

Roll Back Antimicrobial Resistance Initiative - AMR School Clubs

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Countries



Tanzania

Project Overview

The initiative aims to educate school children about the impact of antimicrobial resistance and offers training focused on raising agents of change in schools across Tanzania - as they are future parents and policymakers, thus able to affect change across their communities.

The programme involves the use of classroom teaching, arts and crafts such as drama, traditional dances, skits, songs, and storytelling, to effectively translate National Action Plans into a local context. Students are trained on topics such as behaviour that fuels AMR, including hygiene and sanitation, but also the impact of fake drugs and a One Health approach.

Impact

In 2020, the programme trained 160 students as agents of change. This group were able to reach over 1,000 fellow students and 800 community members and impart key messages about AMR.

The initiative also tested the awareness that antibiotics cannot be used to treat flu, practices and behaviour that can lead to AMR and the consequences of AMR. Prior to the initiative, knowledge was below 37% - raising to above 90% as it progressed.

RBA has installed a washing station and water tank into the winning school of the RBA-Initiative arts and craft competition, highlighting the challenges of water, sanitation and hygiene in schools. The initiative is hoping to expand this work into other schools.