

Health Systems Initiative Awards

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MRC Grant Reference Number	Grant Type	Project Title	Duration	Role	Title	Name	Research Organisation	Amount Awarded
MR/M001717/1	Call 1 Development	Stakeholder monitoring to improve quality of MNH care in public and private sector facilities following a district health systems approach	24	Principal Investigator	Dr	A. T. M. Anwar	ICDDRDB	£133,980.17
				Co Investigators	Dr	A M Jahangir Khan	ICDDRDB	
						Aminur Rahman Shaheen	ICDDRDB	
					Dr	Shams El Arifeen	ICDDRDB	
					Mr	Anisuddin Ahmed	ICDDRDB	
Ms	Sadika Akhter	ICDDRDB						
MR/M002160/1	Call 1 Development	Strengthening health system promotion of maternal and child health through medical travel	14	Principal Investigator	Dr	Johanna Hanefeld	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£88,682.63
				Co Investigators	Dr	Neil Lunt	University of York	
					Professor	Lucy Gilson	University of Cape Town	
					Professor	Richard Smith	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
MR/M002179/1	Call 1 Development	District Health Management and Public Service Delivery: Evidence from India's Flagship Health Programme	21	Principal Investigator	Dr	Timothy Powell Jackson	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£95,398.45
				Co Investigator	Dr	Garima Pathak	Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	
					Dr	Kabir Sheikh	Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	
					Dr	Rajmohan Panda	Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	
					Professor	Kara Hanson	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
MR/M002306/1	Call 1 Development	Determinants of medical equipment performance to improve management capacity within health system in Viet Nam	20	Principal Investigator	Associate Professor	Thanh Nguyen	Hanoi School of Public Health	£115,295.68
				Co Investigator	Mr	Minh Tuan Nguyen	Vietnam Ministry of Health	
					Mrs	Nhat Linh Nguyen	Hanoi School of Public Health	
MR/M002543/1	Call 1 Development	Engaging Partners in Childbirth for Prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission of HIV (EPIC-pMTCT): preliminary work for a randomised controlled trial	16	Principal Investigator	Dr	Leroy Edozien	The University of Manchester	£84,661.52
				Co Investigator	Dr	Angela Chimwaza	University of Malawi	
					Dr	Grace Moraa Omoni	University of Nairobi	
					Dr	Linda McGowan	University of Leeds	
					Dr	Matthews Mathai	World Health Organisation	
					Dr	Weston Khisa	Kenyatta National Hospital	
Professor	Tina Lavender	The University of Manchester						
MR/M002624/1	Call 1 Development	Improving neonatal health in remote rural areas in China and Vietnam	12	Principal Investigator	Mr	Tim Martineau	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	£68,795.55
				Co Investigator	Dr	Edward Roome	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	
					Dr	Ha Bui	Hanoi School of Public Health	
					Dr	Hanh Nghiem	Vietnam Ministry of Health	
					Dr	Joanna Raven	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	
					Dr	Rachel Tolhurst	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	
					Dr	Thi Le	Hanoi School of Public Health	
					Dr	Weiming Zhu	Peking University Health Science Centre	
					Dr	Xiaoyun Liu	Peking University Health Science Centre	
					Dr	Xing Lin Feng	Peking University	
					Ms	Dung Khu	Research Institute for Child Health	
					Professor	Shenglan Tang	Duke Kunshan University	
					Professor	Xiaoli Wang	Peking University Health Science Centre	
MR/M002675/1	Call 1 Development	Taking treatment of chronic lifelong conditions to scale: applying the positive deviance approach to health programme management	12	Principal Investigator	Dr	Hayley MacGregor	Institute of Development Studies	£72,623.33
				Co Investigator	Dr	Gerry Bloom	Institute of Development Studies	
					Professor	Wim Van Damme	University of the Western Cape	

