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
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 (Astan)
- 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)

AHPSR/HRP/TDR joint Theory of Change for strengthening research capacity in implementation research

VISION: Ensure healthy lives, and promote wellbeing and equality through partnerships (SDGs 3, 5, 17)

IMPACT
- Countries enabled to sustainably conduct, support and use implementation research (IR) which is aligned to the joint AHPSR/HRP/TDR aims and which "leaves no one behind"

OUTCOMES
- IR projects are aligned with in-country health priorities
- IR-relevant partnerships are strengthened across and among countries
- In-country researchers deliver contextually relevant IR
- IR projects are designed in collaboration with key PH players and decision-makers to meet priorities
- Contextually relevant IR is conducted by in-country researchers, institutions and decision-makers
- IR projects use good IR practice-produced and used
- Quality IR outputs are produced (e.g. papers, reports)
- IR training/activities that are inclusive and equitable

ACTIVITIES
- Fund, manage and/or train in IR and IR leadership (short courses, postgraduate) that is collaborative and meets priorities
- Identify IR-related RCS needs, and fund IR RCS activities associated with research projects
- Coordinate/fund (collaborate and incorporate) global evidence into IR training resources
- Training in, and mainstreaming of, gender/human rights/diversity awareness in research team composition and IR project activities

THEMES
- Conduct IR
- Strengthen IR systems
- Utilize IR for public health priorities
- Key Public health players understand, demand, fund and use IR for decision-making
- Researchers that are trained in IR are engaged in and contribute to RCS for IR
- Good communication by AHPSR/HRP/TDR and decision-making entities to greater awareness of IR for the region
- Training/mentorship for researchers in IR results dissemination
- Create and manage grant calls that require researchers to collaborate with policy-makers and/or implementers
- Support global/regional/national policy groups to appreciate the role of IR in public health, and to demand and include IR evidence in policies and their implementation

ASSUMPTIONS
- IR-trained graduates are employed and retained in relevant posts
- The benefits and multi-disciplinary nature of IR are understood by key players
-领导and systems facilitate the alignment of IR projects to health priorities
- IR graduates’ skills and networks are utilized
- AHPSR/HRP/TDR work together effectively on RCS for IR
- Good communication by AHPSR/HRP/TDR and decision-making entities and other IR stakeholders
- IR networks are created/supported
- Researchers that are trained in IR dissemination
- Grant-making and grant delivery processes are managed by AHPSR/HRP/TDR in conjunction with policy-makers and funders
- Policy-makers and implementers that understand the benefits of IR and use IR products for interventions and scale-up
- IR projects have appropriate research governance, including ethics oversight
- IR teams/projects are inclusive and equitable
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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)

- 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

- Setting priorities
  - Situation analysis
  - Priority setting workshop led by decision-makers

- Research on identified priorities
  - Decisionmaker led proposal selected
  - Research projects conducted

- Utilization and tracking
  - Research utilisation workshop
  - Monitoring programme improvements

Institutional/Capacity building
- Protocol development workshop
- Facilitation of research, mentorship support

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