

#### Review of DNDi activities

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   Non-profit drug research & development (R&D) organization founded in 2003
- Addressing the needs of the most neglected patients
- Harnessing resources from public institutions, private industry and philanthropic entities

#### 7 Founding Partners

- Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR)
- Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)
- Malaysian MOH
- Oswaldo Cruz Foundation Brazil
- Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)
- Institut Pasteur France
- WHO/TDR (permanent observer)





#### DNDi's Main Objectives

- Deliver 6 8 new treatments by 2014 for sleeping sickness, Chagas disease, leishmaniasis and malaria
- Establish a robust pipeline for future needs
- Use and strengthen existing capacity in disease-endemic countries
- Raise awareness and advocate for increased public responsibility









#### Scope of Activities for DNDi

Major focus on kinetoplastids (HAT / Leishmaniasis / Chagas)



**3 Core Diseases** 

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+ malaria: complete the 2 FDC

# in H.E

#### DNDi Portfolio-Building Model

- Existing chemical libraries
- New lead compounds

**Longterm** projects

Discovery

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- New formulations (fixed-dose combinations)
- New indications of existing drugs

Mediumterm projects

- Completing registration dossier
- Geographical extension

Shortterm projects

Preclinical

Clinical

**Access to Patients** 

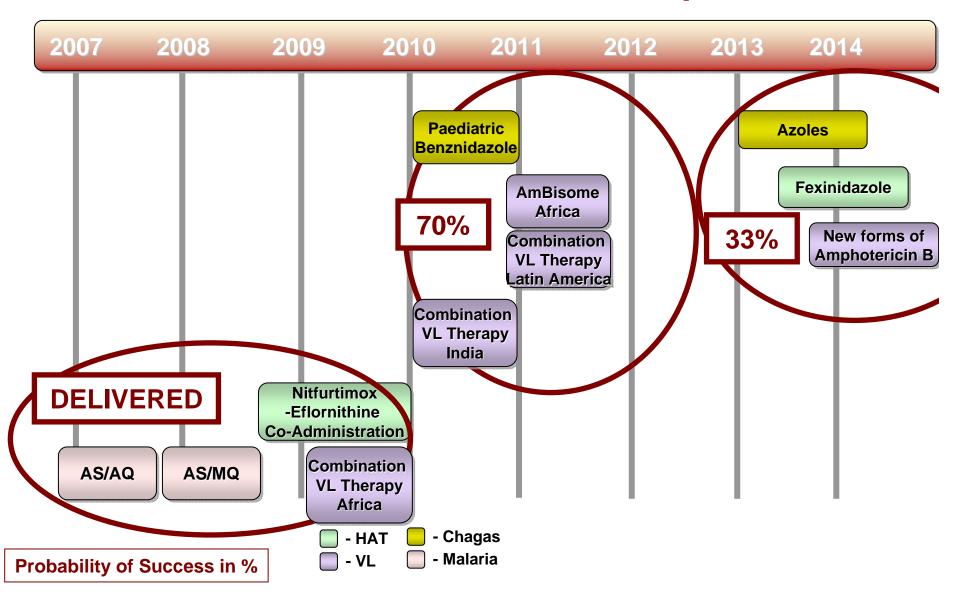
#### Project Portfolio – End of 2010

#### **Available** Pre-clinical Clinical Discovery LO **Discovery Activities** HAT LO Nitroimidazole backup (HAT) Fexinidazole (HAT) **ASAQ** Consortium Compound mining (Malaria) Scynexis Oxaborole (HAT) Combination therapy (VL in Asia) Fixed-Dose Chemical classes Pace Univ. Artesunate/ Target-based Alternative formulations of Amodiaquine Combination therapy (VL in Africa) Screening Amphotericin B (VL) AmBisome® VL LO **ASMQ** Miltefosine Consortium (Malaria) Nitroimidazole (VL) Advinus Fixed-Dose •CDRI Combination therapy Artesunate/ Drug combination (Chagas) (VL in Latin America) Mefloquine Chagas LO K777 (Chagas) Consortium Paediatric benznidazole **NECT** •CDCO (Chagas) Nifurtimox -Epichem Exploratory Eflornithine Murdoch Coa robust Azoles E1224 (Chagas) Univ Administration •FUOP Stage 2 HAT pipeline Exploratory VL Combi. Therapy Africa - SSG/PM **Major Collaborators** · Sources for hit and lead compounds: GSK, Anacor, Merck, Pfizer, Novartis (GNF, NITD), GATB,... 6 to 8 new • Screening Resources: treatments Eskitis, Institut Pasteur Korea, Univ. Dundee.... by 2014

