

Introductions



Evaluation of the Pilot of the EquiPar Tool

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Aim:

- To assess the perceptions and experiences of LSHTM staff and our partners in using the EquiPar Tool in selected research projects, and to identify options for improvement

Objectives



1. To describe why and how research teams used EquiPar (or why they did not)
2. To assess team members' perceptions of the utility of EquiPar in planning, managing and monitoring their partnership, and any challenges they identified
3. To document any changes to the operation of partnerships made as a result of using EquiPar
4. To identify areas for improvement in EquiPar in terms of its content, clarity and ease of use, and to provide advice on how it could be used by research teams

Case Study Design



Selection of Pilot Projects



EquiPar

Eligibility
criteria:

LSHTM staff +
LMIC partners

LSHTM prime
recipient of
funding

No staff from
evaluation team

Range of
characteristics:

geographical location

topic area

disciplinary fields

size of partnership

type of partner (e.g. large and established
institutions v. smaller or newer ones)

whether or not fragile state setting

stage of project (grant writing, new
partnerships, ongoing and long-running)

funder(s)

EquiPar Pilot Projects



2018-23: US Dept. of Defence

Understanding the risks of zoonotic disease from swine production & exchange systems in Cambodia (PigFluCam+)

CAMBODIA:

- University of Health Sciences,
- Directorate of Animal Health and Production
- Livestock Development for Community Livelihood

2019-24: NIHR

Skin Health Africa Research Programme (SHARP)

ETHIOPIA:

- Armauer Hansen Research Inst.
- Addis Ababa University

GHANA:

- University of Ghana
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

2020-26: FCDO

Support, Comprehensive Care and EmpowErment for people with psychosocial Disability in Africa (SUCCEED)

SIERRA LEONE:

- University of Makeni

NIGERIA:

- University of Ibadan

MALAWI:

- Kamuzu University of Health Sciences, Blantyre

ZIMBABWE:

- University of Zimbabwe, Harare

2021- 25: Unitaid

Plus Project- evaluation of scale up of perennial malaria chemoprevention

BENIN:

- Centre de Recherche Entomologique de Cotonou

CAMEROON:

- Fobang Institutes for Innovations in Science & Technology

COTE D'IVOIRE :

- Institut National de Sante Publique

MOZAMBIQUE :

- Centro de Investigacao em Saude de Manhica

ZAMBIA: Tropical Diseases Research Centre

2022-24: MRC/HSRI

Developing Strategies to coordinate HHealthcare provision between The Gambia and Senegal (SHEGAS)

SENEGAL:

- Institute for Training and Research in Population, Development and Reproductive Health, UCAD, Dakar.

2022-26: NIHR

Improving Hypertension Control in Rural Sub-Saharan Africa (IHCoR-Africa)

KENYA:

- KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme.

THE GAMBIA:

- MRC Unit, LSHTM.

2022-26: OAK Foundation & Wellspring Fund

Learning Initiative on Norms, Exploitation and Abuse (LINEA) Pilot Trial Evaluation of a Complex Intervention to Prevent Age-disparate Transactional Sex in Tanzania

TANZANIA:

- TBD

2023-25: Wellcome Trust

Pathfinder 2: accelerating climate action for health

MALAWI:

- TBD

KENYA:

- TBD

Consultative Workshops



❖ Opening Workshop:

- Introduce tool
- Discuss how to implement within projects
- Adjustments to tool if necessary
- Feedback

❖ Closing Workshop:

- Present and discuss preliminary findings
- Advice & recommendations on tool use

Data Collection Tools



- 1. Virtual suggestion box – any time**
 - optional and anonymous
 - open to anyone at any time within or outside pilot projects
- 2. On-line survey – Oct 23:**
 - anonymous, 15-20 mins, MCQs
 - all team members in pilot projects
 - awareness, use, impact, time burden
- 3. In-depth interviews – Sep-Oct 23:**
 - 4-10 staff per project purposefully selected
 - 30-60 mins
 - how & why used, perceptions of scope, utility & ease, challenges, impact, unintended consequences, areas for improvement

Ethics and Approvals

- Proposal approved by LSHTM Ethics Committee
- Ethical approval in each partner country not requested as not considered health-related research
- Each team to obtain a letter of support from their institution
- Informed consent for
 - PI(s) for project participation
 - Individuals participating in online survey and in IDIs
- No individuals or projects identified in any report of the findings
- Major concerns can always be reported using the LSHTM Report & Support online tool <https://reportandsupport.lshtm.ac.uk/>

