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RESEARCH INTO POLICY TOOLKIT



A new open-access toolkit to support researchers, policymakers, and health leaders to work together so that evidence leads to real-world impact.

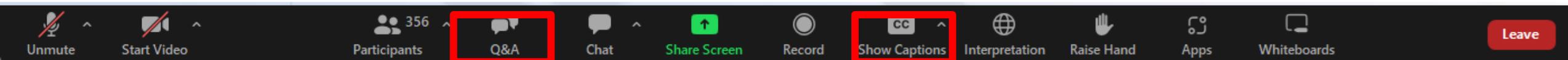
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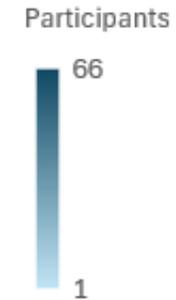
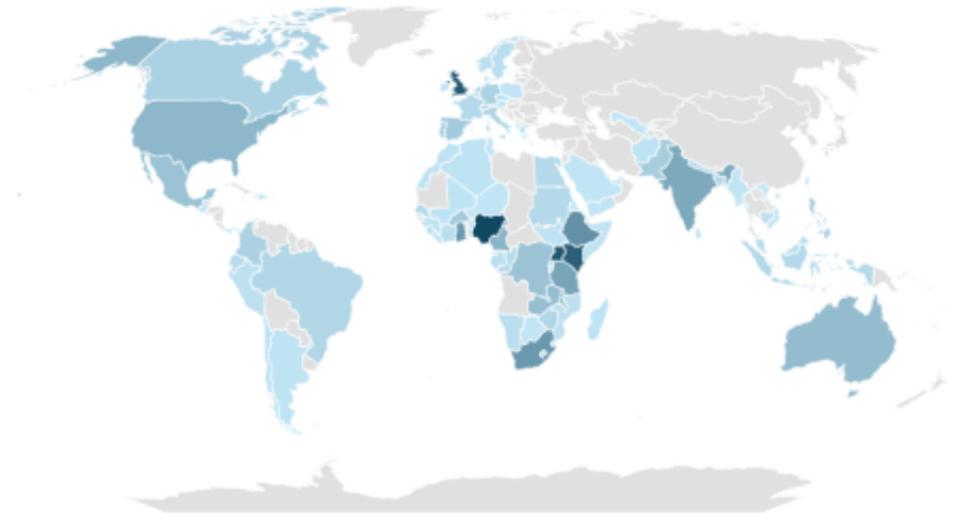
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Kenya	56
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Ghana	33
South Africa	33
Tanzania	28
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From Evidence to Impact: Launch of the Research into Policy Toolkit



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Panel & Agenda

Welcome and introduction from the chairs

Lara Pandya - EDCTP

Prof Trudie Lang - The Global Health Network

Introduction to EDCTP-TGHN collaboration and RtoP project

Dr Johanna Schaefer - EDCTP

TGHN, EDCTP and The WHO Global Action Plan

Prof Trudie Lang

Introduction to the EDCTP Knowledge Hub toolkits

Dr Leonard Numfor - CANTAM + The Global Health Network

Introduction to the Translating Research into Policy Toolkit

Dr Tuelo Mogashoa - TESA + The Global Health Network

Dennis Ssesanga - EACCR + The Global Health Network

Dr Guétawendé Job Wilfried Nassa - WANETAM + The Global Health Network

Case study

Dr Francis Zeukeng video interview by Dr Leonard Numfor - CANTAM + The Global Health Network

Discussion

Guided by Dr Guétawendé Job Wilfried Nassa - WANETAM + The Global Health Network and Dr Hamsadvani Kuganantham - The Global Health Network

Reflection and wrap-up

Lara Pandya

Prof Trudie Lang



EDCTP

Introduction to EDCTP-TGHN collaboration and Research to Policy project

Dr Johanna Schaefer, Project Officer, EDCTP Association



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The EDCTP Association

Who we are

The EDCTP Association brings together **African and European countries** to strengthen research capacity and support Member States' activities, promote collaboration and knowledge-sharing through the EDCTP programmes and beyond, and coordinate and advocate for sustainable investment in global health research focused on poverty-related and emerging infectious diseases.



The EDCTP Association

Our role



E D C T P

Implementing the EDCTP2 programme (2014-2026)

Founding & governing partner of Global Health EDCTP3 (with the EU)

Platform for international partnerships to advance equitable and sustainable global health research

The EDCTP Association

Current membership

● European countries (15 countries)

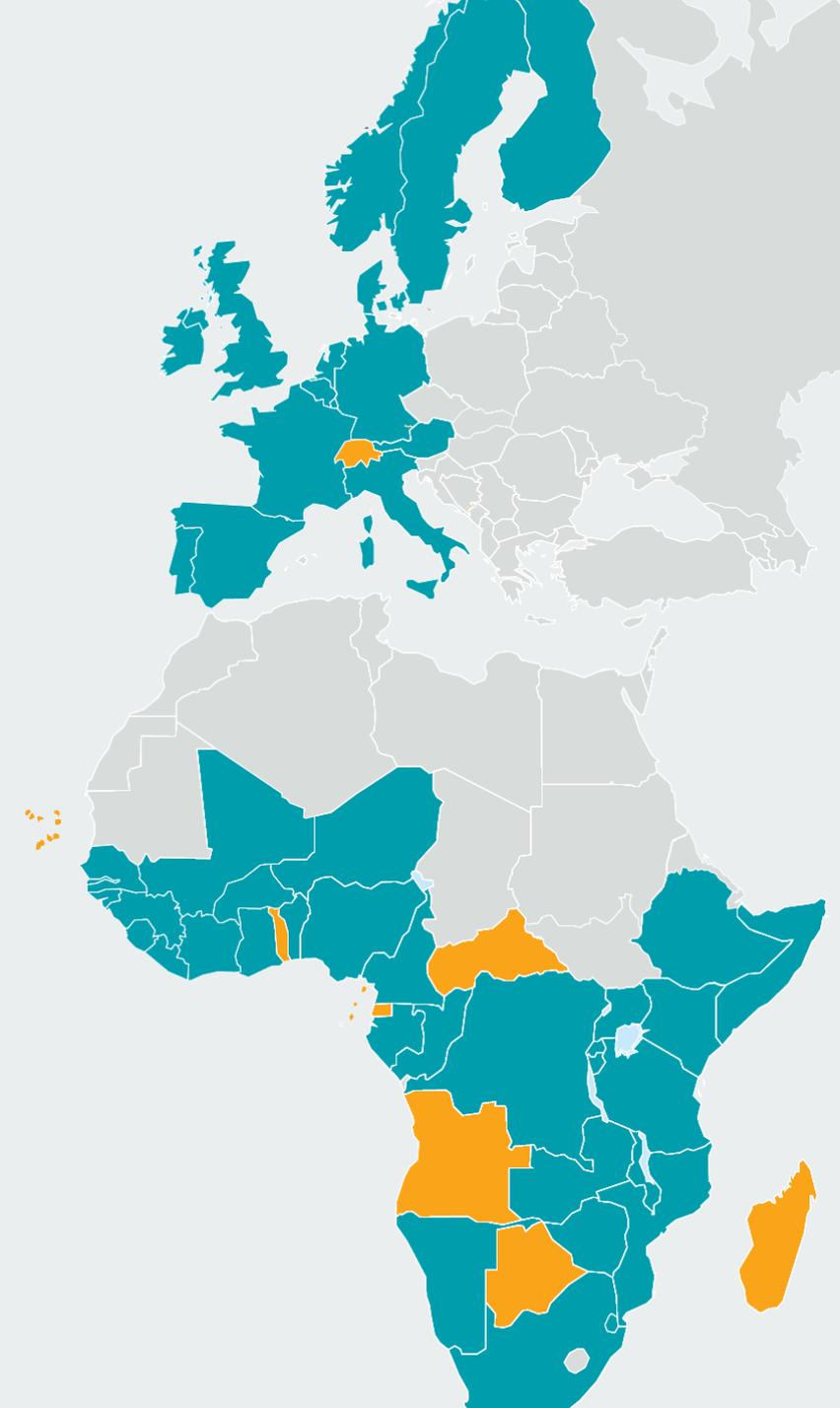
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- Belgium
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