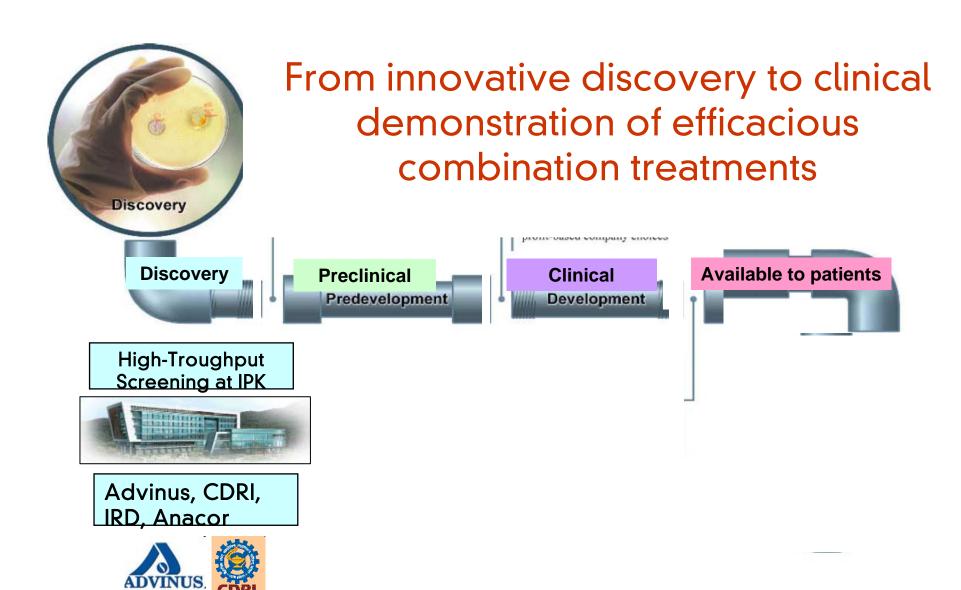
 Reference screening centres: LSHTM, Swiss Tropical Institute,

University of Antwerp

# On the Way to Deliver 6 to 8 New Treatments by 2014



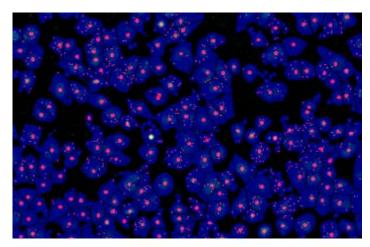
#### Leishmaniasis: A strong pipeline





#### Leishmaniasis – Breakthrough technology from Institut Pasteur Korea

- Removes the bottleneck of drug screening for Leishmania sp.
- + 350,000 Compounds screened (IPK & Pfizer)
- One chemical series currently in Lead Optimization at Advinus

