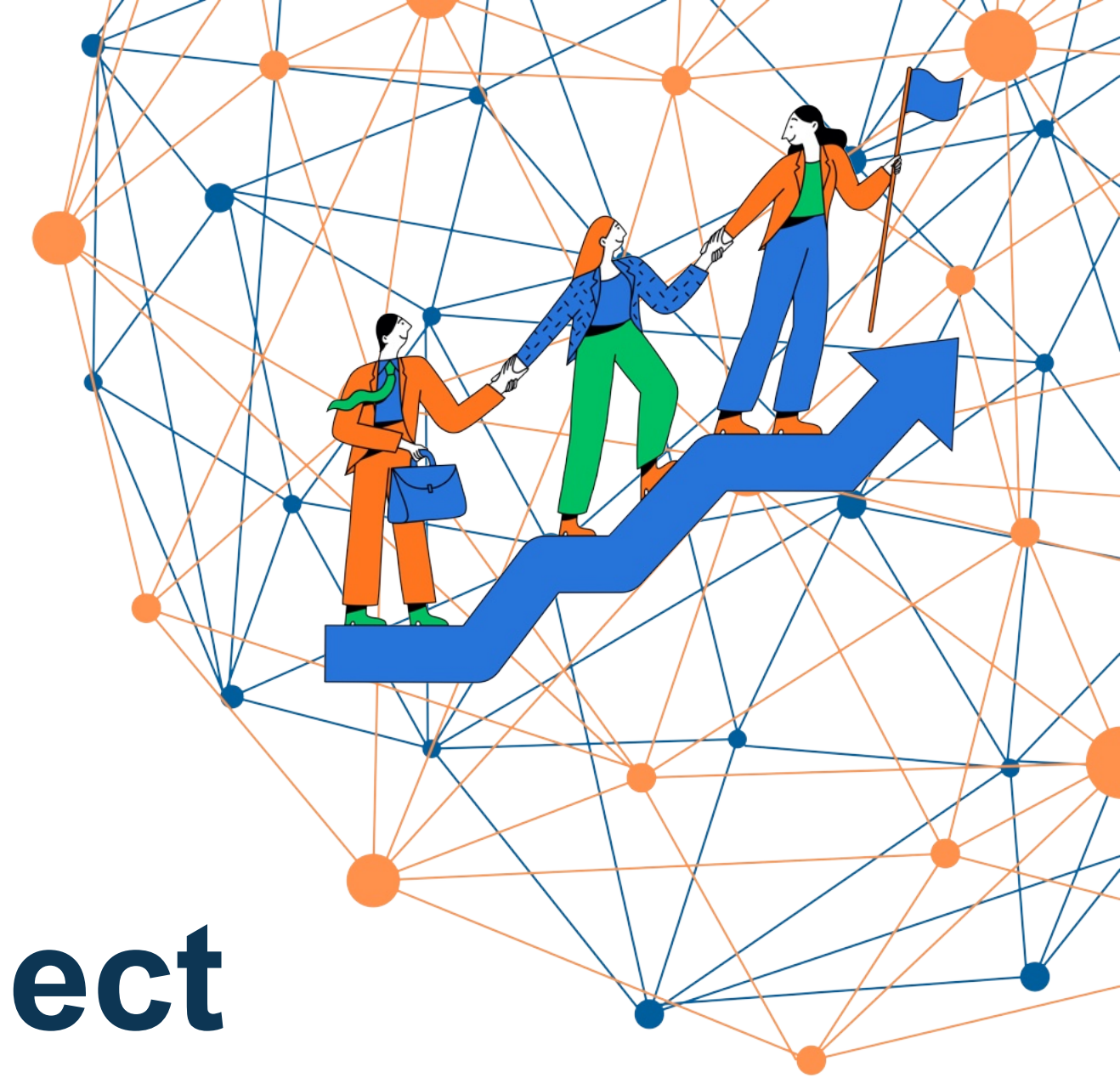


# Introducing

# Climate and Health Observatory Accelerator Project

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Climate and Health Fellows = 18; from 16 countries

Each fellow represents an Institut Pasteur based in their country



# Project Overview

## OBJECTIVE

The Pasteur Network aims to systemically and sustainably transform public health implementation, research and policy decisions for the realities of the climate crisis