● African countries (31 countries)

- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Congo
- Ethiopia
- Eswatini
- Gabon
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea-Bissau
- Republic of Guinea
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Mali
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

● Aspirant members (10 countries)

- Angola
- Botswana
- Chad
- Cabo Verde
- Central African Republic
- Equatorial Guinea
- Madagascar
- São Tomé and Príncipe
- Switzerland
- Togo



The challenges

Global research inequity

- Most studies led and conducted in high-income countries
- Limited research ownership and benefits in low-resource settings

Few locally led studies

- Especially in sub-Saharan Africa
- Research rarely addresses local health priorities

Common barriers across contexts

- Lack of access to research tools, guidance, and training
- Limited infrastructure and mentorship
- Fragmented resources and duplication of effort

Need for shared, practical solutions

- Barriers are similar across diseases and regions
- Could be addressed by central, open-access resources

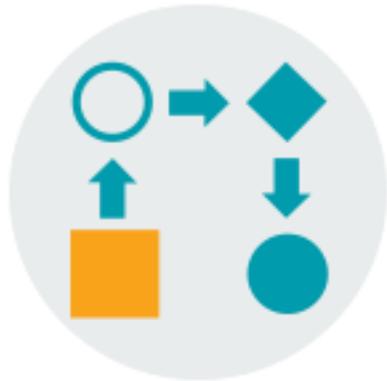
EDCTP partnered with **The Global Health Network (TGHN)** in 2017 to address these challenges.



EDCTP Knowledge Hub

Sharing knowledge in global health research

The EDCTP Knowledge Hub, a one-stop open online portal to provide researchers involved in clinical trials, non-interventional studies and product-focused implementation research in low-resource settings with tools and guidance to enable them to undertake high-quality health research.



Clinical trial **protocol builder** for the development and crowd review of clinical trial protocols



Data management portal for better clinical data management for LMIC researchers



One-stop **data sharing toolkit** and repository finder

<https://edctpknowledgehub.tghn.org>

EDCTP Knowledge Hub

Participation: past year to date

4,938

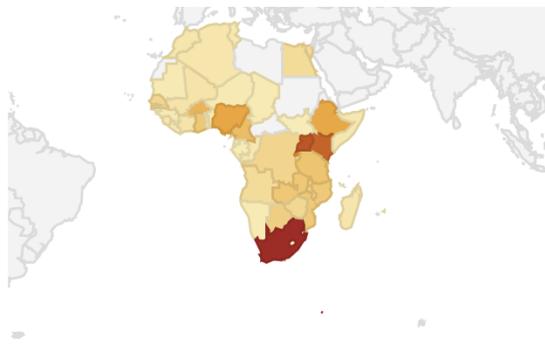
Registered members ¹

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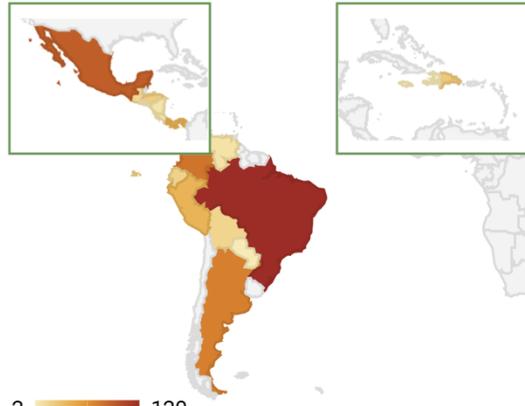
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Downloads



1 181

1,232



2 120

573

LMIC Visitors



1 984

1,654

Translating research into policy

A new open-access toolkit to bring evidence to impact

- The challenge: despite significant investments in research on poverty-related infectious diseases, the findings are often not fully translated into policy and practice, restricting their public health impact
 - Barriers include:
 - Few links between researchers and policy-makers
 - Lack of experience using research outside academia
 - Structural and cultural gaps between research and policy fields
 - Policy-makers struggle to manage large volumes of research and adapt evidence locally.
- The **Research into Policy Toolkit** helps researchers **turn findings into policy** using practical steps and frameworks.
 - The toolkit offers:
 - Searchable resources like guides, frameworks, videos, and learning materials
 - Opportunities for users to suggest resources or provide feedback during its pilot phase.

Protocol development: SEPTRE Platform

- Free three-year licenses available for researchers in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).
- Purpose: SEPTRE supports high-quality clinical trial protocol development in line with SPIRIT 2025 guidelines.
- Platform features: new sections include open science, harms assessment, detailed intervention descriptions, and patient/public involvement.
- Apply via the EDCTP Knowledge Hub SEPTRE enquiry form, stating goals, objectives, and intended research.
- License recipients must submit an annual report on their usage and research progress.



Access the SEPTRE
enquiry form



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The Global Health Network

Mobilising Knowledge / Delivering research skills / Strengthening Research Systems

A neutral broker – connecting researchers with research organisations

The world needs more and better trials,
this needs stronger partnerships



A vast community of over 1 million Health workers Health Researchers And Policy Makers



