

## 1. About the Program

The Special Programs strengthens the institutional capacity of organizations working in public health, biomedical research, animal health, and water and sanitation systems across Africa. ACBF supports partner institutions in strengthening governance frameworks, professional skills, and operational systems to enable them to deliver sustainable solutions in their sectors.

Stronger institutions generate knowledge, support evidence-based policymaking, and deliver services that address Africa's development challenges. The work contributes to stronger African institutions that advance sustainable development priorities in line with Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

## 2. Why It Matters

Across many African countries:

- Many public and animal health institutions operate with limited governance systems, research infrastructure, and technical capacity.
- Research institutions often face constraints that limit knowledge generation and the translation of scientific evidence into solutions.
- Weak coordination among research institutions, civil society organizations, and policymakers slows policy development and implementation.
- Public health and livestock diseases continue to affect livelihoods, food systems, and economic productivity across Africa.

Stronger institutions enable African organizations to generate knowledge, inform policy, and deliver development solutions.

## 3. How ACBF Delivers

These initiatives operate across several African countries and involve partnerships with governments, research institutions, and development partners.

### ➤ Tobacco Control Capacity Programs

ACBF strengthens the institutional capacity of civil society organizations, researchers, and policymakers to advance tobacco control policies across Africa. The program supports research, advocacy, and policy engagement that contribute to stronger tobacco control frameworks and improved public health outcomes.

### ➤ World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology in Africa Network (WAAVP-AN)

ACBF supports the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology Africa Network (WAAVP-AN) to strengthen collaboration among researchers and institutions working on parasitic diseases affecting livestock. The initiative supports research projects, training programs, and knowledge exchange among scientists and practitioners across Africa.

### ➤ Strengthening Capacity of Strategic Partner Institutions in Africa (SPIA)

ACBF supports institutional development among biomedical research organizations working on drug discovery and health innovation. The program strengthens governance frameworks, operational systems, and professional capacity that enable institutions to conduct research and translate scientific findings into health solutions.

### ➤ Water and Sanitation Institutional Partnerships

ACBF strengthens institutional capacity within the water and sanitation sector to improve governance systems, operational performance, and service delivery. These partnerships enhance the capacity of sector institutions to support sustainable water and sanitation systems in African cities.

## 4. Results & Impact



**Strengthened continental research collaboration and scientific capacity** through the establishment of the WAAVP-AN platform, supporting 10 research projects across six countries with **\$1.5 million** in grants and engaging over **300 participants** through a Community of Practice, reinforcing knowledge exchange, mentorship, and collaboration among researchers and practitioners.



Enhanced institutional collaboration and knowledge generation across health and research systems through **13 knowledge-sharing events** under SPIA reaching **45 actors**, alongside the development of studies, policy briefs, and technical outputs that support evidence-based decision-making in **public health and environmental sectors**.



Expanded policy engagement and institutional capacity across Africa through 3 regional and continental policy dialogues reaching over **100 stakeholders**, support to **11 civil society organizations** and **3 regional hubs** advancing tobacco control policies, and targeted capacity strengthening of biomedical research institutions including the **Science for Africa Foundation, AiBST, the Drug Innovation Group at the University of Ghana, the Africa Leadership Institute, and the Africa Diaspora Network**.