#### Dynamic drivers of disease emergence in Africa

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#### Dynamic drivers of disease in Africa

How does changes in land use and anthropogenic

changes affect diseases?

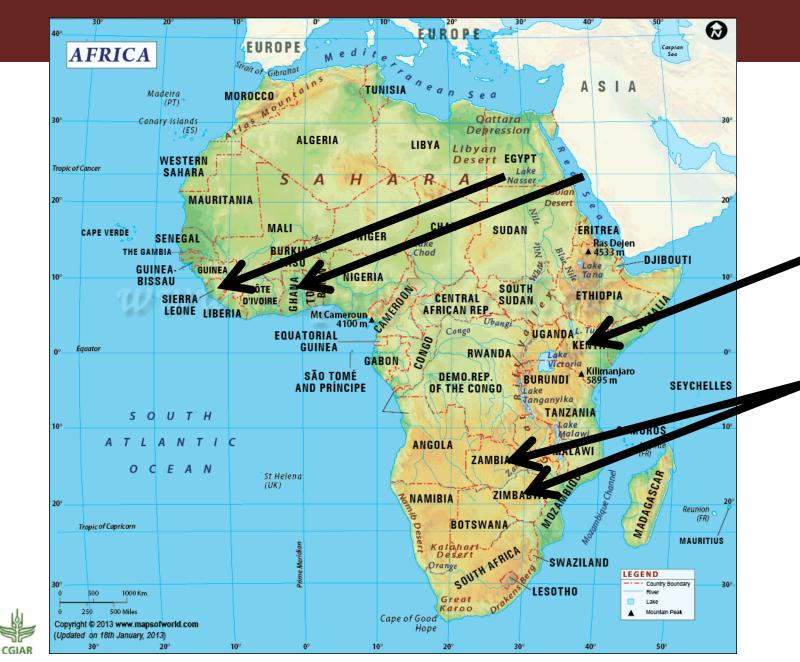
And how do we study it?



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# Case study: Zambia/ Zimbabwe

- Trypanosomiasis/tse-tse
- Land use changes
  - Protected area
  - Area where livestock has been increasing
  - Former large-scale farms with low biodiversity





# Case study: Ghana

- Henipa virus/ bats
- Urban –rural migration
- Livelihoods, poverty, ecology and the association with disease
  - How do humans interact with bats and what perceptions do they have of the risks
  - Protected/sacred area
  - Urban area

# Case study: Sierra Leone

- Lassa fever/ multimammate rats
- Land use changes and rodent ecology
  - Urban-rural
  - Irrigation and precipitation
  - Human-rat interaction and risk perceptions



- Rift valley fever/ mosquitoes
- Land use changes
  - Protected area vs irrigated area
  - Pastoralist areas



- Socio-economic
- Costs of disease



- Making changes in a highly diverse landscape
- Increased number of scavengers
- Increased numbers of mosquitoes



 Participatory rural appraisals indicated a concern about rodents



- What to study:
  - Can we trust hospital data?
  - Screen all febrile patients
  - Too many differentials: Malaria, RVF, Dengue, YF, Brucella, Leptospira, Chikungunya, CCHF



- Who to study:
  - Humans and livestock
  - Mosquitoes
  - Rodents
  - Ticks?





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#### **Cross-cutting issues**

- Participatory rural appraisals
- The economic burden of disease
- The association between poverty and zoonosesthe vicious circle
- Climate change and predictive modelling

