

Global Health Protection through Laboratory Surveillance in Belize

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Kristy Murray, DVM, PhD, Professor and Vice-Chair for Research, Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital: We have a lot of different areas of expertise of people who are involved in this study, Ministry of health, our institution Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital and then also CDC. And just having that sharing of information has been really helpful.

Emily Zielinski Gutierrez, DrPH, Director, CDC Central America Region: We work very closely with the grant recipient and the Ministry of Health because we wouldn't be doing this if it weren't focused on action.

Surveillance data are not surveillance if they're not used.

Adrinna Maliga, MPH, Research Coordinator III, Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital: The details are important in this project because ultimately we can know what diseases are circulating in the population as well as knowing how to prevent and stop them from spreading in the first place.

Murray: By having this data of knowing exactly what we're dealing with and understanding what pathogens are there, they can go in and protect people.

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