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Making research work for global development

UK international development funding landscape

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Who we are

UK Collaborative for Development Research

We are a collaborative of government and research funders working in international development

Core financially contributing members

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Department for International Development

Department of Health & Social Care

UK Research and Innovation

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Adding value to international development research through coherence, collaboration and joint Action among UK funders

Other members and stakeholders

- Other government departments and developed administrations
- The Academies
- British Council, Space Agency, Met Office

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What is ODA?
Official Development Assitance
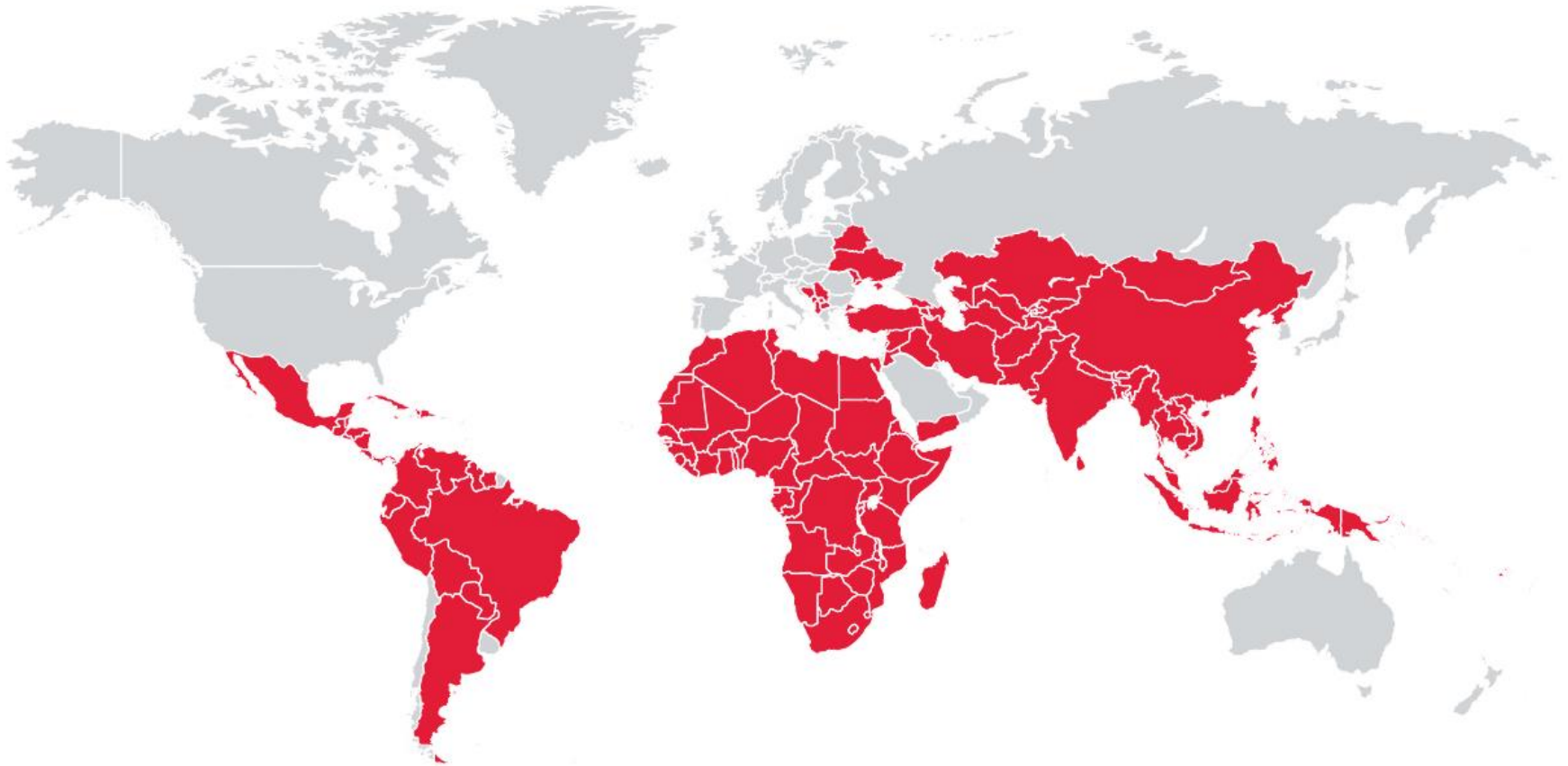
ODA – Official Development Assistance

- An official flow from national government

- Provided only to ODA eligible countries (as determined by DAC of OECD)

- Primary purpose of ODA is to contribute to the economic development and welfare of ODA eligible countries

- ODA research has detailed directives and has to be specifically for research into the problems of developing countries

For more info: OECD What is ODA?