New opportunities in data science
ICH-GCP R3
WHO Trial Action Plan

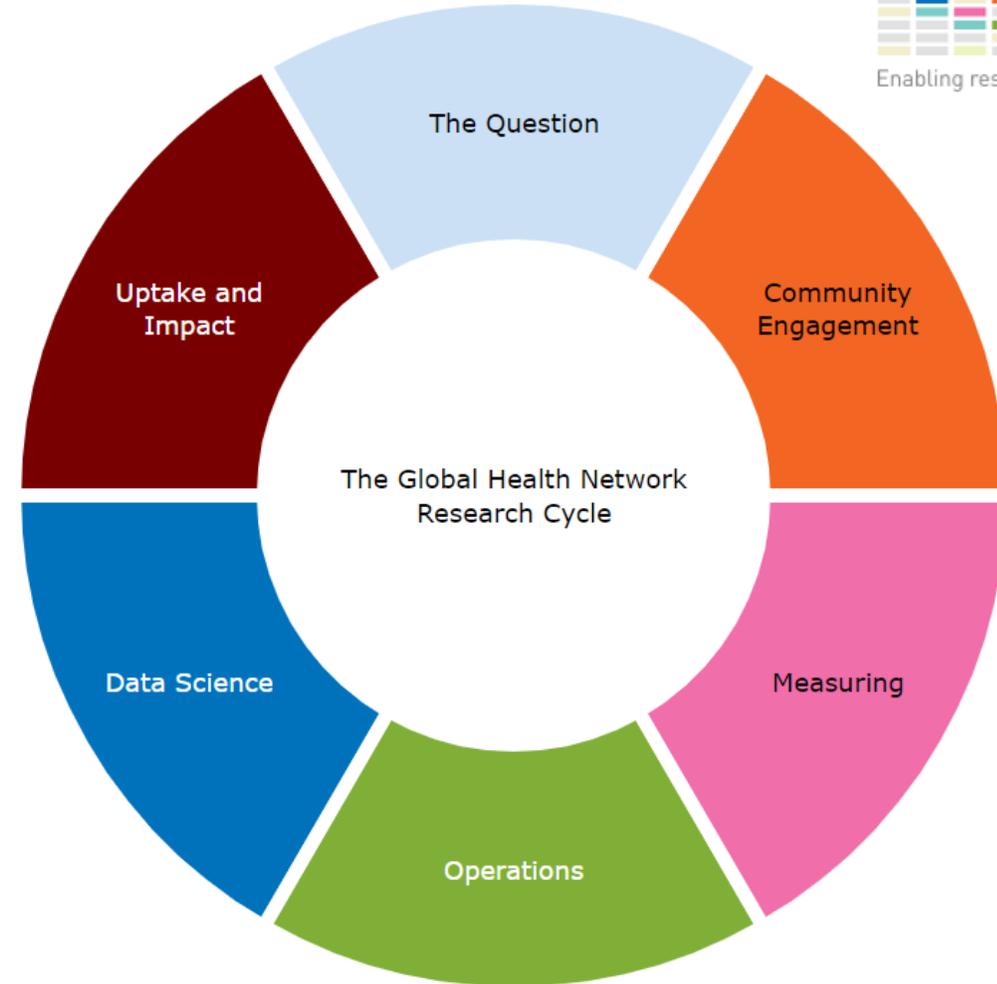
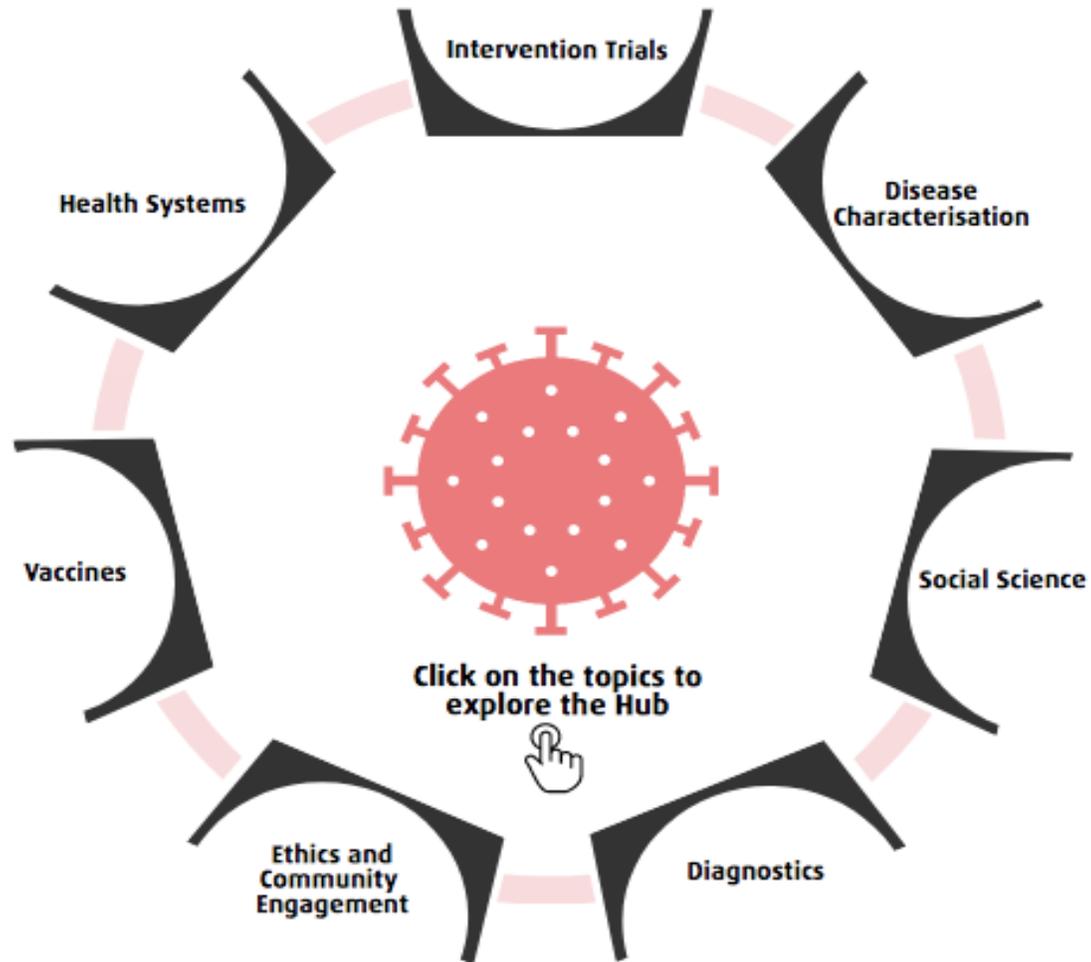


Working with EDCTP3 to support research equity by providing access to knowledge, tools, training and career development opportunities



A WHO collaborating Centre for research information sharing and capacity development

Tackling any disease requires the full ecosystem of research studies and all studies require the same essential steps that don't vary between diseases or settings





A thriving community of practice for health research. 1 million actively contributing members, many millions connecting and finding training, tools and support for their research.



Online

Communities of Practice

Vast interconnected communities of Practice mobilizing know-how across research topics and diseases

Active dissemination: raising standards & creating efficiency by transferring excellence and know-how between research projects and programmes

Applying the strongest information management technology so researchers anywhere can have the same access to the best methods, processes and training



And in-Person

Workplace based implementation of research skills – by doing

Working within existing networks, research organisations and in communities

Cascading research skills across healthcare settings

Delivering careers development and strengthening research ecosystems

Teams are winning grants, becoming trial centers and generating new evidence

The most significant opportunity for decades...