MR/M00287X/1	Call 1 Development	Enhanced integration of primary and secondary health systems and patient empowerment through improved continuity of patient care and clinical handover	13	Principal Investigator	Dr	Semira Manaseki-Holland	University of Birmingham	£101,879.64
				Co Investigator	Dr	Jeemon Panniyammak	Centre for Chronic Disease Control	
					Dr	Jonathan Shapiro	University of Birmingham	
					Dr	Paramjit Gill	University of Birmingham	
					Dr	Sanjeev Singh	Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences	
					Professor	Richard Lilford	University of Warwick	
Professor	Sheila Margaret Greenfield	University of Birmingham						
MR/M002888/1	Call 1 Development	How do local participatory governance reforms influence equitable access to health services? The role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Kerala, India	24	Principal Investigator	Dr	Kabir Sheikh	Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	£93,647.80
				Co Investigator	Dr	Joe Varghese	Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	
					Mr	Prasanna Saliqram	Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	
					Mr	Raman VR	Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)	
MR/M006050/1	Call 1 Development	Developing an innovative primary health care system for pastoralist community	30	Principal Investigator	Dr	Hailay Teklehaimanot	Ctr for Nat Health Dev Ethiopia (CNHDE)	£119,638.46
				Co Investigator	Dr	Aregawi Akilu Tedella	Ctr for Nat Health Dev Ethiopia (CNHDE)	
					Dr	Getnet Tadele	Addis Ababa University	
					Professor	Awash Teklehaimanot	Columbia University	
					Professor	Berhanu Erko	Addis Ababa University	
MR/N003810/1	Call 2 Development	Developing innovative approaches to improve treatment provision for childhood infection in peri-urban settings: A pilot study in accredited drug shops	18	Principal Investigator	Dr	Sian Elisabeth Clarke	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£99,365.42
				Co Investigator	Dr	Eleanor Hutchinson	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
					Dr	Kristian Hansen	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
					Dr	Pascal Magnussen	University of Copenhagen	
					Dr	Phyllis Awor	Makerere University	
					Professor	Anthony Mbonye	Makerere University	
Professor	Daniel Chandramohan	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine						
MR/N003985/1	Call 2 Development	Mentoring and measurement for better maternal and newborn survival: developing an intervention to put accountability into practice in Tanzania	9	Principal Investigator	Professor	Joanna Schellenberg	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£99,382.64
				Co Investigator	Dr	Fatuma Manzi	Ifakara Health Institute	
MR/N004221/1	Call 2 Development	Community health volunteers as mediators of accessible and responsive community health systems: lessons from the Health Development Army in Ethiopia	15	Principal Investigator	Dr	Dina Balabanova	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£106,622.08
				Co Investigator	Dr	Kirstin Mitchell	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
					Dr	Mirkuzie Woldie	Jimma University	
					Professor	Martin McKee	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
MR/N00437X/1	Call 2 Development	Whole System Change in South Africa: Understanding the experience of health system transformation in the Western Cape province (WholeSyst-SA)	18	Principal Investigator	Professor	Lucy Gilson	University of Cape Town	£100,673.48
				Co Investigator	Dr	Boroto Hwabamunqu	University of the Western Cape	
					Dr	Jill Olivier	University of Cape Town	
					Professor	Helen Schneider	University of the Western Cape	
MR/N005015/1	Call 2 Development	Guideline Adherence in Slums Project - Template-based documentation and decision support for primary healthcare clinics in the private sector	18	Principal Investigator	Dr	Pratap Kumar	Strathmore University	£98,972.31
				Co Investigator	Dr	Mercy Njeru	KEMRI (Kenya Medical Research Institute)	
MR/N005384/1	Call 2 Development	Development and evaluation of system dynamics methods to engage with policy makers on the prevention and control of diabetes in a middle income region	18	Principal Investigator	Professor	Nigel Unwin	University of Cambridge	£105,338.96
