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Socio-economic and epidemiological perspectives of endemic foot-and-mouth disease in Africa

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Global distribution of cattle

- Estimated >1.4 billion cattle and >1.8 billion small ruminants
- ~1.3 billion in developing countries
- Expected increase by 40%



Robinson et al. (2014) Mapping the Global Distribution of Livestock. PLOS ONE 9(5): e96084.

Density of Poor Livestock Keepers

Year 2010*



ILRI. Mapping of poverty and likely zoonoses hotspots. Zoonoses Project 4. Report to Department for International Development, UK. ILRI, Nairobi, Kenya (2012) 119 pp.





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HOUSEHOLD USES OF LIVESTOCK AND THEIR PRODUCTS



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Importance of agriculture-related income in traditional livestock-keeping systems of northern Tanzania



n = 100 respondents

Livestock production important role in poverty reduction

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Poverty impacts of foot-and-mouth disease in Africa



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Economic, social and political considerations

- Annual aggregate-level impacts of US\$2.3 billion (>0.1% of GDP) (Knight-Jones & Rushton 2013)
- Need to create the incentives and priorities for its control
- But FMD impacts, hence demands and incentives for its control, are heterogeneous
- Characterising such heterogeneities encompasses a whole range of economic, social and political considerations

Knight-Jones, T. J. D. & Rushton, J. (2013) The economic impacts of foot and mouth disease – what are they, how big are they and where do they occur? Prev. Vet. Med. 112: 161–173.



FIG 1: Impacts of FMD (adapted from Perry and Randolph 2003)

Perry and Rich (2007) Poverty impacts of food-and-mouth disease and the poverty reduction implications of its control. Vet. Record 160: 238-241.

Impacts of foot-and-mouth disease on the rural poor

Amongst top ten diseases constraining poverty alleviation (Perry et al. 2002)

BUT

Its impacts on the livelihoods of livestock-reliant communities need to be fully quantified

TO

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Create the incentives for control where interventions would have the greatest benefits on livelihoods

Field studies in northern Tanzania

Combating Infectious Diseases of Livestock for International Development

Media Briefing February 2010 5 **Agro-pastoralist** -+ Kenya **** **Pastoralist Rural smallholder** Surveys DF Tanzania Buffalo Outbreak + Cross-sectional **Pastoralist** Case-control 4 **Cattle Distributions** 5000 - < 50 100 km Protected Areas



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More intensive studies in the Serengeti ecosystem





Agro-pastoralist and pastoralist systems - Very prevalent in livestock (especially cattle: >76% seroprevalence) Rural smallholder systems – Less prevalent (cattle seroprevalence >42%)

n = 2,738 livestock









Of great concern to agro-pastoralists and pastoralists

n = 99 respondents

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Greatest frequency of outbreaks in pastoralist and agro-pastoralist households

Multiple outbreaks each year (80 – 90% in the past year, up to 63% in the past four months)



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Morbidity impacts



n = 4,852 animals belonging to 45 households that had FMD outbreaks



Impacts on milk production, consumption and sale



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(a)



Mean percentage decrease in milk yield of 67% of great concern due to the reliance on milk for child nutrition

n = 86 respondents

Impacts on traction capacity and livestock sales

- A loss of traction capacity affects 73% of households, with 65% reporting negative impacts on crop production.
- Cash generation from livestock sales decreased by 27% (US\$234/household) with consequences for human health (reduced expenditure by 25%).



