Cooperation between INS-Moçambique and FIOCRUZ-Brasil
The Beginning

• Visit from FIOCRUZ and IANPHI to INS in 2006 and 2007 for initial discussions
• Joint work to develop strategic plan for INS
• Strategic plan for the 2010-2014 period approved by the Government of Moçambique in 2009
• New INS building (ready in 2014) and HR plan – critical components of the strategic plan
MAJOR BILATERAL PROJECTS
MSc in Health Sciences

• Training in biomedical sciences
• 10-15 Mozambican students every 2 years
• Classes in Mozambique with Brazilian and Mozambican professors
• Thesis on a strategic project for Moçambique, with one Brazilian and one Mozambican supervisor
• Thesis includes 3-months stay at FIOCRUZ
Reference Laboratory Services

- Organization of a tiered framework for a public health laboratory network in Moçambique
- Establishment of a regional public health laboratory in the North of Moçambique
Research

• Linked to MSc course
• Scientists-driven and based on competitive funding opportunities
• Intention to focus on syndromic surveillance and on strategic common health priorities
Syndromic Surveillance for Acute Fever

• Recruitment of adults and children with fever at a peri-urban primary health care centre in Maputo
• Clinical examination and on-site laboratory testing for common pathogens
• Blood specimens for molecular testing stored
• Technology development sub-project: testing algorithms and molecular assays
• Trilateral development of rapid molecular diagnostics for malaria with US-CDC
Health Information and Communication

- National Health Library
- Virtual Health Library
- INS Web Portal
- Health information and communication plan
Who Finances the Cooperation?

- Ministries of Health of Brasil and Moçambique
- IANPHI
- Ministries of Science & Technology and of Education of Brasil and Mozambique
- Others (e.g. IDRC)
The Way Forward

• Seminar on bilateral cooperation, 5-10 October, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
• Conception of a 5-year plan of cooperation
• Plan to be submitted to both Governments, international cooperation agencies and to private sector for funding (e.g. Brazilian companies working in Mozambique)