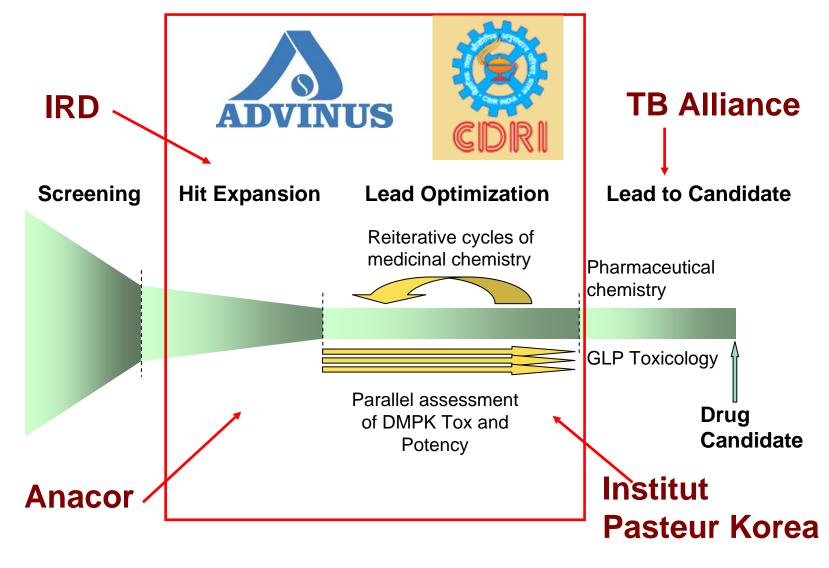




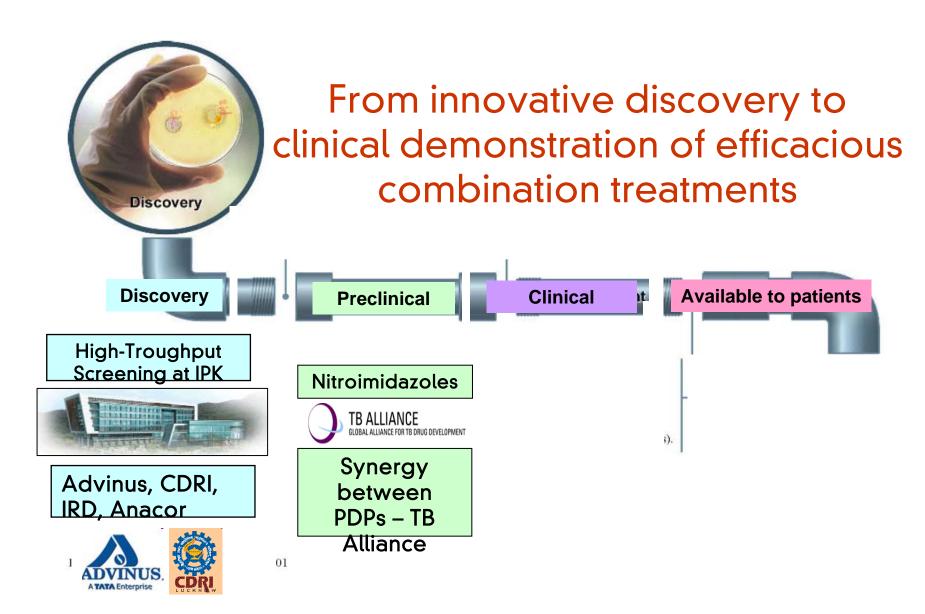




# A global collaborative effort to build the pipeline



#### Leishmaniasis: A stong pipeline





# Promising leads from TB Alliance: Nitroimidazole series

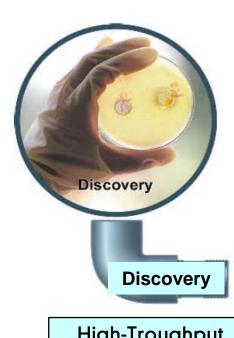
 Compounds developed by TB Alliance showed great promise for leishmaniasis treatment

 Synergy between two PDPs – collaboration to benefit patients

- Futher studies at:
  - Advinus Therapeutics, India
  - CDRI, India
  - Auckland University, NZ
  - LSHTM, UK



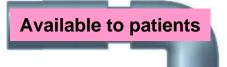
#### Leishmaniasis: A strong pipeline



From innovative discovery to clinical demonstration of efficacious combination treatments



Clinical



High-Troughput Screening at IPK



Advinus, CDRI, IRD. Anacor

Nitroimidazoles



Synergy between PDPs – TB Alliance Combination
Therapy
VL Combo







## Highly efficacious results with 3 combination treatments in India

Definitive cure at 6 months	Ampho B (N=157)	AmB-5 + Milt-7 (N=160)	AmB-5 + Paro-10 (N=158)	Milt-10 + Paro-10 (N=159)
All Patients Randomized (634)	157	160	158	159
No. Of patients Cured	146	156	154	157
Percent	93.0%	97.5%	97.5%	98.7%
95% CI	[87.50, 96.27]	[93.32, 99.20]	[93.24, 99.19]	[95.06, 99.78]
Per-Protocol population (627)	156	158	155	158
No. Of patients Cured	146	155	153	156
Percent	93.6%	98.1%	98.7%	98.7%
95% CI	[88.21, 96.71]	[94.12, 99.51]	[94.93, 99.78]	[95.03, 99.78]

Excellent safety profile with no treatment discontinuation in the combination arms

affordable and field adapted tools are now close to availability

#### **Partners:**

- KAMRC, Muzaffarpur and Banaras Hindu Univ, Varanasi
- RMRI, Patna
- ICMR, Delhi
- GVK BIO, Delhi
- Gilead, Paladin, Gland Pharma
- DSMB: Dr C.P. Thakur, Dr Ravindra Mohan Pandey, Dr Narendra Kumar Arora, Dr P. G. Smith (Chair)