## TIMING

3 years: April 2024 – April 2027

2 years for fellows: 2025-2026

## FUNDERS

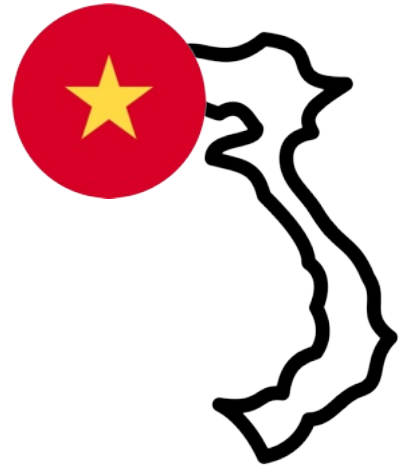
Co-funding from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Institute of Philanthropy

# Key Activities for the project as a whole

- 1 Building connections across Exemplars & Fellows
- 2 Assessing Local Needs
- 3 Conducting research in relation to Climate and Health
- 4 Document, Advocate, Disseminate
- 5 Training and Build Partnerships



# Exemplars



## **Vietnam's Focus:**

Working on developing a Climate & Health **data warehouse** with improved accuracy for **Dengue** prediction



## **Senegal's Focus:**

Assisting ANACIM in **improving the monitoring report** (currently built for the Prime Minister's office) and **develop an interactive dashboard**



## **Brazil's Focus:**

Building **interoperable and adaptable tools and templates** (based on current model in Brazil) to facilitate the creation and daily operations of replicable climate & health observatories

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# Assessing climatic impacts on health through the lens of public perceptions in Cambodia

Epidemiology and Public Health Unit  
Institut Pasteur du Cambodge

Fellow: Saren SOVANN

Supervisor: Dr. Claude FLAMAND

This study is co-funded by

Anticipated activities



Engage local communities in climate and health initiatives to raise awareness on climate and health



Publication of study findings



Data-based recommendations





**Saren SOVANN**

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Institut Pasteur du Cambodge**

**2015**



**2022**



BSc. in Bio-Engineering



Clinical Research Lab Monitor  
(TB, HIV, HBV in children & adult)



