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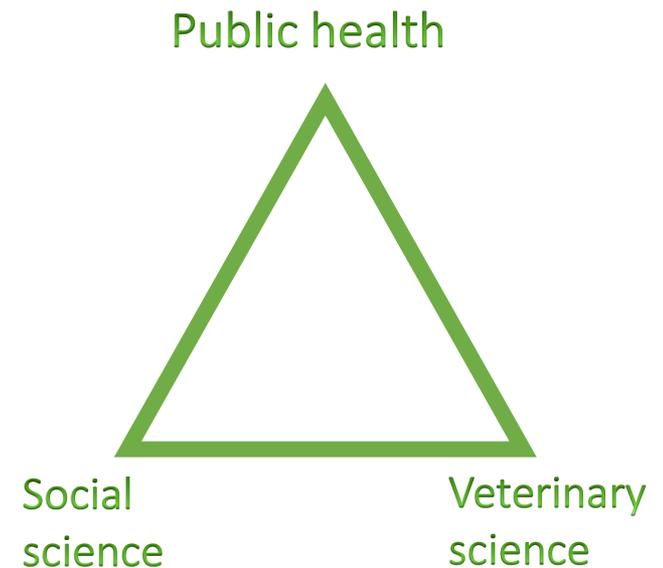
University of Liverpool

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

University of Nairobi, Kenya

Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

University of Asmara, Eritrea

IGAD Sheikh TVS, Somalia

Government organisations

NGOs (Terra Nuova, VSF)

International organisations (FAO, WHO, OIE, UNEP)

Public health

Social science

Veterinary science

INSTITUTE OF INFECTION
AND GLOBAL HEALTH

- Growing Research Capability call (£8-10m each)

- Announced August 2016

Specifications from call document	
ODA compliant	DAC-list countries
Challenge-led, problem-focused	3 development challenges
Strengthen capacity in DAC countries	Grow capability in the UK
Meaningful & lasting partnerships	Delivering impact & legacy
Interdisciplinary research	Coherent, integrated vision

Discipline-led

I'm a carpenter; pay me to make these different things
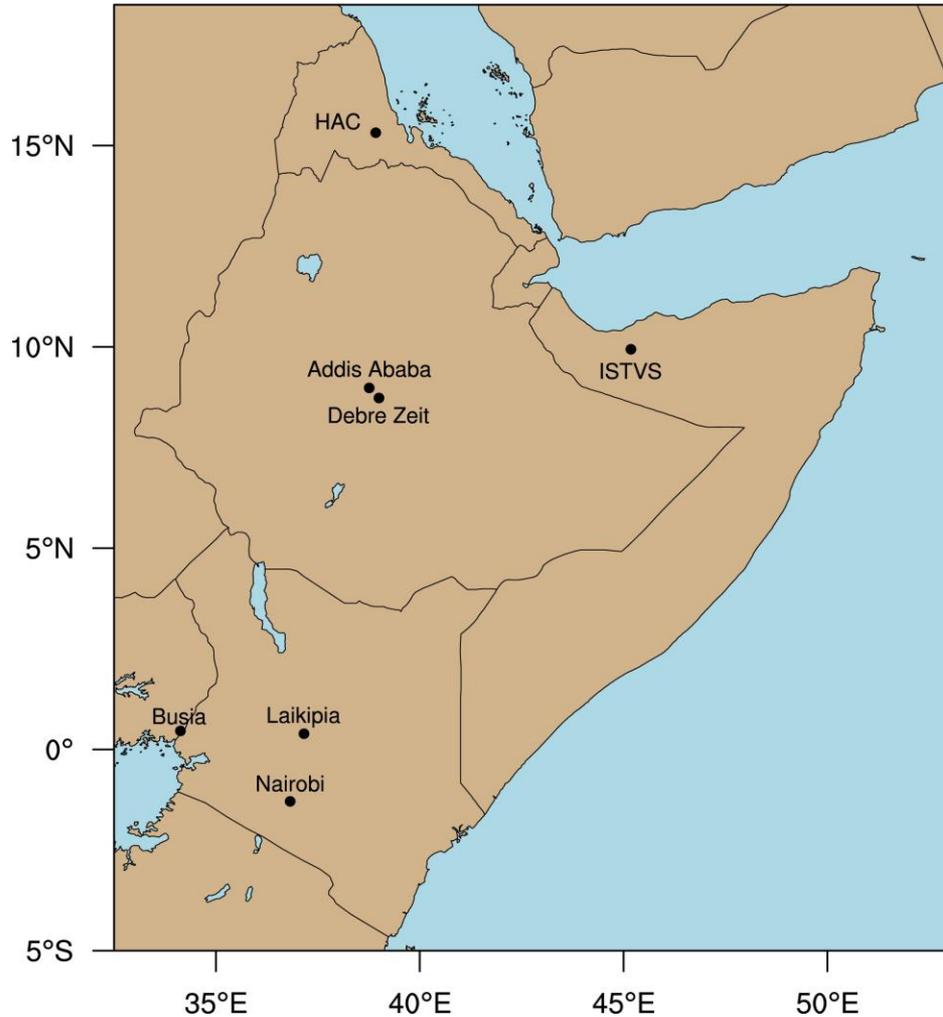

Challenge-led

Pay me to build a bridge. I'll work with a carpenter, designer, engineer, river expert…

- My first thought – resurrect failed PhD programme submitted to Wellcome Trust

- Liverpool has strong track record in One Health

- Have worked in Kenya and Ethiopia – part of the Horn of Africa

- OH – Ho?

