

The Petri Dish

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Welcome

June has been an intense and busy time for the Fellowships. It has been exciting to see that several visits by mentors and Fellows have taken place, and our regional teams have been able to join some of these events. The progress that is made during these face-to-face events is crucial on so many fronts and it is rewarding to see the effect they have on everyone.

Travel still proves difficult for much of the Mott MacDonald team and we understand everyone's frustrations, but safety is the key issue here concerning the continuing fluctuations of COVID-19 globally. The situation is being constantly monitored and we will visit as soon as we can.

The end of June brings with it five cohorts of Fellows that will be completing their Fellowships and we look forward to hearing from them and their Host Institutions at the completion ceremony in November. The next ceremony in July will showcase the Fellows from Pakistan, Sri Lanka and one Fellow from Nigeria, all of whom completed their fellowships between January and May this year.

Coming up as well is the next quarterly reporting deadline. The reports received in April took a long time to process and the time needed to review, correct, and resubmit documents took a toll on all of our activities. On pg. 2 you can find some tips and reminders for reporting.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a new member of the Fleming Fund team, Ruth Pratt, who will be stepping into the Programme Manager role previously held by Claire Sanders. Claire was part of the Fleming Fund at Mott MacDonald since day one and we wish her much success. We are very lucky that Ruth is familiar with many aspects of the Fleming Fund and has already made a great start in this important role. You can read more about Ruth's extensive experience on pg. 4. Join us in welcoming Ruth and we look forward to introducing her at our next Fellowship event.

Eileen Chappell

Important Dates

July Fellows Webinar – Wednesday 6 July, 08:30 BST

The next Fellows webinar will be a closing ceremony for Cohort I Fellows from Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Nigeria. Join to hear these Fellows and their mentors discuss their impact and achievements. There will also be a certificate ceremony by the UK Department of Health and Social Care.

A calendar invitation is included with this issue of the Petri Dish. If you have any questions on joining this event, email us at FlemingFellowshipScheme@mottmac.com.

July Quarterly Reporting Deadline

The reporting deadline for the April - June 2022 quarter is 11 July. Host Institutions please submit:

- Monitoring forms
- Financial reporting forms and supporting documents
- Updated asset inventories or confirmation that no assets have been purchased

Tips for Completing the Quarterly Monitoring Reports (Form A and B)

Note as you go – it can be challenging to recall activities after three months. Fellows and mentors are encouraged to keep a log of activities each quarter or use workplans to track progress on activities in real time.

Meetings – regular meetings between Fellows and mentors are important times to review activity progress and delivery risks, which both feed into monitoring reports.

Mentors manage reporting – as reminded during the Host Institution webinar, they are responsible for developing the reports for Fellows each quarter. But Fellows can help by maintaining communication and attending

regular meetings to discuss progress throughout the quarter. This way, mentors have everything they need in advance for preparing reports on time.

If you require support or guidance on completing your quarterly reporting, please contact your regional Fellowship Scheme Officer or email FlemingFellowshipScheme@mottmac.com.

August Fellows Webinar – Share your experience

On 3 August, Steven Uggowitz and John Farrow from the eSHIFT Partner Network will be presenting “The AoS Health AMR Surveillance Digital Health Platform: A Retrospective and Roadmap”.

To help eSHIFT tailor the presentation, please complete [a short survey](#) regarding your experience with AMR surveillance in advance of this event.

Satisfaction Survey – to be completed by 29 July

The most recent round (June 2022) of the Fellowship Scheme Satisfaction Survey has been sent to all active Fellows, Beneficiary Institutions and Host Institutions.

The survey is important for the development and refinement of the Fellowship Scheme.

All respondents have until 5:30pm on 29 July 2022 (in your local time zone) to submit their responses. If you have any issues, please get in touch with your regional Fellowship Scheme Officer.

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The Fleming Fund sends out regular newsletters with more information on external events and achievements from across the programme, including Country and Regional Grants.

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June Webinar Recap

In June, at the Fellows webinar, Bangladesh Fellow Sabrina Yesmin presented data from antimicrobial consumption surveillance conducted during her Fellowship. Sabrina also discussed how the data translates to drug regulation policy, providing study outcomes on changes to antibiotic labels and packaging. Read on for an audience Q&A with Sabrina.