MSc. in Molecular Biology  
Thesis: Human mAbs & PsA



Climate and Health Fellow

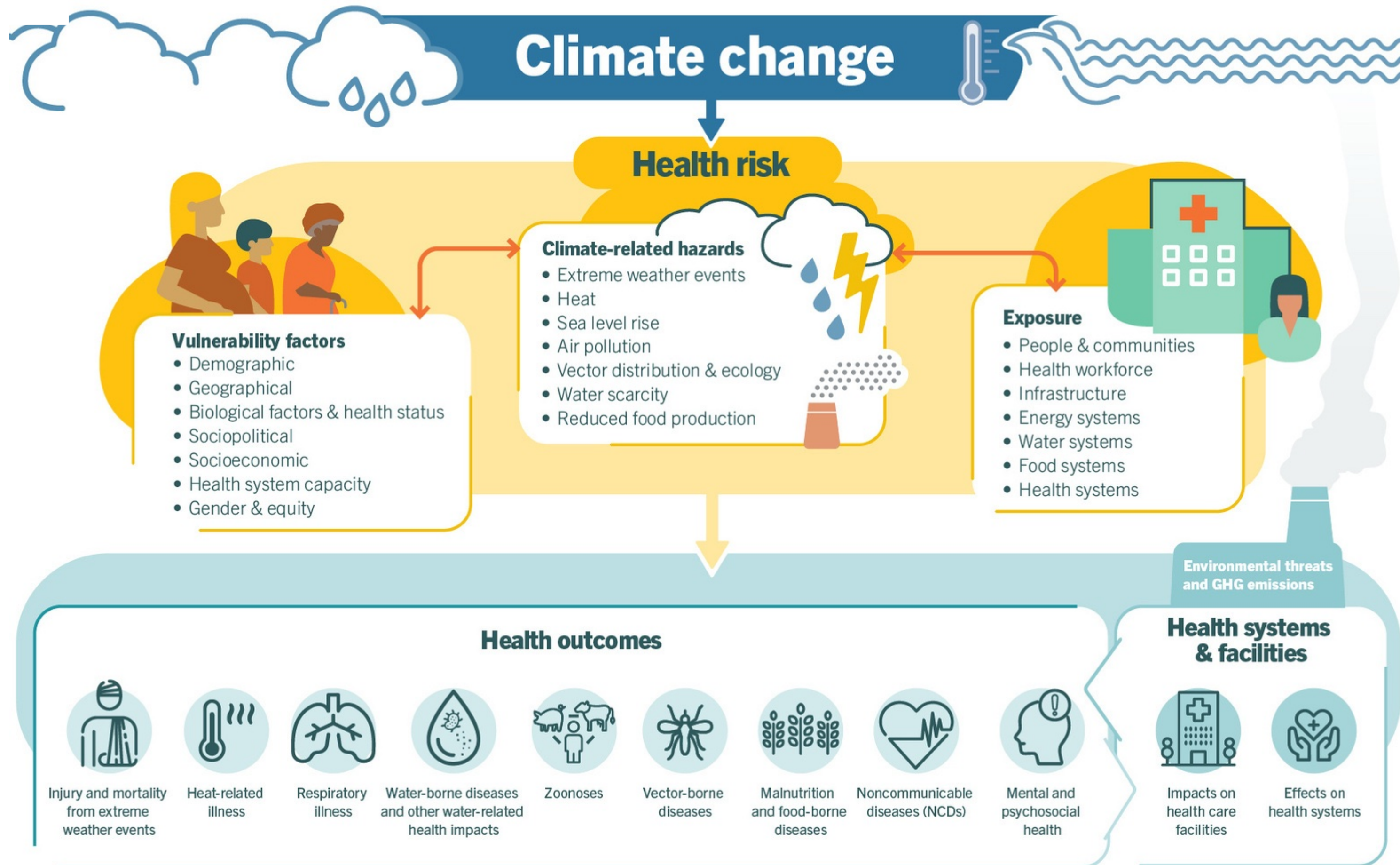


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# Challenges for Infectious Disease Control in LMICs