				Co Investigator	Dr	Cornelia Guell	University of Cambridge	
					Dr	James Woodcock	University of Cambridge	
					Professor	Ian Hambleton	University of the West Indies	
MR/N005473/1	Call 2 Development	Feasibility Study: Effectiveness of Public Health System (Programmes/Policies) in Combating Severe Population Health Crisis in Ukraine	19	Principal Investigator	Professor	Stephen Peckham	University of Kent	£100,590.20
				Co Investigator	Dr	Ganna Vakhitova	Kyiv Economics Institute	
					Dr	Olena Nizalova	University of Kent	
MR/N00552X/1	Call 2 Development	Supportive supervision of mid level health workers in rural Nepal for improved job satisfaction, motivation and quality of care.	14	Principal Investigator	Dr	Joanna Morrison	University College London	£100,100.36
				Co Investigator	Dr	Sushil Baral	Health Research and Social Development	
MR/N005597/1	Call 2 Development	Verbal Autopsy with Participatory Action Research (VA-PAR): Developing a people-centred health systems research methodology	18	Principal Investigator	Dr	Lucia D'Ambruoso	University of Aberdeen	£99,604.58
				Co Investigator	Professor	Anna-Karin Hurtig	Umea University	
					Professor	Kathleen Kahn	University of the Witwatersrand	
					Professor	Peter Byass	Umea University	
					Professor	Stephen Tollman	University of the Witwatersrand	
MR/N005600/1	Call 2 Development	Exploring the potential of Open Source solutions to deliver Clean, Clear Information for Health Service Improvement	23	Principal Investigator	Dr	Christopher Paton	University of Oxford	£97,102.06
				Co Investigator	Dr	Hamish Fraser	University of Leeds	
					Ms	Naomi Muinga	KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme	
					Professor	John Powell	University of Oxford	
					Professor	Mike English	University of Oxford	
MR/P004105/1	Call 3 Development	Creating responsive health systems: improving the use of feedback from service users in quality assurance and human resource management in Bangladesh	18	Principal Investigator	Dr	Tolib Mirzoev	University of Leeds	£100,681.12
				Co Investigator	Dr	Helen Elsey	University of Leeds	
					Dr	Mohammad Iftekhher Hossain	ARK Foundation	
					Dr	Rumana Huque	ARK Foundation	
					Professor	SHAH MONIR HOSSAIN	ARK Foundation	

MR/P004172/1	Call 3 Development	Examining health system performance for indigenous people in the Peruvian Amazon through the lens of tuberculosis control.	12	Principal Investigator	Professor	David Moore	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£89,332.91
				Co Investigator	Dr	Camila Gianella	Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia	
					Dr	Cesar Augusto Ugarte Gil	Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia	
					Dr	MARIA PESANTES VILLA	Health Without Limits Peru	
Ms	Claudia Lema	Health Without Limits Peru						
MR/P004512/1	Call 3 Development	Social, behavioural and economic drivers of inappropriate antibiotic use by informal private healthcare providers in rural India.	18	Principal Investigator	Dr	Meenakshi Gautham	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£100,509.64
				Co Investigator	Dr	Catherine Goodman	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
					Dr	Neil Spicer	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
					Professor	Abhijit Chowdhury	Liver Foundation, WestBengal	
MR/P004555/1	Call 3 Development	Citizen-Led Accountability: Applying systems thinking to understand and strengthen health system responsiveness to marginalized communities	18	Principal Investigator	Dr	Walter Flores	Ctr for Study Equity & Gov (Health Sys)	£100,429.64
				Co Investigator	Dr	Alison Hernandez	Ctr for Study Equity & Gov (Health Sys)	
					Dr	Ana Lorena Ruano	Bergen University College	
					Dr	Isabel Goicolea	Umea University	
					Dr	Paola Mosquera	Umea University	
					Professor	Anna-Karin Hurtig	Umea University	
					Professor	Miguel San Sebastian	Umea University	
