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Rift Valley Fever: Prediction and Risk Mapping RIFT VALLEY FEVER: CHALLENGE, PREVENTION AND CONTROL MOMBASA (KENYA), 13-15 NOVEMBER 2012







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- Review: 2006/07 Event
- Current Conditions
- Future and Challenges





Linthicum et al (Science, 1999, Updated 2011)

El Niño/ Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

ENSO

•- Influences the patterns of floods and drought on an interannual time scale

-- the extremes have an impact on the emergence, propagation and survival of disease <u>vector</u>s/pathogens

-- Results in episodic patterns of disease outbreaks as they dance in tune with climate variability





ENSO Teleconnections

- Differential impacts at specific regional locations around the world
- EN +| Floods and excess rainfall in EEA, EAPacific, Southern Brazil/Argentina, Southern-tire US
- EN+| Drought and >+ temperatures (Southern Africa, SE Asia, NE Brazil, C Africa
- EN [Largely reverse conditions)



Anyamba et al, PLOS NTD 2012



Ecological Indicators: NDVI + anomalies



0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0





-100 -80 -60 -40 -20 0 20 40 60 80 100

RVF Risk Mapping - Dynamic



RVF Potential Risk Products





RVF Outbreaks: 2006-2010



Anyamba et al (IEEE, 2012)

Prediction vs. Outbreak Timing



Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania: 4-5 Months Sudan: 5-6 Months Southern Africa: 2-3 Months

CURRENT STATUS

Present: SST, OLR





Cumulative Rainfall Anomalies





Risk Map: October 2012



Summary and Challenges

Teleconnections and Event Timing



Timing is everything – biorhythms !

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Monitoring and Surveillance



- Monitoring of daily rainfall in high risk zones
- Exploit institutional capacity by leveraging resources: e.g. ICPAC, Remote Sensing Center, Met Depts. for monitoring
- Need for revised PEAM
- Immunity and influence on outbreak frequency
- Need Updated Livestock and Human Population Distribution Maps – FAO
- Focus on developing regional models



Thanks !

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