**Weak surveillance** and limited understanding of disease dynamics

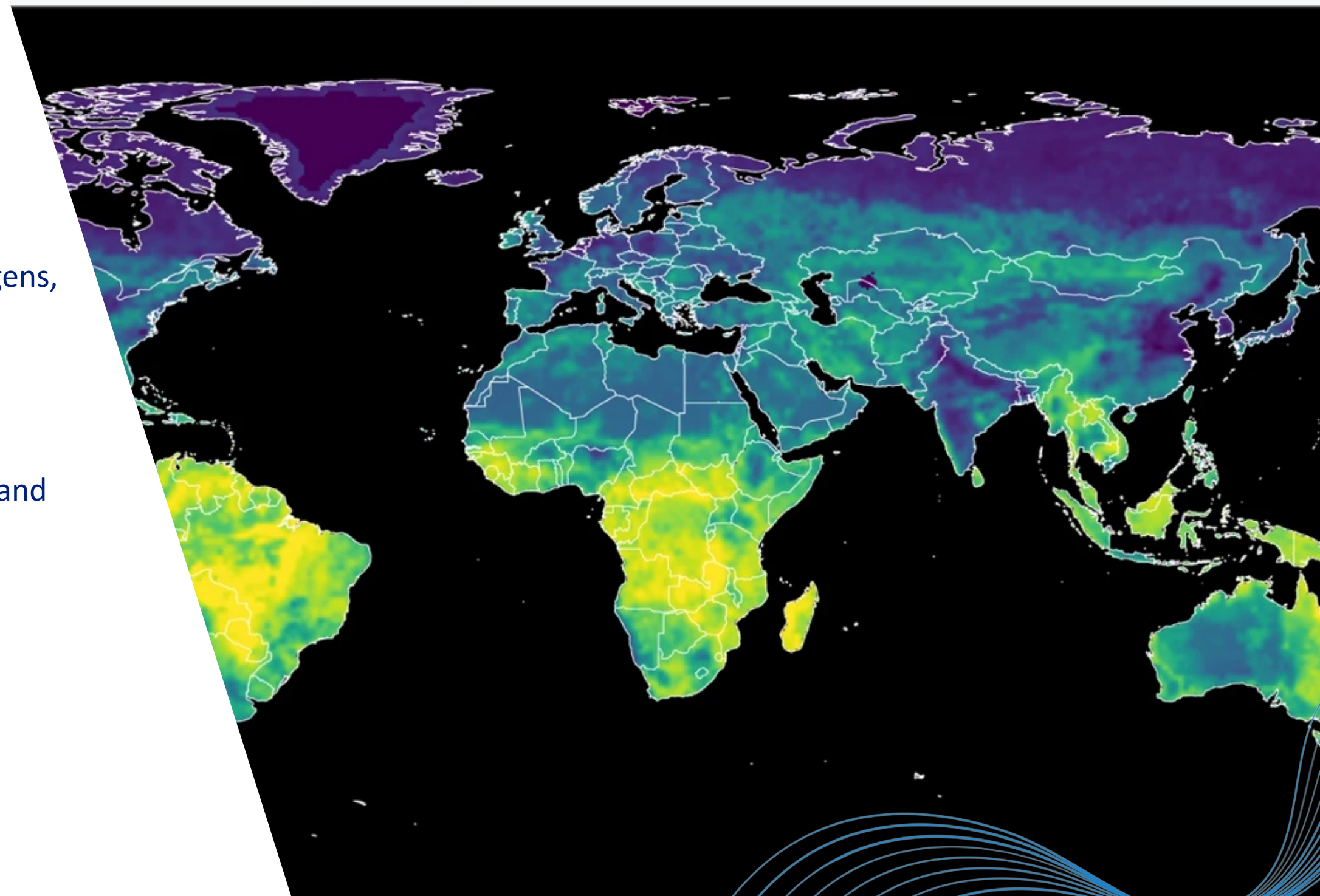


**Expensive research often done in silos** on specific pathogens, components, and **small areas**



**Paucity of data for policy-makers** to develop, monitor and assess control policies

\***Risk Assessment of Community Spread of Multiple Endemic Infectious Diseases in a One Health Perspective (RACSMEI)**



# Research Questions

- How does Cambodian population **perceive climate change** and its **impacts on health**?
- What actions have been already implemented to mitigate these impacts? What are the challenges and how can we overcome them?
- **What are the key determinants of disease transmission** and how does **climate and environmental changes influence their spread** at individual, household, and community levels? What are the disease burden in Cambodia? Who are most at risk?



# Core components of the study



## Objectives:

- Identification of **key determinants of disease transmission** and **climate impacts** at individual, household, and community levels;
- **Impacts of environmental/climate factors** on **pathogen diversity and abundance**, facilitating development of predictive models;
- Creation of **high-resolution risk maps**, highlighting vulnerable hotspots;
- Development of evidence-based **recommendations for targeted intervention strategies**;
- Strengthened **collaboration among stakeholders** in multiple sectors;
- Promoting a comprehensive **One Health approach** and **climate and health advocacy**