MR/P005195/1	Call 3 Development	Whole systems care for post-stroke management in older adults: exploring the options for integration of health and social care systems in China	16	Principal Investigator	Dr	Karina Kielmann	Queen Margaret University Edinburgh	£101,385.08
				Co Investigator	Mr	Guanyang Zou	Sun Yat-Sen University	
					Professor	Brendan McCormack	Queen Margaret University Edinburgh	
					Professor	Lihong Wan	Sun Yat-Sen University	
					Professor	Yu Cheng	Sun Yat-Sen University	
MR/M014290/1	Call 1 Full	Strengthening South Africa's health system through integrating treatment for mental illness into chronic disease care (Project MIND)	48	Principal Investigator	Professor	Bronwyn Myers	South African Medical Research Council	£898,776.88
				Co Investigator	Dr	Carl Lombard	South African Medical Research Council	
					Dr	Christopher Butler	University of Oxford	
					Dr	John Joska	University of Cape Town	
					Dr	Katherine Rae Sorsdahl	University of Cape Town	
					Dr	Peter Milligan	University of Cape Town	
					Dr	Tracey Naledi	Western Cape Government	
					Professor	Crick Lund	University of Cape Town	
					Professor	Dan Stein	University of Cape Town	
					Professor	Naomi Levitt	University of Cape Town	
					Professor	Susan Cleary	University of Cape Town	
MR/M01438X/1	Call 1 Full	Learning from health systems strengthening in maternal and newborn health (MNH) in China to inform accelerated progress for saving lives in Africa	36	Principal Investigator	Professor	Carine Ronsmans	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£493,058.94
				Co Investigator	Dr	Moke Magoma	Evidence for Action (E4A) Tanzania	
					Professor	Kara Hanson	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
					Professor	Min Yang	Sichuan University	
					Professor	QINGYUE MENG	Peking University	
					Professor	Yan Wang	Peking University Health Science Centre	
MR/M014681/1	Call 1 Full	Investigating the determinants of health worker performance in Senegal	30	Principal Investigator	Dr	Mylene Lagarde	London School of Economics & Pol Sci	£500,950.87
				Co Investigator	Dr	Adama FAYE	ISED Senegal	
					Dr	Josephine Borghi	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
MR/M01472X/1	Call 1 Full	Determinants of effectiveness of a novel community health workers programme in improving maternal and child health in Nigeria	60	Principal Investigator	Dr	Tolib Mirzoev	University of Leeds	£794,948.39
				Co Investigator	Dr	Ana Manzano	University of Leeds	
					Dr	ENYI ETIABA	University of Nigeria Nsukka	
					Dr	Reinhard Huss	University of Leeds	
					Professor	Benjamin UZOCHUKWU	University of Nigeria Nsukka	
					Professor	James Newell	University of Leeds	
					Professor	Nkoli Nwakego Ezumah	University of Nigeria Nsukka	
					Professor	Obinna Onwujekwe	University of Nigeria Nsukka	
Professor	Tim Ensor	University of Leeds						
MR/M015386/1	Call 1 Full	Health Services that Deliver: Improving Care for Sick Newborns (HSD-N)	54	Principal Investigator	Professor	Mike English	University of Oxford	£989,266.59
				Co Investigator	Dr	Abdisalan Noor	KEMRI (Kenya Medical Research Institute)	
					Dr	Caroline Jones	University of Oxford	
					Dr	Catherine Molyneux	University of Oxford	
					Dr	Georgina Murphy	University of Oxford	
					Dr	Jacob McKnight	University of Oxford	
					Dr	Jane Chuma	KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme	
					Professor	Alastair Gray	University of Oxford	
					Professor	Fredrick Were	University of Nairobi	
					Professor	Neville Stanton	University of Southampton	
					Professor	Sasha Shepperd	University of Oxford	
					Professor	Sue Dopson	University of Oxford	

MR/N015061/1	Call 2 Full	Understanding and enhancing approaches to quality improvement in small and medium sized private facilities in sub-Saharan Africa	48	Principal Investigator	Dr Catherine Goodman	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£904,343.63
				Co Investigator	Dr Gemini Joseph Mtei	Ifakara Health Institute	
					Dr Nicole Spieker	PharmAccess Foundation	
