

Visiting team from KEMRI and CDC visited the department of surgery on 17th February 2015.

The main objective of the team visit was to look into possibilities of research collaboration with the department. The team has been carrying out a number of studies looking at the epidemiology of typhoid in a number of African countries. Included were countries in West and East Africa and the Indian Ocean region. These studies were funded through the Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation. These studies focused mainly at developing typhoid surveillance programmes in the areas of study. For Kenya the main study site selected was Kibera.

The team now wished to extend the study and add an additional component, namely to determining the epidemiology of severe typhoid at the Kenyatta National Hospital. As severe disease is likely to have surgical implications, this led to the choice of the department of surgery as a potential collaborator.

The meeting resolved the intention was supported and agreed the two teams go ahead with this collaboration. Dr. Daniel Ojuka, having previously studied his area was nominated as the link person for the department.

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