C1

First Component

 2025-2026



Nationwide KAP survey & Semi-structure interviews

C2

Second Component

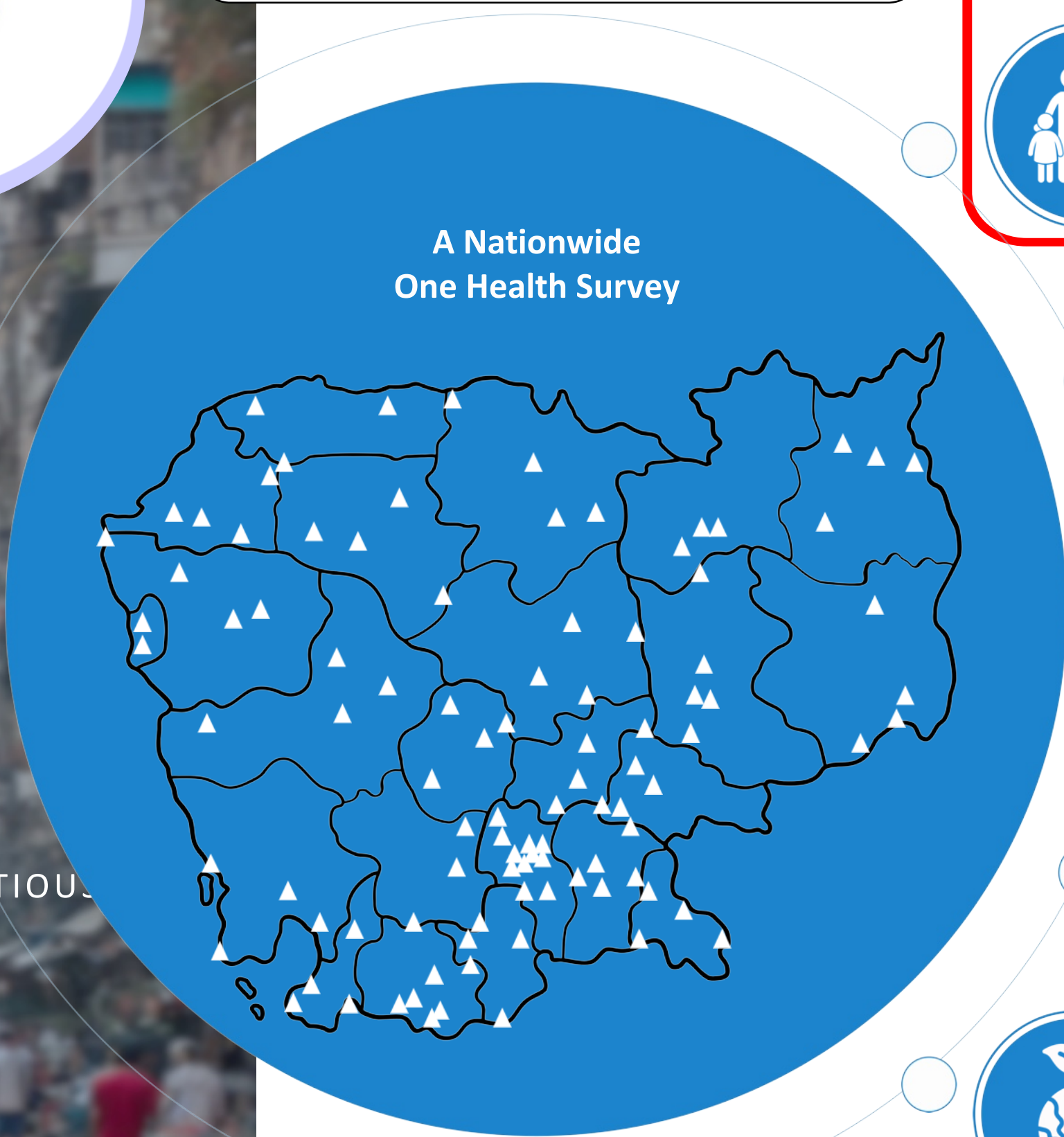
 2026-2027



Multi-components risk maps



Integrating **climate & health questionnaires** into a Nationwide One Health Survey



**HUMANS**

**4,160** households,  
**104** villages, **10,000** individuals [age 2-75]  
**Questionnaire**, blood samples  
**~ 40-50% of respondents** [age ≥ 18] – Climate KAP+SSI

**C1**



**LIVESTOCK & DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

5 livestock species (Cattle, Sheep/goats , Dogs, Pig, Poultry)  
 20 -100 animal/village/species  
 Blood, oral & rectal swabs (short-life species)



**WILD ANIMALS**

~40 rodents /village using traps  
 10 households/village  
 Blood and internal organs



**VECTORS**

1,000 households (10/village),  
 BG @traps , 72h, inside and outside  
 Densities, diversity



**ENVIRONMENT**

5 surface samples within 5 households/village  
 3 air, 3 soil, 3 water samples / village at high-risk interfaces



RACSMEI

RISK  
 ASSESSMENT  
 COMMUNITY  
 SPREAD  
 MULTIPLE  
 ENDEMIC INFECTIOUS  
 DISEASES







# Nationwide KAP survey & semi-structure interview



This social science aspect of the study will combine quantitative and qualitative approaches to understand perception, knowledge gaps, vulnerability, and health risks in the context of climate change and health

Q1

## Quantitative approach

### Nationwide survey (KAP)



Knowledge, attitude, and practice (KAP) on climate & health



Target audiences: General public (N ~ 4000-5000)