Guidance for best practices for clinical trials



World Health Organization

SEVENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Agenda item 16.2

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RWD / Data science
Community engagement
Equity

Strengthening clinical trials¹ to provide high-quality evidence on health interventions and to improve research quality and coordination



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HARMONISATION OF TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACEUTICALS FOR HUMAN USE

ICH HARMONISED GUIDELINE
GUIDELINE FOR GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE

E6(R3)

Global action plan for clinical trial ecosystem strengthening



WHO Global action plan for clinical trial ecosystem strengthening



The Global Health Network Actions in response



Coordination, collaboration and communication mechanisms

Training
Trial/Research
Design

Patient, Public
and
Community
Engagement

Contextualisation – local
priorities and adapting
trial materials to target
settings

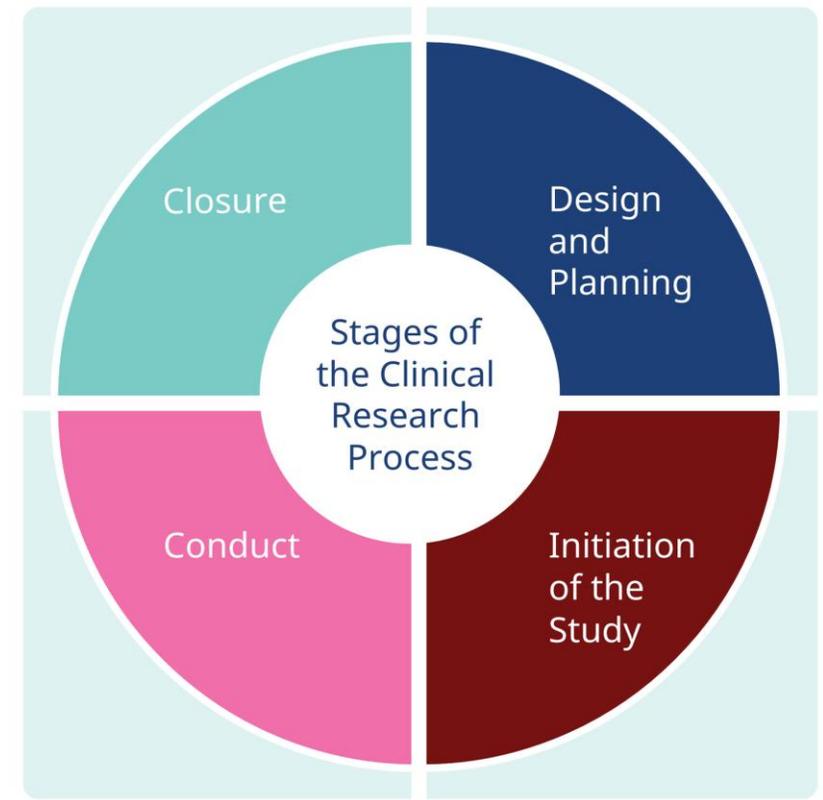
The Training and Study Resources Centre
eLearning courses are designed to cover every step, process, and issue that needs to be understood in order to conduct high-quality research.

Global Activities
Supporting community-led evidence into practice. Major health challenges solved by local care workers.

The Knowledge Hubs
Transferring knowledge and exchanging methods, processes and research findings between diseases, regions and organisations.

GCP ICH E6 (R3) – Free online course The Global Health Network Launch July 2025

Content	1. Introduction to good practices applied to research	2. The 11 principles of GCP	3. The responsible actors and the skills needed to apply the principles	4. Principles applied in the Planning and Design of the Study	5. Principles applied in the Initiation and Preparation of the Study	6. The principles applied in the Execution of the Study and in Risk Management	7. Principles applied in Conclusion, Closure and Post Study	8. Summary of principles and final reflection
Integrated Principles	General	11 Principles	11 Principles	1, 2, 3, 4 and 7	5, 6, 10 and 11	6, 7 and 9	8, 9, 10 and 11	11 Principles



EDCTP & The Global Health Network: over a decade of connecting teams and sharing across programmes

EDCTP Knowledge Hub

What are you looking for? SEARCH




EDCTP Knowledge Hub

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Cape Town Symposium

Networks of Excellence

EDCTP supports networks of research centres that are involved in clinical trials in sub-Saharan Africa. These Networks of Excellence (NoEs) facilitate research collaboration by uniting diverse institutions in the four regions of sub-Saharan Africa.

Protocol Development

Protocol development is an essential first step in turning your research question into a study. This **Protocol Development Toolkit** has been developed to support researchers in this process, to provide the tools and guidance to produce a high-quality health research Protocol.

To use the Hub, click the icons below to explore the different areas or navigate using the menu at the top of this page.

WANETAM



WANETAM
WEST AFRICAN NETWORK FOR TB, AIDS AND MALARIA

East African Consortium for Clinical Research



CANTAM



TESA



TESA TRIALS OF EXCELLENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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Data Management Steps Data Management Plan Resources

Data Management Steps

1 Getting started

Data Management

Getting started

Planning is a critical step in Data Management and this should commence before the Protocol has been finalised. See the steps below for getting started with Data Management, the link in the sidebar will take you to more detailed sections on the topics covered.

Requirements and Guidelines

Make sure you are familiar with the regulations associated with your data and any funder and/or institutional requirements with regard to data management, they may have policies or guidance stipulating how data should be monitored, shared, archived and timeframes for these activities.

Protocol Development

The Clinical Data Management (CDM) process, like a clinical trial, begins with the end in mind. This means that the whole process is designed keeping the deliverable in view. As a clinical trial is designed to answer the research question, the CDM process is designed to deliver an error-free, valid, and statistically sound database. To meet this objective, the CDM process starts early, even before the finalisation of the study protocol. [Data management in clinical research: An overview](#)

Good data management requires proper planning and should begin in parallel with protocol development to ensure that all of the protocol-specified data is accurately captured. Plans for how assessments will be performed, what and how data will be collected, entered, coded, stored, protected, analysed and quality controlled all need to be captured in the protocol or separately with a reference to where this information can be located. The **SPiRiT Checklist** provides a list of recommended items to address in a clinical trial protocol several of which are focused on data management.

For further information on developing your protocol see node 4 on the [Process Map](#)

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- 2 System Design
CRF Design & examples
Choosing a CDMS
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- 5 Data Processing
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- 6 Data Monitoring

Global Health Laboratories



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Women in Global Health Research



Global Health Trials



THE GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK

ODIN Wastewater Surveillance Project

What are you looking for? SEARCH



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STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE
TO ADVANCE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION IN AFRICA

