

Name of Center: Africa Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB)  
 Institution: Ahmadu Bello University Zaria  
 Country: Nigeria  
 Center Leader: Prof. Y. K. E. Ibrahim  
 Annual Workplan (January-December, 2024)



Work Plan Activities	Description	Partner Contribution (if relevant)	2024 Y2Q1			2024 Y2Q2			2024 Y2Q3			2024 Y2Q4			Milestone/Output	If NEW, Provide Justification	Estimated Budget(\$)	Estimated Revenue/DLI	Person Responsible	
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec						
<b>Action Plan 1: Development Impact (DLR 2)</b>																				
<b>Sub-Action 1a: Promoting Student /Employers Interaction</b>																				
Activity 1: Annual Job fair and career counselling Workshop:	To enable students acquire requisite information on career paths and opportunities for graduates															Increased number of graduates that got employment within one year of graduation.				
a. Continued liaison with relevant employers, resource persons and relevant agencies																Increased collaborations with national relevant agencies	1000.00	0.00	CL, Industrial Liaison Officer of the Centre	
b. Hosting of events (hybrid)																Populate database of students and alumni produced	4000.00	0.00	ICT Officer, Dept'l Alumni officer, PG Coordinator	
Activity 2: Update of ACENTDFB Alumni database:	To have a record of students and alumni for tracking																			
a. Google form																				
b. Subscription to cloud hosting																	1500.00	0.00		
c. Populate the database																	1500.00	0.00	Advancement and Linkages ICT Officer	
<b>Sub-action 1b: Advocacy and NTDs Fair</b>																				
a. Hosting of Annual ACENTDFB Open Day (involving seminars, paper and poster presentations by faculty and students)	(i) To disseminate Centres activities to the University community, national and other stake holders (ii) To create awareness among stakeholders and potential partners from industry	Security and law enforcement agencies , Other researchers from public and private sectors														(i) Improved awareness of Centre's activities and impact (ii) Increase collaborations with national relevant agencies	1000.00	0.00	Deputy Centre Leader, Communication officer/Admin officer	
b. Production of jingles, flyers, T-shirts, caps and posters																	1500.00	0.00	Communication Officer	
c. Advertorials in Social and Print media (\$1,000 per one page newspaper advertorial)																	4000.00	0.00	Communication Officer	
d. Television Features (30 minutes documentary)																	3000.00	0.00	Communication Officer	
e. Community Engagement																	2500.00	0.00	DCL, Communication Officer	
<b>Action 2: Improving Enrolment\ DLI 3 Action: Quantity of Students</b>																				
<b>Sub-Action 2a: Facilitation of Regional Students' enrolment into the Centre's training programmes</b>																				
Activity 1: Payment of tuition and accommodation for 40 students (\$1500 for MSc, \$2000 for PhD)	To facilitate regional student enrolment (though subscriptions to the MSc and PhD Biotechnology is much higher than other PG programmes in the Dept of Biochemistry, regional student proportion is still relatively low. In the 2021/2022 academic session, national students admitted were 35 for MSc and 11 for PhD of which 26 MSc and 4 PhD of them and 2 regional students (1 each MSc and 1 PhD).																77400.00		Centre Leader	
Activity 2: Payment of stipends (\$150 monthly for 43 students)																		3182.00		ICT officer
																		5000.00		Deputy Center Leader
																	Increased enrolment of regional students and partnership collaborations	1500.00	375000.00	Project Coordinator
<b>Sub-Action 2b: National and Regional Short term training workshops</b>																				
<b>Workshops at ACENTDFB</b>																				
	Imparting knowledge on design of product oriented research and its outcome ownership. These workshops will be hybrid. Funding activities will include development of manuals, engagement of resource persons, hiring of venues															Developed skills and techniques in NTD related researches.			0.00	Project Coordinator, CBRT Director, Lab Manager
Activity 1: Trainings on Intellectual Property and Tehnology Transfer (min. 50 participants)	The aim of this training is to equip researchers on adequate knowledge on the intricacies of patenting versus publications, Intellectual Property (IP) clauses in research contracts, making use of the support systems provided by the IPTTO, property disclosures and the ensuing processes, University IPTT Policy on ownership of intellectual property, incentives to promote innovation and technology transfer, management of IP Protection, filing for patents and licensure, and commercialization of inventions. Funding activities will include development of manuals, engagement of resources, hiring of venue, zoom and data subscriptions)															Increase awareness in IPR				
Activity 2: Advaned Bioinformatics (50 participants)	The training is intended to improve the capacity of students, scientists, and other relevant stakeholders in bioinformatics as a tool for advancing knowledge and practices in infectious disease control, develop multidisciplinary research capacity and effective writing skills for publication of Bioinformatics Research, and provide a channel for developing partnerships for further collaborative activities between ACENTDFB and stakeholder participant institutions.																10000.00	0.00	Centre Leader	
Activity 3: Training workshop on Forensic Science (about 100 participants)	This training will be desinged to train researchers, law enforcement officers and other relevant personnel the general knowledge and principles of application of Forensic Sciences in addressing civil and criminal cases	(i) Sentinel Forensics, (ii) University of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Bucharest, (iii) Office of the National Security Adviser															5000.00	0.00	Project Coordinator, CBRT Director, Lab Manager	
Activity 4: Grant Sourcing and Writing (about 100 participants)	This is to enhance quality of courses being taught in Universities and tertiary educational institutions design, delivery and improve skill and teaching. It will be mostly hybrid, just like others workshops described																5000.00	0.00	Centre Leader, PI Forensics, Managements	
																	5000.00	0.00	Project Coordinator, CBRT Director, Lab Manager	
<b>Action 3: Enhancing Quality Education\DLI Action:Infrastructural and Relevance of Education and Research</b>																				
<b>Sub-Action 3a: Construction of Car park and Installation of Solar Panels</b>																				
Activity 1: Provision of Car park for the centre	To provide office furnitures and laboratory work-benches for the effective administration and management of the facilities.															Fully functional car park at the centre	10000.00	0.00		
a. Solicitation of bids for Construction of car park																	0.00	0.00	Procurement officer	
b. Award of contract																	100.00	0.00	Procurement officer	





