

## RBM VCWG VBDs and Built Environment Work Stream

### Work Plan 2020

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Project 1: Strengthen links with the housing sector						
#	Name of Activity	Timeline in 2019/2020	Actual Status	Responsible Project manager	Support required	Comments
1	Continue to develop a network of stakeholders working in housing and VBD through the BOVA Network (Building Out Vector-Borne Diseases in Africa)	Ongoing	We have one more year of core funding remaining to support the BOVA Network.	Steve Lindsay, Fiona Shenton	No	The BOVA Network continues to grow with 461 members bringing together those working on vector-borne disease and the built environment, the primary focus is on malaria and <i>Aedes</i> -borne disease control in sub-Saharan Africa. From 2021 onwards the BOVA Network will have to become self-sustaining. BOVA has contributed to growing momentum in this area and it is important we capitalise on this moving forward.
2	Explore opportunities to link to the housing sector in SE Asia and Latin America	Ongoing	In progress	All	No	This is largely through the BOVA Network. We currently have eight members in SE Asia and we had a speaker from SE Asia at both VCWG 2019 and at our 2 <sup>nd</sup> BOVA Open Network Meeting 2019, also at this same meeting there was a presentation from a research team from Yucatan University, Mexico. Two BOVA management team members visited Singapore to review the impressive advances they have made in vector control through environmental management. One of our seven grant writing workshops (see below) is for research to control Chagas disease in Ecuador. Handbooks on IVM, which includes housing, are under review by PAHO for

						Latin America & by WHO for SE Asia.
3	<b>Identify key individuals and organisations in housing and other sectors</b>	Ongoing	In progress	Steve Lindsay, Lucy Tusting		Co-chairs linked with UN-HABITAT, UNHCR and others at 1 <sup>st</sup> MSWG meeting. We have compiled a Consultant pool for health/vector-borne disease and the built environment available on the RBM-VCWG website under our work stream <a href="#">Consultant pool</a>
<b>Project 2: Encourage basic and applied research on vector-borne diseases &amp; the built environment</b>						
#	Name of Activity	Timeline in 2019/2020	Actual Status	Responsible Project manager	Support required	Comments
1	<b>Fund basic and applied research on VBDs and the built environment through the BOVA network</b>	The BOVA Network has eight pump-priming projects underway and seven grant writing workshops will take place in the first half of 2020	Ongoing	All	No	The purpose of the grant writing workshops is to draw together top teams to pursue ambitious funding calls, they are integral to the success of the BOVA legacy.
<b>Project 3: Information exchange</b>						
1	<b>Circulate updates on housing and VBD</b>	Biannual		Lucy Tusting, Steve Lindsay	No	This is done more regularly through the BOVA website
2	<b>Use BOVA network as a communication platform (engage members of the work stream;</b>	Ongoing		Fiona Shenton (BOVA	No	The BOVA Network website is online at <a href="https://www.bovanetwork.org/">https://www.bovanetwork.org/</a> From the 1st January to 29th November 2019, the website has been viewed 4300

	<p>communication <i>via</i> social media channels)</p>			<p>Network Facilitator)</p>	<p>times by 2800 users for an average of 2 minutes 29 seconds. The breakdown is as follows: Europe 1170 (30.25%), Americas 1123 (29.03%), Africa 1291 (33.38%), Asia 240 (6.20%), Oceania 32 (0.83%), Other 12 (0.31%)          We use regular newsletters (11 between Sept 2018 and Nov 2019) to draw attention to BOVA opportunities on our website and also advertise funding calls from other major funders          The Network Facilitator Tweets regularly, we follow 354 and have 521 followers</p>
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