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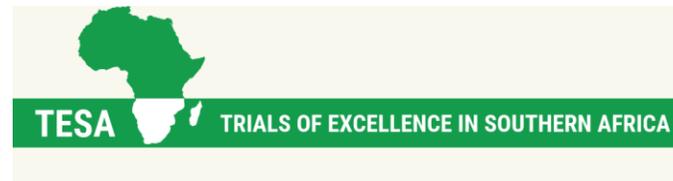
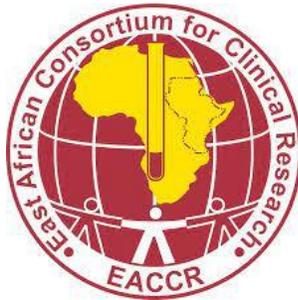
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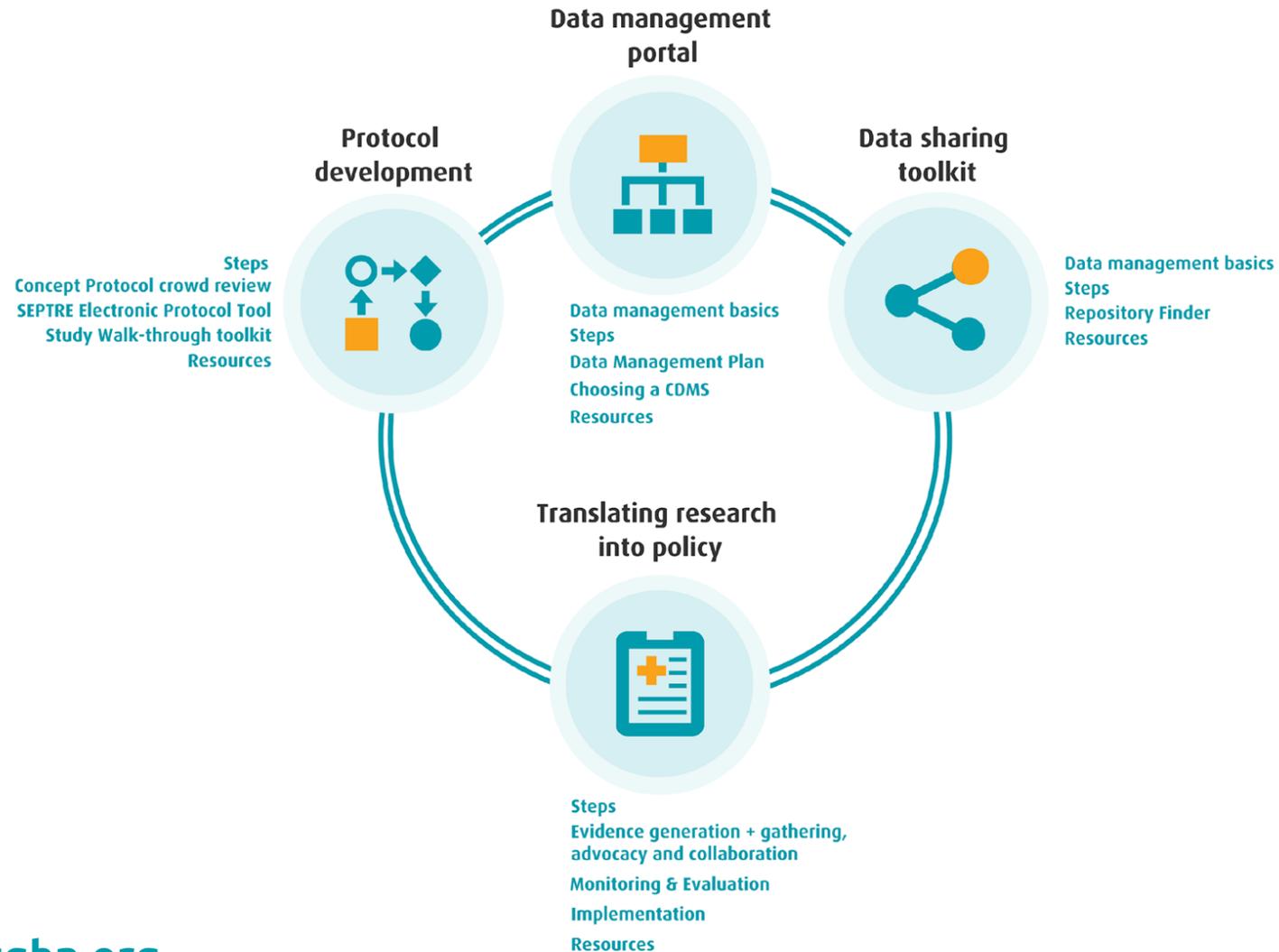
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Protocol Development Toolkit



Protocol Development Steps

The Protocol Development Steps provide guidance on all elements of Protocol development in addition to practical advice on how to navigate regulations and guidelines...



Concept Protocol Crowd Review

Use the Concept Protocol Crowd Review Tool to invite feedback and advice on your concept protocol from the EDCTP Knowledge Hub and The Global Health Network community.



SEPTRE Electronic Protocol Tool

SEPTRE (SPIRIT Electronic Protocol Tool & Resource) is an innovative, web-based software solution that makes it easier to create, manage, and register high-quality...



Study Walk-through Toolkit

The 'Study Walk-through' is a method to help translate your protocol into an accurate and successful study. This toolkit describes the study walkthrough approach, why it might...



Resources

We have also collated an extensive collection of resources linked to Protocol Development which can be searched and filtered depending on their type.



PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT STEPS »

Data Management Portal

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Development Toolkit.

Plan

ment Plan (DMP) is a very important piece of study
should be included as annex to the protocol. Depending on the
e made up of several documents. It should give a complete
a will be handled throughout the study by outlining all of the
the study's data management procedures.

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will need to consider the long-term requirements for
addition to the cost of data collection.

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ks throughout the Data Management Portal with
o it will be findable, accessible, interoperable
will give you further information and the Data
step through how to share your data.

Tools and Templates

6 Data Monitoring

7 Interim Data Lock

8 Data Analysis

Prepare data for analysis

9 Database Closure

10 Data Sharing

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Repository Finder

11 Storage and Archiving

How to keep your data safe

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System Design

Data Sharing Toolkit

How do I share my data?

OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN STEPS

1. CHOOSE A SUITABLE REPOSITORY & SET UP AN ACCOUNT

- Your funder may require you to submit the data to a specific repository. Some funders have strict requirements, while others provide a list of recommended repositories.
- Journals may also require deposits to a specific repository and/or may recommend repositories.
- There may be discipline-specific and disease-specific repositories that are preferable. You can also look up repositories in your discipline using re3data and FAIRsharing.
- If your funder/journal do not provide any guidance, or if you are not familiar with repositories used in your field, we provide guidance on how to choose a suitable repository in the Repository Checklist.
- Make sure to familiarise yourself with the repository guidelines.

2. ORGANISE YOUR DATA

- Decide on the best way to organise your data - sometimes it is best to merge several files into one dataset, but in other cases depositing separate files makes more sense.
- Structure and name your files well - for your own use and to assist others.

3. PREPARE YOUR DATA

- Are your data clean and labelled consistently? Be explicit in your naming to ensure that others can understand your data.
- Are you using non-proprietary formats to ensure accessibility now and in the future? If you need to use discipline-specific format you may



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Repository Finder

Different models of access

Options offered by repositories

List of funder & journal recommended repositories

Funder requirements

Data organisation

File organisation

File naming



3

Example: data structure

Example: data labelling

Non-proprietary formats list

Anonymisation and de-identification



Toolkit

...ing two versions of the file - one in the discipline-
and one in non-proprietary format.
...discipline-specific format you should double check that
accept that format.

ARE DOCUMENTATION FILES

codes and acronyms should be either self-
defined (this can be done in a separate 'README.txt'
to include a user guide.
your methodology, protocols and any other
Is it clear how the data were collected and

IT, CONSENT, PERMISSIONS

right to share the data: are you sure that you
n from all right-holders? This includes patient
itive data are sufficiently anonymised.
g to share your data under?