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Countries eligible for ODA funding
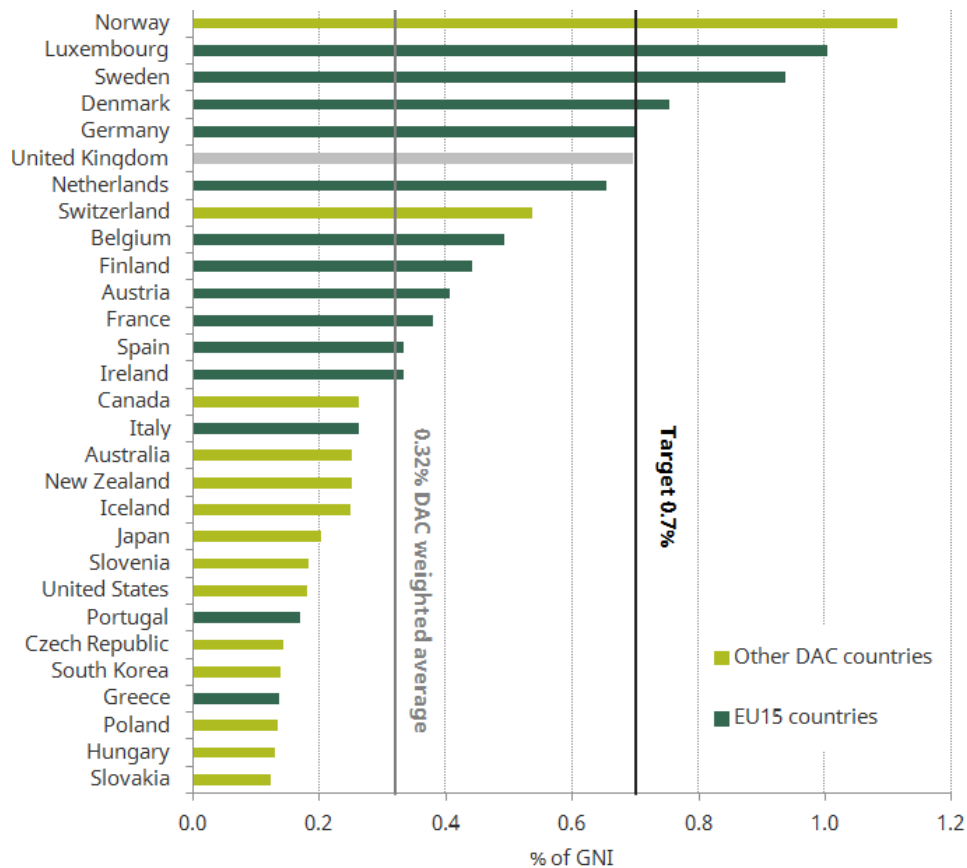**as per the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list**

ODA-funded activity focuses on outcomes that promote the long-term sustainable growth of countries on the OECD DAC list and is administered with the promotion of economic development and welfare of developing countries as its main objective.

