



**Africa**



## **GCRF-BBR: The Tick Cell Biobank: outposts in Asia, Africa and South America.**

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### **Objectives**

- 1) Establish **Tick Cell Biobank Outpost for Africa** at ILRI.
- 2) Train African researchers on the use and application of tick cell lines for tick research.
- 3) Develop new research areas on zoonotic tick-borne viral diseases using tick cell lines.

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### **Highlight of 2020 achievements**

- Refurbishment and equipping of cell culture section at the Tick Unit to host the biobank.
- Training of 8 tick researchers from Kenya, Tunisia, Cameroon and Benin on the use of tick cell lines.
- One grant proposal submitted.

