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

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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 Immunizatin 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

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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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