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UN Target: 0.7% of GNI on ODA
(Official Development Assistance = foreign aid)

ODA as a percentage of GNI in 2016

In 2013, the UK became the first G20 country to meet this target, and has since enshrined it into law

Krutikova & Warwick - Institute of Fiscal Studies

ODA is one of most scrutinised parts of government spend

- Globally
  - OECD – Development Assistance Committee
  - IATI – International Aid Transparency Initiative

- In UK
  - ICAI – International Commission on Aid Impact
  - IDC – International Development Committee (parliamentary select committee)

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Consistent with UK Approach? UK Aid strategy and SDGs

- Strengthen global peace, security and governance

- Strengthening resilience and response to crises

- Promoting global prosperity

- Tackling extreme poverty and helping the world's most vulnerable
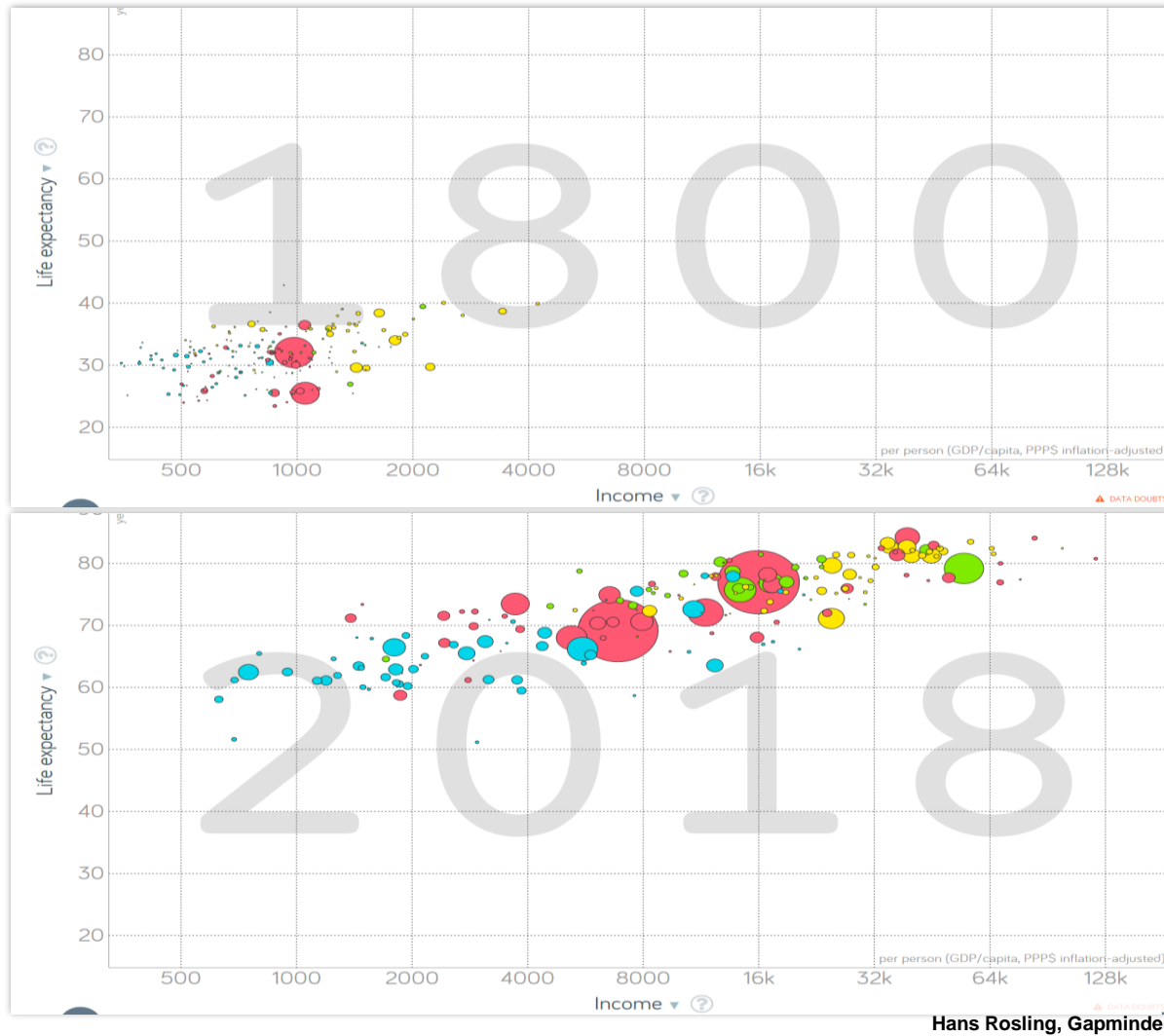
Is it consistent with international best practice?