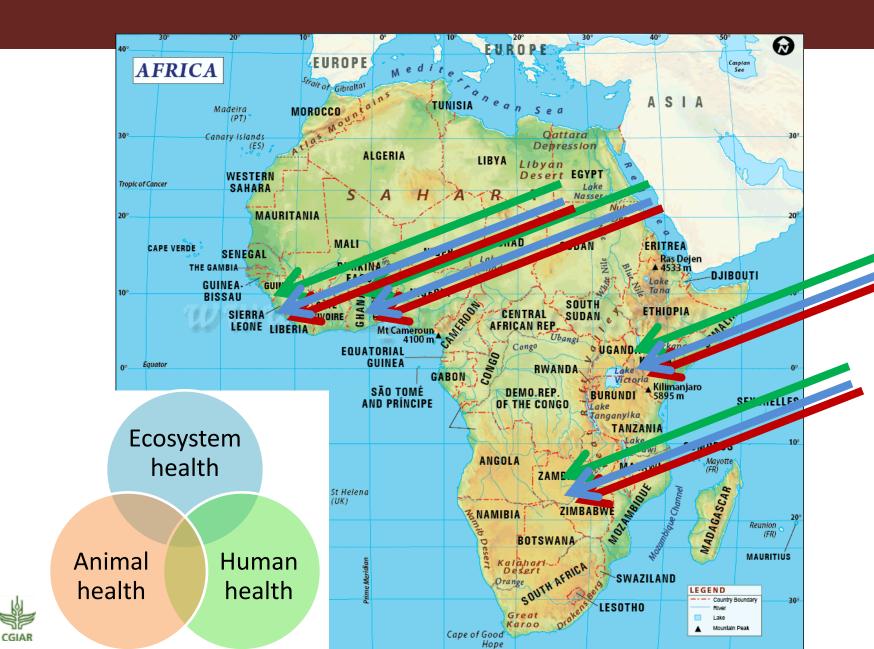




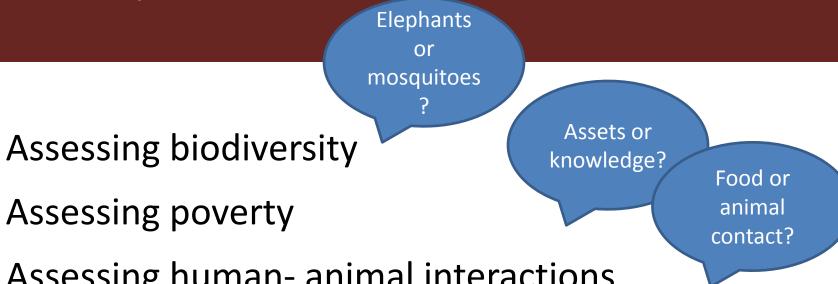
#### The perfect model?

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# Far from perfect



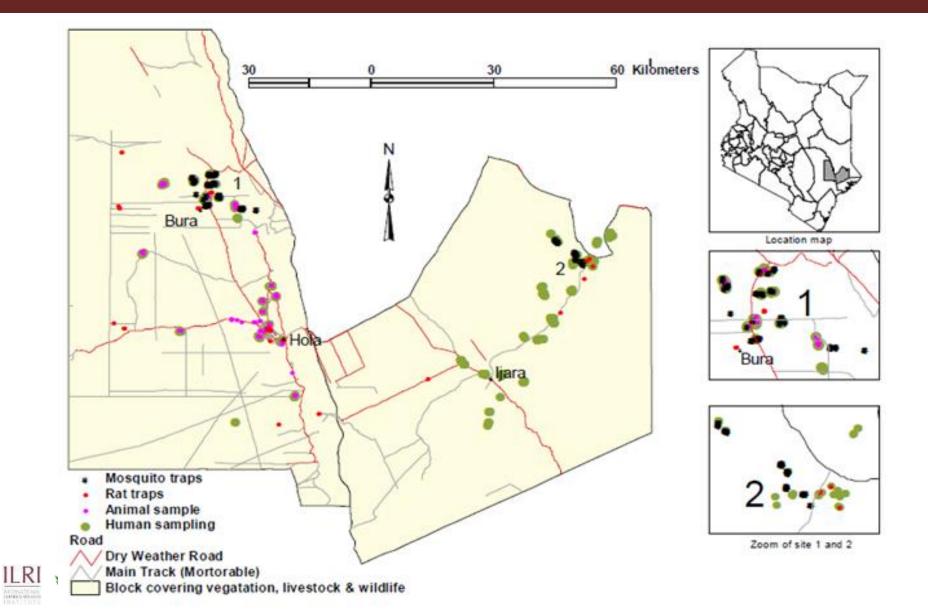
- Assessing human- animal interactions
- Assessing impact



