

IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

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THREE ENTITIES COLLABORATION OVERVIEW - 2018

- ☐ Draft joint theory of change for capacity strengthening for implementation research
- ☐ Promoting and advocating for implementation research
- ☐ Update on joint small grants programme for research on Zika outbreak in the Americas
- ☐ Embedding research for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ☐ Country-led research for Universal Health Coverage



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PROMOTING AND ADVOCATING IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH

Joint workshop at the 5th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (Liverpool)

- Presented tools and cases
- Promoted implementation research
- Identified gaps
- Engaged with HSR community

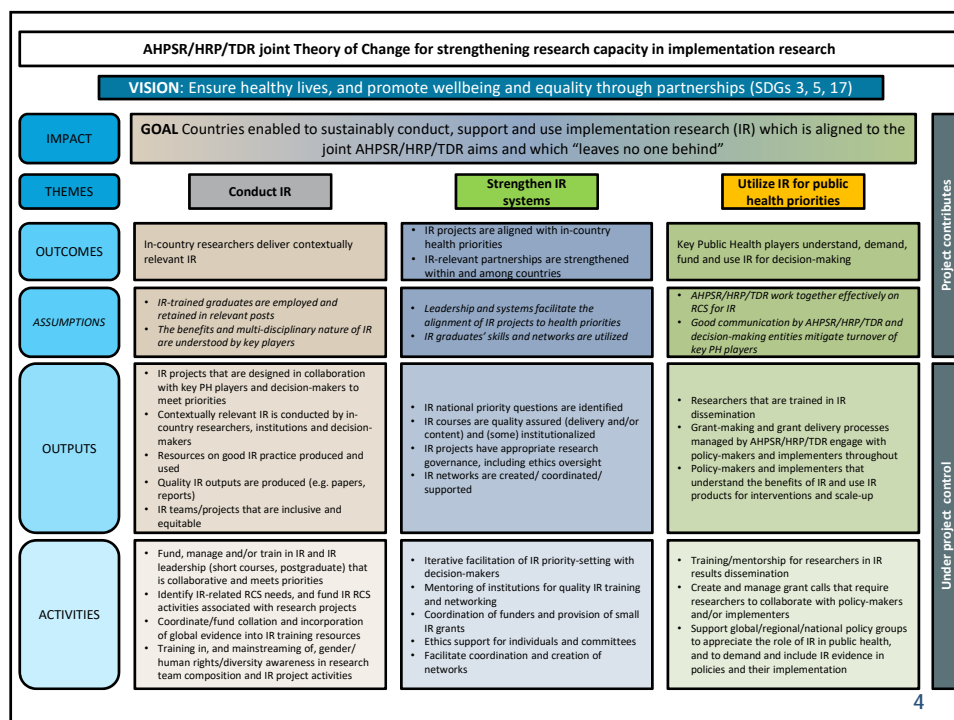
Joint session on implementation research for primary health care (Astana)

- Presented how research supports PHC cases
- Advocated for research in the final declaration

Joint mission to advocate for and support IR as part of UHC (Nepal)



Panellists at the PHC Global Conference in Astana, 2018



HRP ALLIANCE - TDR - PAHO JOINT SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH ON THE ZIKA VIRUS OUTBREAK IN THE AMERICAS

- Joint project - joint funding of grants (WHO HQ, HRP, TDR) - joint organization from proposal reviews to final dissemination (HRP, TDR, PAHO: Regional advisers in communicable diseases and reproductive health)
- Twelve projects were funded from six countries in the Americas
 - 3 in Brazil
 - 4 in Colombia
 - 1 in Jamaica
 - 1 in Mexico
 - 2 in Peru
 - 1 in Venezuela
- Fourteen manuscripts being prepared
 - To publish in a supplement in the International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
 - Joint editorial between HRP, TDR and PAHO

EMBEDDING RESEARCH FOR THE SDGS (AHPSR, PAHO, TDR)

- Research embedded in real world policy and systems decision-making cycles and led directly by decision-makers
- 2018-2019: Support to 13 teams from 11 LMICs in Latin America and the Caribbean (8 by Alliance, 5 by TDR)



Protocol development workshop in Washington, D.C., September 2018.

- Technical assistance center: Mexico's National Institute of Public Health (INSP)

ER-SDGS: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

- Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Paraguay and Peru
- Focus on PAHO priority countries
- Progress:
13 ER-SDG protocols developed, 11 IRB and PAHO ERC approvals obtained (85%)

Challenges

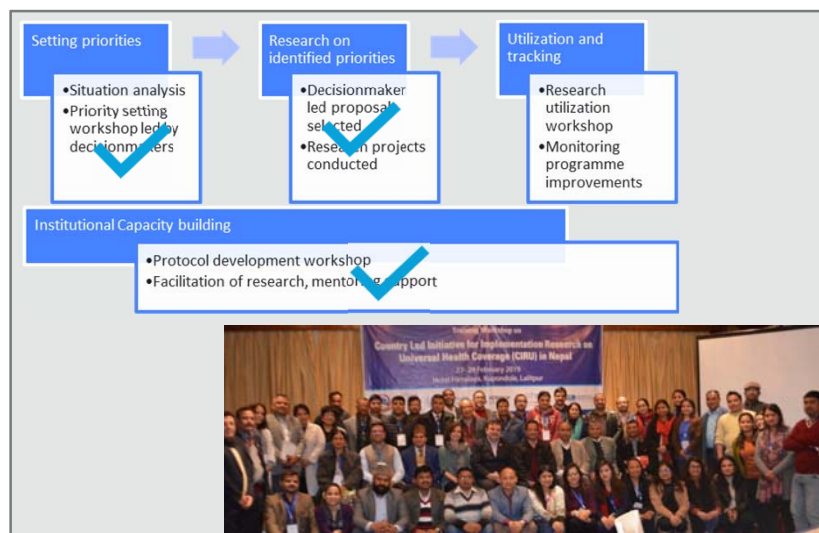
- Political unrest in Haiti
- Linking implementation barriers to health systems failures: strengthening capacities for HSR (beyond IR) including systems thinking methods



COUNTRY-LED RESEARCH FOR UHC

- Cross-WHO initiative under leadership of Chief Scientist
- Core team at WHO headquarters
 - AHPSR, TDR, HRP
- Central role of country offices in catalysing demand, coordinating country response
- Other WHO departments and programmes contribute in relevant areas
- Commenced in Nepal, India, Ethiopia

COUNTRY LED RESEARCH IN NEPAL



THREE ENTITIES PLANNING NEXT

- ☐ Agree on indicators and start tracking progress under the joint ToC
- ☐ Review best modalities and lessons learned from the country IR support pilots
- ☐ Further explore joint funding mechanisms, including new areas for joint engagement (e.g. migrant health)
- ☐ Work with WHO to agree on common approaches/definitions in key areas: IR, capacity building, research management, ESSENCE