

# Increased Engagement in Global and Regional Strategic Alliances

partnership-based model by nature, DNDi has endeavoured to continually build and explore innovative ways of working with public and private entities in all aspects of the organization's work. Covering several disease areas throughout the R&D pipeline – from screening for molecules to ensuring patients' needs are met – and with regional rooting across the globe, DNDi would simply not exist without the trust and engagement of a wide range of partners. The year 2014 saw both inroads being made into unprecedented multilateral partnerships and to key new partners stepping up to the plate for new projects with DNDi.

# Regional engagement to address endemic country needs

In 2014, DND*i* Latin America entered into a strategic alliance with Ruta-N (see p. 60), a corporation set up by the City of Medellin in **Colombia** to build sustainable science, technology, and innovation in the region. The collaboration between DND*i* and Ruta-N involves local pharmaceutical partners, such as Humax Pharma, and scientific and academic institutions such as the Study and Control Programme for Tropical Diseases (PECET) of the University of Antioquia, **Colombia**. Ruta-N and DND*i* will collaborate on evaluating alternative topical and oral





therapies for cutaneous leishmaniasis (CL). The programme will also endeavour to map other urgent public health needs.

In **Brazil**, DND*i* was part of a move to progress new interest in drug discovery with the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), notably through a key gathering of scientists called 'Frontiers of Science', where DNDi aimed to expand collaborations - such as that currently with the Brazilian State University of Campinas, or UNICAMP - within its Lead Optimization Latin America programme.

Also in **Brazil**, recognition of the collaboration with the Brazilian public pharmaceutical company Farmanguinhos/Fiocruz, and other partners, was given to DNDi Latin America for the innovative model employed in the development of ASMQ fixed-dose combination for malaria: the 'Award for Innovation in Social Technology', was granted by Brazil's innovation and science body FINEP (see p. 43).

# Coalitions to address patient access to treatments

As DNDi does not have the capacity to act as an implementer, working closely with partners is a critical success factor. Building coalitions is an important part of ensuring that beyond specific projects, key groups join forces and align behind a common vision. In order to help remove barriers to patient access to treatments, the Consortium for the Control and Elimination of Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL). known as KalaCORE, geared up for its launch with DNDi, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Médecins Sans Frontières and Mott MacDonald. The consortium was appointed by the Department for International Development (DFID) to tackle VL in South Asia and East Africa. Specifically for Latin America, a group of key researchers was brought together in the new RedeLeish network to address research gaps for leishmaniasis in the region (see p. 50). Another new initiative was launched in the field of paediatric HIV, the Paediatric HIV Treatment Initiative (PHTI), set up to ensure that intellectual property, research and development, and procurement of child-adapted ARVs are accelerated to meet pressing patient needs (see p. 58). The Global Chagas Disease Coalition met in 2014 to ensure a consolidated push for diagnosis and treatment (see p.13).



Launch event for the Paediatric HIV Treatment Initiative (PHTI)

# New pharmaceutical partnerships

The DNDi filarial programme achieved an important milestone in 2014, as a result of intense collaboration, with a landmark agreement signed with Bayer HealthCare for the development of emodepside as a new macrofilaricide for onchocerciasis. The lessons learned from a decade of business development with the pharmaceutical industry formed part of the innovation of this partnership accord, which was a true win-win scenario in which DNDi 'de-risked' the development of this drug, allowing the company to engage its expertise and know-how in new ways for an entirely new health tool and approach to filarial disease treatment programmes (see p. 42). DNDi's partnership with Celgene was reinforced and expanded through a research and collaboration agreement to identify and optimize new drug candidates for NTDs.

In Japan, the commitment of the Japanese government and private industry, through the new Global Health Innovation Technology Fund (GHIT), a relatively new funding mechanism for neglected disease R&D, reinforced the DNDi-Eisai collaboration in the field of Chagas disease R&D for improved treatments through a new grant. GHIT and DNDi also entered into discussions for entirely new prospects in the field of neglected tropical disease R&D, notably in the lead up to the NTD Drug Discovery Booster project (see pages 17, 57), in which several companies would agree to work together to accelerate drug discovery for leishmaniasis and Chagas disease through ground-breaking multilateral collaboration through DNDi.



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# 2014 KEY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

# MAJOR GROWTH IN DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSLATION PROJECTS

# Significant increase in R&D expenditure

DNDi expenditure totals EUR 217 million since its inception in 2003. In 2014, expenditure amounted to EUR 36.4million, +17% (+EUR 5.4M) as compared to 2013. This increase is principally due to fexinidazole projects expenditure that increased meaningfully in 2014 (+EUR 2.6 for HAT, +EUR 0.9 for VL and +EUR 1.1 M for Chagas Disease); and also to catch-up 2013 expenditure since the contingency plan implemented in 2013 incurred a relative stability between 2012 and 2013 (+4%). The operating gain of EUR 0.158 million is partly canceled because of

exchange rate loss (EUR 0.103).