• Finding mitigations



#### Sampling so far



#### Human diseases listed

- 1. Malaria
- 2. Bilharzia, or schistosomiasis
- 3. Typhoid
- 4. Diabetes
- 5. Cancer
- 6. Chicken pox
- 7. HIV/AIDS
- 8. Tuberculosis
- 9. Brucellosis





- 1. CBPP
- 2. Trypanosomiasis
- 3. CCPP
- 4. FMD
- 5. Helminthosis
- 6. Mange
- 7. Orf
- 8. RVF
- 9. Anthrax
- 10. Heart water



- 11. Orchitis12. Black water13. Lumpy skin disease14. Rinderpest
  - 15. Ticks



### Serological survey

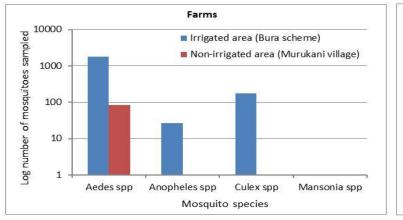
- 2,848 animals (599 (21%) cattle, 1383 (49%) goats and 867 (30%) sheep) sampled in Bura and Hola.
- 1,092 human samples collected.
- Blood samples are being collected from patients who visit local hospitals in Bura, Hola, Ijara and Sangailu health centres with current or history of fever over the last 14 days

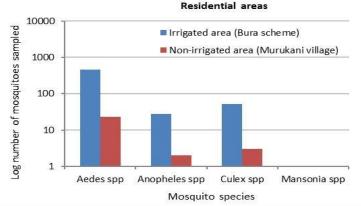


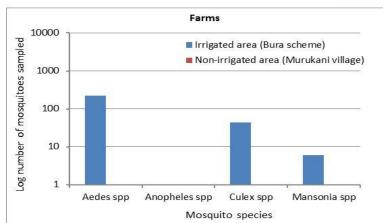


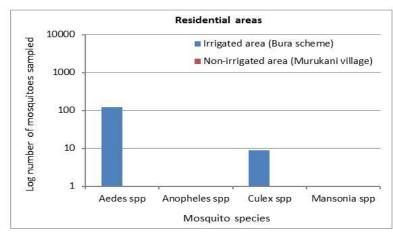
#### Entomological survey

# Sampling of adult mosquitoes was done using CDC light traps baited with carbon dioxide









(b) Results from surveys done at the inactive phase of irrigation

(a) Results from surveys done when irrigation was active



- Densities of the primary RVF vectors are significantly higher in irrigation fields than in the residential areas; (ii)
- Proportion of the primary RVF vectors in Murukani village, one of the non-irrigated areas, is higher during active irrigation phase compared to nonirrigation phase
- No adults or larvae were trapped or collected in Sangailu, the control site in Ijara, during the period



#### Mosquitoes reared from larvae

Sampling site/Village	Breeding habitat	Species	Number of mosquitoes identified
National Irrigation Board <sup>1</sup>	Unit drain	Aedes mcintoshi	55
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Village 1	Unit feeder	Culex univittatus	5
Village 1	Unit feeder	Culex pipiens	8
Village 1	Unit feeder	Anopheles gambiae	4
Village 1	Unit feeder	Culex vansomereni	8
Village 2	Unit drain	Culex univittatus	31
Village 2	Unit drain	Uranotaenia spp.	9
Village 7	Block feeder	Culex univittatus	58
Village 7	Block feeder	Culex pipiens	1
Total			284



Table 1: Types and number of mosquitoes reared from larvae collected from various irrigation canals in Bura irrigation scheme <sup>1</sup>National irrigation board demonstration fields

