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Who we are

UK Collaborative for Development Research

We are a collaborative of government and research funders working in international development

Core financially contributing members

High-level strategic coherence and collaboration to maximise research impact for international development

Other members

- Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
- Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- The Government Office for Science
- UK devolved government administrations
How UK government is responding to a changing world

• Whole government approach to international development effort

• Leveraging wider expertise through UK’s world-leading science, research and development base to tackle global challenges

Increase in ODA research allocation

- NIHR Global Health Research (DHSC)
- Newton Fund (BEIS)
- GCRF (BEIS)
- DFID Research
How UKCDR will support this changing landscape

Our vision
• Accelerated global development through the power of research and knowledge

Our mission
• To amplify the value and impact of research for global development by promoting coherence, collaboration and joint action among UK research funders
UKCDR strategy for the next 4 years

- Mapping, analysis and foresight
- Convening for collaboration and joint action
- Sharing information, learning and best practice
- A collective voice to shape policy
Some examples of our work...

- **Impact:** The global impact of UK research case studies

- **Best practice:** Building partnerships of equals report

- **Convening:** Themed funder fora (Health, Research Capacity Strengthening, Disasters Research, Communications)

- **Sharing information:** Researcher hub, weekly newsletter

Upcoming activities in 2019:

- **Best practice:** Safeguarding in international development research
**UKCDR report: 10 ways to foster equitable partnerships**

1. **Inclusive agenda-setting:** working with governments, funders and research communities in LMICs to set research agenda. Allowing and taking time taking the time to develop strategic priorities.

2. **Funding new research questions and valuing complementary skills and knowledge:** Value the contributions that each partner brings (e.g. access to local resources, data, networks and local knowledge).

3. **Set the tone around expectations in equity of partnerships:** providing clear guidelines and recognising the time and costs involved in partnership building.

4. **Invest in and reward skilled project managers and team players:** Managing diverse research teams requires people and project management skills – funders can ask project leaders about approach to managing collaborations and build in project management resources.

5. **Equality beyond the leaders:** Fairness for a wider group engaged with the research including non-academic partners, students and technicians is important.
6. **Ensure equitable budgets, research and financial management:** Be consistent in funding for all partners, including for overheads, equipment costs and salary levels.

7. **Provide support for ongoing institutional capacity strengthening:** Institutional capacity strengthening for research and financial management for example.

8. **Widen participation:** Supporting research partnerships beyond the ‘usual suspects’ and proactively build new networks in the south. Understand research abilities, infrastructure and contexts in different countries.

9. **Invest for the long term:** Evidence that longer term partnerships are more successful. Support for the partnership from participating organisations to think long-term – beyond lifetime of the grant.

10. **Work closely with other funders and agencies in the North and South:** Increased partnership and communication with Southern ministries and agencies in countries.
Other resources on equitable partnerships

- **KFPE Guide for Transboundary Research Partnerships** with 11 principles and 7 key questions - see also [https://11principles.org/](https://11principles.org/)

- **Rethinking Research Collaboration**: Open University and Christian Aid (funding for resources by UKRI)

- **Fair and mutual research partnerships: 10 principles for community-university partnerships** – Common Cause Project

- **Research Fairness Initiative**, Council On Health Research for Development

- **The Partnering Toolbook** and **Brokering Guidebook**, The Partnering Initiative.

- **Montreal Statement on Research Integrity** in Cross-Boundary Research Collaborations

- **Co-production of knowledge** guide, Swiss Academy of Sciences.

- **Collaborative agreements: a ‘how to’ guide**, ILAC.