



SWORDE-Teppa & Malaria Control.

Introduction:

SWORDE-Teppa has two Founder Trustees. One is a Tajik citizen, a Tajik State University graduate in foreign languages and has considerable diplomatic skills. He has worked with INGOs and the UN in Tajikistan since 1996 and in particular as a former INGO Malaria programme manager for some three years. He currently works for the UNWFP in Tajikistan. The other founder is a British citizen, a University of London graduate in Zoology, a London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Masters graduate in Medical Entomology and has published work on *Anopheles plumbeus* and its ability to transmit *Plasmodium falciparum* in the UK. He has worked for various UN and INGOs, mainly in the field of malaria prevention, in the Republic of Tajikistan since May 1999. He is currently consultant in medical entomology to INGOs wishing to work in Tajikistan and Tajik institutions. Both SWORDE-Teppa founders first met when they worked together as manager and technical advisor on a malaria programme from May 1999 to June 2000. SWORDE-Teppa's Executive Board is made up of a variety of specialists and eminent members.

SWORDE-Teppa Malaria Project History:

SWORDE-Teppa particularly specializes in malaria vector control projects in Central Asia and more particularly Tajikistan. This is part of SWORDE-Teppa Objects (i) The relief of poverty, sickness and distress and (iii) The preservation and protection of good health. This work has been mainly in the Central Asian region and more particularly in the former Soviet, Central Asian Republic of Tajikistan.

Since 1996, SWORDE-Teppa's experienced and trained personnel have the unique claim of having worked with, designed, co-designed or been consulted on every malaria control programme implemented or proposed by other INGO and UN organizations in Tajikistan. These organizations include; WHO, Merlin, Mercy Corps, ECHO and others. SWORDE-Teppa works closely with the WHO Roll Back Malaria Europe strategy for the region. Similarly, SWORDE-Teppa personnel have also been responsible for much of the projects in neighbouring Central Asian countries.

SWORDE-Teppa personnel were responsible for implementing the first research in recent times to test the effectiveness of mosquito nets in the control of malaria in Tajikistan in 1999 – 2000 and for organizing the first international conference on malaria in Tajikistan in January 2000. SWORDE-Teppa personnel were also involved in the first attempt at social marketing of mosquito nets in Tajikistan and more recently in April 2004 actively participated in a malaria conference in New Delhi, India.

SWORDE-Teppa Current Malaria Projects:

SWORDE-Teppa offers free consultancy to other organizations who may wish to implement projects in the region and has more recently given advice to HealthNet International and the Natural History Museum, London in this regard. SWORDE-Teppa currently seeking to work with the museum and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on research to be implemented in Tajikistan. SWORDE-Teppa is also working with the Ministry of Health of Tajikistan in training in medical entomology and the management and control of malaria. SWORDE-Teppa also has an active education campaign within the community as a whole. This programme concentrates on the prevention of human vector contact and thus reducing the chance of contracting the disease. In addition, SWORDE-Teppa is implementing studies in Tajikistan on human behaviour versus mosquito behaviour in respect of the control of malaria in the republic as well as the marketing of a new type of long-lasting insecticide treated mosquito net for the control of this disease. SWORDE-Teppa consultants are currently heavily involved in a three year International science and Technology Centre (ISTC) malaria research project in Tajikistan as well as a number of independent SWORDE-Teppa malaria control projects. See SWORDE-Teppa website malaria page for more details.

SWORDE-Teppa also wishes to implement further research into malaria control and control programmes in the republic and is seeking sponsorship for its proposals.

SWORDE-Teppa operates from the city of Kurgan-Tyube, in the south Khatlon Oblast of Tajikistan. This is the malaria endemic region of the country, bordering Afghanistan. SWORDE-Teppa has established links with the community and excellent working relations with the local authorities, Tajik Ministry of Health, Tajik Institutes, Tropical Disease Centres, WHO RBM Europe and other INGOs and NGOs. It also has established links with institutions such as the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the Natural History Museum, London, the University of East London and others. One of SWORDE-Teppa's key advisors and an Honorary Member of SWORDE-Teppa Board, Professor Chris Curtis from the LSHTM, is the leading expert in the field of malaria control in the world.

SWORDE-Teppa is the only INGO currently working in Central Asia which specializes in vector control. SWORDE-Teppa also offers consultancies in malaria control in Central Asia to individuals, other organizations, institutions and businesses.