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Context and positioning of Implementation Research in UNICEF

01 Policy for Implementation Research
Stimulate and support country offices to include IR as an integral part of programme implementation modalities, country programme plans, M&E and research and influence policy based on evidence and knowledge

02 National platforms and knowledge management hubs

03 Institutional collaboration for implementation research

Strategic
- Political commitment and leadership
- Governance and policy frameworks
- Funding and allocation of resources
- Engagement of communities and other stakeholders

Operational
- Models of care
- Primary health care workforce incl. CHWs
- Physical infrastructure
- Medicines and other health products
- Engagement with private-sector providers
- Purchasing and payment systems
- Digital technologies for health
- Systems for improving the quality of primary health care
- Primary health care-oriented research
- Monitoring and evaluation
Implementation Research in UNICEF

 Strategic objectives
1. Accelerate uptake of innovations into PHC policies, programmes and practice
2. Enhance equitable and sustainable intervention coverage at scale

Within the overall PHC oriented research, our focus is on:
- Leaving no one behind – UHC objective using “Zero-dose communities” approach
- Humanitarian Settings and Resilient systems
- AMR and its influence on PHC package of services;
- Non-communicable Diseases incl. NTDs
- Gender – cross-cutting
Implementation Research in 2023-2024 – country focus

IR to improve antibiotic access and tackle AMR in four countries:
China, South Africa Tanzania, Vietnam

Immunization ZD in 7 countries:
Bangladesh, Ghana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Nigeria, Tanzania, Rwanda

NCDs – CanGIVE
Bangladesh, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Jamaica

Humanitarian settings
Afghanistan, Mali

Community health workers and information systems
Zimbabwe, Madagascar and Mali
UNICEF-TDR Collaboration - Progress

“Socializing” IR within UNICEF and across partners
• Development of case compendium - examples of successful IR projects across sectors.
  • PHC/HSS unit, OoR, CEI (Center for Evidence and Implementation)
• Capacity development for UNICEF staff to manage IR function – webinars, short orientation seminars, MOOC etc.
• Establishing learning hubs with GAVI support – global, regional, country

Towards greater uniformity in IR reporting across projects and partners
• Standardized reporting format to enhance learning – completed
• Website Gavi-GFF-TDR-UNICEF: IR knowledge management repository of IR projects – ongoing
• TDR-UNICEF: a handbook for IR decision makers and theory of change
Thank you.