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2003-2014

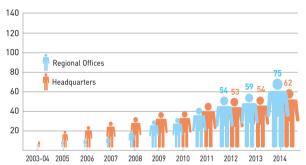


# 137 people worldwide, with almost all positions created in 2014 based in regional offices

In 2014, DNDi recruited an additional 24 people (in 2013 recruited six people) this represents an increase of 21%, mainly in regional offices (ROs): 16 people in Nairobi, New Delhi, Kinshasa, New York, and Rio de Janeiro (+27%) and eight people at Headquarters in Geneva (+15%). This trend, underway since 2012, reached a substantial level in 2014: RO staff (55%) is higher than headquarters staff (45%), in accordance with the business plan 2011-2018.

As of 2014 we calculate the exact amount of FTE working at DNDi (taking into account the start date, the end date and the percentage of time for each person working in DNDi). We reach a total of 117.42 FTE with 137 people working at DNDi.

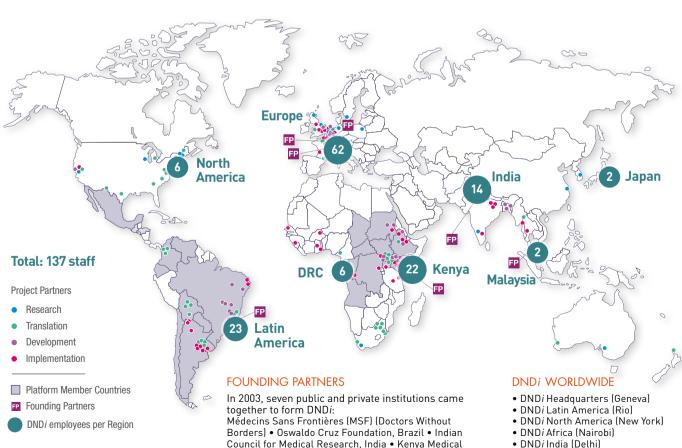
#### **HUMAN RESOURCES EVOLUTION 2004-2014**



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• DNDi in DRC (Kinshasa)

• DNDi Japan (Tokyo)



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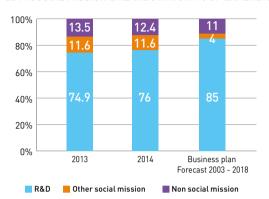
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# On track with Business Plan targets

#### 2014 SOCIAL MISSION BREAKDOWN: 87.4% OF EXPENDITURE



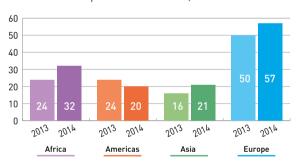
In 2014, DND is non-social mission ratio decreased from 13.5% in 2013 to 12.4% in 2014 because the growth of non-social mission expenditures was maintained at 8% (+EUR 0.3 M) compared to social mission expenditures that increased in the same time by 19% (+EUR 5.1 M).

The R&D ratio increased in 2014 (from 74.9% in 2013 to 76% in 2014) because of human African trypanosomiasis projects (an increase of 35%) and filaria projects (an increase of 70%).

In addition, activities of the platforms (other social mission: capacity strengthening) increased by 49% (+EUR 06 M) in 2014 because of major scientific events involving the platforms: a special scientific day during the LEAP platform, the HAT platform organized a symposium in Kinshasa and the Chagas disease platform participated in the International Congress of Parasitology (ICOPA meeting). This increase in regional activities resulted in a decrease in the communication activities at headquarters (-12%).

# Stable increase in partnerships to support the growth of R&D activities

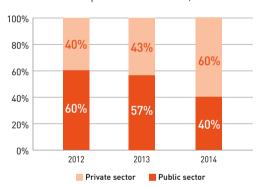
# MAIN R&D PARTNERS & SERVICE PROVIDERS PER CONTINENT, with financial compensation over EUR 5,000



In 2014, the number of partners and service providers DNDi had business relations valuing over EUR 5,000 with increased by 14% (130 in 2014 as compared to 114 in 2013). The main increase was in Africa (+33%; with eight additional partners & service providers), reflecting the growth of the HAT activities in 2014 in DRC with additional clinical trial sites and in Asia (+31% with five new service providers) driven by the India implementation study (Bihar State support, partners for logistical support). In Europe, the increase of 14% is due to project progression related to our filarial activities and preparations for new VL combinations.

# Number of partners and service providers: The private sector ratio is increasing significantly

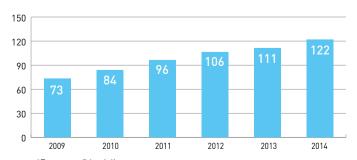
# **EVOLUTION OF NUMBER OF PARTNERS AND SERVICES PROVIDERS** with financial compensation over EUR 5,000



Comparison of the public institutional sector (research institutes, public hospitals, academic groups, universities, PDPs, and other not-for-profit organizations) with the private sector (pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and contract research organizations).

# Steady growth in number of partnerships

#### NUMBER OF CONTRACTS SIGNED ANNUALLY\*, \*\*



\*Except confidentiality agreements \*Some new contracts may be extensions Evolution of contracts finalized annually follows a trend similar to that of R&D partners & service providers with a financial compensation of over EUR 5,000. There is a regular annual increase between 5% and 15%, with 5% in 2013 and 10% in 2014. The 2014 table shows 74 new private partnerships versus 48 new public partnerships (which includes funding agreements).