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UL project receives funds to study Aids



Professor Tom Lodge, Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, UL

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A UNIVERSITY of Limerick-led research initiative on HIV/AIDS policies has received €578,784 funding from Irish Aid.

Working in partnership with the University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Makerere University, Uganda, the project seeks to optimise the use of health system resources to more effectively address the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Speaking at the launch, Minister of State, Jan O'Sullivan said: "During my time as Minister for Overseas Development Aid I saw at first hand the tremendous progress that can be achieved in tackling HIV/ AIDS in Africa. The best results for communities were achieved where voluntary organisations and local and government strategies were aligned. Tackling this crisis in partnership is the key to success. This new research project, led by the University of Limerick, has the capacity to identify the structures that work best, highlight where systems are currently failing and establish best practice solutions that assist in our battle against this devastating disease".

The project examines the relationships between actors in the complex

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networks which shape the implementation of HIV/AIDS policy. Professor Tom Lodge, pictured, dean of the faculty of arts, humanities and social sciences in UL said more than 20 million people are infected by HIV/AIDS in Africa.

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