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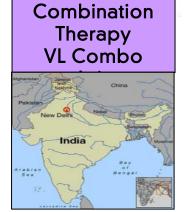
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**Nitroimidazoles** 









#### From a 6 year clinical trial to implementation: a shorter and safer treatment course for East Africa

Results from a large Phase 3 RCT conducted in Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda

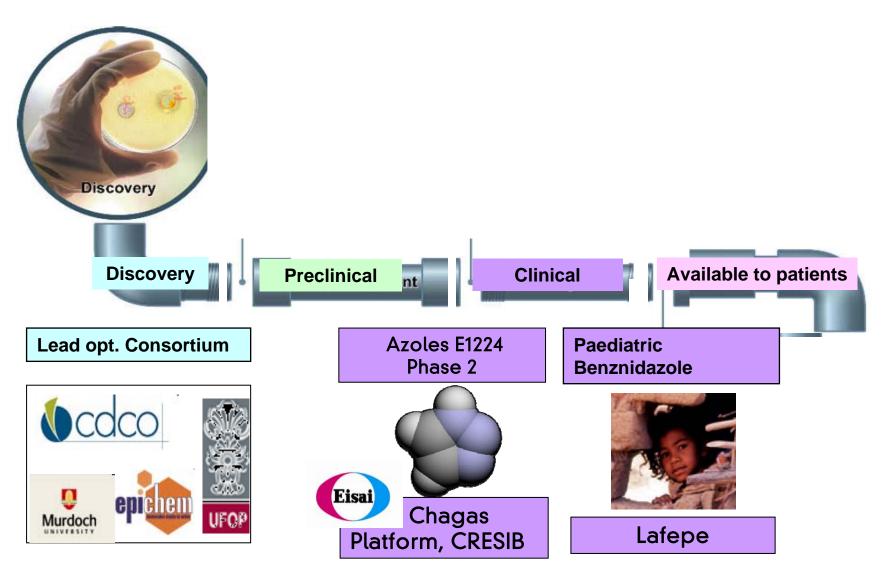
ITT cure rate	SSG	PM 20mg/kg	SSG	SSG+PM
	30 days IM	21 days IM	30 days	15mg/kg
	N = 200	N = 198	IM	17 days IM
			N = 359	N = 359
Efficacy at 6 months FU, n	188 (94.0)	167 (84.3)	337 (93.9)	328 (91.4)
(%)				
Unadjusted difference the	9.7%		2.5	
2 arms 195% CllsG	[3.6 – 15.7%] *		[-1.3 to 6.3%] NS	

NS = non significant

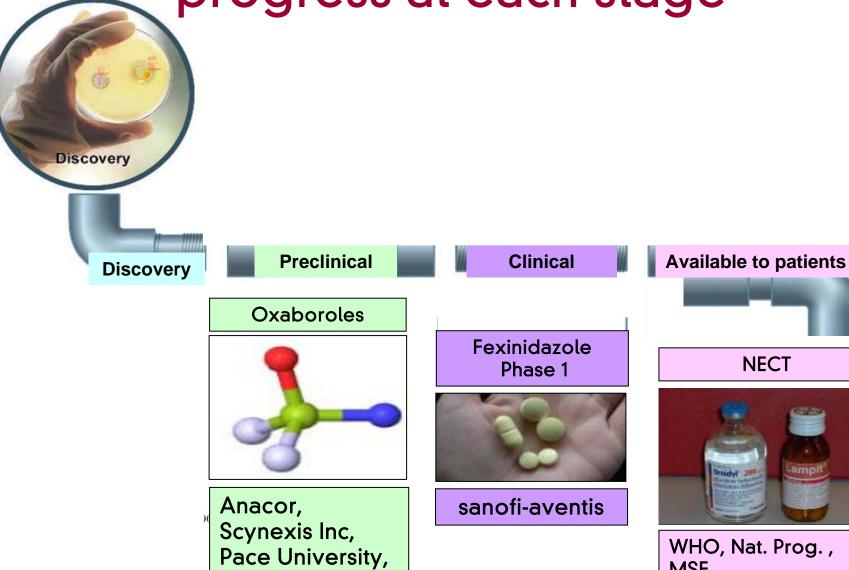
No difference between standard SSG (30 days) and shorter and cheaper combination treatment in terms of safety and efficacy

