

Institut Pasteur: health research and intervention world-wide

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Disease is known to be a major impediment for sustainable development. For well over a century Institut Pasteur in France and its worldwide network have been participating in public health, research and education to alleviate the scourge of disease burden among local populations and to advance scientific knowledge and its applications. The “ Institut Pasteur Model” for basic to applied science with specific focus on country needs has proven to be a unique and sustainable model for development in the health sector. With the recent resurgence of emerging and re-emerging diseases such as SARS, Avian Influenza, Dengue, etc., which have been shown to have a devastating effects not only on public health, but also on the global economy, have propelled disease surveillance, research and control to the forefront. The Institut Pasteur and its worldwide network continue to play a key role to strengthen and consolidate existing surveillance and research infrastructures to mitigate the impact of emerging infectious agents. Today’s presentation will introduce the philosophy and activities of the Institut Pasteur and its international network.