DEVELOPMENT OF THE TDR STRATEGY 2024–2029

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Implementation started:
- TDR strategy 2024-2029
- Programme Budget and workplan 2024-2025

7th External Review input on future directions for 2024-2029 strategy

Jan 2024

Timeline for developing the TDR Strategy 2024–2029

May 2022
- 7th External Review: input on future directions for 2024-2029 strategy

June 2022
- JCB to agree outline and broad-brush ideas for future strategy

Oct 2022
- STAC and SWGs to provide insight into technical, scientific and feasibility/implementation aspects

Nov 2022
- SC to provide direction for strategy development

Dec 2022-Jan 2023
- Input from donors and partners

March 2023
- STAC review and make scientific and technical recommendations:
  - TDR strategy 2024-2029
  - Programme Budget and workplan 2024-2025

April 2023
- SC review and approve:
  - TDR strategy 2024-2029
  - Programme Budget and workplan 2024-2025

June 2023
- JCB review and approve:
  - TDR strategy 2024-2029
  - Programme Budget and workplan 2024-2025

Jan 2024
- Implementation

2022
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Oct 2022
- Consultation and drafting

Nov 2022
- Review and approval

Dec 2022-Jan 2023
- Implementation
Starting point: what was strong, what needs strengthening in the previous strategy

1. Summary
2. Our history and achievements
3. How will TDR make an impact?
4. How will TDR achieve its vision?
5. Proven principles guide our priorities
6. Partnerships & governance
7. Managing for success
8. Acknowledging our funders
Starting point: what was strong, what needs strengthening in the previous strategy. Example of early discussions, chapters 3 and 4

3. How will TDR make an impact?
- This will probably be the longest chapter – needs a strong boost
- New graphic for where we sit in the research pathway
- What do we work on? How do we describe our niche
- New graphic to depict to drill down into how we are approaching this, particularly by working beyond academic researchers down to implementers at facility and community level -democratising research
- Re-frame against SDG action plan and supporting the WHO GPW 13 and UHC
- Refreshing the impact pathway (Make sure we clearly define implementation/operational research. Maybe another box?)
- Define what success looks like in terms of local scientist improving their countries health - evidence to policy
- Explaining intersectionality
- This may be the best place to talk about addressing big issues and giving particular focus on some flagship themes – e.g. (for discussion)
  - Climate change
  - One Health
  - Emergency preparedness and response/ Health system resilience
  - AMR (antimicrobial resistance)
  - Key populations (including migrants and refugees)
  - Disease elimination
  - Gender

4. How will TDR achieve its vision?
- Revision of introduction with focus on multisectoral and multisectional response and engaging with actors across the intervention spectrum
- TDR Research/ TDR Research Capacity Strengthening/ Global Engagement
  - To be revised by working groups
  - Concentration on the cross organisational effort not unit level responsibility
  - Research for implementation should focus in on the key strategic outcomes e.g. research for policy – needs a nice diagram – and have a box giving good examples of successes from the past few years to illustrate the meanings
  - Capacity strengthening needs to explain the implicit and explicit and push this idea of capacity to the level of implementers as well as research leaders. Should include SORT IT and any capacity building in SIHI. Maybe some stories of trainees at different parts of the research spectrum would be good to illustrate.
  - Global engagement is not well understood. Better explanation about what we need and how we use our unique value proposition. As with the others, a box illustrating the key areas with a success example would be good
Proposed consultation framework and timeline

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