Foot-and-mouth disease epidemiology in eastern Africa



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Significant risk factors

	LRT Chi squared	Probability < Chi squared	Coefficient (95% CI)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
Age (per extra year)	219.6	<10^-6	0.4 (0.3-0.4)	1.4 (1.4-1.5)
Species	144.9	<10^-16		
Cattle compared to small ruminants			1.2 (1-1.4)	3.3 (2.7-4)
Livestock practice	17.1	0.0002		
Agropastoral compared to smallholder			2.1 (1-3.2)	8.1 (2.8-23.6)
Pastoral compared to smallholder			2 (1.1-2.9)	7.1 (2.9-17.6)

n = 84 households, 2694 livestock serum sampled

	LRT Chi squared	Probability < Chi squared	Coefficient (95% CI)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
Cattle in herd (per extra bovine)	12.9	<10^-3	0.02 (0- 0.03)	1.02 (1-1.03)
New animals acquired in risk period (yes versus no)	4.6	0.03	1.72 (0.01- 3.431)	5.57 (1.01- 30.91)

n = 69 households

Non-significant variables

	LRT Chi squared	Probability < Chi square	Coefficient (95% CI)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
Log (total cattle)	2.76	0.1	0.3 (0-0.6)	1.3 (1-1.8)
Log (maximum minutes walked to reach grazing and water)	2.37	0.12	0.1 (0-0.3)	1.1 (1-1.3)
Buffalo sighting weekly or more often	1.32	0.3	-0.4 (-1-0.3)	0.7 (0.4-1.4)
Log (distance to buffalo area)	0.09	0.75	0 (-0.3-0.2)	1(0.7-1.3)
Acquired livestock in the past four months (Y or N)	0.6	0.44	0.2 (-0.3-0.8)	1.2 (0.7-2.1)

n = 84 households, 2694 livestock serum sampled

	LRT Chi squared	Probability < Chi square	Coefficient (95% CI)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
Buffalo sighting weekly or more often	1.26	0.26	0.8 (-0.635-2.227)	2.22 (0.53-9.27)
Grazing or watering area different to usual	1.03	0.31	-0.62 (-1.833-0.582)	0.54 (0.16-1.79)
Measure of livestock contacts during grazing and watering	1.3	0.26	0.04 (-0.03-0.122)	1.05 (0.97-1.13)
Measure of livestock contacts during dipping	0.19	0.66	-0.08 (-0.431-0.278)	0.92 (0.65-1.32)
Visitors in past month	0.03	0.87	0.11 (-1.204-1.418)	1.12 (0.3-4.13)

n = 69 households

Serotype dominance in cattle and buffalo

- Cattle:
 - Serotype O most prevalent
 - Serotype SAT2 least prevalent
- Buffalo
 - Serotype SAT1 most prevalent, followed by SAT2
 - Serotype A least prevalent
- No close genetic relationship between cattle and buffalo sequences for SAT serotypes, but small sample of buffalo sequences
- Low seroprevalence of serotypes O and A in buffalo possibly due to occasional spillover or cross-reactivity





Serotype frequency in cattle (2011 - 2015)

Bayesian model inference from SPCE

Virus isolation results



Implications for control through vaccination

- Temporal patterns of antigenic dominance offer opportunities for targeted vaccination through existing (monovalent) high-quality vaccines:
 - O and SAT2 vaccines provide $r1 \ge 0.3$ against Tanzanian isolates
 - Also for A and SAT1 *r*1 matching or consistent with protection



Identifying key transmission foci for targeted interventions

Watering points



Grazing locations



Dipping points



Salting points



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Mapping resource areas with local communities



Inter-village connectivity



Seasonality of inter-village connectivity





Shared resource area

Average distance of villages that are connected across seasons



Identifying most connected nodes

Using centrality measures based on the number of links held by each node to find very connected nodes that could be targeted





Adoption of vaccination in Tanzania

- Vaccination would be culturally and politically acceptable, but...
- ...vaccine security and affordability remain an enduring problem
- Socio-economic processes that influence government and household choices towards disease prevention?



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What drives vaccination decisions at the household level?