- Is the research relevant and needed?

- Is there traction and engagement with the countries where the research is taking place/impacting?

- Does the research shed new light on complex challenges?

- Have you considered the pathway to impact and what you can do to facilitate impact?

- Will you be able to deliver excellent research AND build sustainable capacity?

- Are you creating and maintaining equitable partnerships?

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How the world is changing and role of research

A changing world

Income & Life Expectancy

Hans Rosling, Gapminder

Research has been crucial in accelerating progress

Unprecedented progress
Major contributions from research

Vaccines

Water purification technology

Oral Rehydration Therapy

breeding high-yielding rice/wheat

Mobile phones

Integrated pest management

Global risks threaten progress

- Climate Change
- conflict and fragility
- Urbanisation
- Demographic explosion

Disease outbreaks more likely and harder to control

Interdependence

Ebola in 1976

Ebola in 2014

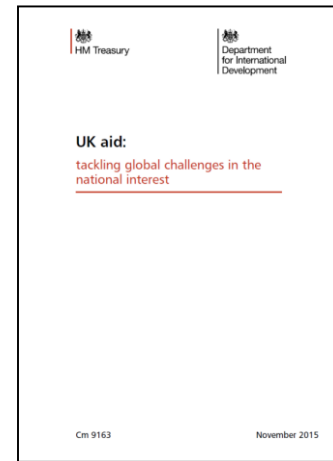**Interdisciplinary research and partnership is needed to solve interlinked challenges**

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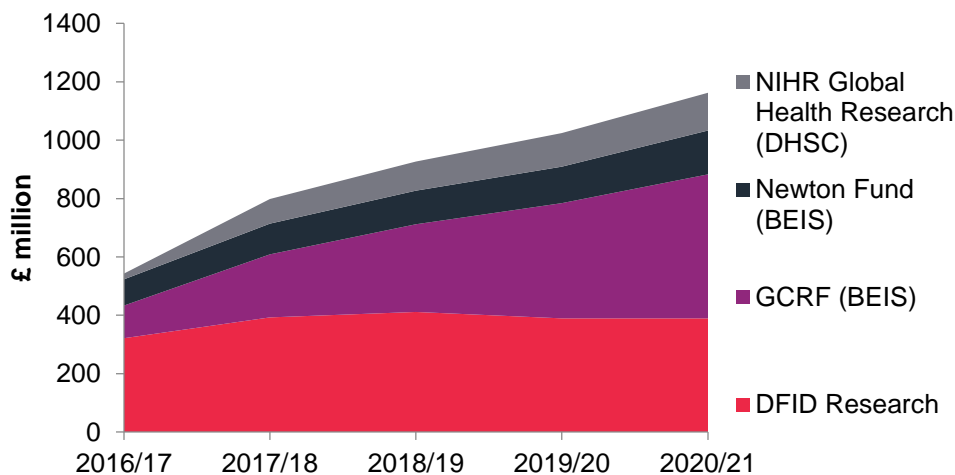# How UK funders are responding to changing world

How UK government is responding to a changing world

- Whole government approach to international development effort

- Leveraging wider expertise through UK's world-leading science, research and development base to tackle global challenges

Increase in ODA research allocation

HM Treasury

Department for International Development

UK aid:
tackling global challenges in the national interest

Cm 9163   November 2015

Major ODA research Funds

DFID Research
£1.5 billion (2016-2021)

Department for International Development

To support high quality research, evidence, evaluations, innovation, science and technology to end extreme poverty

Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)
£1.5 billion (2016-2021)

GCRF
Global Challenges Research Fund

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

To support cutting-edge research and innovation that addresses the challenges faced by developing countries

Newton Fund
£735 million (2014-2021)

Newton Fund

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

To support the use of science innovation partnerships to promote economic development and social welfare of partner countries, through matched resources

NIHR Global Health Research
£430 million (2016-2021)

NHS
National Institute for Health Research

Department of Health & Social Care

To improve global public health outcomes through applied global health research

Darwin Initiative*
£153 million (since 1992)

DARWIN INITIATIVE

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

To protect biodiversity and the natural environment through locally based projects worldwide. *not all research