- >Combination now recommended for East Africa in WHO expert committee report
- >Combination recommended as first line treatment by the Ministry of Health in Sudan

## Chagas: Consolidating our Portfolio



Sleeping Sickness: Success & progress at each stage



**HIKMA** 

**MSF** 

# NECT implemented in 9 countries since 2009

- NECT (nifurtimox-eflornithine combination therapy):
   A simplified, safe & effective treatment for stage 2 HAT
- NECT included into WHO Essential Medicines List (May 2009)
- 600 patients included into NECT-FIELD
- Work with WHO and national programmes to facilitate availability



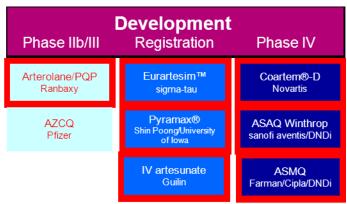




## ivialaria: trom a stronger Global Portfolio

<b>Research</b> Lead Gen Lead Opt				
Novartis	Novartis			
miniportfolio	3 Projects			
GSK	Pyridone			
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Broad/Genzyme	DHODH			
miniportfolio	UTSW/UW/Monash			
Pfizer	Aminoindole			
Screening	Broad/Genzyme			
sanofi aventis Orthologue screen	Quinoline Methanols WRAIR			
AstraZeneca	DHODH			
Screening	Broad/Genzyme			
Kinases	Oxaboroles			
Monash	Anacor			
Natural Products	SSJ-183			
4 Projects	Synstar			
Antimalarial	Aminopyridine			
St Jude/Rutgers	UCT			
Other Projects	Pyrazoles			
11 Projects	Drexel			
	Quinolones			

Preclinical	Translational Phase I	Phase Ila		
NITD609 Novartis	GSK 932121 GSK	Artemisone UHKST		
MK 4815 (Merck)	Tafenoquine GSK	OZ 439 (Monash/UNMC/ STI)		
CEM101 CEMPRA				
P218 DHFR (BIOTEC/Monash/				



# ...The priority is to implement ACTs

Source MMV 2010



DNDi's

3rd Partners' Meeting in collaboration with ICMR

New Delhi, India, December 3, 2010

LSHTM)







## ASAQ: A successful implementation in Africa

#### Innovative partnership with sanofi-aventis

- Registered in 2007, prequalified by WHO in 2008
- 70 million treatments distributed
- Only FDC with a 3 year shelf life
- Ambitious risk management plan (Pharmacovigilance)

#### India:

- Registered in 2009
- Clinical studies with high efficacy results



- Easy to Use
- Affordable
- Field-Adapted
- Non-Patented



#### **ASMQ**

#### (Fixed Dose Combination of Artesunate /Mefloquine): From Brazil to the rest of the world

- •Registered by Farmanguinhos in Brazil in 2008 and implemented by the Brazilian national programme
- Successful Technology transfer to Cipla
- Cipla filing to WHO pre-qualification and Indian / ASEAN registration
- Positioning ASMQ:
  - Clinical studies completed: Latin America (Brazil), Asia (India, Myanmar)
  - Clinical studies on going: Africa (Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Kenya), Asia (Malaysia)







# Use and strengthen existing capacity in disease-endemic countries











#### Challenges



- Access to patients
- Infrastructure
- Political instability
- Health system barriers



#### Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform (LEAP)

SUDAN: 2 sites (Kassab, Dooka)

Univ. of Khartoum Federal Ministry of Health



ETHIOPIA: 2 sites (Gondar, Arba Minch)

Addis Ababa Univ. Gondar Univ. Ministry of Health

#### **Objectives:**

A group of scientists and institutions working on developing clinical trial capacity to bring new treatments to patients

#### Partners:

MSF
I+ solutions
LSH&TM
AMC/SU/KIT (ASK)
IOWH - India
Industry partners



DND

KENYA: 2 sites (Nairobi, Kimalel)

KEMRI

Ministry of Health

#### **UGANDA: 1 site (Amudat)**

- Makerere Univ.
- Ministry of Health



LEAP
Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform

Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative



# Use and strengthen existing capacity in Asia





- Using existing clinical CROs
- Strengthening infrastructure to establish a centre of excellence for VL in Mymensingh (Bangladesh)
- Proposal to work at the PHC level in partnership with NVBCP in Bihar for the treatment of VL