					Dr Timothy Powell Jackson	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
Mr August Kuwawenaruwa	Ifakara Health Institute						
MR/N015754/1	Call 2 Full	Building resilient health systems: lessons from international, national and local emergency responses to the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone.	36	Principal Investigator	Dr Susannah Mayhew	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	£502,785.54
				Co Investigator	Dr Bashiru KOROMA	Njala University	
					Dr Dina Balabanova	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
					Dr Johanna Hanefeld	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
Dr Melissa Parker	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine						
MR/N015908/1	Call 2 Full	Implementing comprehensive, integrated, community-based health care for vulnerable communities in South Africa: An evidence-informed model	33	Principal Investigator	Professor Jane Goudge	University of the Witwatersrand	£669,626.69
				Co Investigator	Dr Nonhlanhla Nxumalo	University of the Witwatersrand	
					Ms Emmanuelle Daviaud	South African Medical Research Council	
					Professor David Sanders	University of the Western Cape	
					Professor Frances Griffiths	University of Warwick	
					Professor Margaret Thorogood	University of Warwick	
					Professor Richard Lilford	University of Warwick	
Professor Tobias Chirwa	University of the Witwatersrand						
MR/N015916/1	Call 2 Full	Performance-based contracting for hospitals: a mixed methods analysis of impacts on patient outcomes, equity and efficiency in a middle income country	48	Principal Investigator	Dr Walid Ammar	American University of Beirut	£389,398.40
				Co Investigator	Associate Professor Fadi El-Jardali	American University of Beirut	
					Dr Bjorn Ekman	Lund University	
					Professor Maria Emmelin	Lund University	
MR/N015924/1	Call 2 Full	Optimizing health systems to improve delivery of decentralized care for patients with drug resistant tuberculosis	48	Principal Investigator	Professor Mark Nicol	University of Cape Town	£578,055.16
				Co Investigator	Dr Edina Sinanovic	University of Cape Town	
					Dr Helen Cox	University of Cape Town	
					Dr John Black	South African Government	
					Dr Karina Kielmann	Queen Margaret University Edinburgh	
					Dr Koleka Mlisana	University of KwaZulu-Natal	
					Dr Lindy Dickson-Hall	University of Cape Town	
					Dr Mosa Moshabela	University of KwaZulu-Natal	
					Mrs Nicola Foster	University of Cape Town	
					Ms Marian Loveday	South African Medical Research Council	
					Professor Alison Grant	London Sch of Hygiene and Trop Medicine	
MR/N015959/1	Call 2 Full	Integrating places of worship (PoWs) into the primary care pathway to prevent and control non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Caribbean	36	Principal Investigator	Professor Seeromanie Harding	King's College London	£577,332.41
				Co Investigator	Dr Madan Rambaran	University of Guyana	
					Dr Paloma Martin	University of Guyana	
					Dr Ranford Ricketts	Ross University Sch of Medicine	
					Dr Reeta Gobin	University of Guyana	
					Dr Thelma Samuels	University of the West Indies	
					Dr Troy Thomas	University of Guyana	
					Ms Shelly McFarlane	University of the West Indies	
					Professor Abdullahi Abdulkadri	University of the West Indies	
					Professor J Kennedy Cruickshank	King's College London	
					Professor Lucilla Poston	King's College London	
Professor Rainford Wilks	University of the West Indies						
MR/N015967/1	Call 2 Full	System-Integrated Technology-Enabled Model of Care Aiming to Improve the Health of Stroke Patients in Resource-Poor Settings in China	36	Principal Investigator	Professor Lijing Yan	Duke Kunshan University	£505,839.08
				Co Investigator	Dr Alba P. Amaya Burns	Duke Kunshan University	
					Dr Elizabeth Turner	Duke University	
					Mr Yilong Wang	Beijing Tian Tan Hospital	
					Professor Janet Bettger	Duke University	
					Professor Ninghua Wang	Peking University First Hospital	
					Professor Shenglan Tang	Duke Kunshan University	