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from the British people

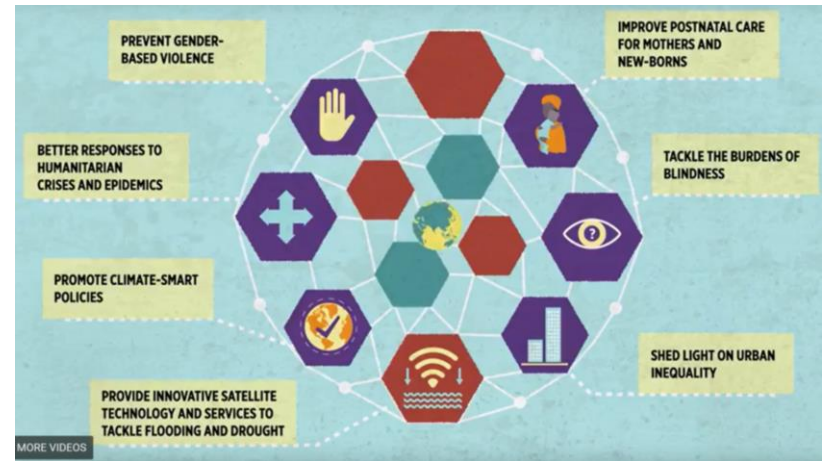UKCDR

Examples of funded work

UK Public Health Rapid Support Team

GCRF

NIHR Global Heath Research Centres & Units

DFID
Product Development Partnerships

How UKCDR is responding to changing world and how it can support you

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How UKCDR supports this changing landscape

Our vision

- Accelerated global development through the power of research and knowledge

Our mission

- To amplify the value and impact of research for global development by promoting **coherence**, **collaboration** and **joint action** among UK research funders

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Our work

- Mapping, analysis and foresight

- Convening for collaboration and joint action

- Sharing information, learning and best practice

- A collective voice to shape policy

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Convening for collaboration

- Disasters Research Funders Forum

- Capacity Building Funders Forum

- Health Funders Group

Joint Global Health Trials Initiative
- MRC
- Wellcome
- DFID
- DHSC

Health Systems Research
- MRC
- Wellcome
- DFID
- DHSC

Health in humanitarian crisis
- Wellcome
- DFID
- DHSC

Epidemic preparedness
- DFID
- Wellcome

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A collective voice to shape policy

International development Research funders Joint statement on safeguarding

Zero tolerance to any form of abuse including sexual harassment and bullying

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International Summit on Safguarding 18 Oct 2018

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Sharing information and best practice
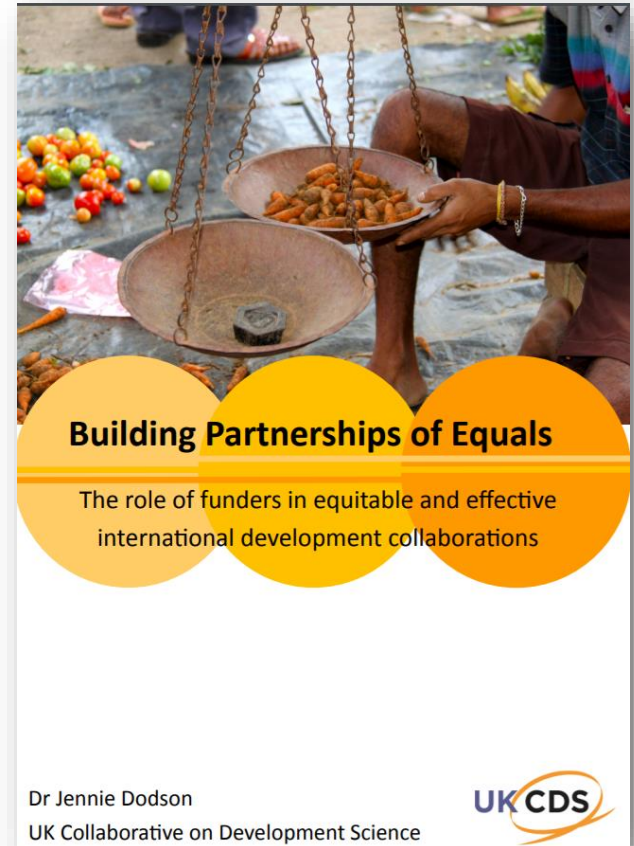
- **Engaging the public**