***Will there be any follow up to find out the efficacy of the intervention?
Will there be any public campaign to raise awareness with the launch of the new packaging?***

Sabrina: Yes, we have planned to conduct another survey after year one to measure the effectiveness of this antibiotic label change decision. The Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) has planned to conduct mass awareness programmes all over the country, including some television commercials and road shows, to increase awareness.

Were there any actions taken towards educating retailers at pharmacy outlets?

Sabrina: As per the drug act 1940 section 18 it is mandatory to have pharmacists in a pharmacy business. The Bangladesh Pharmacy Council mainly provides training to pharmacists, as well as certification, and the DGDA works on providing this training. We are trying to update the course curriculum and include AMR related chapters. But we also need to update our Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery curriculums.

Are there any plans to review pharmacy ownership rules and implement a cap on the number of pharmacy licenses?

Sabrina: This is a burning issue for our country. But still, we don't have such a plan from our government.



Following the presentation from Sabrina, Pascale Oanda spoke about the MAAP (Mapping AMR and AMU Partnership) Project, a Fleming Fund Regional Grant.

Pascale is the Principal Investigator for the MAAP project and Director of Science at the African Society for Laboratory Medicine. Since 2019, MAAP has worked to collect, digitize and analyse AMR and AMU/C data, addressing the need for large-scale AMR data generation and analysis throughout Africa.

With 14 participating countries, MAAP has developed lab networks and facilitated data sharing, in addition to increasing data collection, resulting in the first continental data set on AMR and AMC.

The results of the MAAP project investigation will soon be released and we will share registration info for the dissemination event once this is available.

Thank you Sabrina for the insight into AMC regulations in Bangladesh and Pascale for the detailed overview of the MAAP project.

The Alumni Network Steering Committee also provided an update on activities at the June webinar. Read more about this on the next page in the Alumni Corner section.

Alumni Corner

Victoria Adetunji and Emmanuel Mayenga, who lead the Alumni Network Steering Committee, provided an update on the Network’s recent activities at the June webinar.

To date, the Steering Committee members have produced governance and terms of reference documents, as well as a sustainability roadmap. They are also in the process of setting up three subcommittees:

- Technical Assistance
- Continued professional development
- Networking and awareness-raising

Membership of these groups will be announced in early July.

Alumni Spotlight

Emmanuel Benyeogor was an AMR Surveillance Human Health Fellow in Nigeria Cohort I. He will be joining the Doctor of Public Health programme through the Interfaculty Initiative in Planetary Health at Nagasaki University in Japan.

During his AMR Fellowship, Emmanuel focussed on the prevalence of extended-spectrum beta-lactamase-producing E. coli among mothers and children under five in Taraba and Kano states of Nigeria.

He is looking forward to collaborating and networking with colleagues while in Japan.

Emmanuel (front) during a 2019 visit to Host Institution, Technical University of Denmark, with colleagues from China, Japan and Nigeria.



Meet the Team

This month, Ruth Pratt joined the Fleming Fund team at Mott MacDonald as the Programme Manager, overseeing the management of the Country Grants, Regional Grants and the Fellowship Scheme.



To introduce Ruth to our Fellowships community, we asked her some questions so you can get to know her better.

Hi Ruth, why is the work of the Fleming Fund important to you? If the last few years have taught us anything it is that global health issues such as AMR require serious time, resources, and dedicated individuals. I can’t wait to be part of that.

What interests you about the Fellowships? The importance of the human part of the chain can never be overstated – Fellows are critical to AMR success in each country and to the global work as a whole.

Tell us a little about your professional background? My background is in managing large development projects; mostly in health, from Nigeria to Pakistan, and Georgia to South Africa (where I lived for three years).

What are you looking forward to in the next year with the Fleming Fund? Supporting our amazing team move forwards from the initial stages, including set up in Phase I and early surveillance, to really drive forward into Phase II. Hopefully travelling to see some of the work we are doing as well!

And just for fun...what is your favourite food? Spending five years on and off in Pakistan (working handily on a nutrition project) I would have to say curry – and you can’t beat a biryani in Karachi!

Where is your favourite place in the world? I have been lucky enough to travel quite extensively but its hard to beat the Lake District at New Year in northwest England for peace and calm.

What do you enjoy doing when you’re not at work? I enjoy hiking and paddle boarding as well as seeing my lovely friends and family – a pleasure I don’t take for granted after the last couple of years.

