

The interface between research and practice is often fraught with challenges driven by a lack of understanding and poor communication between decision-makers and researchers. The resulting outcome is low uptake and use of research findings within health systems and programmes.

In order for research to address issues of implementation, an intimate understanding of the programme, as well as the health system and greater context that encompass it – from the perspective of the decision-maker – is needed. This ensures that relevant research questions are asked, feasible recommendations are provided, and that evidence is timely for decision-making.

Research programme

In 2014 the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research launched a new initiative in collaboration WHO Regional Offices entitled “Improving Programme Implementation through Embedded Research (iPIER)”. iPIER aims to facilitate the implementation of effective health interventions through the use of research that is conducted as a part of the implementation process.

Below please find the list of projects funded under the iPIER grant-scheme during the 2014-2016 period. You may wish to access the final report by clicking the respective project title

Country

Institution

Title of the project

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Pakistan

Malaria Control Program Sindh and Bridge Consultants Foundation

[Integration of malaria surveillance system in Sindh](#)

Dr Nahid Jamali

Yemen

Ministry of Public Health and Population

[Challenges of improved therapeutic feeding program on management of severe acute malnutrition in Yemen focusing on monitoring and evaluation](#)

Dr Abdulla Saleem Bin Ghouth

Palestine

Ministry of Health

[Improvement of the Adverse Events Following Immunization in Palestine](#)

Jehad A. Ahmed

Pakistan

Control Programme, Sindh, and Bridge Consultants Foundation

[Challenges and barriers in pursuit of implementing the public-private mix project for tuberculosis in Sindh](#)

Dr Syed Sharaf Ali Shah

Lebanon

Ministry of Public Health

[Governance Dynamics in Implementing the Cardiovascular Risk Detection and Management Initiative in the Primary Health Care Network in Lebanon](#)

Dr Rouham Yamout

Dr Mona Osman

Lebanon

Ministry of Public Health

[Hospital performance contracting: improving implementation](#)

Dr Jade Khalife

Morocco

Ecole Nationale de Santé Publique

[Promouvoir des soins de qualité pour la prise en charge de la mère et du nouveau-né au Maroc](#)

Dr Bouchra Assarag Dr Amina Essolbi

Egypt

Ministry of Health and Population

[System gaps resulting in low contraceptive use and high prevalence of unmet needs, Qena governorate](#)

Dr Atef Elshitany

Sudan

Federal Ministry of Health/National Nutrition Programme

[Universal salt iodization: regulatory function and coordination systems, Gadarif state, Sudan](#)

Dr Nada Osman

Pakistan

Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination

["The breastfeeding code" overcoming implementation barriers in Pakistan](#)

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