ING THE DATA

ly and you have chosen an appropriate
it your data. Each repository has its own
, so you will need to follow their

an identifier (DOI) keep it for future
provide your funder and/or institution

4



Example: README file

Checklist of potential files to include



5

Data ownership

Deposit licences

Use licences

Example: patient consent for data sharing

6



Example: submission process

You've created your protocol, carried out your study, managed and shared your data, so now what?



Research into Policy Toolkit

Preliminary Survey Response Highlights (n=78)

What barriers exist in promoting research uptake by policymakers i.e. translation of research to policy?

- A lack of experience in exploiting research results beyond academia
- Limited opportunities for collaboration and networking between researchers and policymakers
- The technical skills necessary to communicate findings

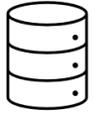
What would be the most appropriate solution for you?

- Training resources for training others
- Connecting with other researchers – networking opportunities
- Hands-on experience (attachment/site exchange programme)

Research into Policy Toolkit Development



Literature scoping review – over 250 resources from a pool of 4672 identified as meeting criteria to form the initial toolkit



Construction of resource database



Identifying key frameworks to form the backbone of the toolkit



Categorisation of topics and steps in the process of translating findings into policy and practice



Creation of content – interactive toolkit and video in English and French



Podcast case study series – practical experiences of researchers

Research into Policy Toolkit

Explore the main themes of taking research findings into policy or navigate the extensive collection of open-access resources by selecting a button below

Steps in the Research to Policy process

Evidence generation & gathering, advocacy and collaboration

Monitoring & Evaluation

Implementation

All Phases

Resources

Research into Policy Toolkit - Key steps

Steps in the Research to Policy process

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View the key steps in the process by selecting the buttons below

IDENTIFY HIGH PRIORITY
ISSUES IN GIVEN CONTEXT

CONDUCT/IDENTIFY
POLICY-RELEVANT
RESEARCH

TRANSLATE RESEARCH
FINDINGS

DISSEMINATE RESEARCH
RESULTS

IMPLEMENT, MONITOR,
EVALUATE AND ADJUST

ENGAGE POLICYMAKERS

SUPPORT POLICY
IMPLEMENTATION

References

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Engage policymakers



BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH POLICYMAKERS,
FACILITATE DIALOGUE, AND ADVOCATE FOR
EVIDENCE-BASED DECISIONS

Ensure that you have identified your target
audience beforehand[5].

State clearly which current policy you aim to
change is[5].

Étapes du processus de transformation de la recherche en politique

ENGLISH

Consultez les étapes clés du processus en sélectionnant les boutons ci-dessous

IDENTIFIER LES QUESTIONS
HAUTEMENT PRIORITAIRES
DANS UN CONTEXTE

MENER/IDENTIFIER DES
RECHERCHES PERTINENTES
POUR LES POLITIQUES

TRADUIRE LES RÉSULTATS
DE LA RECHERCHE

DIFFUSER LES RÉSULTATS
DE LA RECHERCHE

METTRE EN ŒUVRE,
SUIVRE, ÉVALUER ET
AJUSTER

IMPLIQUER LES DÉCIDEURS
POLITIQUES

SOUTENIR LA MISE EN
ŒUVRE DES POLITIQUES

ÉVALUER ET ADAPTER

Références

« RECHERCHE SUR LES POLITIQUES D'ACCUEIL

Impliquer les décideurs politiques



ÉTABLIR DES RELATIONS AVEC LES DÉCIDEURS
POLITIQUES, FACILITER LE DIALOGUE ET PLAIDER EN
FAVEUR DE DÉCISIONS FONDÉES SUR DES PREUVES

S'assurer d'avoir préalablement identifié le
public cible[5].

Indiquer clairement quelle politique actuelle
vous souhaitez modifier[5].

Préparer le terrain en identifiant les lacunes
de la politique actuelle. Où et pourquoi
échoue-t-elle ? En quoi vos
recommandations améliorent-elles le statu
quo ?[5]

Prendre conscience de la manière dont les
politiques sont élaborées : les acteurs
politiques gouvernementaux donnent la
priorité aux options qui sont pratiques,
rentables et socialement acceptables[5].

Si vous suggérez un changement, précisez
exactement ce qui doit changer, comment le
changement se produira, quelles ressources
sont nécessaires, d'où proviendront ces

Research into Policy Toolkit - Evidence generation example

Evidence generation & gathering, advocacy and collaboration	Monitoring & Evaluation
	All Phases
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Evidence generation & gathering, advocacy and collaboration

The evidence generation and collaboration of knowledge translation frameworks into policy is fundamental for research influence on policy decisions. Despite substantial progress in evidence generation and gathering, there is a need to strengthen the generation and use of research evidence in health policy and practice decision-making and implementation. We need strategies and frameworks that can foster the use of research evidence in health policy and practice. This section presents a selection of frameworks that have been reviewed and with a focus on strengthening research use through communities of practice, stakeholder mapping, advocacy, bridging research and practice, and addressing the lack of systematic organization in knowledge translation. These resources will provide you with skills to influence health-related decisions and a checklist that can improve policy impact from a research project.

WANEL Strategies →

There are different strategies and interventions to strengthen the generation and use of research evidence in health policy and practice decision-making and implementation. These include developing a Community of Practice, a repository of health policy and systems research (HPSR) evidence, stakeholder mapping, and engagement for action, advocacy, and partnership.

Knowledge to Action

The Knowledge to Action (K2A) Framework outlines three phases - research, translation, and institutionalization and the decision points, interactions, and support structures within the phases that are necessary to move knowledge into sustainable action. It is designed for facilitators, practitioners and researchers, providing a structured approach to bridging research and practice, and control of chronic diseases.

Translating Research for Impact →

A free online course to learn how to influence decisions made by elected officials, government agencies, non-government organizations, and health systems that impact the health of populations. A solid foundation of skills for effectively translating and disseminating research.

Research for Policy tool →

Effective knowledge utilization in policy making requires proper alignment between researchers and policymakers. This tool serves as a checklist for both researchers and policymakers, helping them address key alignment areas throughout a research project. Maintaining alignment between these two groups during the research process can be challenging, making this tool particularly valuable for all researchers seeking to align their work with policy needs.

WANEL Strategies

Background

There are different strategies and interventions to strengthen the generation and use of research evidence in health policy and practice decision-making and implementation. These include developing a Community of Practice, a repository of health policy and systems research (HPSR) evidence, stakeholder mapping, and engagement for action, advocacy, and partnership.

Approaches for improving evidence uptake beyond traditional knowledge translation activities include:

1. The use of cultural considerations in presenting research results and mentoring younger people
2. The presentation of results in the form of solutions to political problems for decision-makers, and
3. The use of research results as advocacy tools by civil society organizations.

Researchers should develop skills in stakeholder mapping, advocacy, effective presentation of research results, leadership skills, networking, and network analysis.

