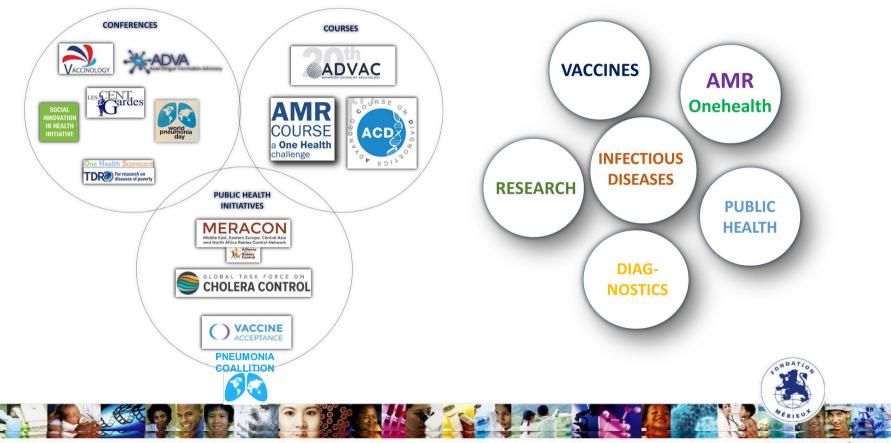


# **Knowledge Sharing**

- **Public Health Initiatives Department**: support knowledge sharing activities to contribute to the Foundation's mission and projects
- Annual Key Figures:
  - **5** courses
  - o +10 conferences
  - o +2,500 participants
  - $\circ$  +300 renowed experts
  - $_{\odot}$  +40 fellowships from LMICs

## Public Health Initiatives (PHI) & Educational Programs

#### **PROGRAM TYPES & THEMATICS**



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#### PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS- 2023 - MERIEUX FOUNDATION

THEMATIC	PROGRAMS by THEMATIC	EDUCAT	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TYPE		
		PHI*	Course - STP*	Conference STP*	
THEMATIC	VACCINE & VACCINOLOGY				
	Advanced Course on Vaccinology		1		
	International Vaccinology Conferences Asia / LatinAmerica			1	
	Vaccine Acceptance			1	
THEMATIC THEMATIC	DIAGNOSTICS				
	Advanced Course on Diagnostics (ACDx)		1		
	Cours Avancé de Diagnostic en Afrique Francophone (Afro-ACDx)		1		
	ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE				
	Antimicrobial Resistance Course (AMRcourse)		1		
	Antimicrobial Resistance Regional Courses Africa & Asia		1		
THEMATIC	EPIDEMIOLOGY				
	Épidémiologie dans les situations d'urgence complexes		1		
	INFECTIOUS DISEASES TASK FORCES / INITIATIVES				
	Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC)				
	GTFCC - Annual Stakeholders Assembly	1			
	GTFCC- World Health Assembly (WHA)	1			
	GTFCC - WASH (Water & Hygiene)	1			
	GTFCC - OCV (Oral Cholera Vaccine)	1			
	GTFCC - SURVEILLANCE (Surveillance, Monitoring and Outbreak Response)	1			
	GTFCC - CASE MANAGEMENT	1			
	Alliance for Rabies Elimination & Control				
	Partners for Rabies Prevention	1			
	World Rabies Day	1			
	SARE workshops (Stepwise Approach for Rabies Elimination) (4Workshops)				
	MERACON-Middle East, North Africa & Eastern Europe Rabies Network				
	Pneumonia Task Force				
	Pneumonia World Day & Community Actions	1			
	PCV World Health Assembly	1			
	PCV introduction in Fragile countries Pneumonia Forum	1			
	Arboviruses Initiative	1			
	Asia Dengue Voice & Action meetings	1			
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THEMATIC	OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES & GLOBAL HEALTH			1	



With University Paris Cité



With London School of TM&H







With University of Geneva





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- John Mc Bride .
- Tikki Pang
- Valentina Picot .
- Usa Thisvakorn
- Ta-Wen Yu

Meeting Coordinator: Cindy Grasso

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Scientific Committee (Alphabetic order)

- Edwin Asturias
- Maria Luisa Avila
- Luiza Falleiros
- Angela Gentile
- Rossana Juarez
- Abiel Mascarenas
- Valentina Picot

#### Event Coordination

Cindy Grasso

CCINOLOGY

#### Asia- Pacific Vaccinology Meeting **Philippines Edition**

Organized by the Mérieux Foundation & the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines



Manila, Philippines Nov 30-Dec 2, 2022

Scientific Committee:

- Nancy Bermal, MD
- Fatima Gimenez, MD
- . Mary Antonette Madrid, MD
- Maria Angela Maronilla, MD
- Valentina Picot, DVM

Meeting Coordinator: Marianne Gojon-Gerbelot

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#### International Journal of Infectious Diseases Volume 105, April 2021, Pages 188-193

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# **2021 Key Figures**





- 4 areas of intervention
- 25 countries where we work
- **170** employees in 15 countries
- **17** laboratories of excellence built/under construction, including **14** Rodolphe Mérieux Laboratories (since 2005)
- +70 laboratories renovated (since 2005)
- +80 collaborative programs worldwide
- +30 scientific conferences hybrid or online





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