Data collection tool

Q2

## Qualitative approach

### Semi-structure Interview (SSI)



Perception and practices on climate and health and education



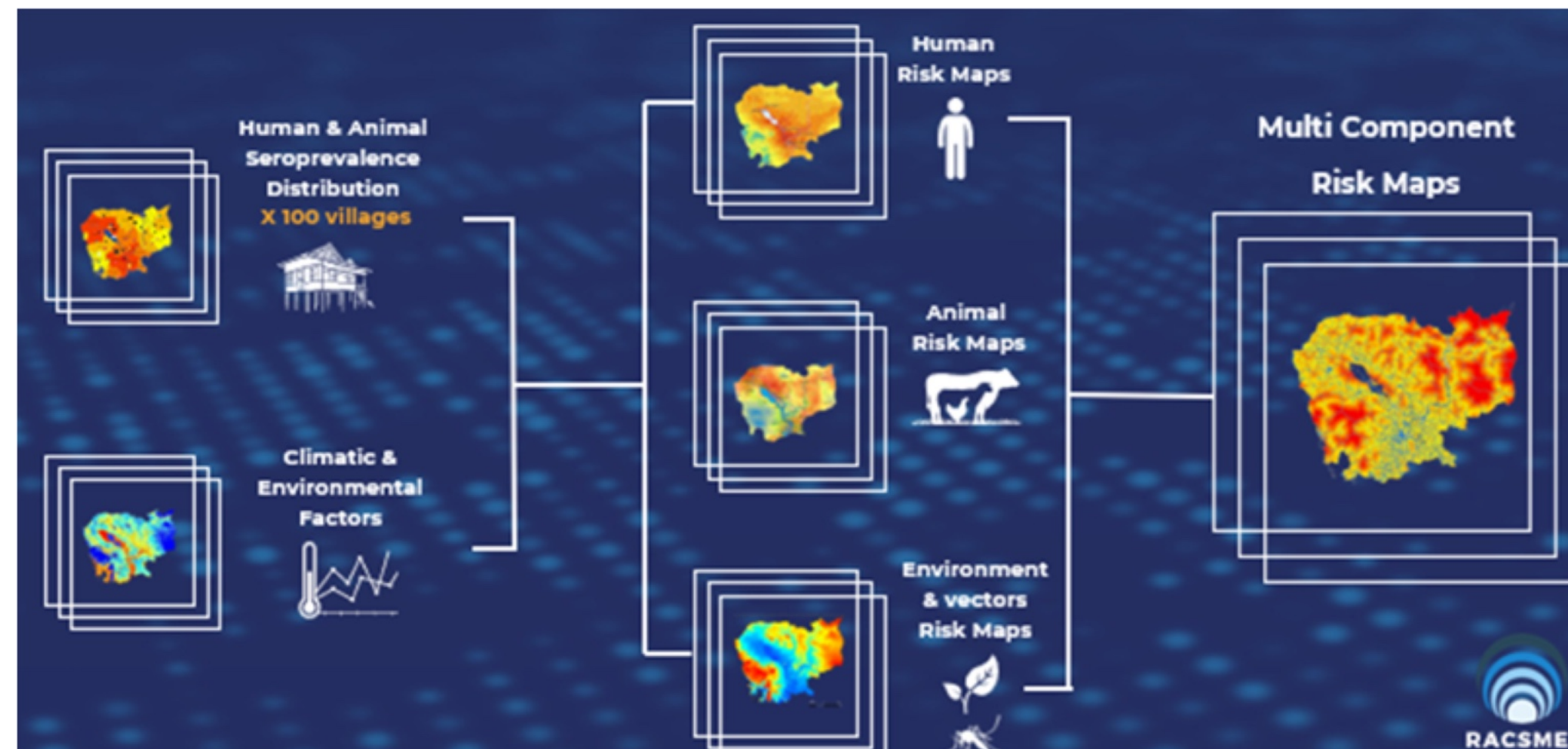
Target audiences: Provincial Representative, NGO/Conservation Worker, Healthcare Worker, Teacher, & farmer (N ~ 400)



Recording + transcription + translation (from Khmer to English)

# Multi-components risk maps

- Link between climate-sensitive infectious diseases and environment/climate change
- Diseases burden and transmission dynamic
- Multi-components risk maps