Six Key Knowledge Translation Strategies are key to promoting evidence in policy and practice:

1. Establish a repository for evidence generated from research conducted by network members or important studies in the region.
2. Develop stakeholder mapping that strengthens health systems and influences health policies.
3. Formation of communities of practice through the different thematic working groups or topics.
4. Stakeholder's commitment to action.
5. Advocacy through the WANEL ambassador to promote the network in regional spaces to create linkages.
6. Partnership with different sub-regional institutions and bodies.

Six Knowledge Translation Interventions that can translate the strategies into action are:

1. Problem-solving presentation of evidence.
2. Community outreach for behavioral change.
3. Provision of evidence to CSOs as an advocacy tool.
4. Cultural consideration in evidence presentation.
5. Organising regional conferences.
6. Supporting regional institutions in achieving their mission.

The interventions reflect outside-the-box thinking and are aimed at various levels, from field actors such as NGOs, CSOs, and the community to regional institutions. The core skills required include: advocacy, strategic communication, effectively presenting research findings in an engaging and actionable manner, collaborating with decision-makers, stakeholder mapping and engagement, leadership, networking and network analysis, and contextual understanding of the policy formulation process. Capacity building in cost analysis of interventions, systems thinking and language skills are key.

To develop these skills and capacities, short courses, summer schools, practical training workshops, and internships in specialized institutions with mentors are ideal. Language exchange between network members is resourceful.

Conclusion

Strengthening the generation and use of research evidence in health policy and practice decision-making requires targeted capacity-building efforts and coordinated multiple interventions that engage researchers, decision-makers, and practitioners synergistically.

The Framework model

Generating Evidence

- Stakeholder mapping: Policyholders' experience, Self-assessment, Communities of practice, Health, Best practices
- Stakeholder engagement: Advocacy, Policy change, WHO/UN
- Research Grant: Regional health, National health research, Public evidence, Progression evaluation
- Monitoring: Cost effectiveness to impact, Sustainability/Policy outcomes, Engagement/Health care, Policy implementation/Health care

Translating Evidence

- Interworking: Policymaking, Problem-solving, Stakeholder, Engagement/Partnership, Policy priority setting
- Training: CSOM, Evidence synthesis, Strategic communication, IT tools development
- K2A framework: K2A platform, Policy developer, Conferences

Influencing Policy & practice

- Partnership
- Advocacy
- Partnership
- Partnership
- Partnership

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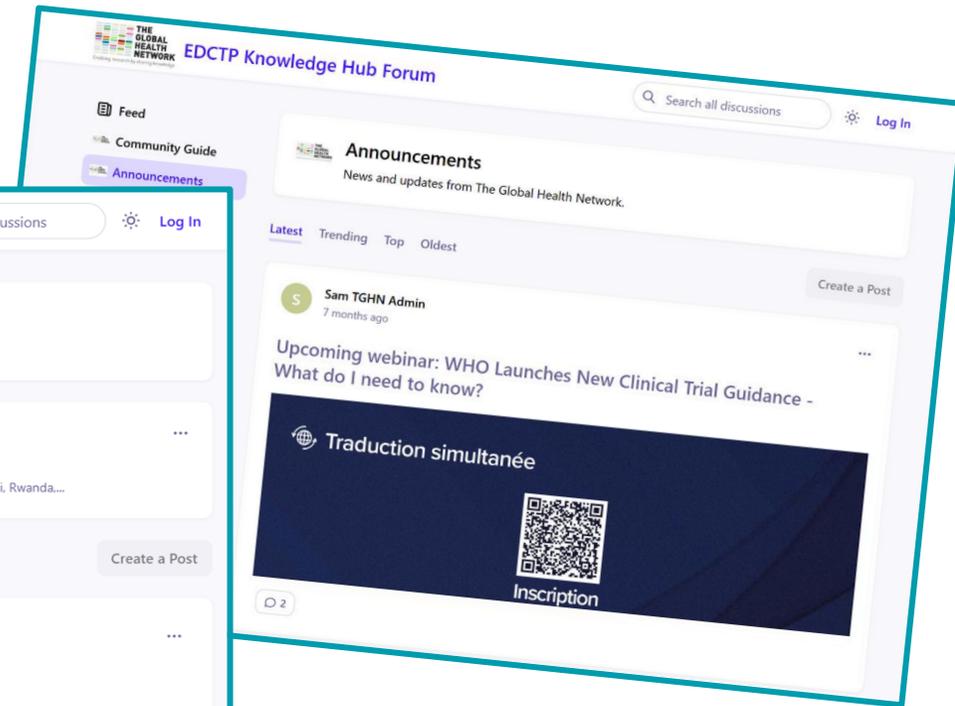
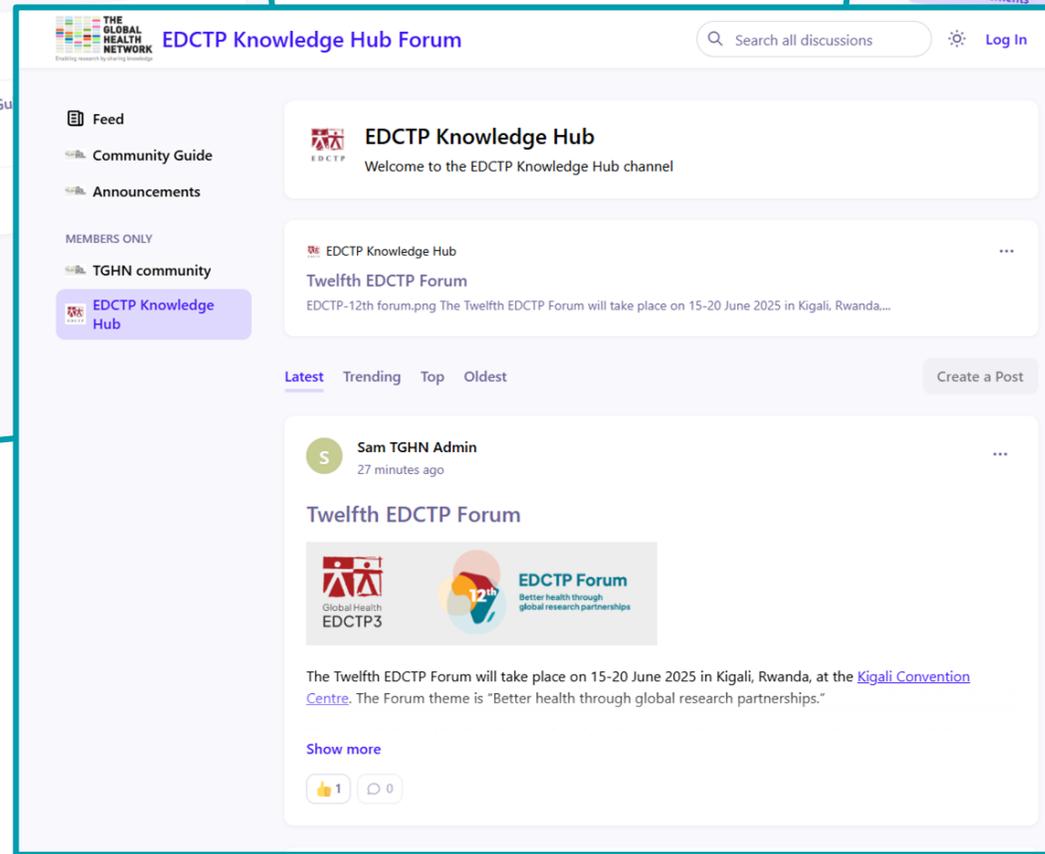
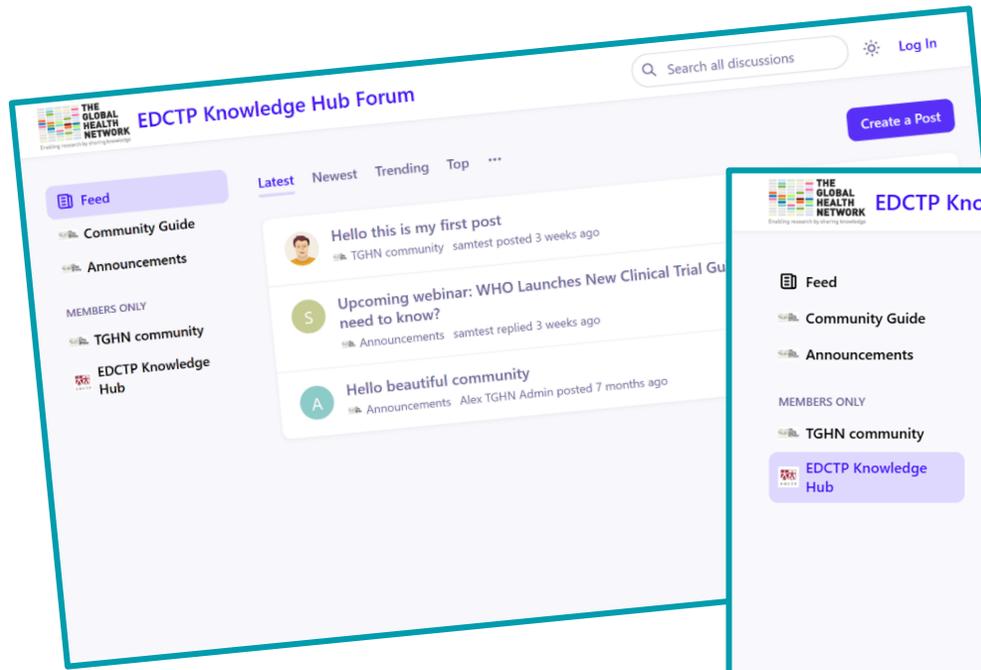
Resource	About	Type	Organization/Author
i-PARISH	A revised version of the Promoting Action on Research Implementation in Health Services (PARISH) framework, called the integrated or i-PARIHS framework	Framework/model	Harvey, G et. al.
NCCDPHP The Knowledge to Action (K2A) Framework	A framework to describe and depict the high-level processes necessary to move from discovery into action through translation of evidence-based programs, practices, or policies	Framework/model	CDC
Translating research for impact	Online course focuses on key tools and skills in translation and dissemination for researchers, including social media (Twitter), op-eds, blogs and briefs, media engagement, and policymaker engagement.	Learning material	Penn LDI
QUERI Roadmap	A practical guide for health care practitioners and researchers to plan and deploy methods to support uptake of effective practices in routine care settings	Guide	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Research for Policy (R4P) tool	A reflection tool for researchers to improve knowledge utilization	Tool/toolkit	National Institute of Public Health in the Netherlands (Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu)
WANEL Knowledge translation framework	A framework for the generation, translation, and use of evidence in policy and practice focusing in the West African sub-region	Framework/model	West African Network of Emerging Leaders (WANEL)
Conceptual framework of implementability of healthcare interventions	Framework of implementability provides the basis for a chronological, iterative approach to planning for wide-scale, long-term implementation of healthcare interventions.	Framework/model	Klaic, M. et al.
SPIRIT Action Framework	Framework aims to guide conceptually-informed practical decisions in the selection and testing of interventions to increase the use of research in policy.	Framework/model	Redman, S. et al.
SAGE (Staff Assessment of Engagement with Evidence)	A scoring tool that captures and evaluates a broad range of key actions policymakers perform when searching for, appraising, generating, and using research to inform a specific policy product	Checklist	Makkar, S. et al.
Scoring policymakers' use of research	A tool for measuring and scoring the extent to which policymakers used research to inform the development of a policy and program.	Checklist	Makkar, S. et al.

