

Dear Prof Behera

I am writing to on behalf of Mr Erik Mabunda (Malaria Research Institute in Tzaneen, South Africa), and myself, to update you on developments post-iDEWS in South Africa. As a direct result of the project there have been some significant developments which are both directly and indirectly attributable to our collaboration with you at JAMSTEC.

As a direct results:

1. We have set up the iDEWS Bureau and have appointed a post-doc at the South African Weather Services. This will be the home of the project. The iDEWS Bureau will serve as a seed for better organisation around the research on the impact of climate variability and diseases in general.
2. The project was used as an example of applications for evidence-based science in the Department of Fisheries Forestry and the Environment's National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.
3. Results from period bulletin's on malaria prediction outlook are used at the Tzaneen Malaria Institute to inform malaria control activities.

Indirectly, the first SATREP project on the enhancement of Seasonal Climate prediction and the iDEWS project have been regarded as examples of the work that we are doing in constructing a National Framework for Climate Services. This has led to various new research activities including one which has been funded in the JSPS-NRF programme. This project will be used to train emerging researchers who will operate the iDEWS models and work with Japanese researchers on other climate/health related projects.

Our collaboration with JAMSTEC has been very fruitful both in terms of the science outputs and its impact on shaping the science landscape in South Africa.

Regards



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