#### Resources & Advocacy

- People
- Partners
- Funding
- Advocacy







# Governance members including from disease endemic countries provide strategic guidance





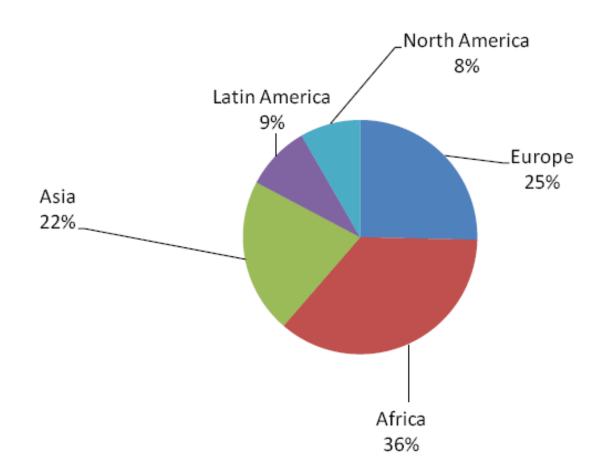


Scientific Advisory Committee



# DNDi today = 391 people worldwide

(DNDi staff & Partners' staff working on DNDi' projects)





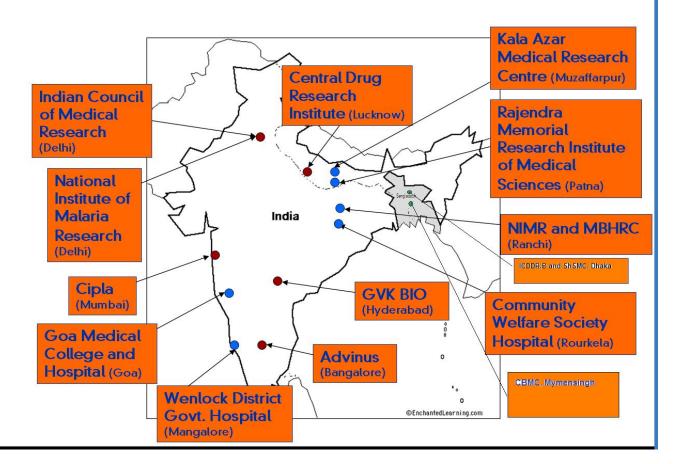


# DNDi's success hinges on expertise and involvement of partners all over the world



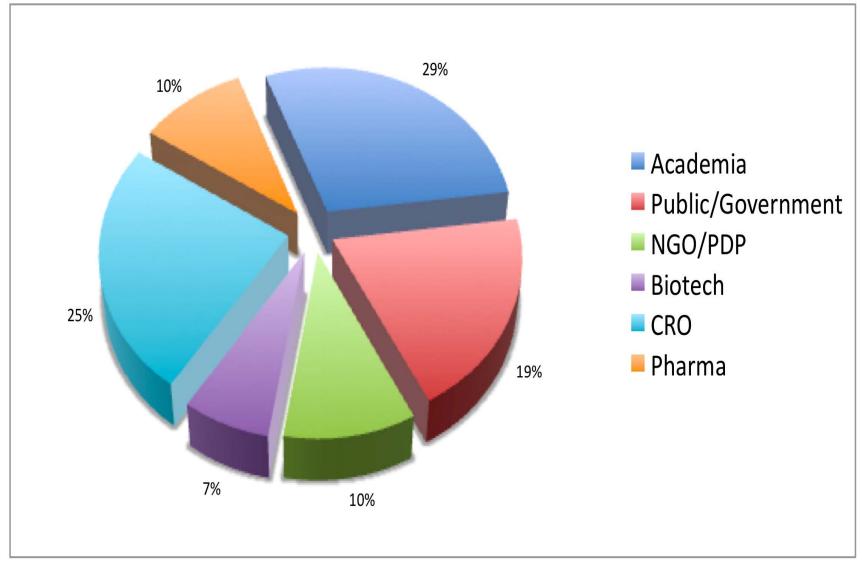
#### India, a major DNDi partner

#### **DNDi's Indian R&D Partners**





# Well-balanced partnerships (public/private)







#### Funding strategy

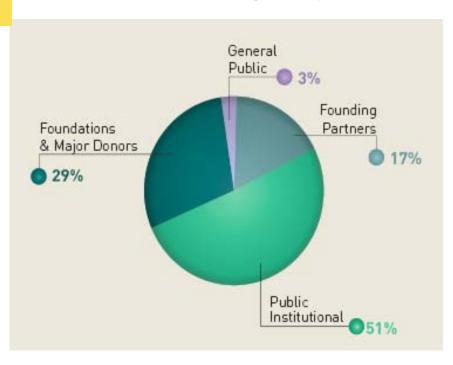
#### Independence

through diversified sources of funding

Approximately 50% of funding from public institutional donors in line with DNDi's advocacy objective (public responsibility for NDs)

