

## **The core topics**

### 3) Neglected Tropical Diseases

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) are diseases of poverty that range from infections to snake bites. They contribute to the chronic ill health, malnutrition, co-morbidities, poor schooling and unemployment of more than a billion people worldwide, and are highly political because they affect people with no voice. We encourage applicants to explore a broad variety of aspects for successful elimination of NTDs, including access to health systems and treatment, cheap point-of care diagnostic development, as well as cross-sectional and multidisciplinary collaboration, for example concerning water and sanitation.