*Bayesian geostatistical models to explain spatial heterogeneities in seroprevalence with environmental and climatic data*



HUMANS



ANIMALS



VECTORS



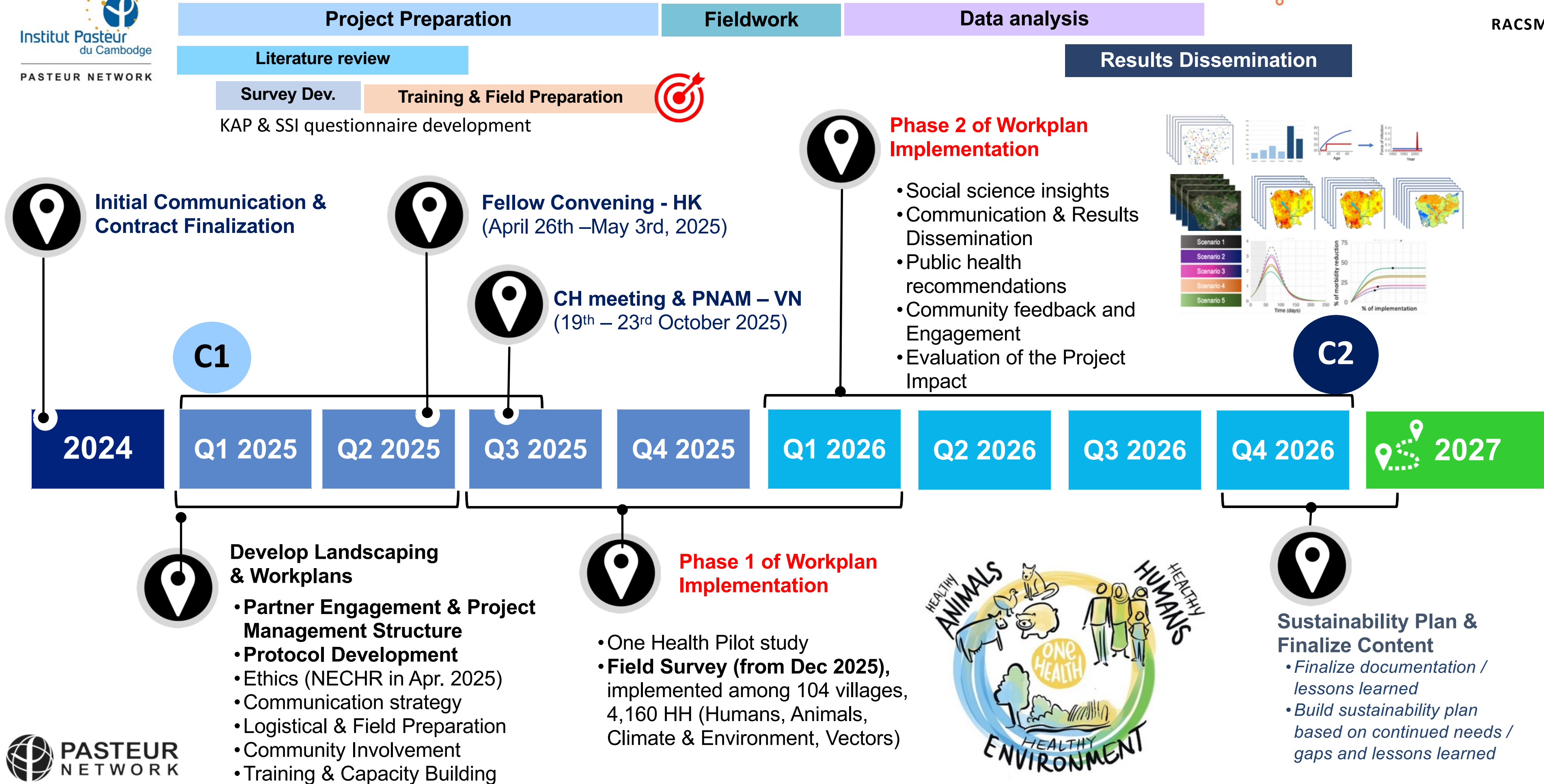
ENVIRONMENT



CLIMATE



# Project Timeline – IP Cambodia



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### Key research studies at IPC

