

Community Network for Vector-Borne Plant Viruses

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Building multidisciplinary research capacity to tackle crop diseases spread by insects to ensure fair, nutritious and sustainable food production for all

- ✓ Fund research projects between UK and Africa-based researchers
- ✓ Capacity building for ECRs & NARS
- ✓ Networking events and resource provision



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Leadership Team & Management Board



Prof Gary Foster (Bristol)
Prof Neil Boonham (Newcastle)



Dr Lava Kumar (IITA)





20 RESEARCH PROJECTS

11 CROPS

14 COUNTRIES

33 INSTITUTIONS

55 RESEARCHERS

Collectively, these have secured over £312,000 additional funding

OUTCOMES INCLUDE

1st
Licensed entomopathogenic fungi (EPF) lab in Nigeria



The **CONNECTED** offer



- ✓ Long established team: Network Managers, Senior Communications Officer, Executive Assistant
- ✓ Research project portfolio management (work package coordination)
- ✓ Design and delivery of international in-person and/or online events
- ✓ Interdisciplinary capacity building programmes
- ✓ Impact: Theory of Change, MLE
- ✓ **Ready-made global community for dissemination, collaboration, influence – ultimately impact**



EU-Africa calls



- HORIZON-CL6-2023-FARM2FORK-01-4: Towards research and innovation beyond Farm to Fork Strategy targets for pesticides after 2030 (1M)
- HORIZON-CL6-2023-FARM2FORK-01-7: Innovations in plant protection: alternatives to reduce the use of pesticides focusing on candidates for substitution (6M)
- HORIZON-CL6-2023-FARM2FORK-01-17: EU-African Union cooperation – linking the activities of the Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) partnership and those of the Pan-African Network for Economic Analysis of Policies (PANAP) (4M)
- HORIZON-CL6- 2023-FARM2FORK-01-18: Support for the implementation of a sustainable platform for the EU-AU cooperation under the Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA) partnership (4M)
- HORIZON-CL6-2024-FARM2FORK-02-4-two-stage: Tackling outbreaks of plant pests (6.5M)