The US Agency for International Development has asked us to explore possibilities for developing partnerships in efforts related to emerging zoonotic diseases at the interface of wildlife, domestic animals, and people.  The project, called PREDICT-2, is part of a larger USAID program working in 30 countries aimed at reducing pandemic threats and emerging infectious diseases.   
  
Our organization, EcoHealth Alliance, has been asked to coordinate the PREDICT-2 program’s efforts in Sudan. Dr. Peter Daszak and I will be visiting Sudan next spring, and we would be honored if you had time to meet with us so that we could explain the goals of the effort and discuss ways in which we might be able to collaborate. Attached is a short briefing document describing PREDICT-2.  
  
In related and recent news, ProMED Mail, an international infectious disease news reporting organization, reported that a disease outbreak is occurring in refugee camps in Sudan.   Here is a link to the ProMED report:   <http://www.promedmail.org/direct.php?id=20150922.3662729>Are you aware of these outbreaks and do you have any guesses as to what may be causing them?  
  
We look forward to hearing from you and hope that we have the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues!  
  
Cheers,  
Andrew