- Approximately 50% from private sector (foundations, major donors, general public)
- Key contributions to come from Founding Partners
- Maximum of 25% per donor

#### **Sources of funding - Projection**



Projected commitments from previous BP



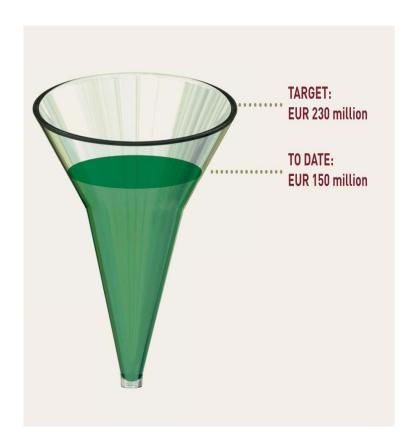
#### €150M of €230M Secured (2004-2014)

#### **Private Donors**

- Médecins Sans Frontières (€42M)
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (€30 M)
- Other Private Foundations (incl. Medicor, €1M)

#### **Public Donors**

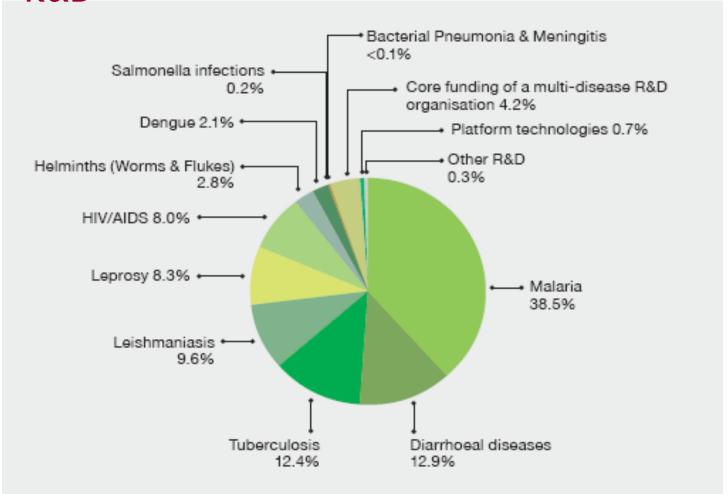
- United Kingdom DFID (€31 M)
- France AFD & MAEE (€9.3 M)
- Spain AECID (€10 M)
- Netherlands DGIS (€17 M)
- USA NIH/NIAID (€1.8 M)
- Germany GTZ (€1 M)
- Switzerland SDC (€4.2 M)
- European Union FP 5, 6,7, EDCTP (€1.2 M)
- Italy Region of Tuscany
- The Global Fund -AmFm





Future sustainable funding needs political commitment from emerging economies

India, the 5th larger public funder of NTD's R&D



Source: Moran et al., G-Finder, 2009

#### Advocacy: Ensure Public Leadership Waking Up to "Essential Health R&D"

- Public leadership to define R&D priorities
- Significant investment with sustainable funding
- Ensure better access to knowledge
- **Enable better regulatory** environment
- Devise new IP management policies to encourage needs-driven R&D
- Transfer technology and strengthen research capacities in developing countries



#### 7-Year Results

- 2 new malaria treatments
- 1 new sleeping sickness combination
- 1 new visceral leishmaniasis combination for Africa
- Largest pipeline ever for the kinetoplastid diseases
- Clinical research platforms in Africa
- €150M of €230M needed raised
- On track to deliver new treatments per business plan





#### 3 Key Challenges for the Future

- To build a solid portfolio
- To ensure sustainability of the PDP model
- From research to implementation Advocacy for access – To roll out treatments to patients



# We look forward to continuing to work with our partners in India, as this will bring us a step closer to DNDi's ultimate goal to develop new, effective and affordable drugs for the most neglected patients!



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