Health Systems Research Initiative (Calls 1–6)

Outputs

**283** Publications
**4.8** Journal articles per grant

From 46 grants reporting publications in Researchfish®

Databases / datasets
- Training manuals
- Data collection tools / guides
- Outcome measurement tools
- Novel methodologies
- Healthcare products
- Creative products

Capacity development in **93%** of projects

Researchers
Institutions
LMIC Policy makers
Practitioners
Community

From 55 grants in survey/interviews

Outcomes

Further health systems research informed:

Mean 9.7 citations per publication
Median 6 citations per publication

**£21.4 M** leveraged in further funding

Strengthened collaborations and networks:

73% of projects had new research partners
69% of PIs continue to collaborate with new research partners beyond HSRI
71% of projects involved new collaborations with LMIC stakeholders
48% of PIs continue to collaborate with new stakeholder partners beyond HSRI

Based on survey responses from 26 principal investigators (PIs)

Uptake of research evidence by policy makers and practitioners:

10 instances

Informing government policy reports
Results of the MIND project informed a report for South Africa's Department of Health to advocate for greater investment to integrate mental health care in chronic disease services

Informing new interventions
Community health worker programme to improve maternal and child health in Nigeria
‘Nurse mentor’ model to improve community health worker performance in South Africa

Contributing to broader policy discussions
Parliamentary enquiries on the future of the Indonesian national health insurance scheme
Interventions to improve quality in private health facilities in Tanzania

Changes to health policy and practice:

7 instances
Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Families National Strategy document
Vietnamese Ministry of Health's Regulatory framework for medical device management
Draft recommendations for strategic development of newborn health care services in Kenya

Implementation of health policy or practice changes:

3 instances
Processes for clinical information exchange between providers in India's Kerala state
Health system strengthening components in South Africa's drug-resistant tuberculosis programme
Rubber-stamp method allowing integration of paper-based and digital record-keeping being used by NGO, World Friends, in Kenya and other countries

Scale up:

3 instances
Uganda, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo are learning from Kenya’s implementation of smart, risk-based health systems regulation

Lessons learnt from the Ebola epidemic response in Sierra Leone have influenced the response to the Democratic Republic of Congo’s Ebola outbreak and Sierra Leone’s COVID-19 pandemic

The ART Access App allowing patients to access HIV medication at a community pharmacy will be scaled up nationally in Uganda

Impacts

Population-wide and systems impacts will take more time to accrue