



AMR Policy Pipelines in Thailand/Uganda and Beyond

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Project description:

Thailand and Uganda both have strong track records in addressing the rational use of medicines including antibiotics. Recently, policies to address antimicrobial use have been rejuvenated with increasing awareness of AMR being driven by antimicrobial use across human health, animal and crop farming sectors. A key challenge identified amongst global health actors is how to produce and implement multi-sectoral policies to address AMR. In Thailand and Uganda, following the template provided by global organisations, cross-sectoral strategic plans have been developed and approved by the Cabinet. This policy template brings 'global forms' (e.g. standard guidelines and measures, innovative technology and knowledge, economic rationalism and experts) for country implementation. This raises questions for the effectiveness of policies, including how global forms configure existent formations, including bureaucracy, citizenships and patient-practitioner relationships. This PhD project will follow and document 'policy pipelines' of AMR and antibiotic use in either Thailand or Uganda, conceived as the configurations which global forms enact on policy makers, practitioners and lay people. The methodological approach will draw on two disciplines – anthropology and history – to generate novel insights on policy pipelines. The research will take a 'following' approach across different times and spaces to understand the social lives of policies nationally and globally. The project will be embedded within the Anti-Microbials In Society Programme (www.antimicrobialsinsociety.org) which has ongoing research in Thailand and Uganda. The student will be a part of the Medical Research Foundation's first cohort of AMR PhD students, which presents opportunities for establishing a position as a multidisciplinary AMR researcher. In addition to institutional support at LSHTM, the successful candidate will have access to enhanced AMR training opportunities including training courses, a 3-month placement, and annual conferences. The studentship will cover the cost of fees (at the Home/EU fee rate), and a tax-free stipend (at the MRC stipend 'plus' rate, plus London weighting), funding for research costs, and a flexible travel allowance.

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