



The Life and Times of Antibiotics in Thailand/Uganda

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Project description:

Antibiotics are a fundamental component of contemporary societies around the globe, including in Thailand and Uganda. From drugs for fever to the treatment of bacterial infections in livestock - antibiotics sustain life and health, livelihoods and global trade. AMR threatens the sustainability of many of these practices. However, despite this threat, there is limited existent knowledge on the diverse places and trajectories that antibiotics take in Thai or Ugandan society. This lack of knowledge will likely hinder the development of effective and sensitive control measures, as any measures to control and reduce antibiotic uses will inevitably reconfigure many aspects of Thai and Ugandan societies. Given the diverse roles of antibiotics, this could potentially contribute to a range of unintended consequences. This PhD will map out the diverse places and follow the different trajectories that antibiotics take in Thai or Ugandan society and their consequent distribution. To do so, it will take an interdisciplinary approach, combining history and anthropology, to follow antibiotics across times and spaces, and provide novel insights into the social lives of antibiotics. 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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