generated about the biological, social, economic, health systems, behavioral determinants, and other factors of importance for effective control of infectious diseases.

New and Improved Intervention Methods

New and Improved Strategies and Policies

Strategic emphases for research *

DRR has undertaken a detailed review of priorities and strategy of research for each of the 10 diseases in the programme's portfolio. This review used a methodology involving a 7-step analytical process that identifies the following domains:

1. What is the basic science and role of the disease burden and what are the epidemiological trends?
2. What is the current disease control strategy?
3. What are the major problems and challenges for disease control?
4. What concepts are needed to address these problems/challenges?
5. What is currently being done in research and development and what research opportunities exist?
6. What are TDR’s comparative advantages?
7. Based on the above, what should be TDR’s strategic emphasis for this disease?

The findings of the analysis for each disease can be found in summary documents, ‘Strategic Direction for Research’, available on TDR’s website. The analyses have been reviewed and endorsed by TDR’s Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of external independent global experts drawn from a variety of disciplines. The strategic emphasis resulting from these analyses is specific to each disease.

An expression of interest in any TDR research activities is encouraged and leads to priority setting exercises. The strategic emphases will be revised according to new research needs or opportunities.