- UoL has a major 'research footprint' in Kenya and Ethiopia

- Aim to strengthen research capability in both countries

- Reach into Somalia and Eritrea would be novel and challenging

- We already had numerous partners in Kenya and Ethiopia but:
  - Too "safe"
  - Cannot justify the name HORN
- Needed to find partners in Eritrea and Somalia
  - Proactive - searching internet, author searches etc
- Eritrean partner (HAC) - found through personal contact with an Eritrean politician
- Somalia partner (ISTVS) – found via Kenya contact

Combination of building on existing partnerships, and adding new, exiciting partnerships, feels just right for GCRF

- Insisted that the University funded a visit to Ethiopia and Kenya to meet partners

- Four major benefits:
  - Established partnerships
  - Presentation needed – so clarified my ideas
  - Got feedback
  - Evidence of engagement with partners at conception stage

One Health
is the concept that the health & well-being of people are linked to the health of animals and the environment.
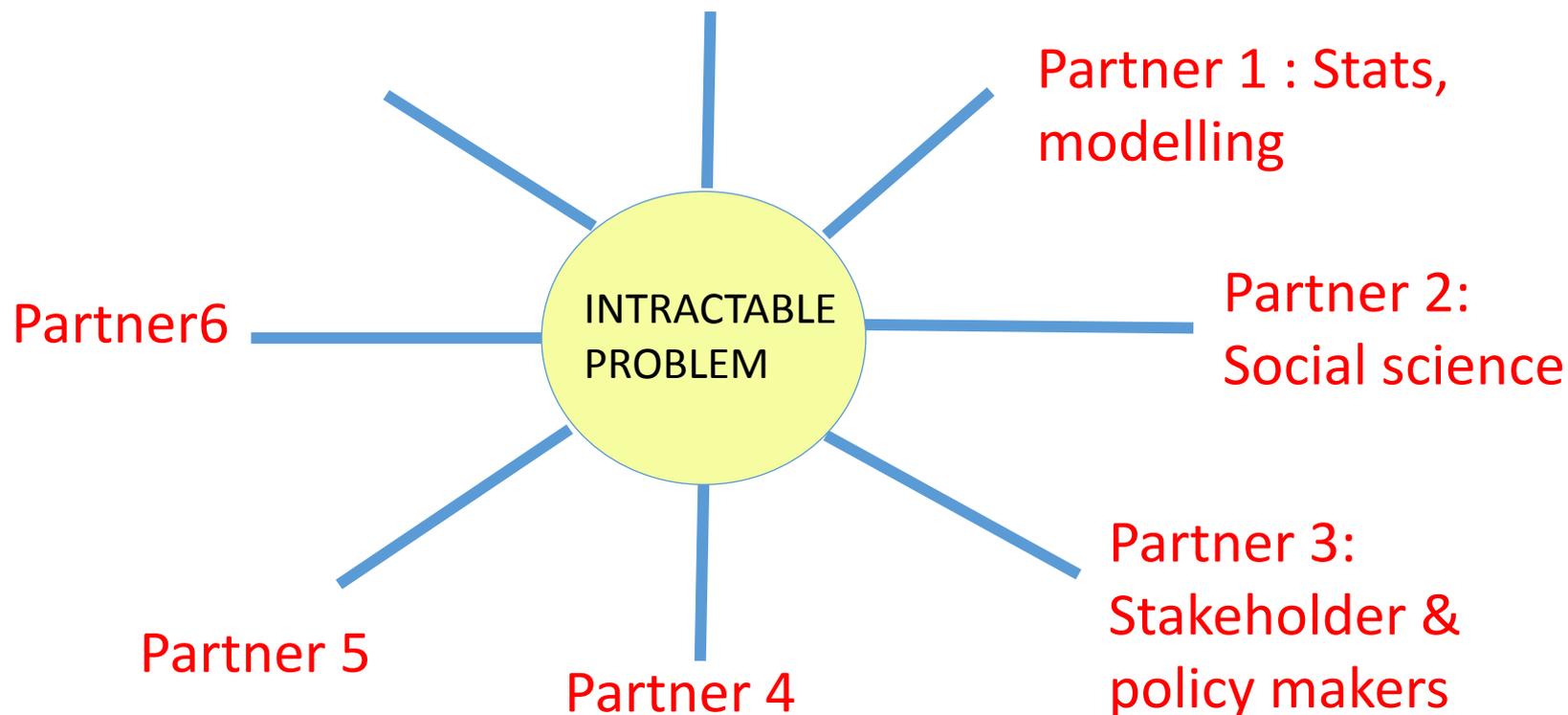
- Get help with slides by someone 'visual/arty'

- Choose panel very carefully
  - Think of gender, nationalities etc
  - Need to cover all areas of project

- Everyone needs to know their area
  - Supply prepared answers
  - Learn to hand over questions – and to then let them answer

- Practice
  - And practice
  - And practice again….

- Research capacity assessments
- Training of non-research staff – *strengthen institution*
  - *Technicians, Leaders, support staff*
- Training of research staff
  - Formal courses, workshops, summer schools, e-platforms
- Research placements
  - Promote mobility
  - Supervision and mentoring by Liverpool academics
- Network-building activities

- Problem-focussed
  - Improving human health & livelihoods by improving animal health – in a region where dependence on animals is probably the highest in world

- Research excellence
  - Interdisciplinary research (medical-veterinary-social)

- Impact
  - Training of researchers
  - Strengthening of institutions

- Partnership building
  - Aims to build network across region
  - Mobility of researchers

- You have complete freedom over discipline
  - So give "them" what they want – a Hub
- DON'T just resurrect a failed proposal and call it a IDH.
- THINK about how your idea can fit into a "hub"

INTRACTABLE PROBLEM

Partner 1 : Stats, modelling

Partner 2: Social science

Partner 3: Stakeholder & policy makers

Partner 4

Partner 5

Partner6

GOOD LUCK!