Railey AF, Lembo T, Palmer GH, Shirima GM and Marsh TL (2018). Spatial and temporal risk as drivers for adoption of foot-and-mouth disease vaccination. Vaccine 36 (33): 5077-5083

Uncertainties in decision making

- Cost-benefit considerations
 Individual vs collective risk
- Immediacy and proximity of risk How proximity of shock affects decisions
- Negative past experience with FMD vaccines in Tanzania

Stated preference willingness to pay – individual preference



n = 432 households

One cow, 6 mths duration

Lower vs higher perceived risk

Routine vaccination

- Biannual, planned application
- Population-level protection
- Lower perceived risk of infection

Emergency vaccination

- Spatial and temporal immediacy
- Individual-focused protection
- Higher perceived risk of infection

Vaccine efficacy: 50 or 100 percent

Outbreak distance: village or neighbour

Higher value on vaccination if immediate threat of disease



	Routine Marginal		Emergency		
	Effects		Marginal Effects		
Variable	(CI 95%)	P value	(CI 95%)	P value	
Education (0=Formal; 1=No Formal)	681 (-7,1356)	0.096	655 (-369,1679)	0.295	
Income					
<i>Off-Farm (≤25,000 Tsh)</i>	Base Case				
Off-Farm (25-100,000)	589 (-34,1213)	0.119	1962 (835,3090)	0.004	
Off-Farm (>100,000)	1022 (360,1685)	0.010	1763 (672,2854)	0.007	
<u>Crops (≤100,000 Tsh)</u>	Base Case				
Crops (100-500,000)	1635 (806,2465)	0.001	2294 (1034,3554)	0.003	
Crops (>500,000)	-445 (-1067,176)	0.237	-403 (-1513,3554)	0.552	
Herd Size†	26 (-192,243)	0.846	42 (-348,432)	0.859	
Expected Milk Loss (in liters per cow)	306 (-94,707)	0.207	423 (-205,1051)	0.270	
Cattle sold in past year	36 (33,71)	0.096	11 (-48,71)	0.753	
FMD experience in past year (0=No;	-241 (751 270)	0 4 3 9	-283 (-1156 590)	0 595	
1=Yes)	-241 (751,270)	0.757	-205 (-1150,570)	0.575	
Vaccinated for any cattle disease in past year (0=No; 1=Yes)	-247 (-795,299)	0.457	216 (-754,1186)	0.715	
Use of government vet (0=No; 1=Yes)	-663 (-1113,-214)	0.014	-1817 (-2626,-1008)	0.001	
Vaccine efficacy (0=100%; 1=50%)	1573 (370,2778)	0.031	2318 (107,4529)	0.085	
Gender (0=Female; 1=Male)	1031 (321,1740)	0.016	857 (-478,2192)	0.292	
Gender*efficacy (0=100%; 1=50%)	-1458 (-2740,-174)	0.060	-2737 (-5066,406)	0.053	
District (0=Ngorongoro; 1=Serengeti)	-270 (-751,212)	0.358	94 (-779,967)	0.860	
Outbreak (0=Village; 1=@Neighbor)			-476 (-1244,293)	0.314	
Log Likelihood	-415		-498		
Chi-2 Statistic	39.09		41.87		
† Log of variable					
USD 1.00=2100 Tanzanian shillings					

 Table 3 Vaccination Determinants

AF Railey, T Lembo, GH Palmer, G Shirima, and TL Marsh (2018). Spatial and temporal risk as drivers for adoption of foot and mouth disease vaccination. Vaccine 36, 5077-5083.

Improved surveillance and viral characterisation frameworks for...

- Can we improve surveillance and viral characterisation platforms across Africa to determine if...
- ...the pattern of antigenic dominance in Tanzania is consistent across broader geographical scales?



...better informed response

- Early typing of outbreak samples (serotype-specific rapid field diagnostics?) critical to:
 - a. Inform the choice of vaccine strains
 - b. Reduce costs of outbreaks by better informing response
 - c. Influence motivations towards sustainable private uptake of diagnostics and vaccination
- Consistency across broader scales would increase market potential of international, high-quality, vaccines