#### Rodent collection





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#### Activities planned for the next quarter:

- Complete the screening of serum and blood samples from livestock and people
- Commence analyses of samples collected from rats (and a few from bats)
- Finalize sampling that is on-going in the health centers and commence laboratory analysis of the samples collected
- Carry out repeat entomological surveys and commence laboratory analysis of mosquito samples for blood meal sources and infection patterns
- Start a longitudinal entomological and serological survey





Not the end.... ....but the beginning

# Open to questions Open to discussion







#### Agriculture Associated Diseases http://aghealth.wordpress.com/

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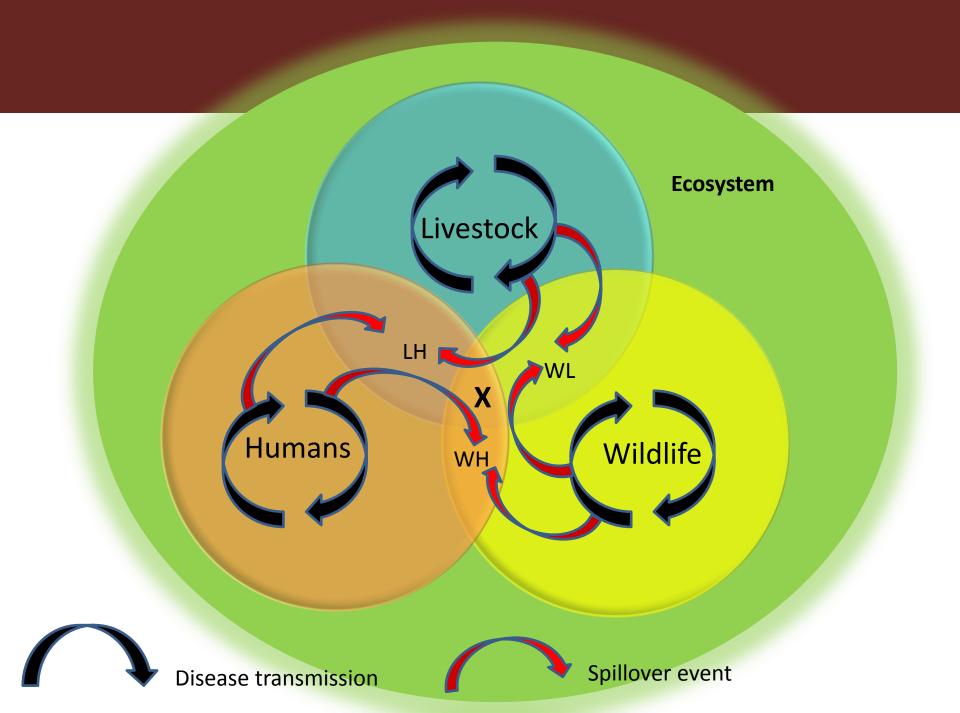
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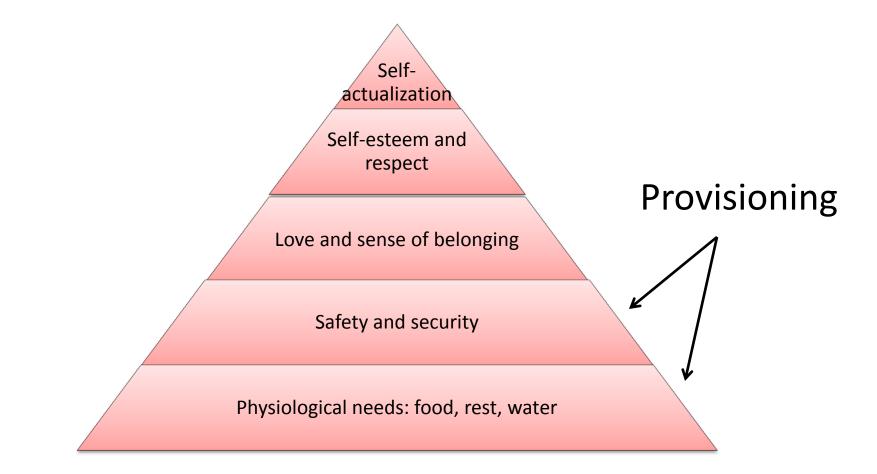


