# Challenges Conquered and the Role of Vaccination in International Disease Eradication and Control Efforts



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# Successes in disease eradication







# Rinderpest (2011)











# Bourgelat

# Lyon, France, 1762

### 1887-1897 Great African Rinderpest Pandemic













Jenner



Plowright

### **ERADICATING RINDERPEST : moments in time**

Reported outbreaks of rinderpest steadly declined over the last 100 years.

Share of countries infected with rinderpest in the different regions of the world.





# Factors contributing to eventual success

- Infrastructure, sustained investment, partnerships (donors)
- Coordination (regional and international bodies)
- Political will
- Governance and strong health services
- Effective sanitary measures (detection, quarantine)
- Availability of safe efficacious vaccine providing long-lasting immunity
- Availability of cost effective and quality vaccines
- Antigenic stability (one serotype)
- Narrow host range without carriers

# Post-eradication preparedness

- Potential for re-occurrence through a lab accident or criminal act
- Official data shows that rinderpest virus is stored in 22 facilities world wide
  - No formal vaccine stockpile, although 22 institutes have seed stock or manufactured vaccine
  - Unfortunately, study showed that PPR vaccine did not protect against rinderpest infection





Protection of Cattle against Rinderpest by Vaccination with Wild-Type but Not Attenuated Strains of Peste des Petits Ruminants Virus

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#### ABSTRACT

Although rinderpest virus (RPV) has been eradicated in the wild, efforts are still continuing to restrict the extent to which live virus is distributed in facilities around the world and to prepare for any reappearance of the disease, whether through deliberate or accidental release. In an effort to find an alternative vaccine which could be used in place of the traditional live attenuated

Contingency plans???

# Prospects for future eradication

- Peste des petits ruminants (PPR)
  Polio
- Measles
- Rabies from street dogs
- Progressive control of FMD



## Solidarity

### H5N1 zoonotic influenza

# H5N1, the prospect of a pandemic, and the need to share viruses

- 2003-2006 H5N1 spread to poultry in 60+ countries, CFR in human cases 50-60%
- Could this lead to a devastating pandemic?
- Viruses need as potential vaccine candidates (for humans)
- Concerns about access and equity (as well as other factors) were a barrier to sharing viruses

TIMES THURSDAY, May. 10, 2007 Indonesia's Bird Flu Showdown By Bryan Walsh/Jakarta

Bird flu may have fallen off the media radar lately, but that doesn't mean the threat has passed. Poultry Egypt, Laos and Cambodia. The frontline in the war against the disease remains the Southeast Asian n including 18 this year — than any other country. But the world only has a partial idea of what's happen

# Action on animal health side







- Global network of avian influenza labs (OFFLU) (2006)
- Resolution requiring all OIE Reference Labs to share viruses and data (2007)
- Animal health experts at the WHO GISRS vaccine strain selection meetings on H5N1

# WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework

Pandemic influenza preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

- Strengthen preparedness against pandemic influenza
- Improve sharing of viruses of human pandemic potential and establish more predictable, efficient and equitable access to interventions
- Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS) is a WHOcoordinated network of national public health labs
- Mechanisms
  - Standard Material Transfer Agreement contract with manufacturers using GISRS, real time access to products (diagnostics, vaccines, antivirals)
  - Partnership Contribution paid to WHO (supports GISRS)

Could these principles of solidarity be extended to other human and animal diseases and zoonoses?

# International vaccine banks

- Public private partnerships
- Ensure 'access' to <u>quality vaccines</u> for countries with limited resources
- Can be supported through 'in kind' contribution of staff, cold chain transport/storage, syringes and needles (through P-P-Ps, NGOs)
- Avian influenza H5N1 crisis management
- Foot and mouth disease contain outbreaks and protect country freedom
- Rabies break cycle of human transmission/ support elimination from street dogs
- Peste des petits ruminants support eradication

# **Concluding** remarks

- Not all diseases are eradicable, some are, and vaccines are only part of an effective campaign
- For international disease control efforts, such as influenza, equity, transparency and solidarity are essential
- Investments in international vaccine banks can support international efforts and protect the international community
- Vaccines must be of good quality and sufficiently matched to field strains