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The new Forum: an online platform within The Global Health Network for EDCTP Knowledge Hub members - coming in the next few weeks



Research into Policy Toolkit - Podcast series

Podcast: research into policy case series

Bridging the gap between research and policy remains a persistent challenge. Many researchers, especially PhD students, early-career scientists, and regional project teams, still face practical difficulties in translating their findings into meaningful impact.

This limited podcast series contains interviews with researchers at different stages of their careers who talk about their experiences of taking research further and provide practical insights through real-world case studies that highlight lessons learned, challenges faced, and strategies used to influence policy and practice.

The intention is that this series will provide a platform for scientists at different career stages, from PhD students to senior investigators, both from Africa and abroad, to share their personal experiences of turning research into action.



Dr Leonard Numfor from CANTAM and The Global Health Network speaks with Dr Francis Zeukeng

Dr. Francis Zeukeng is a molecular epidemiologist with a background in Biochemistry. He holds MSc and Ph.D. degrees from the Biotechnology Centre of the University of Yaoundé 1 (BTC/UY1) in Cameroon. He is a Lecturer of Biochemistry at the University of Buea in Cameroon and an Affiliated Researcher at the Biotechnology Centre of the University of Yaoundé 1, where he has conducted molecular biology research on infectious diseases since 2012, focusing on local endemic diseases such as malaria, helminth infections and skin-NTDs. His research emphasizes utilizing genomics and bioinformatics tools to study emerging and neglected tropical diseases. Dr. Zeukeng has enriched his expertise through international collaborations, including a two-year EDCTP-funded postdoctoral fellowship at Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research in Ghana and a three-year Gates Foundation-funded career development program in pathogen genomic surveillance between BTC/UY1 and the Wellcome Sanger Institute in the UK.

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What's next?

- Work with EDCTP Knowledge Hub members to further develop the toolkit - videos/more resources
- Continue podcast case study series
- Launch new forum and encourage discussion and knowledge exchange
- Continue identifying new resources to help researchers align with the WHO Global Action Plan
- NoE coordinators will present the toolkit within their networks at workshops or seminar sessions
- Welcome volunteers to join us in participating in discussion in the new forum, join groups, and continue improving the Knowledge Hub for the whole community

Research into policy and practice - discussion



Where do you need help?

What sort of help?

- Toolkits?
- Training courses?
- Online Workshops?
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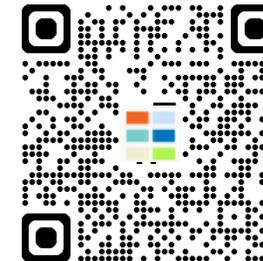
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