Type of wildlife- livestock-human interface	Level of Biodiversity	Characteristics of Livestock Population	Connectedness between populations	Main interface	Examples of zoonotic disease with altered dynamics
<b>'Pristine' ecosystem</b> with human incursion to harvest wildlife and other resources	High	No livestock	Very low, small populations and limited contact	Ignorable WL interface, large WH interface	Ebola HIV SARS Nipah virus in Bangladesh and India
Ecotones and fragmentation of natural ecosystems - farming edges, human incursion to harvest natural resources	High but decreasing	Few livestock, multiple species, mostly extensive systems	Increasing contact between people, livestock and wild animals	WH and WL interface dominating, increasing LH	Kyasanur Forest disease Bat rabies <i>E. coli</i> interspecies transmission in Uganda Nipah virus in Malaysia
<b>Evolving landscape</b> - rapid intensification of agriculture and livestock, alongside extensive and backyard farming	Low, but increasing peri-domestic wildlife	Many, both intensive and genetically homogenous, as well as extensive and genetically diverse	High contacts between intensive and extensive livestock, people and peri-domestic wildlife. Less with endangered wildlife.	Patchwise large LH interface, decreasing WH and WL	Avian influenza Japanese encephalitis virus in Asia
Managed landscape - islands of intensive farming, highly regulated. Farm land converted to recreational and conservancy	Low, but increased number of certain peri- domestic wildlife species	Many, mainly intensive, genetically homogeneous, biosecure	Fewer contacts between livestock and people; increasing contacts with wildlife.	Small but increasing WL and WH, decreasing LH	Bat-associated viruses in Australia WNV in USA Lyme disease in USA
Urban landscape- high densities of humans, with peri-urban intense farming and urban lower intense farming, close to people. Habitat fragmentation of wildlife	Low	High value animals , mainly small ruminants or pigs, and poultry in the urban centres	High densities yield high connectedness	Patchwise increasing LH and WH, especially poor areas	Plague outbreaks Leptospirosis Dog rabies

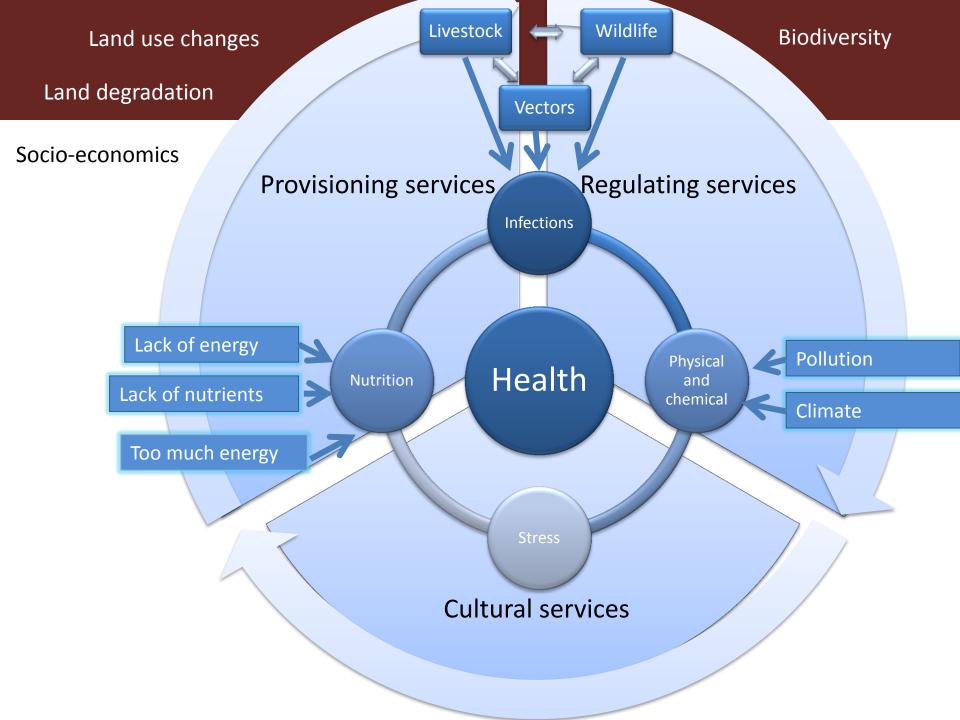
#### Ecosystem services – and disease emergence

