

## **Menzies and UNPAZ launch global antimicrobial resistance research partnership:**

### **CAMO-NET**

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Last month, Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) and Universidade da Paz (UNPAZ) proudly launched The Centre for Antimicrobial Optimisation Network (CAMO-Net) in Timor-Leste. Funded by the Wellcome Trust, CAMO-Net is a global research initiative aimed at combating antimicrobial resistance and promoting best practice in antibiotic use among humans.

Approximately 100 guests attended the official launch ceremony at UNPAZ, including the Director of Menzies, Professor Alan Cass; Vice Rector of UNPAZ, Dr. Martinus Nahak; representatives from Instituto Nacional Saude Publicu (INSP-TL) and Hospital Nacional Guido Valadares (HNGV); Menzies staff members; and students from UNPAZ.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UNPAZ and Menzies was also signed at the launch.

Guests heard key presentations on a range of topics including:

- Professor Nelson Martins' overview of CAMO-Net's history and current initiatives,
- Associate Professor Josh Francis' discussion on research and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Timor-Leste,
- Agata do Espirito Santo Soares and Guilherme Dos Santos Ximenes Soares' presentation on their research into Therapeutic Dose Monitoring (TDM)

Associate Professor Francis' discussion highlighted the impact that laboratory data had on the revision of the National Antimicrobial Guidelines for Timor-Leste.

Looking to the future, Therapeutic Dose Monitoring (TDM), will be jointly implemented by UNPAZ and Menzies to advance healthcare practices in the region.

#### **Quotes attributable to Menzies Director, Professor Alan Cass AO:**

“The launch of CAMO-Net represents a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to improving health outcomes in Timor Leste. We are very pleased to sign this important MOU with UNPAZ and are excited about future research projects that we might develop in collaboration with UNPAZ.”

#### **Quotes attributable to Principal Investigator for CAMO-Net in Timor-Leste, Professor Nelson Martins:**

“Menzies together with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry has been strengthening the surveillance of AMR through a One Health approach in Timor-Leste for the past four years with support from the Fleming Fund. There has been significant investment and strengthened capacity in microbiology services and antimicrobial stewardship in Timor-Leste. This is a great opportunity to expand on this work and to foster greater research capacity within UNPAZ in Timor-Leste.”



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**Menzies School of Health Research**

Menzies is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and a leader in global and tropical health research. Menzies continues to translate research into effective partnerships and programs in communities across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.



## Menzies no UNPAZ lansa parseria peskiza rezisténsia antimikrobiál globál: CAMO-NET

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Iha fulan kotuk, Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies) no Universidade da Paz (UNPAZ) ho orgullu lansa The Center for Antimicrobial Optimization Network (CAMO-Net) iha Timor-Leste. Finansiadu hosi Wellcome Trust, CAMO-Net maka inisiativa peskiza globál ida ne'ebé ho objetivu atu kombat rezisténsia antimikrobiál no promove prátika di'ak liu iha uzu antibiótiku iha ema.

Maizumenus bainaka 100 maka tuir serimónia lansamentu ofisiál iha UNPAZ, inklui Diretór Menzies nian, Profesór Alan Cass; Vise Reitor UNPAZ nian, Dr. Martinus Nahak; representante husi Institutu Nacional Saude Publicu (INSP-TL) no Hospital Nacional Guido Valadares (HNGV); Menzies nia membru sira; no estudante sira husi UNPAZ.

Memorandum de Entendimentu (MdE) entre UNPAZ no Menzies mós asina iha lansamentu.

Konvidadu sira rona apresentasaun xave sira kona-ba tópiku oioin inklui:

- Profesór Nelson Martins nia vizaun jerál kona-ba CAMO-Net nia istória no inisiativa atuál sira,
- Profesór Asosiadu Josh Francis nia diskusaun kona-ba peskiza no rezisténsia antimikrobiál (AMR) iha Timor-Leste,
- Agata do Espirito Santo Soares no Guilherme Dos Santos Ximenes Soares nia apresentasaun kona-ba sira nia peskiza kona-ba Monitorizasaun Doze Terapéutiku (TDM)

Profesór Asosiadu Francis nia diskusaun destaka impaktu ne'ebé dados laboratóriu nian iha ba revizaun Matadalan Antimikrobiál Nasionál ba Timor-Leste.

Haree ba futuru, Monitorizasaun Doze Terapéutiku (TDM), sei implementa hamutuk hosi UNPAZ no Menzies hodi avansa prátika kuidadu saúde nian iha rejiaun.

### **Sitasaun sira ne'ebé atribui ba Diretór Menzies, Profesór Alan Cass AO:**

“Lansamentu CAMO-Net representa marku signifikante ida iha ita-nia kompromisu kontinua atu hadi'a rezultadu saúde iha Timor Leste. Ami kontente tebes atu asina MdE importante ida-ne'e ho UNPAZ no ami haksolok ho projetu peskiza sira iha futuru ne'ebé ami bele dezenvolve iha kolaborasaun ho UNPAZ.”

### **Sitasaun sira ne'ebé bele atribui ba Investigadór Prinsipál ba CAMO-Net iha Timor-Leste, Profesór Nelson Martins:**

“Menzies hamutuk ho Ministériu Saúde no Ministériu Agrikultura, Pekuária, Peskas no Floresta haforsa ona vijilánsia ba AMR liuhosi aprosimasaun One Health iha Timor-Leste durante tinan haat liubá ho apoiu husi Fundu Fleming. Iha ona investimentu signifikativu no kapasidade ne'ebé hametin iha servisu mikrobiolojia no jestaun antimikrobiál iha Timor-Leste. Ida-ne'e oportunidade di'ak ida atu habelar serbisu ida-ne'e no haburas kapasidade peskiza ne'ebé boot liután iha UNPAZ nia laran iha Timor-Leste.”

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