- **REF Impact case studies**

- **Building equitable and fair partnerships**
  - Resources and guidance for researchers
  - Ways in which funders can ensure fair partnerships

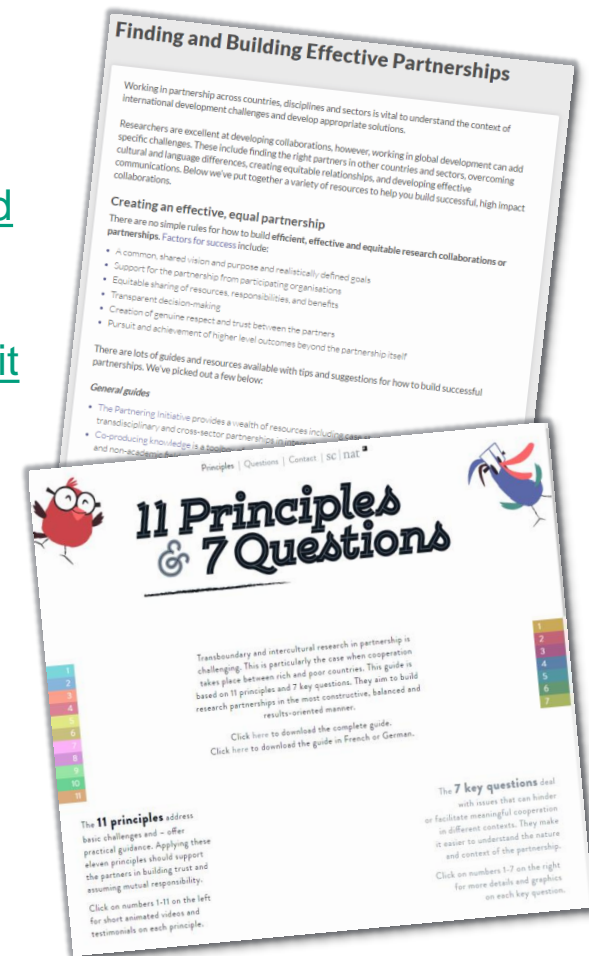# 10 ways funders can influence equitable partnerships

1. Inclusive agenda setting
2. Funding new research questions and valuing complementary skills and knowledge
3. Setting the tone in research calls
4. Rewarding skilled project managers
5. Looking for equality beyond the leaders
6. Equitable budgets, research and financial management
7. Providing ongoing institutional capacity strengthening
8. Widening participation
9. Investing for the long term
10. Working closely with other funders and agencies in the North and South.

http://www.ukcdr.org.uk/resource/finding-and-building-effective-and-equitable-research-collaborations/

Building Partnerships of Equals

The role of funders in equitable and effective international development collaborations

Dr Jennie Dodson
UK Collaborative on Development Science

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Other resources on partnerships

- [Finding & Building Effecting Partnerships](#), UKCDR

- [Promoting fair and equitable research partnerships to respond to global challenges](#), funded by UKRI

- [Rethinking research partnerships: Discussion guide and toolkit](#) and [learning resources](#), Christian Aid

- [Montreal Statement on Research Integrity](#) in Cross-Boundary Research Collaborations

- [Co-production of knowledge](#), Swiss Academy of Sciences.

- [The Partnering Toolbook](#) and [Brokering Guidebook](#), The Partnering Initiative.

- [Collaborative agreements: a 'how to' guide](#), ILAC.

- Rethinking Research Collaborative - https://rethinkingresearchcollaborative.com

Resources on research uptake and impact

- ESRC's impact toolkit

- DFID's Research Uptake Guide

- Top 20 research impact stories in international development - UKCDR

- REF case studies and lessons in international development 2015 – King's College London

- Templates and examples of good practice – Fast Track Impact

- ROMA guide on policy influence - ODI

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How can UKCDR help you?

- Researcher Hub

- Funding Hub

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