Ecosystem service	Importance	Effect of decrease	
Provisioning	Economics, livelihoods	Increased poverty	
Regulating	Health, environment	Increased disease	
Cultural	Well-being, recreation	Increased stress?	
Supporting	Basis for the other services	Increase in all above	





Hierarchy of needs according to Maslow.

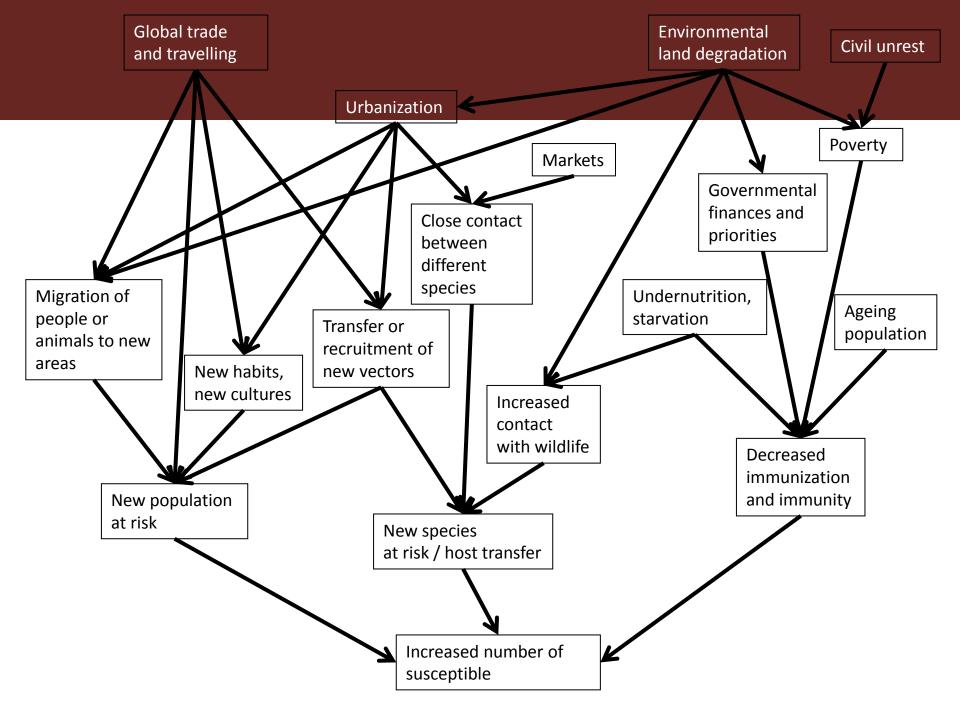


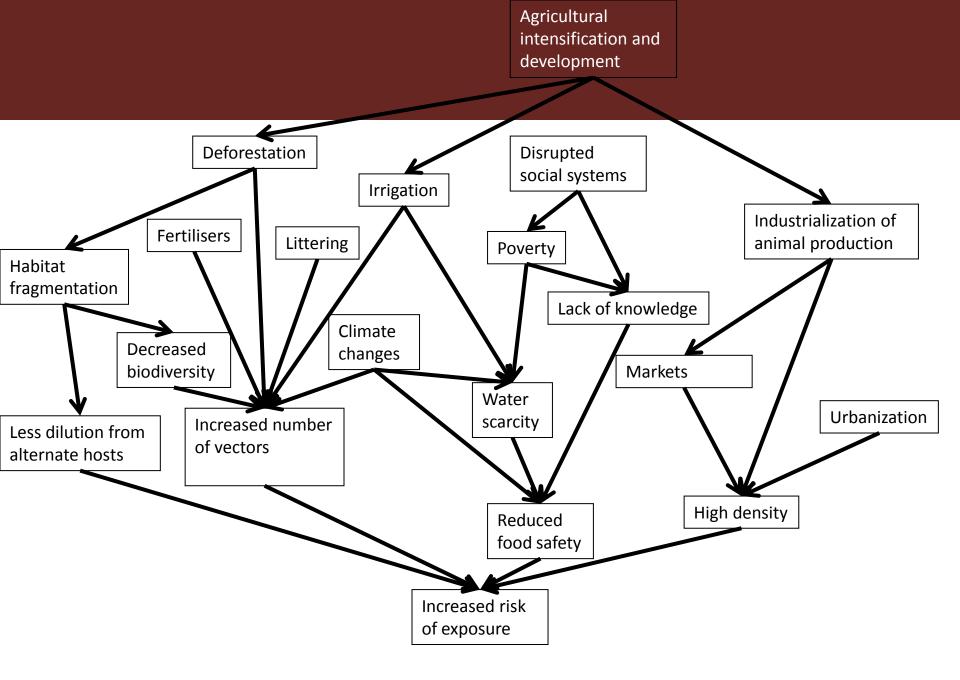
# Basic epidemiological principles

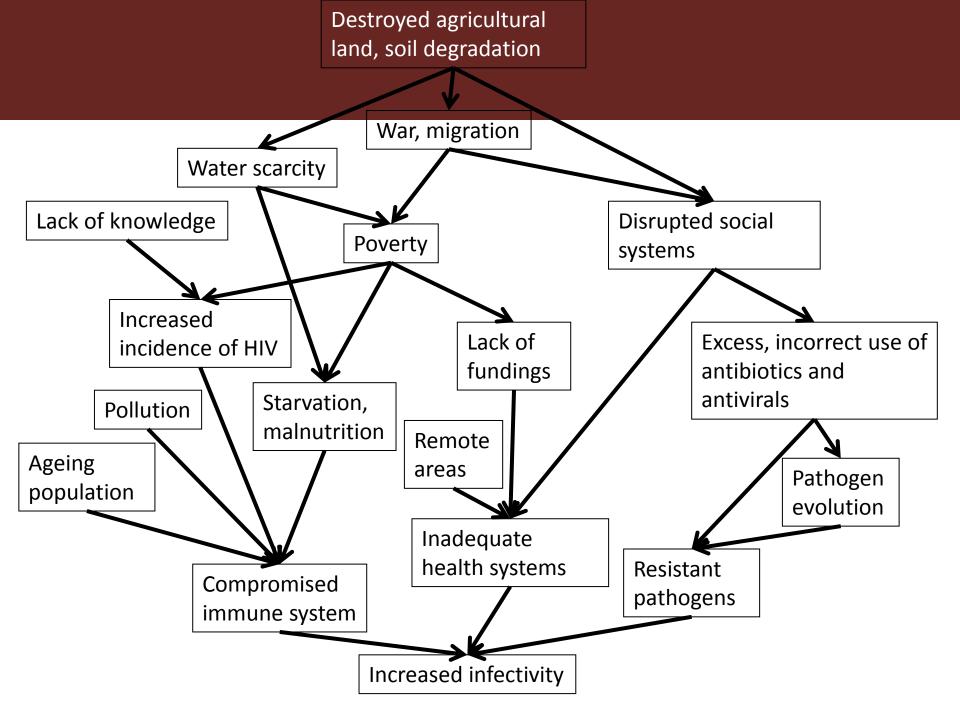
- For an outbreak to occur:  $R_0 > 1$
- SIR model

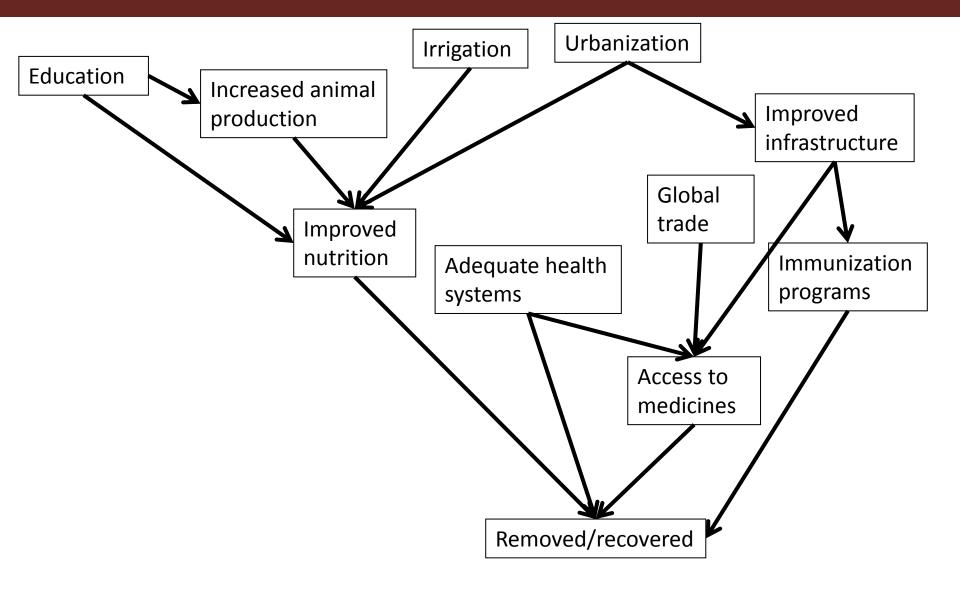












Anthropogenic action: Increased irrigation

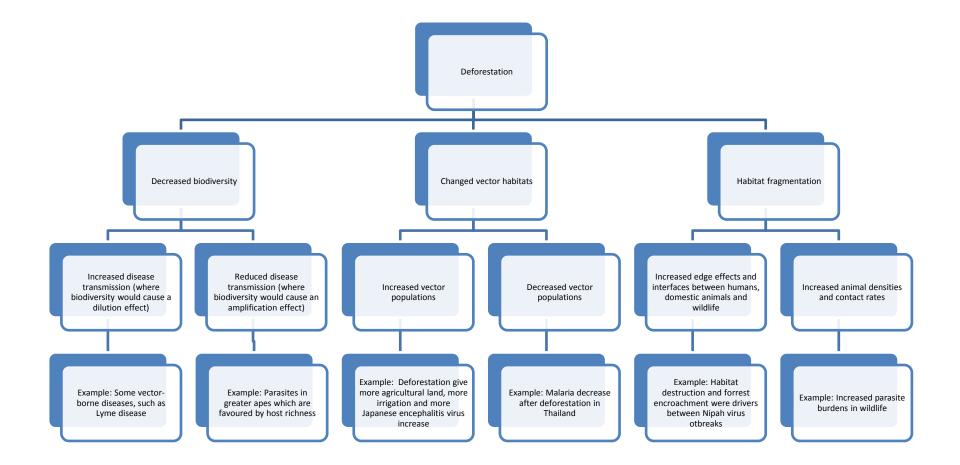
Effect on ecosystem:

Creates more larval habitats

Possible consequence: More infected vectors

Epidemiologic consequence: More individuals exposed Increased disease • This step requires the presence of a vector-borne pathogen and the presence of competent vectors

# One action- multiple results



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